Guides Procedures

Content of Hike Descriptions in the Google Calendar

The description you enter into the Google Calendar will be the finished version on the published Hike List. The exception is that you do not enter the date in this description. The date will be added in a later step by others.

The Content for Hike Description
a) name of hike
b) statistics
c) general location (mountain range, community, etc.)
d) starting location (trailhead or other specific spot)
e) degree of difficulty (if there are any special obstacles, describe them)
f) trails taken
g) features (e.g., amazing views of canyons)
h) any other pertinent details and elaboration of the hike

Do's and Don'ts
a) do not say " Meet at the Welcome Center"
b) do not say "We carpool"
c) do not say "We drive" or "We travel to"
d) do include all the content items listed above

As stated in the Hikers Handbook, we always meet at the Welcome Center unless otherwise specified. When you include "Meet at the Welcome Center", then Guides who do not include it (as is correct) get emails asking, "where do we meet?". It's a pain in the you know where!

Many of the hike descriptions in the List of Hikes (a.k.a. Hikes Data Base) are from 20+ years ago when it was necessary to include some of the "do not" items listed above.

Many Members have no idea of where the hike is located if just the trailhead is stated such as "**Peralta Trail [C/5mi/1360'/$14/7am]** *Park at Peralta trailhead*… ". So include the general location such as: "… *In the Superstition Mtns., park at Peralta trailhead….*" Without this general location, the only clue is $14 must be far away.

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