

**December 2018**  
**( Updates and special dates are in RED )**

**Monday, December 03, 2018 Romero Pass [A/10-15mi/3300'/\$2/6:30am]** Hike Romero Canyon Trail past Romero Pools and Romero Springs to Romero Pass and return by the same route. Steep uphill section last 2 miles. This hike's goal is to improve the trail from the upper pools to the pass. Hopefully we will have from 4-8 volunteers to work in groups of 2. Some groups will work on brush removal 4-5 miles in, another from 5-6 miles in, and others will work on tree removal (5-7 miles). For additional information call Max Haegele, 818-9178. Mileage credit will be about 20 for this event.

**Tuesday, December 04, 2018 Deer Camp, Rattlesnake, Around the Mountain, 50 YR Trail loop [B/9mi/1500'/\$2/8am]** Park at the corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Follow the jeep trail down to Sutherland Wash and start on the Deer Camp Trail, head NE on Rattlesnake Trail, then Around the Mountain to the N end of the 50YR trail and return. Wonderful views and rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land. Clive Probert, [clive.probert@gmail.com](mailto:clive.probert@gmail.com) or 825-8719.

**Wednesday, December 05, 2018 Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Alamo Springs [C+/6mi/1000'/\$3/7:30am]** From Dove Mt. trailhead, take Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Alamo Springs. Return by the same route. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, December 05, 2018 Walk-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from the main trailhead parking lot for an hour in some direction and return the same way. Meet at Golf Course parking lot at 7:45am. Dean Chapman, 825-2954 or [dchapma6@msn.com](mailto:dchapma6@msn.com).

**Wednesday, December 05, 2018 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am]** A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Meg Gerken, 520-638-7204..

**Thursday, December 06, 2018 Sutherland Trail to Grand-Daddy Saguaro and Beyond [B+/10mi/1500'/\$2/8am]** (B+ for degree of difficulty) From CSP, take Sutherland Trail to the rocky power-line road and up Cargodera Canyon for about ½ mile. Take horse trail northerly, past the Grand-Daddy Saguaro (see photo on website). Continue on the horse trail, turning easterly and up the small canyon to the Baby Jesus trail. Turn south on the BJ and return via the Sutherland Trail to CSP. Darrel Cornelius, 608-320-9175 or [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**Thursday, December 06, 2018 Thursday, December 6, 2018 Agua Caliente Park [E/2mi/30'/\$6/9:30am]** Drive approx. one hour to walk under trees and in desert landscape, then eat lunch on picnic benches under giant palm trees while viewing waterfowl in pond. After lunch have free time to tour ranch house property on National Registry of Historic Places and small Audubon Gift Shop. Limit 16. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**FULL - Friday, December 07, 2018 Buffalo Bill Cody's High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/\$5/8am]** Hike from the American Flag Trailhead, south on the Arizona Trail, to the High Jinks Ranch house. The High Jinks Ranch was originally owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a National Historic Site. Mike Duellman, 904-9627, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Monday, December 10, 2018 David Yetman Trail [C/7mi/700'/\$5/8am]** Park at the trailhead west of Gates Pass, hike south and east to the historic Bowen house for lunch. Continue on trails to Camino de Oeste trailhead. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Oracle Hill & Oracle Hill high point [B-/4mi/900'/\$4/7:30am]** Park at the Charouleau Gap Rd N Trailhead in Oracle. Hike jeep roads halfway up Oracle Hill. Bushwhack the steep rocky and grassy slope to the Oracle Hill summit benchmark at 5174 ft. Follow ridges SW to the Oracle Hill high point at 5300 ft. Summit register and cairn are next to a rock ring "O". Wonderful views from this summit. Return via the same route. Clive Probert [clive.probert@gmail.com](mailto:clive.probert@gmail.com) or 825-8719.

**FULL - Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Blenheim Elm History Hike [C/5mi/100'/\$5/7:30am]** Hike a beautiful neighborhood in Tucson near Banner Hospital and hear about its history. Includes a coffee/bathroom stop. Wear comfortable shoes. Limit:15 people. Jim Williams &nbsp; [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Arthur Pack Park [E/2mi/154'/\$3/1pm]** Hike the Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary Trail loop in Arthur Pack Regional Park. Refreshment/restroom stop at McDonalds. Meet in parking lot behind Admin Building. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018 C - Proctor - Madera Canyon [C/8mi/1200'/\$10/7am]** Hike from Proctor parking following Madera Creek to the round-up parking lot. Return via the same route after lunch. (Limit - 12 hikers) Dave Fraser, 825-4344.

**Thursday, December 13, 2018 La Milagrosa-Agua Caliente Loop [B/7mi/1400'/\$6/8am]** Hike starts 2800' at Horsehead. From Agua Caliente Wash we will take a steady 900' climb up La Milagrosa Trail and then drop into Agua Caliente Canyon where we cross the wash and climb up to Agua Caliente Trail and proceed down a ridge trail. The views are stunning. I rated this hike a B- because of the steepness of the trail back down to Horsehead. Limit 8 hikers. Doug Higgins, 630-369-2896.

**Friday, December 14, 2018 Oracle State park to the Windmill [D/4miles/500'/\$5/8am]** Carpool to Oracle State Park.; Hike the wildlife trail to the windmill and back.&nbsp; Mike Duellman, 904-9627, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Friday, December 14, 2018 Thunderbird Trail [C/6mi/750'/\$4/8am]** We start on the Sweetwater Trail, which is the eastern approach to Wasson Peak. Instead of hiking toward Wasson Peak, though, after 0.2 miles we hike north on the Thunderbird Trail, then take the Brittlebush Trail and the Cactus Wren Trail, returning to the cars on the Thunderbird Trail. This is a scenic area, easy to get to, yet with a remote feel. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Monday, December 17, 2018 Big Wash and Bluffs [C/7mi/100'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Catalina Vista parking lot. Technically a bushwhack, this hike is in the wash or follows animal trails on the bluffs. There are excellent vistas. This hike is on State Trust Land. Clive Probert [clive.probert@gmail.com](mailto:clive.probert@gmail.com) or 825 8719.

**Monday, December 17, 2018 Sutherland Trail to X-Stream View [B/10mi/1500'/\$2/8am]** From CSP we hike Sutherland Trail to the rocky power-line road and follow it up Cargodera Canyon. We proceed on the Sutherland past the Baby Jesus Trail connection for one mile; then take a short bushwhack to a picturesque point in Cargodera Canyon where two streams meet and flow over large flat rock formations. We lunch there and return by the same route. See photo on club web site. Darrel Cornelius 608-320-9175 or [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**CANCELLED - Tuesday, December 18, 2018 Peppersauce and Nugget Canyon Loop**

[C+/8mi/1400'/\$5/8am] Park opposite Peppersauce Campground on old Mt. Lemmon Road, hike up Mt. Lemmon Road to Nugget Canyon turnoff, loop up canyon, and back down through Peppersauce Canyon, passing Peppersauce Cave and some old mining relics. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Hike on old jeep roads and rough paths rather than maintained trails. An interesting and extremely rare geologic oddity, a pre-Cambrian conglomerate rock formation will be seen in Peppersauce Canyon. Georgene Porter [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am]** A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Doug Higgins. 630-369-2896.

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from a CSP trail head for about two miles on a designated trail either as a loop or return the same way. Trail may contain rocky sections and short but steep inclines/declines. Judy Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com).

**Thursday, December 20, 2018 Bear Canyon via Sycamore Canyon Key Exchange**

[B/11mi/1000'up/3000'down/\$6/7am] From G.H. trailhead (old prison camp) take Sycamore Canyon Trail to top of Bear Canyon past Seven Falls to tram stop. Take tram at \$4 to Sabino parking lot. The upper Bear Canyon has magnificent views. Planned as a key exchange. Add 2 miles to the hike if hiking up or if the tram is not running. Reservations required by Dec. 18. Specify preference of hiking up, hiking down, or no strong preference. Roe Erlandson, [roeerlandson@gmail.com](mailto:roeerlandson@gmail.com).

**Friday, December 21, 2018 Tortolita Preserve Medium Loop [C/6mi/300'/\$2/8am]** Carpool to the end of the Moore Road segment west of Dove Mountain Blvd. Hike a short 6 mile loop of the established trail, and return. Mike Duellman, 904-9627 or [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Monday, December 24, 2018 CDO Wash [E/3mi/50/\$1/8am]** Walk pedestrian path along CDO wash from Innovation (In & Out) to First (Frys) and return. Meet behind Welcome Center  
Roe Erlandson, 638-5725.

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Christmas Day**

**MOVED TO Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, December 27, 2018 Romero Springs [B/10mi/2200'/\$2/8am]** Hike Romero Canyon trail 2 miles past Romero Pools to Romero Springs in a very scenic section of the canyon. Return by the same route. Roe Erlandson, 638-5725 or [roeerlandson@gmail.com](mailto:roeerlandson@gmail.com).

**FULL - Friday, December 28, 2018 Dripping Springs Ramble [C/5mi/400'/\$2/NOON]** Meet behind the welcome center. Hike up Nature Trail cut across plateau to Cargodera Creek to Sutherland Trail to Dripping Springs trail, return via normal route. Mike Duellman, 904-9627 or [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**NEW - Friday, December 28, 2018 Catalina State Park Trails [C/4mi/400'/\$2/8:30am]** We hike the Sutherland Trail about a mile then take trails of use to Sutherland Wash, the Nature Trail, and back to the cars. We won't hurry, so we will have time for a snack, yet be back to the cars before lunch. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com)

**Saturday, December 29, 2018 Bridal Wreath Falls via Douglas Springs Trail [C+/8mi/1200'/\$5/8am]** Park at end of Speedway, take Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls and return same way. Some steep hiking. Bring lunch to eat at the falls. We should return well before start of College Football Playoff games that begin at 4. Doug Higgins, 630-369-2896.

**NYE Potluck at Oracle State Park December 31, 2018.** Sign up for a hike (see below). Bring a dish to pass. Potluck at 11:30. Guided tour of the Kannally ranch house at 12:30.

**East Loop in Oracle State Park [C/7mi/1100’/\$5/7:30 am]** Carpool to Kannally Ranch House. Hike the Manzanita Trail to the Arizona Trail, take it 1.5 miles, and return to Kannally Ranch via Wildlife Corridor Trail; with a side trip to the windmill. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

**Oracle State park to the Windmill [D/4miles/500’/\$5/9am]** Carpool to Oracle State Park. Hike the wildlife trail to the windmill and back. Dave Fraser. 825-4344.

**Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [D+/4mi/700’/\$5/9:15am]** Carpool to Kannally Ranch House parking lot, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Take Belotta Trail back to cars. Mike Duellman, 904-9627 or kmduellman@yahoo.com