



SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HIKING AROUND

by Walt Faleschini

Safety Rules for Survival in the Desert

As a hiking club, we take many precautions to enjoy safe hikes in our harsh desert environment. But as individuals, do we take the desert for granted when traveling on remote roads in our vehicles? Following is courtesy of the Maricopa County Civil Defense and Emergency Services department as reprinted in the book "Hiking Arizona II" by Don R. Kiefer.

1. Never go into the desert without first informing someone as to your destination, your route and when you will return. **STICK TO YOUR PLAN.**
2. Carry at least one gallon of water per person per day of your trip. Plastic jugs are handy and portable.
3. Be sure your vehicle is in good condition.
4. **KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY.** Flash floods may occur any time "thunderheads" are in sight, even though it may not rain where you are.
5. If your vehicle breaks down, stay near it. Your emergency supplies are here. Raise your hood and trunk lid to denote "Help Needed."
6. If you are **POSITIVE** of the route to help, and must leave your vehicle, leave a note for rescuers as to when you left and the direction you are taking.
7. If you have water -- **DRINK IT.** Do not ration it.
8. If water is limited -- **KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.** Do not talk, do not eat, do not smoke, do not drink alcohol, do not take salt.
9. Do not sit or lie **DIRECTLY** on the ground. It may be

30 degrees or more hotter than the air.

10. A roadway is a sign of civilization. **IF YOU FIND A ROAD, STAY ON IT.**

The Desert Southwest is characterized by brilliant sunshine, a wide temperature range, sparse vegetation, a scarcity of water, a high rate of evaporation and low annual rainfall.

Travel in the desert can be an interesting and enjoyable experience or it can be a fatal or near fatal nightmare. These points are only a few of the details necessary for full enjoyment of our desert out-of-doors.

If you think you are lost, do not panic. Sit down for a while, survey the area and take stock of the situation. Try to remember how long it has been since you knew where you were. Decide on a course of action. It may be best to stay right where you are and let your companions or rescuers look for you. This is especially true if there is water and fuel nearby or if there is some means of shelter. Once you decide to remain, make a fire -- a smoky one for daytime and a bright one for the night. Other signals may be used, but fire is by far the best.

REMEMBER, MOVE WITH A PURPOSE. NEVER START OUT AND WANDER AIMLESSLY

More Arizona Place Names

These descriptions are mainly taken from the book "Arizona Place Names" by Will C. Barnes. Sometimes additional information is added from other sources.

Camelback Mountain. Part of the Phoenix Mountains. Has a striking resemblance to a kneeling camel. It is of unusual geological interest. *The Camel's head is 70-100 million years old; however, the Camel's hump is composed of massive, ancient granite (Precambrian) and is about 1.5 billion years old. (note: We will do this hike again along with Squaw Peak this winter)*

Picacho Peak. About 25 miles NW of Tucson (off I10). Elevation 1765 feet. Owing to its shape, it is sometimes called "Saddle Mountain." In this general area at Picacho Pass, Arizona witnessed its only skirmish of the Civil War between a small detachment of the Union soldiers and the Confederates.

Sedona. The post office was established June 26, 1902, making it an official settlement. It was named after Mrs. Carl Schnebly, wife of an early settler. Her given name was Sedona.

Mammoth. Copper camp on San Pedro River east of Black Hills. Mammoth mine was located here by Frank Schultz in 1881. It was a 'mammoth' copper ledge. *(This town is located north of Oracle and San Manuel.)*

Gila. Appears to be of Indian origin, meaning "spider."

How Are We Doing?

Judging from the following data, we are cranking out lots of trail miles and getting a good workout at the same time. Note that the ladies have more representatives with 10, 25 and 50 hikes completed than the guys and are only one behind in the 100 hike category. But, we have over 400 Club members and the data seems to indicate that about 300 members have not taken full advantage of all the hikes we offer.

----- Hikes Completed -----

	> 10	>25	>50	>100
Men	51	17	6	3
Women	63	25	8	2

(This is a tabulation of all hikes including Fitness Walks)

The new hike schedule for this Sep/Oct provides a good variety of hikes for all levels of hikers to explore while getting a great workout. It doesn't matter if you do a "fitness walk" or an "A" hike, it's still good exercise. So, read about the new hikes, select ones you are comfortable doing, get out there and do as all those above do -- put one

foot in front of the other and enjoy the scenery! Please remember, always carry plenty of water.

Note: The above totals are from the inception of the Club on 9/22/99. Our thanks to Clare Collins (our awards chairperson) for providing the data and to Bob Wynne for all his recording prior to Clare taking over in June.

Hiking Guides Needed

Our Hiking Club is always looking for new Hiking Guides from our membership. If you have gained experience hiking with us or elsewhere and have some favorite hikes you would feel comfortable leading, then please contact Walt Faleschini at 818-6644 or by email at Faleschini@aol.com.

The Guide's basic duties are to:

- Outline the hike & attend Guide's meetings the first Wednesday of even numbered months.
- Know the hike well that you're going to lead
- Have members signup and get them to the trailhead
- Stress wearing the proper clothing and carry plenty of water
- Lead the group on the hike safely
- Keep track of all hikers
- Periodically check members to ensure they are physically okay
- Appoint an experienced hiker to bring up the tail end ("sweeper")

It's really not that difficult to lead hikes, especially if you know your trail well. I'm sure we have a lot of people in our Club ready to be Guides. So if you are interested in giving something back to the Club, helping others stay fit and having some fun along the way, contact me. I'll help you decide and then get you more detailed written Hiking Guide instructions.

*Walt Faleschini 818-6644
Chief Hiking Guide*

HIKING CLUB DUES DUE SOON

Dues reduced to \$5.00 a year

The hiking club treasurer, Robert White, would like to remind all members that the club dues for next year are coming due real soon. The yearly fees will be due by September 30, 2001. At that time, all memberships will expire for those who have not paid their dues. The dues will cover membership to September 30, 2002. Several members have already paid their dues.

This year, the cost of a membership has been reduced to \$5.00 per person for the whole year. This money is used to cover the cost of printing our newsletter, helping to ensure that there is money for our social events and to help

provide SaddleBrooke hikers with a great assortment and choice of hikes. Some of the money also goes toward the purchase of patches for members to sew unto their hiking shirts or day packs. The \$5.00 certainly does a lot for all of us. There will be no pro-rating this year so it will be the same fee if members renew in September 2001 or July 2002. Send your \$5 to Robert White; 38122 S Granite Crest Dr; SaddleBrooke, AZ 85739. If you have any questions give him a call at 818-9482.

HIKING CLUB PICNIC

October 27th is the date for our fall picnic. This year it will be at the new Oracle State Park. "Bar BQ Ranch " will cater the event. The menu is Baby Back Pork Ribs, BBQ Beef and Chicken, assorted salads, rolls, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be purchased at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse September 25th and October 1st between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Morning hikes are planned, so come and enjoy. For additional information call Bette Hollman at 818-9173 or Kay White at 818-9482.

THANK YOU

A warm Thank You! to the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club for the neat get-well card. Special thanks to the many members who sent cards, E-mails or called with good wishes. John had successful surgery and is recovering well. He is again dropping me off for my hikes for which we are both truly grateful. You are a great bunch!
John and Mary Richling

SUMMIT HUT OFFERINGS at 5045 E. Speedway (325-1554) and *New Location:* 605 E. Wetmore at First Avenue, (888-1000)

Saturday, September 8th. Grand Opening Event at our Wetmore and First Avenue location. We opened our doors on August 1st and will have a Grand Opening Event all day on September 8th. There will be specials, activities, and a freestanding 24-foot rock climbing wall to test your sense of adventure. Mark your calendars. It should be great fun.

HIKING GUIDES MEETING

The next Hiking Guides Meeting to schedule November/December hikes will be on Wednesday, October 3rd 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 (a minimum of 2 quarts is recommended), 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 - September None
October None
- B Hikes - September 2,4,11,13,18,19,23,24,25,26,27&29
October 2,8,13,14,16,20,21,22,24,28&30
- C Hikes - September 6,7,10,15,21,22&30
October 1,6,7,9,11,16,17,23,25&28
- D Hikes - September 4,6,10,11,12,13,18,20,25&27
October 1,2,4,9,10,11,15,16,18,23,25,29&30

SCHEDULED HIKES

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

September 2nd – Sunday. Josephine Saddle. Rating B. We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Rest there and return on the Super Trail. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; starting altitude 5400 feet; leave, 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

September 4th – 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; 6:30AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

September 4th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke. Rating D. Start your day with a brisk walk in and around SaddleBrooke. These are twice weekly hikes along our local streets plus occasionally going into nearby areas of desert to explore new things. The walks provide an opportunity to see how others have landscaped their yards, see how new units are growing, and to meet and talk with others on the hike. The hikes are normally about 1 hour long and will cover 3 to 4 miles. The elevation change is no greater than that of any street in SaddleBrooke. On Tuesdays, meet at the Mountain View clubhouse parking lot and on Thursdays, meet at the basketball court near the SaddleBrooke clubhouse. The meeting time for

September will be 6:30AM, for October it will be 7AM. Bringing some drinking water is strongly advised; Kay White, 818-9482.

September 4th – Tuesday. 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 14 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at trailhead 4700 feet; pace slow; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

September 6th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 6th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 6th – Thursday. Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating D. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. We start at 5400 feet elevation from the Roundup Picnic Area and descend 3.2 miles down the canyon to the 4500 foot level. Along the way, we enjoy the shade of Apache pines, Douglas Firs, Emory Oaks, Mexican Blue Oaks, Willows, Cottonwoods, and Sycamores. Our return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 6.4 miles; climb 900 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave 6:30AM; driver donation \$6.00; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

September 7th – Friday. Fifty Year Trail (North End). Rating C. We will start at the end of the paved part of Golder Ranch Road, go north on the 50-Year Trail and then loop back. Beautiful saguaros and rock formations. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at 6:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

September 10th – Monday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 10th – Monday. 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Jon Chase, 818-1115.

September 11th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 11th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 11th – Tuesday. Deer Camp from the 50-Year Trail. Rating B-. Hike through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Limit 12 hikers; hike 12 miles; 600 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

September 12th – 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. Guided walk at 7:00 AM. We can continue strolling through the park at our leisure and end with breakfast at the Tohono Chul Tea Room. Hike 1.5 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00 plus suggested park donation of \$2.00; bring binoculars; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

September 13th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

**** September 13th – Thursday.** Big Rock Dome. Rating B-. This hike leads to a granite dome with great 360 deg. views. The hike will appeal to the adventurous hiker who is capable physically of doing a moderately strenuous bushwhack. Recommend wearing long pants and gloves. Bring a hiking stick, two quarts of water and snacks. This hike can be a loop by coming back down the Charouleau Gap Road. Hike limited to 8 hikers. Hike 2-4 miles; elevation change 770 feet, starting elevation 3095 feet; leave at 6:30 AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

September 15th – 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 on the Mint Spring Trail to the Carter Canyon trailhead, then hike down the Carter Canyon 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 \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

September 18th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See

Sept. 4th.

September 18th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 18th – 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 6:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

September 19th – Wednesday. Picacho Peak. Rating B. From Barret Loop trailhead hike up to a saddle then down to Sunset Vista Trail then to the top of Picacho Peak using the permanently installed guide cables to get to the top. Bring cotton or leather gloves for holding on to cables. Return requires a climb down Sunset Vista Trail then up the Hunter Trail again to the saddle. This is a short, strenuous, 'acrophobic' hike & a favorite among hikers. Limited to 8 hikers. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people); hike 4 miles; climb 2100 feet; elevation at start 1500 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

September 20th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 20th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 20th – Thursday. Linda Vista Loop. Rating D+. Trailhead is 15 minutes from the MountainView parking lot. We climb 300 ft. in the first 1.5 miles. Trail skirts the base of Pusch Ridge and has great views out onto Oracle Road and environs. Hiking stick recommended as trail is rocky in places. Pace slow/moderate. Limit 12; hike 3 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071.

September 21st – Friday. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. See Sept. 10th.

September 22nd – Saturday. Bridal Wreath Falls. Rating C+. We'll drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the trailhead. Some steep hiking up the Douglas Spring Trail for the first 2.5 miles then .03 miles to the falls. Mostly sunny, so bring sun protection and plenty of water. We will lunch at the falls. At this time of year, it is doubtful that the falls will be flowing unless there have been some Monsoon rains. Hike 5.6 miles; climb 1200 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00.

Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

September 23rd – Sunday. 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. 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 1450 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

**** September 24th – Monday.** Big Rock Dome. See Sept. 13th.

September 25th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 25th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 25th – Tuesday. Oracle Ridge. Rating B. We start at the American Flag Trail on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and hike to the Oracle Ridge Trail. From the ridge are views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas in the west. We will hike south along the ridge toward Apache Peak. We will lunch in a saddle below Apache Peak. Hikers who want to bushwhack to summit might do so. Hike 9 miles; climb 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 4400 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

**** September 26th – Wednesday.** Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain (Reverse Direction). Rating B+. We will leave from the cattle guard / windmill on the Rail-X Road and take a jeep road and path up to the ridge above Wild Burro Canyon. From there, we will bushwhack along an up and down ridge (south) with views of Cochise and Ruelas Canyons and will ascend to the top of 4620-foot Dove Mountain. We will then make our way down a different route to the parking spot. Views are outstanding. Wear long pants and bring a hiking stick. Hike 6 miles; climb 1900 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

September 27th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 27th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

September 27th – Thursday. Brown Canyon – Ramsey Canyon Loop. Rating B-. In the Huachuaca Mountains, we hike up Brown Canyon Box trail to a ridge where we drop down into Ramsey Canyon and back to the Visitor

Center. This is a great hike. In Brown Canyon, we see mining artifacts and two gravesites. Ramsey Canyon is always a delight with some of the largest Arizona Sycamore trees in Southern Arizona. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 5000 feet; pace slow; Leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$10; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

September 29th – Saturday. Miller Peak. Rating B+. Miller Peak is the highest point in the Huachuca Mountains. There is a 100-mile view from the top. The hike starts at the Coronado National Memorial, located within Montezuma Canyon and we take the Crest Trail. Hike 12.5 miles; elevation change 3400 feet; starting elevation 5800 feet; leave 6:30 AM. Drive two hours beyond Sierra Vista to the trailhead; driver donation \$9.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

September 30th – Sunday. Sutherland Trail from Catalina State Park. Rating C. A nice trail ending in a very scenic, flat, rocky area, with views of the valley and SaddleBrooke. We start at the Catalina State Park Trailhead. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

**** October 1st – Monday.** Mt. View Ridge. Rating D+. This hike will begin at the Mountain View Clubhouse parking lot. We will hike to the base of Mountain View Ridge, where we will make a short bushwhack to the ridgeline. Recommend long pants. Hiking boots are required. Recommend you bring a hiking stick. At least one quart of water is required. Binoculars and a camera are optional. There are great views of SaddleBrooke from the ridge. Deer and coyotes have been seen regularly. Hike 3-4 miles; limit of 8 hikers; climb 163 feet, elevation at start 3279 feet; leave 6:30 AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

October 1st – Monday. Chiricahua Echo Loop Trail. Rating C. We start at Massai Point. The trail winds through spectacular rock formations to the densely wooded Echo Park, considered by many to be the most scenic trail in the monument. Bring 2 qts. of water, minimum. Hike 3.3 miles; climb 450 feet; altitude at start 6800 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$10.00. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

October 2nd – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 2nd – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 2nd – Tuesday. Josephine Saddle. Rating B. We

start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Rest there and return on the Super Trail. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; starting altitude 5400 feet; leave, 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

October 4th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 4th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 6th – 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 \$7.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

October 7th – 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

** **October 8th – Monday.** Big Rock Dome. See Sept. 13th.

October 9th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 9th – Tuesday. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. See Sept. 10th.

October 9th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 10th – Wednesday. Kitt Peak Observatory Evening Program. Rating D. If you are interested in astronomy, don't miss this trip. We arrive at the visitor center at 5:20 PM. Light box meal provided. Hear lectures. Learn how to use star charts. Look through telescope at objects in the night sky. Program is over at 9:30PM. Kitt Peak has the largest number of telescopes, 24, in the world. Bring warm clothes. Binoculars provided. 55 years and older - \$25 per person. 54 years or less - \$35. It's well worth it. Limited to 10 persons. Bring warm clothes – no shorts or sandals. 7100 foot elevation; leave 2:45 PM; driver donation \$8.00; Gary

Gouvea, 825-3868.

October 11th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 11th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 11th – Thursday. Hutch's 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; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

October 13th – Saturday. Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B. We hike from the Bog Springs Campground through three spring areas which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt peak, and Baboquivari from this trail with strenuous, steep climbs in spots. The fall colors on the trees should be bursting forth. Bring lunch. Limit 15 hikers. Hike 6 miles; climb 2100 feet; starting altitude 5000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

October 14th – Sunday. 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; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

** **October 15th – Monday.** Mt. View Ridge. See Oct. 1st.

October 16th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 16th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 16th – Tuesday. Canyon Loop Trail. Rating D. Start up Romero Trail in Catalina State Park to Canyon Loop Trail. Come back on the Sutherland Trail. Pace will be slow. Hike 2.5 miles; 400 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chiricahua National Monument

Hikes – The following two Chiricahua hikes on Tuesday 10/16 can include an overnight stay at a nearby motel because of the driving distance and in order to take advantage of the Wednesday 10/17 Natural Bridge Hike. Mention your interest in staying over to the hiking guides when you call.

October 16th – Tuesday. Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop. Rating C. This hike covers a couple of trails in the Chiricahua National Monument. We will start out on the Hailstone Trail and connect with the Echo Canyon Trail. The Hailstone Trail gets its name from tiny "hailstones" of volcanic origin. The Echo Canyon Trail winds up and through some outstanding pillars of rocks and rock grottos and back to the parking lot. At this point, those who still have some lung and leg left will have time to take the 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. Vegetation consists of Pinion Pine, Evergreen Oak, and Alligator Juniper with an assortment of semi arid plants. Hike 3.3 miles; starting elevation 6780 feet; climb 400 feet. Leave 7AM. Driver donation \$10.00. Bob White 818-9482.

October 16th – Tuesday. 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." This hike includes the scenic Echo Canyon Trail. 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, carpooling should be planned in advance with the hike leader since the leader and others may stay over night at area motels. Leave 6:00 am; driver donation \$10.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

October 17th – Wednesday. Chiricahua National Monument, Natural Bridge. Rating C. This trail reaches a small stone bridge formed by erosion of bedrock. Along the way we pass a woodland known as Picket Park. The first part of the trail is steep. The trailhead is located 1.3 mi. past the CNM Visitor Center. Hike 5 miles; gain 700 feet; maximum elevation 6,000 feet. Depart 6:00 AM; bring 2 qts. of water; driver donation \$10; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

October 18th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 18th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

**** October 20th – Saturday.** Wasson Peak via

Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating B. We will take the Esperanza trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The views from Wasson Peak are of Tucson/Santa Catalinas to the East, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the South, Sells to the West, and Picacho to the North. We will lunch on top of the peak. We will return the same way. Limit 15 hikers; hike 8 miles; climb 1700 feet; starting elevation 2980 feet; leave 7:00AM; driver donation \$3.00. Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

October 21st – Sunday. Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating B-. 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.

**** October 22nd – Monday.** Big Rock Dome. See Sept. 13th.

October 23rd – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 23rd – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 23rd – 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$8.00; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

October 24th – Wednesday. Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B. We hike from the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, through three springs areas which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt peak, and Baboquivari from this trail with strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Limit 15 hikers. Hike 6 miles; climb 2100 feet; starting altitude 5000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

October 25th – Thursday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 25th – Thursday. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. See Sept. 10th.

October 25th – Thursday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 27th – Saturday. Hiking Club Picnic – Hikes are To Be Determined.

October 28th – Sunday. Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon. Then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2800 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

October 28th – Sunday. Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap. Rating B. Starting from Lago Del Oro wash just below SaddleBrooke, we will hike along the wash to the jeep road and then climb this road to the gap, which overlooks SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Tortolitas. The hike will be through desert area and then a steep climb with switchbacks to the gap. Return on the same road. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; altitude at the start 3200 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

**** October 29th – Monday.** Mt. View Ridge. See Oct. 1st.

October 30th – Tuesday. Exploring SaddleBrooke, 7:00AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 30th – Tuesday. Fitness Walk, 6:30AM. See Sept. 4th.

October 30th – Tuesday. 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; Bob Wynne, 825-4056.

HIKE SCHEDULE SUMMARIES

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



SaddleBrooke Hiking Club - September 2001 Hikes

Date	Day	Time (am)	Rating	Description	Driver Donation (\$s)	Hike Length (mi)	Elevation Start/Change (1000ft)	Hiking Guide	Phone No.
2	Su	7:00	B	Josephine Saddle	6	6	5.4/1.7	Larry Gray	818-0337
4	T	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
4	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
4	T	6:30	B	Atascosa Lookout	6	5	4.7/1.6	Bob Wynne	825-4056
6	Th	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
6	Th	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
6	Th	6:30	C	Madera Canyon Nature Trail	6	6.4	5.4/1.9	Mary Richling	825-5238
7	F	6:30	C	Fifty Year Trail (north end)	1	7	3.2/1.8	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
10	M	7:00	C	Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance	1			Jon Chase	818-1115
10	M	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
11	T	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
11	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
11	T	7:00	B-	Deer Camp from the 50-Year Trail	1	12	3/6	Bob Wynne	825-4056
12	W	6:30	D	Tohono Chul Birder's Walk and Breakfast	1	1.5	2.7/0.5	Mary Richling	825-5238
13	Th	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
13	Th	6:30	B-	Big Rock Dome	na	2-4	3.095/1.77	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
15	S	7:00	C	Aspen Loop/Mint Springs Trail	6	5.5	7.45/1.1	Jim Strickler	825-8735
18	T	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
18	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
18	T	6:30	B	Wasson Peak/Hugh Norris Trail	3	10	2.8/2.1	Bob Wynne	825-4056
19	W	6:00	B	Picacho Peak (Limited to 8 hikers)	5	4	1.5/2.1	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
20	Th	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
20	Th	7:30	D+	Linda Vista Loop	1	3	2.68/1.3	Bev Caldwell	825-3071
20	Th	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
21	F	7:00	C	Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance	1			Jon Chase	818-1115
22	S	8:00	C+	Bridal Wreath Falls	3	5.6	2.8/1.2	Dave Caldwell	825-3071
23	Su	7:00	B-	Pontatoc Ridge	1	5	3/1.45	Larry Gray	818-0337
24	M	6:30	B-	Big Rock Dome	na	2-4	3.095/1.77	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
25	T	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
25	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
25	T	7:00	B	Oracle Ridge	3	9	4.4/1.8	Bob Wynne	825-4056
26	W	6:00	B+	Tortolita Mtns/Dove Mtns (reverse)	1	6	3.6/1.9	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
27	Th	6:30	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
27	Th	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
27	Th	7:00	B-	Brown Canyon/Ramsey Canyon Loop	10	8	5/1.8	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
29	S	6:30	B+	Miller Peak	9	12.5	5.8/3.4	Jim Strickler	825-8735
30	Su	7:00	C	Sutherland Trail	1	6	2.7/1.0	Larry Gray	818-0337

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club – October 2001 Hikes

Date	Day	Time (am)	Rating	Description	Driver Donation (\$s)	Hike Length (mi)	Elevation Start/Change (1000ft)	Hiking Guide	Phone No.
1	M	6:30	D+	Mt. View Ridge	na	3-4	3,279/1,163	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
1	M	6:00	C	Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop	10	3.3	6,8/45	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
2	T	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
2	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
2	T	7:00	B	Josephine Saddle	6	6	5.4/1.7	Bob Wynne	825-4056
4	Tu	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
4	Tu	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
6	S	7:00	C+	Aspen Loop/Marshall Gulch Trail	7	4	7.44/1.8	Bob Wynne	825-4056
7	Su	7:00	C+	Romero Pools (lower)	1+5fee	6	2.7/1.2	Larry Gray	818-0337
8	M	6:30	B-	Big Rock Dome	na	2-4	3,095/1.77	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
9	T	7:00	C	Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance	1			Jon Chase	818-1115
9	T	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
9	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
10	W	2:45pm	D	Kitt Peak Evening Program	8		7.1/0	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
11	Tu	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
11	Tu	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
11	Tu	8:00	C+	Hutch's Pool	na	8	3.3/1.9	Jim Strickler	825-8735
13	S	7:00	B	Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail	6	6	5/2.1	Dave Caldwell	825-3071
14	Su	7:00	B	Blackett's Ridge	2	6	2.7/1.7	Larry Gray	818-0337
15	M	6:30	D+	Mt. View Ridge	na	3-4	3,279/1,163	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
16	T	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
16	T	7:30	D	Canyon Loop Trail	1	2.5	2.7/1.4	Bev Caldwell	825-3071
16	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
16	T	7:00	C	Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop	10	3.3	6.78/1.4	Bob White	818-9482
16	T	6:00	B	Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop	10	8.4	7/1,405	Walt Faleschini	818-6644
17	W	6:00	C	Chiricahua Natural Bridge	10	5	6/1.7	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
18	Tu	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Kay White	818-9482
18	Tu	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
20	S	7:00	B	Wasson Peak via Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail	3	8	2.98/1.7	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
21	Su	7:00	B-	Phone Line Trail (roundtrip)	2	10	2.7/1.9	Dave Caldwell	825-3071
22	M	6:30	B-	Big Rock Dome	na	2-4	3,095/1.77	Larry Gray	818-0337
23	T	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4		Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
23	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na			Kay White	818-9482
23	T	7:00	C+	Peralta Trail	na			Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
24	W	7:00	B	Bog/Kent Springs Loop Trail	8	5	2.5/1.36	Bob Wynne	825-4056
25	Tu	7:00	C	Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance	6	6	5/2.1	Gary Gouvea	825-3868
					1			Jon Chase	818-1115

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club -- October 2001 Hikes (Continued)

25	Tu	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4	Kay White	818-9482
25	Tu	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na		Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
27	S			Hiking Club Picnic -- Hikes are TBD				
28	Su	7:00	C+	Seven Falls	2	8	Larry Gray	818-0337
28	Su	8:00	B	Charouleau Gap to the Gap	1	10	Jim Strickler	825-8735
29	M	6:30	D+	Mt. View Ridge	na	3-4	Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
30	T	7:00	D	Exploring SaddleBrooke	na	3-4	Kay White	818-9482
30	T	6:30	D	Fitness Walk	na		Bill Leightenheimer	818-1953
30	T	7:00	B	Blackett's Ridge	2	6	Bob Wynne	825-4056