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March 2022 Hiking Schedule

(Updates & changes in RED)

Hikers: Please be reminded, 6' social distancing is suggested.

All hikers are required to have face masks or face coverings available on all hikes. They should be used at the guide's direction in case of accident, emergency, or when social distancing on the trail is not possible.

Carpools may be arranged at guides discretion or may be individually arranged by hikers. Hikers must find their own way to the trailhead if carpooling is not pre-arranged.

Only fully vaccinated hikers may participate in carpools.

Hiker limit is at guides discretion.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 RedTail Ridge Loop Sweetwater [C/5mi/400'/\$4/7am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool at 7:00 to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Desperado Loop to Night Hawk Trail, Red Tail Ridge, Ocotillo Hill, The Spine, Lost Arrow and Saguaro Vista back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Seven Falls [B/9mi/1100'/\$4/7am] Hike to lower Bear Canyon, take Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. There are seven wash crossings which may involve water. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Board meeting, 3pm at Desert Oasis- Saguaro room

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Walk in the Park Sutherland Trail [D/4mi/410'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Main Trail Head parking lot in Catalina State Park. Hike to the Sutherland Trail for about 2 miles and stop for a quick snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 3, 2022 Rail-X Ranch corral to Ritz-Carlton Hotel trailhead key exchange, [B/10mi/1100ft SB, 1950ftNB/\$3/7:30am] Great views from the ridge as we hike from the corral to the hotel. Limited to 8 each way. Jack Evert, SB, jackevert439@gmail.com, Max Haegele, NB, 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday March 3, 2022 Cargondera Canyon via Canyon

Loop (C/6mi/700'/\$2/8:00am) Hike Canyon Loop trail, to Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargondera Canyon, and return by the same route. Meet in Catalina state park (state park pass required) atnd start hiking at 8am. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 3, 2022 Gabe Zimmerman to AZT North [C/6mi/630'/\$7/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead (16000 E Marsh Station Rd., Vail). Hike Passage 8 of the Arizona Trail North to the Cinema Creek riparian area with flowing water and several train trestles. Continue hiking along Davidson Canyon for 3 miles, then return to trailhead. Byron Wolfing, wolfing5@gmail.com.

Friday, March 4, 2022 Baldy Saddle [B+/14mi/3400'/\$10/6:30am] Park at MWPA parking lot, hike Old Baldy Trail up and Super Trail down. Start, 5400'. Meet behind Welcome center for carpooling, contact me if you are driving separately, Dennis Potter, Sweetliberty@comcast.net or 253-722-4276.

Friday, March 4, 2022 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop [C/6mi/700'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park. Hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Cutoff Trail to Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. C hike at a D pace. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Friday, March 4, 2022 50 Year Trail Loop [D/4mi/400'/\$2/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. At CSP, leave from Equestrian Center. We'll take the West Ridge Trail. After 2 miles, we meet up with the 50 Year Trail and return. Dave and Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/8am] Follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead and view construction of new subdivision (scheduled on Saturday to avoid construction). Byron Wolfing, wolfing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, March 5, 2022 CSP Hole in the Rock [C/5mi/500'/\$2/7am] Meet at Welcome Center to arrange carpooling. It's more like a depression than a doughnut, but Hole in the Rock is remarkable nonetheless! Take various (mostly horse) trails in Catalina State Park to boulder with large hollow. Limit 12. Meg Gerken, meg_stuff3@icloud.com.

Monday, March 7, 2022 Yetman Trail spur [D/4mi/400'/\$5/8am] Drive to trailhead on Camino de Oeste, hike Yetman trail 2 miles to just past the historic Bowen house (snack break) and return. Car pool from Welcome Center. (Max 10 hikers) Jackie Dudek, jackiedudek84@gmail.com.

Monday, March 7, 2022 Tortolita Foothills "Lita" [C/8mi/300'/\$0/8am] Access Tortolita Flats from Desert Oasis. Follow trails NW to find Topo map triangulation mark "Lita". This hike is on State Trust Land. Meet at Desert Oasis at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Monday, March 7, 2022 Not Picacho Peak [C/5mi/450'/\$8/8am] Enjoy Picacho Peak from its south side without having to take the Hunter Trail to the summit. We drive to the Sunset Vista Trailhead at the end of Picacho Peak Road in Picacho Peak State Park. Pass or entry fee required. We hike the Sunset Vista Trail to a point at which it begins to climb steeply to the intersection with the Hunter Trail. That's our turn around point. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, March 7, 2022 Milagrosa Ridge [B/8mi/1050'gain, 2700'loss/\$6/7am] A shuttle hike in the Santa Catalina Mountains (first leaving a car at Avenida de Suzenu) beginning at the Molino Basin on the Catalina Highway. We'll cross the highway and make a steep climb over a ridgetop, then hike down toward Bellota Ranch. At a "T" in the trail we turn south and follow a ridge with great views between Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons. At the end of the trail, we'll follow the road to the car at Avenida de Suzenu. Bring a lunch to eat. Doug Higgins. dahiggins@comcast.net.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Charouleau Gap Trail to Samaniego Ridge Trail junction [B/13mi/2,300'/\$2/8am] Meet up at Trailhead. We will hike road used by ATV's up to the base of Charouleau Gap. Some sections steep and may have loose rock. Be on the look out for a double crested saguaro. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com 612-749-1996. Trailhead is 1 mile North of Miraval Resort on Oro Del Lago Pkwy in Catalina. Google maps directions to Trailhead: <https://goo.gl/maps/E5thc2vQpNchaPn79>

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 New member orientation hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking club. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center in the parking lot. We will introduce ourselves and then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. State Park Pass required or a \$7 entry fee. We will hike 1-1/2 mile up the 50 Year Trail and return. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and if you use walking poles bring them as well; also a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle franklin cactigal50@gmail.com, Cary Roper carybaley@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Sutherland Trail to Dorothy's Wash [D/4mi/350'/\$2/8am] Meet at CSP trailhead. Hike Sutherland trail up to cut off over to Dorothy's wash. Have a light snack, head back on alternate trail back to Sutherland. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Lime Falls Cactus Forest [C/6mi/300'/\$5/7am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 7:00 to carpool. Park at Cactus Forest Trailhead near east end of Broadway, entering Saguaro National Park East to hike along mostly level Cactus Forest Trail to a small wash and waterfall (dry or not?) where we eat a snack and return on different trail. See lime kiln and explanatory signage. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Walk in the Park 50 Year Trail [D/4mi/367'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Equestrian Parking Lot in Catalina State Park. Hike the 50 Year Trail for about 2 miles, stop for a quick snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

RESCHEDULED TO 3/28. Thursday, March 10, 2022 Blenheim Elm History Hike [D/4mi/100'/\$5/8am] Walk a historic neighborhood near the Banner hospital and hear about its history and architecture, including the AZ Inn. Meet downtown. Max: 15. Jim Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Thursday, March 10, 2022 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/7:30am] Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele 43avocet@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, March 11, 2022 Anza Trail 1 way/Tubac Jack's [C/5mi/100'/\$11/7:30am] Hike from Tubac to Tumacacori and end with lunch at Tubac Jack's (known for their Green Chili Stew) in Tubac. Shuttle cars needed. 1 way fairly flat hike with water crossing by footbridge along the Juan Bautista de Anza trail. We will need 3 drivers for shuttle with 8 hikers max. Jackie Dudek Jackiedudek84@gmail.com.

Friday, March 11, 2022 Exploratory Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/680?/\$4/7:30am] Meet at Oracle State Park auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue in Oracle. It is a 35 minute drive to the trail head from Sun City. If unsure about the trail head, ask for directions; or we can convoy but not carpool. Hike to Kannally Ranch House using the Gasline Road and various trails and back by the Mariposa trail. LIMIT 16. This is an exploratory hike for the guide. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Monday, March 14, 2022 Manville/Cactus Wren Loop to Signal Hill [C/5mi/300'/\$5/7:30am] Carpool to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads and hike to Signal Hill Picnic area in Saguaro National Park West. Eat snack and return via loop trail Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, March 14, Lower Bug Spring Trail [C/5-6 mi/1050'/\$6/7am] The trailhead parking is 7.6 miles from the start of the Mt Lemmon Highway. We hike from the southern Bug Spring Trailhead, mostly along a ridge, then down 150' of elevation to Cherry Canyon. From there, return using the same route. We won't hurry. Limit 12 hikers, Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, March 14, 2022 Oracle Ridge to the View [B/9mi/2000'/\$6/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center to Caravan to Bonita Springs Road in Oracle. Hike up road 1 mile to trailhead, then follow along ridge to scenic lunch spot. Outstanding views through most of the trail. LIMIT 6 because of parking space. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 Sweetwater Preserve BlackRock Loop [C/mi/272'/\$4/8:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center to car pool to Preserve located a on the west side of Tucson near Saguaro Nat'l Park West. Julie Cherry, jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am] Meet at Romero Ruins parking lot CSP. Hike on north side trail from Romero Ruins start point to canyon precipice and cross over to south side. Continue on east (300 yards to flat amphitheater area with season stream. Return via south side route following trails and washes. There are several short but rocky steep sections through washes/canyon descent. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Mural hike [D/4mi/50'/\$5/9am] Meet at Phillips Christian Chapel Methodist Church (4th St @ 9th Ave), visit ten murals and hear a brief description of their history north of and in downtown Tucson. Mid-hike break at Johnny Gibson's market for coffee and treats. Limit 12. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 16, 2022 CSP West Ridges [C/5mi/500'/\$2/7am] Meet at Equestrian Center. Hike on horse trails past old house ruins, continue up ridge to park boundary. Follow more horse trails down past the pink ranch (Desert Springs Ranch) and up onto another ridge and back to Equestrian Center. In the past this area had a lot of wildflowers, but maybe not this year. Limit 12. Millie Sparling, milliesparling79@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 17, 2022 Elephant Head [A/9mi/2000'/\$10/6:30am] (EXPLORATORY) We start out along a gentle mountain road, do some tough bushwhacking across Chino canyon, and scramble up the craggy massive rock, Return by same route, or by Little Elephant Head. Limit 6 Hikers. Meet behind Welcome center for carpooling. Dennis Potter, Sweetliberty@comcast.net.

CANCELLED. Thursday, March 17, 2022 Walk in the Park [D/4mi/410'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center and Carpool to the Main Trail Head in Catalina State Park. Hike in some direction for about 2 miles and stop for a quick snack and return. Contact Peg Rocklin, pegrocklin@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 17, 2022 Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. Park at Golder Ranch Rd. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. This hike is partly on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Friday, March 18, 2022, Full Moon Golf Course Hike [D/3+mi/100'/\$0/7pm] Meet at 6:45 pm between the golf pro shop and the Views Restaurant. We will walk one of the nine-hole courses under the full moon. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Flashlights are recommended. All COVID procedures will apply. If there are a large number of participants, we may split into a second group. Judy Maisch, jam4930@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 18, 2022 Oracle State Park to the Windmill [C/5mi/700'/\$5/8:15am] Meet at the ranch house in Oracle State Park. Hike the wildlife trail to the windmill and back. C hike at a D pace. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Friday, March 18, 2022 Boyce Thompson Arboretum [D/3mi/300'/\$13/8am] A day trip to Superior, AZ. We will take our time walking both the paved and unpaved trails of the Arboretum, stopping wherever sights and sounds are interesting. While the trails are visitor-friendly, some are steep and not "accessible". There is an Arboretum entrance fee of \$15.00 per person. We will have lunch at Porter's cafe or Los Hermanos in Superior and take scenic Rt.177 back to Oro Valley. Limit of 12. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Monday, March 21, Pima Canyon Trail [C/7mi/1100'/\$2/7am] This will be an unhurried in-and-out hike on the Pima Canyon Trail, which is a bit rocky in places. We will spend a bit of time at the turn around point if the weather is good. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

March 21, 2022 Brandenburg Mtn./Aravaipa Overlook [C/6mi/1500'/\$9/7am] Park along Aravaipa Rd just before the BLM station and hike up wash to cairn marked trail. Follow marked trail up to road that traverses flat area around Brandenburg Mtn. Follow this road to wonderful overlooks of the Aravaipa canyon. Meet behind the admin building. Max Haegele, 520-818-9178, 43avocet@gmail.com.

Monday, March 21, 2022 Canyon Loop/Birding Trail CSP [D/4mi/250'/\$2/8am] At CSP, we'll hike the Birding Trail and then the Canyon Loop Trail. Meet behind Welcome Center at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Linda Vista Figure Eight [C/4mi/800'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at trailhead parking on Linda Vista off Oracle. Hike over rocks on foot trails at the base of Pusch Peak starting up the left side. Rocky terrain, so poles are strongly recommended. (Max 10 hikers) Jackie Dudek, jackiedudek84@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Blenheim Elm History Hike [D/4mi/100'/\$5/8am] Walk a historic neighborhood near the Banner hospital and hear about its history and architecture, including the AZ Inn. Meet downtown. Max: 15. Jim Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Wild Mustang/Alamo Springs Loop [B/9mi/2170'/\$3/7am] Meet at Welcome center at 7am. Drive or carpool with other drivers to Wild Burro Trailhead for a hike in the Tortolita Mountains. We will hike connecting trails to Wild Mustang trail out and Alamo Springs trail return. Tom Meyer. tmeyer80@msn.com. 612-749-1996.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 50yr trail/Trail link/Sutherland/Bluff Loop

[C+/8mi/700'/\$2/8am] Meet at Equestrian Center in CSP, hike 50yr trail past park gate, follow trail link to Sutherland wash and then follow bluff back to Equestrian Center. Parts of the hike are on state trust land. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

CANCELLED. NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, March 24, 2022. 50 yr trail South End [C+/5 mi/ 460'/ 7:30] Meet at top of Golder Ranch Rd in parking lot. State trust pass required. Hike will follow 50 yr trail with sand, rocks on marked trail, and 1 steep hill climb that has loose rocks (.25 miles/ 225' elevation gain for a C+ rating) 1/2 way through hike. Sturdy poles and boots recommended for this hill climb. Will stop before hill climb for snack. Jackie Dudek jackiedudek84@gmail.com

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, March 24, 2022 Mount Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail

[A/12mi/4000'/\$10/7am] Meet at welcome center for carpools. Park at MWPA parking lot and hike shortest route to top [9453']. Start, 5400'. Laurie Payne, pinklaurie360@gmail.com

Thursday, March 24, 2022 New member orientation hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking club. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center in the parking lot. We will introduce ourselves and then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. State Park Pass required or a \$7 entry fee. We will hike 1-1/2 mile up the 50 Year Trail and return. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and if you use walking poles bring them as well; also, a good sun hat. Please contact Peg Rocklin, pegrocklin@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Parker Canyon Lake [C/5mi/400'/\$12/7am] The hike begins at the shore of Parker Canyon Lake, 5400' elevation, on the western side of the Huachuca Mountains near the Mexican border. The trail takes us entirely around the lake and is largely wooded with some sunny open areas. At parking lot, a National Park Pass or self-service fee pass is required. The 100 mile drive outbound traverses through the scenic Empirita Mountains and Canelo Hills. Although the elevation change is small, bring your poles to navigate through occasionally difficult footing along the trail. We'll lunch in a picnic area back at the trailhead. Those that wish may stop to taste wine at Callaghan's Winery on the way home, only 3 miles off the route home. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net.

Friday, March 25, 2022 Sabino Lake/Creek Trail/Rattlesnake/Esperero Trail

[C/4mi/273'/\$4/8:30am] Meet at Sabino Canyon Recreation Area. Nat'l Park Pass needed. Poles needed for rocky elevation change. Julie Cherry, jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Friday, March 25, 2022 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Catalina Vista and hike the Big Wash for 4 miles at the whim of the guide. Technically a bushwhack on state trust land. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 26, 2022 Annual Meeting, Wine & Cheese, Catalina Vista rooms & back patio, 2:00-5:00 pm.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 28, 2022 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West

[C+/8mi/200'/7:30am] After hiking through a lush riparian section, we enter a narrow canyon with towering cliffs and unsurpassed scenery. Paths sometimes disappear thus hiking in the stream and stream crossings are frequently necessary (shoes on). A steady pace will be maintained with photo stops and breaks. We have lunch at the turn-around point and return via the same route. Fully vaccinated hikers only. The Aravaipa Canyon is located about one hour's drive north of SCOV. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. RESCHEDULED FROM 3/10. Monday, March 28, 2022 Blenheim Elm

History Hike [D/4mi/100'/\$5/ 8:00 am] Walk a historic neighborhood near Banner UMC and hear about its history. Limit: 15. Meet at Himmel Park downtown. Jim Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Walk in the Park Sutherland Trail toward Green Rock

[D/4mi/377'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Main Trail Head in Catalina State Park. Hike from the parking lot to the Sutherland Trail and continue to the "Sutherland " bench. Take trail to the East toward Green Rock for some distance and stop for a quick snack. Return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop [C/6mi/700'/\$2/8:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center and carpool to the main trailhead in Catalina State Park. Hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Cutoff Trail to Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. Start time may be adjusted according to weather. Contact Peg Rocklin at pegrocklin@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 Honeybee Canyon/Desert Oasis [C/5mi/200'/\$0/8am] Meet at Honeybee Canyon parking, hike Honeybee Wash past fence into state trust land, hike trail over to Desert Oasis. This is open jaw and will require shuttle vehicles. Also, a fence will have to be traversed either between wires or crawling under. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, March 31, 2022, Coffee Time

[D/4mi/50'/\$0/7:30am] Enter the Oro Valley Hospital parking entrance and drive to the far west end of the parking lot near the medical buildings where the hike will meet. We will hike on mostly a paved path to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. The shop offers a variety of coffee creations as well as a selection of teas. Pastries are available. There is some seating just outside the shop, but another option may be available. The hike is limited to 10. We will be mindful of general COVID procedures. Contact: Judith Maisch jam4930@yahoo.com

