

October 2020 Schedule of Hikes

Hikers, please be reminded:

Strict 6' social distancing is required at all times.

Hikers must carry face masks on their person in case of emergency or accident.

There is no carpooling. Hikers must find their own way to the trailhead.

Unless otherwise noted by guide, there is a 10 hiker maximum.

Thursday, October 01, 2020 Alamo Springs Trail [C+/7mi/1000'/\$0/7am] Meet at Wild Burro Trailhead near the Ritz-Carlton at Dove Mountain. Take Wild Burro Trail to Alamo Springs Trail. Return by Alamo Springs Spur Trail and Wild Burro Trail. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Monday, October 05, 2020 Linda Vista Figure Eight [C/4mi/700'/\$0/7am] Meet at trailhead parking on Linda Vista off Oracle. Hike on horse and foot trails at the base of Pusch Peak. Don't let low mileage and elevation fool you - we go uphill and downhill twice on very rocky trail. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, October 07, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$0/8am]
Reservation required. 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. State Park pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and pack a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Call Doug Higgins, 630-369-2896.

Friday, October 09, 2020 Tortolita Flats Stroll [D/4mi/100'/\$0/7am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike in foothills of Tortolita Mountains. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Cactus Wren Trail [D/4mi/300'/\$0/6:30 or 7:00am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 6:30 to caravan to trailhead or meet near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads to park alongside the road at 7:00 and take the easiest trail hike to Signal Hill Picnic area in Saguaro National Park West. Eat snack at pictographs and return via same trail. All elevation gain is at the pictographs! Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Wild Mustang Trail/Wild Burro Canyon Trail [B/8mi/1500'/\$0/6:30 or 7am]. In the Tortolita Mountains at Dove Mountain. Meet/Park/Start hike from W. Burro Trailhead parking lot. Use Hotel Spur to the Upper Javalina Trail and on to Wild Mustang T. Continue on W. Mustang T. to jct. w/W. Burro T. Go south on W. Burro to Alamo Springs (snack?) and continue back to parking lot. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

REVISED - Thursday, October 15, 2020 Madera Canyon Whitehouse ~~Procter~~ Parking to MWPA Parking [C/6mi ~~8mi~~/900' ~~1200'~~/ \$0/7am 6am] Meet behind Welcome Center and caravan to Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains. A beautiful area, this trail is mostly in the shade following Madera Canyon Creek to the MWPA parking area. Lunch and return via the same route. A wooded and bird watching special area. Limited to 10 hikers. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net,

Friday, October 16, 2020 Black Rock Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/\$/7:00am or 7:30am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to Caravan over at 7:00 or meet at Tortolita TH at 7:30 to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Saguaro Vista to Black Rock Loop and back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, October 19, 2020 Sweetwater Preserve Middle Loop [C/5mi/800'/\$0/7:00am or 7:30am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to caravan over at 7:00 or meet at Tortolita TH at 7:30 to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Saguaro Vista to Lost Arrow, Homestead Trail, Red Ridge Trail, Night Hawk Trail, to Desperado Short cuts back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Cochie Trail [B+/10mi/1500'/\$0/6:30 or 7am] In the Tortolita Mountains at Dove Mountain. Meet/Park/Start hike at W. Burro Trailhead parking lot. Take Hotel Spur to Upper Javalina Trail to WildMustang Trail to Cochie Trail. Follow Cochie T. to windmill (snack) and return by same route. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Arizona Trail Windmill Loop [C/7mi/900'/\$0/7am] We will meet behind the Welcome Center and caravan to a small parking area immediately off Rt 77 at Tiger Mine Rd. This is a lightly traveled scenic, serene trail inside Oracle State Park with views of the San Pedro Valley and Galiuro Mtns. We begin by taking the AZ trail underneath Rt 77 into Oracle State Park (then using short Pipeline Trail connector) to the Windmill Trail east which eventually loops back to the AZT and return to the cars. We'll snack at the Windmill. Because of parking, limit 6 hikers. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net.

CANCELLED - Thursday, October 22, 2020 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/3mi/330'/\$0/7am] Meet at Romero Ruins parking lot in Catalina State Park. Hike on north-side trail to canyon precipice and cross over to south side. Continue east to flat rock amphitheater area with seasonal stream. Return via south-side route following trails and washes. There are a few short but moderately steep and rocky sections on trails through washes and canyon descent. This is a repeat of the August 21 hike led by Jo Eaton. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Lime Falls Cactus Forest [C/6mi/300'/\$0/6:30am or 7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 6:30 to caravan to park at Cactus Forest Trailhead near east end of Broadway alongside road by 7:30am, 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. See lime kiln and explanatory signage. Optional Rincon Visitor Center after hike. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com,

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 Canada del Oro Bike Path toward La Canada Rd [D/4 mi/150'/\$0/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center and caravan to Fry's back lot. This will be a walk along the CDO Wash bike path past the Oro Valley Country Club and return. Halloween attire if you like! Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net

Thursday, October 29, 2020 Picacho Peak via Hunter Trail [B/3mi/2100'/\$0/7am] /Meet at Hunter trailhead near Saguaro Ramada (on Barrett Loop). Take Hunter Trail to summit, and return by the same route. Slip-proof gloves are highly recommended.; Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.