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HIKING GUIDES CORNER WITH GARY

by Gary Gouvea

As the summer season approaches, many may believe hiking in this area would not be enjoyable. Not true! We just move to higher elevations where the temperature is 20 to 25 degrees cooler and where we are protected by a cover of cool pines and other conifers. Give it a try.

Rattlesnakes are Out. Rattlesnakes have been sighted and will be more numerous as we approach summer. Every year in Arizona there are 200 to 300 reported rattlesnake bites. In the last 6 years, there has been only one fatality. About 25% of those who are bitten will have some loss of function or motion, including permanent damage. Treatment for a rattlesnake bite can cost \$20,000 to \$30,000. Most who are bitten don't see the snake. Rattlers are not aggressive by nature but they respond to intrusion into their territory. When out on the trail, one must always keep an eye on where you step. If you are bushwhacking, be even more aware of where you step. Current practices for treatment of snakebites in the field say not to use the conventional snakebite kits that generally employ cutting and sucking at the puncture point or applying a tourniquet. There is a general belief that there is no first aid treatment that has proven effective in treating snakebites in the field. Instead, keep the person still and use a cell phone to call for help.

More Arizona Place Names. Here are more Arizona place name descriptions taken from the book "Arizona Place Names" by Will C. Barnes.

Benson. Named by the S.P.R.R. for a peddler who made frequent trips through this place in the early days.

Fort Bowie. Established on July 28, 1862, it was named for Col. George W. Bowie, Fifth California Infantry Volunteers. Many Indian fights took place here and it was one of the most dangerous and dreaded parts of the stage road. Its graveyard is filled with inscriptions as "Killed by Apaches", "Met his death at the hands of Apaches" and again "Tortured to death by Apaches"

Baboquivari Mountains. Emory, 1854 says the name means "Water on the mountains" from a Papago word Babu'-water and qui'-mountains or rock.

Pinal. Means "deer" in the Apache language. The Spanish called the Apaches who lived in the Pinal Mountains "Pinelaños," probably from their name for deer, "pinal."

WALKING ON WATER

By Mary Richling

Location, location, location... the prime real estate mantra bounced around in our heads as we jostled over nineteen miles of unpaved, recently flooded and washed out roads in our quest of ancient cliff dwellings.

Rogers Canyon lies nestled deep in the Superstition Mountains east of Phoenix. Five adventurous members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club piled into our hiking guide's 4WD, SUV early one March morning in search of the cliff dwellings of the Salado Indians, circa 1300 A.D.

The weatherman promised a partly cloudy, low 70's day, perfect for hiking. As we twisted and lurched higher up the Superstitions, misty clouds retained their grip on the craggy peaks above. Golden poppies lining the roadsides, curled up tight, shrugging off the cool damp morning air. We anticipated a wild flower extravaganza on our return trip, presuming the sun would tease open the poppies and coax the lupine to shed their dewy raincoats.

By the time we pulled into the trailhead parking spot, the windshield wipers were mixing the red clay road dirt with the overhead mist. The outside car thermometer registered mid-40's. Grateful for every layer we had, we hooded, jacketed and gloved up before heading down the trail. Rogers Creek, likely a meandering, well-behaved mountain stream most of the time, swirled and churned, spurred on by recent rains on its race down the canyon floor. Crashing over boulders and circling around gnarled sycamore roots, it invited tiny tributaries trickling down the canyon walls to join the frothy melee.

We encountered our first crossing of Rogers Creek near the trailhead just as a bit of sun shined forth. The high, narrow canyon squeezed the trail in a zig-zag game with the creek, first on one side of the water, then the other, all the way down to the Ruins. Well placed stepping stones barely peeked out from the creek bed, preferring to play waterfall rather than guide dry-booted hikers across. Hiking sticks proved invaluable in our often less than graceful traversing of the stream.

Smelling and looking more like a tropical rain forest than a desert canyon, the lush green foliage lining the trail dripped with dew. Only the occasional agave or yucca reminded us we were in a desert riparian area. Tall rock towers ahead, lining the widening canyon, beckoned us forward. Is that where the cliff dwellings are? We were now into double-digit figures in the number of water crossings we had mastered. Sometimes the trail led us high above the cascading water, but never for long. One by one, hiking boots yielded to the river's intent to wash over them.

We passed picturesque campsites nestled under oak and sycamore trees, perfect spots to be lulled to sleep by the gurgling water. The golden rocky buttes loomed ever closer as we peered through binoculars straining for a glimpse of the caves. That's it! We have found them! By now, both the canyon and the creek had widened out making the final crossings extra challenging. What's a soggy boot when we are nearly there?

We could see a few people who passed us earlier on the trail up in the ruins. Needing to experience the cave dwellings on our own, we decided to eat lunch along the

bank of the creek below the cliffs. Red paintbrush and delicate white flowers decorated our rocky eating area. When the group ahead descended, we scrambled up the steep, stony trail to the caves that housed the Salado Indians over 600 years before. The cavernous caves, cozy and dry, whispered secret stories of the former inhabitants. Soot lined walls soared to a natural chimney. The more sure footed clambered up to the second cave level which revealed a magnificently preserved room with walls intact and twig and mud roof remaining.

What a lovely spot! Wishing we could thank the Salados personally for their gracious hospitality, we respectfully bid adieu to their dwellings and returned to the trail. Our water crossing finesse fell a notch or two. Boots already wet, what's a little wetter? Only goal was to avoid a fall into the chilly creek. We made it safely across all 58 water crossings! Misty clouds closed in on three sides but mercifully held off raining on us as we trudged up the return trail, our weary legs lifting the heavy sodden boots.

What a wonderful adventure! We even got a few wildflower pictures on the way home despite the clouds. When the sun is out in earnest, Rogers Canyon will be dynamite! We'll be back!

FUN-FILLED HIKING CLUB PICNIC

The weather was perfect for hiking and picnicking on Saturday, March 31st. Over 150 club members had a wonderful time meeting other club members, making new friends and feasting on the picnic lunch. Many members took advantage of the three morning hikes prior to lunch being served. All in all, the picnic was a huge success and will hopefully be repeated next year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED FOR 2001

The new executive board was elected at our last board meeting on March 14th.

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| President: | Jon Chase |
| Vice-President | John Rendall |
| Secretary | Bob Perez |
| Treasurer | Bob White |
| Chief Hiking Guide | Walt Faleschini |

As of April we have over 400 hiking club members.

HIKING GUIDES MEETING

The next Hiking Guides Meeting to schedule July-August hikes will be on Wednesday, June 6th at 4:00 PM in the Javelina Room, SaddleBrooke Clubhouse. If you can think

of a walk or a hike you wish to offer other club members, please come to the meeting. Even if you have no idea of what you would like to do, come anyway just to see how the hikes are scheduled. All club members are encouraged to lead walks or hikes and are welcome to come to the meeting.

GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Call the guide to make a reservation for the hike and to get the latest information. Hiking groups meet at and depart from the Mountain View Clubhouse parking lot. (As you look at the clubhouse, we will be on the left side out by Mountain View Blvd. Just east of the tennis courts.) The time listed is the departure time. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. Always bring ample water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate headgear and footwear. Check with the guide as to whether or not to bring a lunch. Always bring some sort of ID with you. Bring medications for your own conditions.

The driver donation is a suggested amount and is noted for each individual hike. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made at the end of the drive back to SaddleBrooke. The amount sometimes includes user fees for the Mt. Lemmon Highway and for Catalina State Park. Passengers are to pay any other user fees and share any parking fees. (Hikers, please let the guide know if you intend to drive and whether or not you have applicable passes).

GUEST POLICY

Please note: A guest is a person who is not a SaddleBrooke resident, whether year-round or part-time. A SaddleBrooke resident must be a club member in order to join a hike. On hikes with limited participants, members have priority over guests. Members must accompany their guest(s), and all guests will be required to sign a Release Form prior to hiking. If the guest is younger than 16 years old, the member must notify the hiking guide who has sole discretion whether or not to allow minors on his/her hike. Guests under age 18 must have a Release Form signed by their parent or legal guardian to present to the guide prior to hiking.

HIKE RATINGS AND PACE

A Hikes >16 miles or >3500 feet climb
B Hikes 8 to 16 miles or 1500 to 3500 feet climb
C Hikes 4 to 8 miles or 500 to 1500 feet climb
D Hikes <4 miles or <500 feet climb
Slow Pace – Less than 1.5 MPH with frequent stops

Moderate Pace – 1.5 to 2.5 MPS, fewer stops

Fast Pace – Greater than 2.5 MPH

Pace is also governed by trail conditions and the terrain to be covered. Ask your guide for clarification when you sign up.

NOTE: Sometimes a hike is harder or easier than its rating indicates. In an attempt to pinpoint accuracy, “minus” and “plus” signs have been added to some ratings. Hikes are much more difficult than a walk around SaddleBrooke. Be sure to ask the guide for details when signing up for a hike.

Summary of Hikes by Rating and Date:

A Hikes - May 14

June 14, 17

B Hikes - May 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29

June 19

C Hikes - May 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 21, 22, 23

June 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 23, 30

D Hikes - May 1,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,17,21, 22, 24, 28, 29,
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June 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28

SCHEDULED HIKES

NOTE: Hikes marked by a double asterisk ** are new additions to our club database

May 1st – Tuesday. Deer Camp from the 50-Year Trail. Rating C. Hike through beautiful rock formations with many Saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Limit 12 hikers; hike 8 miles; 600 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

May 1st – Tuesday. Fitness Walk. Rating D. Maintain your fitness or get into better shape by joining us for a morning fitness walk. We'll begin and end with proper stretching techniques, learn power-walking techniques, and have some fun. Wear comfortable walking/athletic shoes. Remember the sunblock, a hat, & bring a quart of water. The sessions will last about one hour and are suitable for walkers of all ability levels. Meet at Mountain View clubhouse parking lot, 7:00 AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

May 2nd – Wednesday. Hutches Pool. Rating C. We will take the Sabino Canyon tram to the trailhead. After a moderately steep but brief climb out of the canyon the trail is mostly level. This lovely hike will take us to a permanent pool surrounded by giant Arizona Cypress trees. Bring at least 2 quarts of water, lunch and \$6.00 for the tram. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start

3300 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

**** May 3rd – Thursday.** Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop. Rating C. This hike will be done in conjunction with the longer Heart of Rocks Loop hike on the same day. We will have the same starting point but after about 7/10 of a mile, we will leave the more hardy hikers and take the Hailstone Trail. The vegetation will consist of Pinion Pine, Evergreen Oak, and Alligator Juniper with an assortment of semi arid plants. The trail gets its name from tiny "hailstones" of volcanic origin. The Hailstone Trail will connect up with the Echo Canyon Trail to be taken later by the longer hike group. This trail will take us up through some outstanding pillars of rocks and rock grottos and finally back to the starting point. At this point those who still have some lung and leg left will have time to do a short hike to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain – a 2 mile round trip with a 500 foot elevation change to one of the highest viewpoints in the Chiricahua National Monument Wilderness Area. From the peak, we will watch for the other group along the distant ridge at the "Heart of Rocks". No one will be allowed to hike with the guide carrying less than 2 quarts of water. Hike 3.3 miles; climb 400 feet; altitude at start 6780 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$10.00; Bob White, 818-9482.

May 3rd – Thursday. Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop. Rating B. This loop trail is described in "Hiking Arizona's Cactus Country" as a "... popular route (which) makes a long day loop, visiting the most spectacular rock formations in Chiricahua National Monument." The elevation of the hike runs between 6000 and 7000 feet. There will be an elevation gain of 1405 feet. Total distance is 8.4 miles. Because of the distance to the trailhead we will leave at 6 AM and will be gone for most of the day. Driver donation \$10.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

May 3rd – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 4th – Friday. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. A relatively short hike between Sabino and Bear Canyons with spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We follow the dirt road from Sabino Canyon Visitors Center parking lot. The first part of the trail is somewhat steep, and then it changes to a gradual, persistent climb. The pace will be slow but steady. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 6th – Sunday. Romero Pools (Lower). Rating C. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle

and the canyon area where several pools are located. We will have lunch there. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people). Limit 14; hike 6 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

May 7th – Monday. Atascosa Lookout. Rating B. We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous outhouse (yes, outhouse) ready for use. This is considered a most scenic trail with views over 75 miles in all directions. Kodak moments will be taken on the return if you haven't used up all your film on the summit. Limit 12 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at trailhead 4700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 7th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 8th – Tuesday. Wasson Peak at Sunset and Moonrise. Rating B. We do this hike in the evening of a full moon. Arriving at the top in time for sunset and dinner then watching the lights come on in Tucson. We hike down by the light of the moon and flashlights (bring one). We start at the trailhead near the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum, go up the King Canyon Trail and continue to the saddle where we meet the Sweetwater Trail. Then for the next mile or so it's a steep climb to the junction of the Hugh Norris Trail. From there it's a short uphill climb to the summit. Hike 8 miles; climb 1900 feet; altitude at start 2800 feet; leave 3:00 PM; driver donation \$3.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

May 8th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 9th – Wednesday. Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room, "Birders Walk" and Breakfast. Rating D. Join a Tohono Chul docent for a guided bird observation walk in beautiful Tohono Chul Park. Pace slow. We will end with breakfast at the Tohono Chul Tea Room. Hike 1.5 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00 plus suggested park donation of \$2.00; bring binoculars; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**** May 10th – Thursday.** Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. Rating C. General trail maintenance on fairly well established hiking trails. Light to moderate physical activity including brushing, sweeping of the trails, widening, hoeing, raking, trimming, pruning, and brush/debris removal. It also involves erosion control with digging, trenching, and water barrier construction. Tools utilized include: hoes, rakes, shovels, picks, shears, and pruners. Some lifting and bending. Gloves are required and long pants are recommended. Bring lunch

and plenty of water. Leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jon Chase, 818-1115.

May 10th – Thursday. Ramsey Canyon Preserve. Rating C. Bird – Birds – Birds. We will hike and bird watch. Ramsey Canyon is renowned for its outstanding scenic beauty and its birds. Bring binoculars. Hike 4.8 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation about 4000 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$10.00; Karen Gray, 818-0337.

May 10th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

**** May 11th – Friday.** Buffalo Bill Cody Loop. Rating B. This beautiful, historic loop begins at the American Flag trailhead. We will view the 1877 adobe house, then hike up the Arizona Trail to LaCasa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. (We will tour the unique stone house if the owner is home.) The hike will continue along the Arizona Trail, joining the Oracle Ridge Trail, then go south to the base of Apache Peak, down to Camp Bonita Ruins and other mine sites, returning to the High Jinks Mine and back to the trailhead via the Arizona Trail. Hike 9 miles; altitude at start 4400 feet; elevation change 1200 feet; pace slow to moderate. Leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 13th – Sunday. Phoneline Trail - Round Trip. Rating B-/C+. The hike will begin in the Sabino Canyon parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phoneline Trail. The trail is above and generally parallel to the tram road and offers outstanding views of the canyon. The return route will be back along the tram road. Hike 10 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

May 14th – Monday. Pusch Peak. Rating A. The first mile of the trail is mostly level then a steep, difficult climb begins. In a few places you may want to use your hands to climb the trail. Bring gloves. Hiking stick desirable. One and one-half miles more and we reach the top. The views of Oro Valley and Tucson are fantastic. This is a very strenuous hike. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 2700 feet; altitude at start 2650 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563.

May 14th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 15th – Tuesday. Wasson Peak/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating B. We will take the Hugh Norris trail in both directions. This is the longest trail to Wasson peak (incredible views at the top) but the climb is gradual and the trail is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views.

Hike 10 miles; climb 2100 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

May 15th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 17th – Thursday. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West. Rating B-. This is a wilderness area, no trails, and no signs. Expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings, i.e., wet feet. Good water traction important. Wear shoes that can stand water and hiking. This is a beautiful, scenic canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. We hike in about 4 miles then come out the same way. We will go to where Booger Canyon intersects with Aravaipa and possibly will explore one of the side canyons. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Hiking stick recommended. Limit 10. \$5.00 fee per person at entrance. Have exact amount. Hike 8 miles; starting elevation 2600 feet; elevation change 200 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 17th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 19th – Saturday. Butterfly Trail. Rating B-. Starting at Soldier Camp in the Catalinas we will hike down to the Novio Spring area in Alder Canyon where we will lunch in the vicinity of a 1957 F-86 plane crash. All of the steady climb is on the way out. We will be in the shade of very tall Douglas fir and ponderosa pines, up to the saddle and exit at Palisade Ranger Station. Along the way are views of San Manuel to the east. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 7700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

May 21st – Monday. Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail. Rating C. We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and go up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Saddle. Then left down the Aspen trail back to the Picnic Area. There is a large rock to sit on with a view 1/4 mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. A great spot for a break or lunch. Hike 4 miles; pace slow; elevation change 800 feet; start at 7440 feet; meet at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

May 21st – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 22nd – Tuesday. Romero Pools (Lower or Upper). Rating C+ or B-. We will accommodate both Lower and Upper Pools hikers. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it

reaches a saddle and the canyon area where several pools are located. We will have lunch there. The upper pools are about 1/2 mile beyond the lower pools. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people). Limit 12; hike 6 or 7 miles; climb 1300 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 22nd – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

**** May 23rd – Wednesday.** Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. See May 10th.

May 24th – Thursday. Roger's Canyon Cliff Dwellings. Rating B. The hike is deep in a wilderness area of the Superstition Mountains. The trailhead is reached via Florence to Highway #60 east and then NE on 19 miles of scenic, rough unimproved Forest Service roads that require 4WD vehicles with adequate clearance. The trail is slippery in places during rainy seasons with 58 significant stream crossings (roundtrip). This is a reverse hike since we go downhill into the canyon area that was home to some Salado Indians (Arizona Highways 3/2001). The cliff dwellings can be explored but some require difficult rock scrambling to enter. Care should be taken not to damage 700 years of history. The hike out is all uphill via the same route. Hiking stick, gloves, windbreaker, small towel and 2 quarts of water are recommended. Bring a change of shoes for the return trip. Hike 9 miles; elevation gain approximately 1,100 feet; elevation at start 4900 feet; Limit 12 hikers with 3 - 4WD vehicles. Leave 6:00AM. Driver donation \$10.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

May 24th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 28th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 29th – Tuesday. Pontatoc Ridge. Rating B. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontatoc Ridge to just below some old mines. For those inclined, we will climb to one of the mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area on this hike. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

May 29th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

May 31st – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 2nd – Saturday. Aspen Loop/Mint Spring Trail. Rating C. Santa Catalina Mountains. This will be a slow,

easy hike with plenty of stops to see the sights along the way. Starting at the Marshall Gulch picnic area we will take the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle where we will take a break for a snack/lunch. We will continue up the Mint Spring Trail a mile and a quarter to Carter Canyon and the road through Summerhaven. We will hike the paved road back to the Marshall Gulch picnic area. If we want, we will stop at the Mt. Lemmon Café for Pie. Hike 5.5 miles; climb 1100 feet; elevation at start 7450 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

June 4th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

**** June 5-8th – Tuesday-Friday.** White Mountain Trails. Rating C. We will drive to Pinetop and stay in a motel for three nights. Nearby campgrounds could also be used. Then, each morning, we will meet at a reasonable hour and head out to hike various trails in the White Mountain Trail System. Most of the hikes will be along forest service trails, abandoned railroad beds, or back roads. The vegetation will be Ponderosa pines and Aspen groves, accompanied, at times, with faraway vistas. We will carry lunches on the hike but breakfast and evening meals will be in town. One could also stay a shorter period of time if they arranged their own transportation. Hike 5 to 8 miles per day; starting elevation is in the 6500 – 7000 foot range; elevation change <600 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$12; Bob White, 818-9482.

June 5th – Tuesday. Peralta Trail. Rating C. Peralta Trail to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. Slow pace. Bring a lunch and at least 2 quarts of water. Hike 5 miles; climb 1360 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$8.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

June 5th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

**** June 7th – Thursday.** Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. See May 10th, except leave at 6:30 A.M..

June 7th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 9th – Saturday. Mt. Lemmon/Meadow/Fire Lookout. Rating C. We will drive to the very top of Mt. Lemmon and park by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA, also known as Radio Ridge. We then hike down

the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail that will lead us back to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin, which offers spectacular views. We will then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and to the car. This is a mild C hike with altitude at 9100 feet; hike 3 miles; elevation change 500 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00 (also car entrance fee); Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

June 11th – Monday. Incinerator Ridge. Rating C. We will begin at the Palisade Ranger station; climb 400 feet to a saddle then go to the Bigelow Mountain lookout. (8550'). From there we go to the top of Kellogg Mountain (8300'). Then we will walk along the ridge to reach a viewpoint towards Barnum Rock and Peck Wilderness. This is one of the premier views off of Mt. Lemmon, which truly gives you the concept of a sky island. The pace will be designed to get anyone there who is in reasonable shape. There are a few bailout points along the way. Hike 5 miles; pace slow; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 8000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

June 11th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 12th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 14th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 14–17th – Thursday-Sunday. Humphrey's Peak, Flagstaff, Museum, Walnut Canyon. Rating A. Climb to the top of Arizona. We will attempt to place as many of our club members on top of Humphrey's Peak (12,633') as possible. This is a very difficult hike climbing 3800 feet to the peak. It requires staying in Flagstaff. Visit North Arizona Museum. Hike Elden Hills. Visit Walnut Canyon. 9 Miles roundtrip to Humphrey's Peak. Driver donation is TBD. Contact Norm Kyle for more details at 818-0563.

June 17th – Sunday. Mt. Wrightson via Super Trail. Rating A. Hike up the Super Trail (8 miles) to the summit and come down either the Super Trail or Old Baldy Trail. At the top are 360-degree views from Tucson to Mexico. This is an all day hike to an outstanding mountain. Pace will be slow to moderate. This is an A hike for B hikers. Hike 14 miles; climb 4050 feet; altitude at start 5400 feet; shady; leave at 6:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Karen Gray, 818-0337.

June 18th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 19th – Tuesday. Atascosa Lookout. Rating B. We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous outhouse (yes,

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June 21st – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 23rd – Saturday. Aspen Loop/Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating C. We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and go up the Aspen Trail to the saddle. We will lunch at a scenic spot at the saddle. Then down the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 4 miles; starting elevation 7440 feet; elevation change 800 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

June 25th – Monday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 26th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 28th – Thursday. Fitness Walk.. See May 1st.

June 30th – Saturday. Incinerator Ridge. Rating C. We will begin at the Palisade Ranger station; climb 400 feet to a saddle then go to the Bigelow Mountain lookout. (8550'). From there we go to the top of Kellogg Mountain (8300'). Then we will walk along the ridge to reach a viewpoint towards Barnum Rock and Peck Wilderness. This is one of the premier views off of Mt. Lemmon, which truly gives you the concept of a sky island. Hike 5 miles; pace slow; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 8000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

HIKE SCHEDULE SUMMARIES

On the following pages, the two tables present a summary of the May and June 2001 hikes, respectively. Those hike descriptions shown in **Bold** type are new hikes.

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club - May 2001 Hikes

| Date | Day | Time (am) | Rating | Description | Driver Donation (\$\$) | Hike Length (mi) | Elevation Start/Change (1000ft) | Hiking Guide | Phone No. |
|------|-----|-----------|----------|---|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1 | T | 8:30 | C | Deer Campd from the 50-Year Trail | 1 | 8 | 3/6 | Bob Wynne | 825-4056 |
| 1 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 2 | W | 8:00 | C | Hutches Pool | 2+6 for tram | 8 | 3.3/9 | Dave Caldwell | 825-3071 |
| 3 | Th | 6:00 | C | Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop | 10 | 3.3 | 6.78/.4 | Bob White | 818-9482 |
| 3 | Th | 6:00 | B | Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop | 10 | 8.4 | 6/1.405 | Walt Faleschini | 818-6644 |
| 3 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 4 | F | 7:00 | B | Blackett's Ridge | 2 | 6 | 2.7/1.7 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 6 | Su | 7:30 | C | Romero Pools (Lower) | 1+sh ent fee | 6 | 2.7/1.2 | Larry Gray | 818-0337 |
| 7 | M | 7:00 | B | Atascosa Lookout | 6 | 5 | 4.7/1.6 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 7 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 8 | T | 3:00pm | B | Wasson Peak at Sunset & Moonrise | 3 | 8 | 2.8/1.9 | Walt Faleschini | 818-6644 |
| 8 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 9 | W | 7:30 | D | Tohono Chul Park & Tea Room, "Birders Walk" & Breakfast | 1 | 1.5 | 2.7/.05 | Mary Richling | 825-5238 |
| 10 | Th | 7:30 | C | Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance | 1 | - | - | Jon Chase | 818-1115 |
| 10 | Th | 6:00 | C | Ramsey Canyon Preserve | 10 | 4.8 | 4/8 | Karen Gray | 818-0337 |
| 10 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 11 | F | 7:30 | B | Buffalo Bill Cody Loop | 3 | 9 | 4.4/1.2 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 13 | Su | 7:00 | B-/C+ | Phone Line Trail - Round Trip | 2 | 10 | 2.7/.9 | Larry Gray | 818-0337 |
| 14 | M | 7:00 | A | Pusch Peak | 1 | 5 | 2.65/2.7 | Norm Kyle | 818-0563 |
| 14 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 15 | T | 7:30 | B | Wasson Peak / Hugh Norris Trail | 3 | 10 | 2.8/2.1 | Bob Wynne | 825-4056 |
| 15 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 17 | Th | 7:00 | B- | Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West | 3+5 fee | 8 | 2.6/2 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 17 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 19 | S | 7:00 | B- | Butterfly Trail | 6 | 6 | 7.7/1.8 | Jim Strickler | 825-8735 |
| 21 | M | 7:00 | C | Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop Trail | 5 | 4 | 7.44/.8 | Gary Gouvea | 825-3868 |
| 21 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 22 | T | 7:00 | C+ or B- | Romero Pools - Lower or Upper | 1+sh ent fee | 6 or 7 | 2.7/1.3 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 22 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 23 | W | 7:30 | C | Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance | 1 | - | - | Jon Chase | 818-1115 |
| 24 | Th | 6:00 | B | Rogers Canyon Cliff Dwellings | 10 | 9 | 4.9/1.1 | Walt Faleschini | 818-6644 |
| 24 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 28 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 29 | T | 7:00 | B | Pontatoc Ridge | 2 | 5 | 3/1.5 | John Rendall | 825-9395 |
| 29 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 31 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club - June 2001 Hikes

| Date | Day | Time (am) | Rating | Description | Driver Donation (\$s) | Hike Length (mi) | Elevation Start/Change (1000ft) | Hiking Guide | Phone No. |
|-------|-------|-----------|--------|---|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 2 | S | 7:00 | C | Aspen Loop / Mint Spring Trail | 5 | 5.5 | 7.45/1.1 | Dave Caldwell | 825-3071 |
| 4 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 5-8 | T-F | 6:00 | C | White Mountain Trails | 12 | 5-8@ day | 6.5-7/<6 | Bob White | 818-9482 |
| 5 | T | 7:30 | C | Peralta Trail | 8 | 5 | 2.5/1.36 | Bob Wynne | 825-4056 |
| 5 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 7 | Th | 6:30 | C | Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance | 1 | - | - | Jon Chase | 818-1115 |
| 7 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 9 | S | 7:00 | C | Mt. Lemmon/Meadow/Fire Lookout | 6+sh ent fee | 3 | 9.1/.5 | Jim Strickler | 825-8735 |
| 11 | M | 7:00 | C | Incinerator Ridge | 5 | 5 | 8/.9 | Walt Faleschini | 818-6644 |
| 11 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 12 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 14-17 | Th-Su | TBD | A | Humphrey's Peak -- Flagstaff, Museum, Walnut Canyon | TBD | 9 | 8.8/3.8 | Norm Kyle | 818-0563 |
| 14 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 17 | Su | 6:00 | A | Mt. Wrightson via Super Trail | 6 | 14 | 5.4/4.05 | Karen Gray | 818-0337 |
| 18 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 19 | T | 7:30 | B | Atascosa Lookout | 8 | 5 | 4.7/1.6 | Bob Wynne | 825-4056 |
| 19 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 21 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 23 | S | 7:00 | C | Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail | 6 | 4 | 7.44/.8 | Jim Strickler | 825-8735 |
| 25 | M | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 26 | T | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 28 | Th | 7:00 | D | Fitness Walk | 0 | | | Bill Leightenheimer | 818-1953 |
| 30 | S | 7:00 | C | Incinerator Ridge | 6 | 5 | 8/.9 | Jim Strickler | 825-8735 |

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RELEASE

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Your name, phone number and e-mail address will be listed in the membership directory.

Do you want your address listed in the directory: Y/N

\$5.00 Annual Dues must accompany this Application.

The release below must be read and signed by all members.

Mail To: Bob White, 38122 S. Granite Crest, Tucson, AZ 85739

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS (SaddleBrooke Hiking Club)

1. The undersigned individual ("Hiker") states his/her intention to participate in hikes organized or sponsored by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ("Club").
2. Hiker acknowledges and agrees that the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club does not maintain any liability, medical, property or other insurance for the benefit of Hiker in connection with the hikes and he/she assumes all responsibility and risk of injury or illness in connection with or participation in the hikes.
- 3 - Hiker does hereby and unconditionally release, remise, and forever discharge, waive and acquit the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and all of its members, directors, officers, hiking guides, employees and agents (collectively, Released Parties), and any other person, firm, corporation or entity which may be liable or responsible for the Released Parties, with respect to the Trips, including, but not limited to SaddleBrooke Homeowners Associations #1 and #2.
4. Hiker represents and warrants that no representations have been made to him/her by or on behalf of any of the Released Parties to influence or induce the execution of this Release other than contained herein, and that he/she has fully read this Release and has executed the same upon independent advice and counsel of his/her own choosing, agreeing to release the Released Parties as provided herein.
5. Hiker acknowledges that he/she is capable of participating in and completing a hike of beginning/intermediate /advanced difficulty as defined by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ratings system which Hiker acknowledges having read and understood and further acknowledges that he/she has no known medical or other condition which could be damaged or aggravated in any way by participation in such level of difficulty. Hiker assumes the responsibility of informing the leadership of the Club in writing of any change in his/her hiking ability or of any incipient medical condition which would in any way limit or endanger participation in such hikes. Hiker acknowledges sole responsibility for insuring he/she does not attempt hikes which difficulty level exceeds that asserted in this Release.
6. This Release contains the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior understandings or agreements whether oral or in writing, relating to the subject matter contained herein
7. In the event legal proceedings are commenced between the parties to this agreement for the matters contained herein then each party in such action shall be responsible for and pay its own expenses and attorneys' fees. In the event of any dispute, venue shall be the courts of Pinal County Arizona and this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona.
8. This Release shall be continuing and shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled at will by either party upon proper written notice to the other. Notice posted by the U. S. Mail to the Hiker at his/her residence address in SaddleBrooke shall be deemed completed notice to him/her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hiker has executed this Release effective as of (date) _____, for the benefit of the Released Parties.

(SIGNATURE OF HIKER)

(PRINT NAME)