

# January 2023 Hiking Schedule

## (Updates & changes in RED)

All hikes meet at the Welcome Center unless otherwise specified in the hike description.

Carpools can be arranged when groups meet at Welcome Center.

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.

### **Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Wildlife Corridor and Cottonwood Wash Trails**

**[C/5mi/500'/\$5/8am]** This is a reschedule of the 12/12/22 hike which was cancelled due to weather. From the Kannally Ranch House in Oracle State Park we will hike the Wildlife Corridor Trail to the Arizona Trail. After a short 0.2 miles on the AZT we take the Cottonwood Wash Trail to the Gasline Road, then the Nature Trail back to our starting point. If the weather is pleasant, we may sit a bit at the Ranch House at the end of the hike for a snack or early lunch. State Park pass or fee required. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

### **Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Tumamoc Hill and Sentinel Peak/ "A" Mountain [C/4.7**

**mi/1055'/\$5/7:30am]** Two short paved trails straight up that are physically exerting with wonderful views of Downtown Tucson. Learn about U of A's Tumamoc Desert Laboratory. Tom Meyer, [tmeyer80@msn.com](mailto:tmeyer80@msn.com).

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Wild Burro Ridgeline Loop [B+/14mi/1900'/\$3/7:30am]** Start hike at Dove Mt. Trailhead (Parking); take Wild Burro trail to Alamo Springs Spur, continue to end of Ridgeline trail down to Goat Corral and return via Wild Burro trail. Ron Brillhart, [rdb Brill6660@gmail.com](mailto:rdb Brill6660@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Lost Coyote South Loop [D/4mi/300'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot (Fast Rhino is there). Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to new housing development, then a new Oro Valley trail to the Southern border of Honeybee Canyon park, then East to Lost Coyote trail and return. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

### **Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop**

**[C/6mi/400'/\$0/8am]** From Desert Oasis enter Chalk Creek Wash hike down Scenic Trail and return up Honey Bee Canyon Access Trail. These are the bike trails east of Sun City. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 Picacho Peak via Hunter Trail [B/3mi/2100'/\$8/8am]** Take Hunter Trail to summit and return by the same route. Slip-proof gloves are recommended. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 Desert Oasis to Catalina Vista, [C/5mi/200'/\$0/8am]** Hike Tortolita Flats from Desert Oasis on bike trail looping around through Big Wash to conclude at Catalina Vista. This is an open ended hike requiring transportation at both ends. It will be conducted on state trust land. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Friday, January 6, 2023 Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Meet behind Welcome Center for carpool and directions. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. View crested saguaro. Snack along the way at selected viewpoint. This is partly on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 6, 2023 Afternoon Walk in the Park [D/4mi/370'/\$2/1pm]** Meet at the Main Trail Head Parking Lot at Catalina State Park. Hike on park trails for 4 miles at the whim of the guide. Limit 15. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**Monday, January 9, 2023 Catalina Vista Big Wash Loop [C-/5mi/200'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Catalina Vista, hike to Big Wash Tr. then to Honeybee Connector Tr. and return to Cat. Vista via different route. Ron Brillhart, [rdb Brill6660@gmail.com](mailto:rdb Brill6660@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, January 9, 2023, Sabino Lake/Esperero Trail [C/5mi/670'/\$4/8am]** This will be a counterclockwise loop with a cherry stem. We hike these trails: Bear Canyon, Sabino Lake, Bluff, Sabino Canyon (Road), and Rattlesnake before we finally are on the Esperero Trail for the rest of the day. Federal pass or fee required. As usual, we won't hurry. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Monday, January 9, 2023 Sabino Phonline Trail Out and Back [B/10mi/1400'/\$4/8am]** Hike from Sabino Canyon parking lot to Phonline Trailhead. Trail is situated above the canyon providing outstanding views of the canyon and mountains. Hike to tram stop 9 and return. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 Reid Park Zoo [E/2mi/10'/\$4/9am]** Meet to carpool behind Welcome Center to leave at 8:10am (due to traffic) to tour the zoo. As a zoo member I will share some interesting tidbits I've learned about the animals and exhibits. Tickets are \$8.50 payable at zoo entrance or online for Seniors over age 62. Limit 12. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8:30am]** 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. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and if you use walking poles bring them, and a good sun hat as well. Please contact Gayle Franklin at [cactigal50@gmail.com](mailto:cactigal50@gmail.com) or Cary Roper at [carybayley@gmail.com](mailto:carybayley@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 Tortolita Preserve West Loop [C/7mi/340'/\$2/8am]** Meet at the end of the Moore Road segment West of Dove Mountain Blvd. (inside the gate). Hike the longer loop of the preserve trail. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Rail X [C/5mi/400'/\$3/7:15am]** Meet at Welcome Center to carpool or caravan to end of Rail X Rd. Park by windmill, hike north on bike trails to a high point on a hill with two interesting cairns. Look for pottery sherds on the trail. Return by a different bike trail down the hill, rejoin trail back to cars. Limit 12 hikers. Millie Sparling, [milliesparling79@gmail.com](mailto:milliesparling79@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Honey Bee [D/4mi/223'/\$0/7:45am]** Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot at 8:00AM. Walk to Honey Bee Park then take the north trail through the Catalina Wash to the petroglyphs, hike an additional 0.1 mile to the second dam, have a snack and return by the same route. 4 miles with little elevation change but a sandy hike in the wash. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 12, 2023 Seven Falls to Last Crossing and Return [B/13mi/1650'/\$4/8am]** Hike past 7 Falls to the last canyon crossing before ascending trail up top of Bear Canyon Trail and return. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296.

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, January 12, 2023 High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/\$3/8am]** Hike from American Flag trailhead in Oracle, south on Arizona Trail to High Jinks Ranch house. Previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a national Historic Site. Meet behind Welcome Center before 8am. Drive to trailhead is approx 35 minutes. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 13, 2023 Walk to Denny's for breakfast [E/3mi/50'/\$0/8am]** We will meet in front of Walmart at the Marketplace and walk on the loop trail to the Denny's next to Basis. After breakfast, we will return by the same trail. Limit 12. Bob & Leslie Esparza (520) 825-8271, [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com).

**Friday, January 13, 2023 Arizona Trail Passage 14 [C/8mi/1300'/\$3/8am]** Park off Tiger Mine Road north of Oracle. Drive 1 mile to parking. Hike first part of this passage. Trail is many ups and downs but none extremely steep. Wonderful views throughout. Meet at the welcome center. Phil Weinberg, [phweinb@gmail.com](mailto:phweinb@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 13, 2023 Afternoon Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/\$0/1pm]** 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. Limit 15. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW DATE. WAS 1/23.** Saturday, January 14, 2023 B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Esperanza Trail [B/8mi/1800'/\$6/7am] Carpool to Saguaro National Park West in the Tucson Mountains and park at trailhead on Golden Gate Road, hike up Esperanza Trail to Hugh Norris Trail, to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**HIKE IS FULL.** Monday, January 16, 2023 Sunset Vista Trail at 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, stopping where it begins to climb steeply to the intersection with the Hunter Trail. That's our snack and turn around point. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**NEW HIKE.** Monday, January 16, 2023 Pima Canyon Short Hike [D/4mi/500'/\$2/7:45 am] From the Pima Canyon trailhead, hike 2 miles, to a major drainage coming out of a saddle between Pusch Peak and Table Mountain, and return. Meet at Welcome Center to car pool to leave at 7:45 am. Jackie Dudek ([jackiedudek84@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedudek84@gmail.com))

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/8am]** Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele , [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Wild Mustang Trail / Alamo Springs Loop [B/10mi/2200'/\$3/7:30am]** We will carpool to Dove Mt. trailhead, take Wild Burro Canyon Trail to the Upper Javalina Trail, then up the mountain to Wild Mustang trail. Continue on Wild Mustang trail to Alamo Springs and return via Alamo Springs trail. Some of the best hiking in the Tortalita Mountains. Tom Meyer, [tmeyer80@msn.com](mailto:tmeyer80@msn.com).

**HIKE IS FULL.** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Downtown mural loop hike [D/4mi/200'/\$3/9am at hike site] park near N Herbert and E University Blvd. See sixteen murals and hear a brief description of their history around downtown Tucson. This hike is a combination of the north and south mural hikes utilized in the past. Mid-hike break for coffee and treats. Limit 12. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL.** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Santa Cruz History Walk [C/5mi/100'/\$6/8:30am] Walk along the Santa Cruz River Walk and hear about the history of the river and nearby residents/travelers. Meet at the State Parking Garage on Congress St. near I-10. Will include a coffee stop. Limit 15. Jim Williams, [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**NOTE NEW LEADER.** Thursday, January 19, 2023 Signal Hill Scenic [C/6mi/600'/\$6/8am] Carpool to park at Sus Picnic Area, Saguaro West National Park, Tucson Mountains, follow Bajada Trail in a wash and over one large boulder to Overlook Trail back to Wild Dog Trail to

gravel road to Signal Hill, have a snack, look at petroglyphs and return via Wild Dog and Bajada Trails. Byron Wolffong, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 19, 2023 Romero Springs [B+/10mi/2200'/\$2/8am]** Meet at welcome center. 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. Some possible route finding/scouting for trail since trail higher up is a bit overgrown after summer rains and lack of use due to Bighorn fire several years ago. Laurie Payne, [pinklaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:pinklaurie360@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 19, 2023 Walk in The Park [D/4mi/400'/\$2/8am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center parking lot Catalina State Park. (State Park Pass required.) Hike from the Equestrian Center parking lot along the 50 Year Trail for about 2miles, top for a snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Friday, January 20, 2023 Canyon Loop/Birding Trail CSP [D/4mi/250'/\$2/8am]** At Catalina State Park, we'll hike the Birding Trail and then the Canyon Loop Trail. Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool to CSP. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 20, 2023 Geronimo Meadow via Esperero Trail [B/10mi/2300'/\$4/8am]** Walk .7miles up paved road to trailhead, and begin to climb [steeply in places], past Cardiac Gap to Geronimo Meadow and return. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296.

**Monday, January 23, 2023 Catalina State Park Trail [C-/4mi/440'/\$2/8:30am]** We will hike the unofficial trail that is west of and roughly parallel to the 50 Year Trail. We will hike that trail from where it starts near the Equestrian Center north to where it meets the 50 Year Trail, then return the same way. Park pass or fee required. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Baby Jesus/CSP key exchange [B/9mi/1500'NB, 1000SB/\$2/8AM]** Meet at back of admin. building. Start for SB is Golder Ranch Rd corrals. Start for NB is a route along Sutherland cutoff to Baby Jesus. Max Haegele Southbound/Kurt Schulz Northbound. Indicate if you want northbound or southbound. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Coffee Time [D/4mi/50'/\$0/8am]** 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 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 seating inside and outside the shop. The hike is limited to 10. Mask are not required. We will be mindful of general COVID procedures. Contact: Judith Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com).

**NEW HIKE. Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Linda Vista Figure Eight [C/4mi/800'/\$/8 am]** 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, Jackie Dudek ([jackiedudek84@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedudek84@gmail.com))

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Meet at the Catalina State Park Main Trail Head parking lot. (State Park Pass required.) Hike from the lot along the Sutherland Trail for about 2 miles, stop for a snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 25, 2023 Canyon Loop cross over to Sutherland/Dorothy's Wash [C/5mi/400'/\$2/8am]** Take Canyon Loop trail over to the wash, (there could be water!). Then cross over on up to Sutherland trail. Head toward Dorothy's Wash via cut off. Have a short snack, then return via Sutherland. This hike will have a few stops along the way! Ken Percival, [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, January 26, 2023 Lost Coyote/Honey Canyon South [D/4mi/200'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot and take a short walk on Rancho Vistoso to the powerline. After hiking on Lost Coyote Trail, we'll turn onto the Honeybee Trail and hike to the park, restrooms and dam before returning. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com).

**Thursday, January 26, 2023 Fifty Year Trail N Middlegate S [C/7mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Park cars at the Corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Hike jeep trail and bike trails to Middlegate Trail. Cross Sutherland Wash and return using normally unused leg to the south. This hike is on State Trust Land. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 27, 2023 SARA, Health, Hiking Club Presentation** At Catalina Vista there will be a FREE joint presentation of the Active Health Committee, SCOV Hiking Club, and Southern Arizona Search & Rescue (SARA). The topic/title of the presentation is "Medical Emergency Management of Active Seniors in a Desert Environment". Our Vice President, Jake O'Neill, is speaking about his experience with the helicopter rescue incident that occurred last Spring. Then a speaker from SARA will speak on a variety of situations that we might encounter on the trail, on a bike, or even on the golf course. No signup required, 4-5:30 pm.

**Friday, January 27, 2023 Tortolita Flats [B/10mi/300'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on dirt roads and trails through the flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. This hike is on State Trust Land. Will be back by 12:30 PM. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 27, 2023 Walk to Denny's for breakfast[E/3mi/50'/\$0/8am]** We will meet in front of Walmart at the Marketplace and walk on the loop trail to the Denny's next to Basis. After breakfast, we will return by the same trail. Limit 12. Bob & Leslie Esparza (520) 825-8271, [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, January 30, 2023 Freeman Homestead/Tanque Verde Ridge [C/5mi/1000'/\$6/8am]** The hike is in Saguaro National Park East, so a Federal pass or daily fee required. We park at the Tanque Verde Ridge Trailhead. First, we hike the fairly level 1 mile Freeman Homestead loop, which is new for the guide. Then we hike the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail, going about 2 miles gaining about 1,000' to a point with views. Return to cars using the same route. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Monday, January 30, 2023 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8:30am]** 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. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and if you use walking poles bring them, as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at [cactigal50@gmail.com](mailto:cactigal50@gmail.com) or Cary Roper at [carybayley@gmail.com](mailto:carybayley@gmail.com).

**RESCHEDULED FROM 1/18. Monday, January 30, 2023 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am]** Hike on north side trail from Romero Ruins start point to canyon precipice and cross over to south side. Continue on East to flat rock amphitheater area with seasonal stream. Return same route. Meet in Catalina state park (state park pass required) Ken Percival, [Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 50 Year, Powerline, CDO Trail [D/4mi/390'/\$2/8am]** Meet at Catalina State Park Equestrian Center, take 50 Year Trail to newly cleared Powerline route. Follow this down to CDO wash and return to Equestrian Center. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/8am]** Hike Phonline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).