

October 2025 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

All hikes meet at the Welcome Center unless otherwise specified in the hike description.
Carpools can be arranged when the group meets at Welcome Center

*** AZ State Park entrance fees increased on 2/25/25. The fee is now based on the number of people in a vehicle, if no one has a park pass. The fee is \$10 for one person and \$20 for 2 – 4 people total. The fee should be split among those in the vehicle. A park pass allows for up to 4 people to enter without additional charge.**

NEW HIKE. Thursday, October 2, 2025, C/D Early Bird Golf Course Hike [D/3mi or C/6mi/300' total/\$0/5:30AM] Meet at the SCOV golf clubhouse. Walk holes 1 through 9 for 3 miles and 10 through 18 for 6 miles, starting at 5:30 AM. Golf course is closed for overseeding which means we don't have to complete the hike by 6:30. Jane Budden, janeannabudden@gmail.com

Saturday, October 11, 2025, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/200'/\$0/7:30 am] Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. If too hot we can go a shorter distance; A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Jorgie Jorgenson, launiebob@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Pima Canyon [C+/6 miles/1200'/\$2/7:30am] We will meet at the WC to carpool to the trailhead on Magee Rd. We hike a bit of a rocky trail through some open areas up the canyon to the first dam. Great views of sheer canyon walls. We will have a snack at the dam and return the same route. Limit 8 hikers. Dana Laudenbach dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Orientation Hike (D/3mi/350'/\$*see above/7am) Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. *Orientation Hikes are restricted to returning and prospective members only.* This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. We will give a bit of information about our club. We will then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. A State Park Pass is required or an entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, a pack in which to carry your personal belongings. If you use walking poles, bring them. Also bring a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at

cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at Carybayley@gmail.com

Friday, October 17, 2025, High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/600'/\$5/7am] Hike from American Flag trailhead in Oracle, south on Arizona Trail to High Jinks Ranch house. Ranch was previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a national Historic Site. Meet behind the Welcome Center. The drive to the trailhead is about 30 minutes. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, October 20, 2025, AZ Trail 14 [C/8 miles/1300'/\$3/8:00am] We will meet at the WC to carpool to the trailhead just north of Oracle. This is a beautiful trail with many rolling ups and downs but nothing real steep. We will have a snack/lunch break in a nice shady area & hike back the same route. Dana Laudенbach dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop [C/6mi/<400'/\$0/8am] From Desert Oasis enter the trail at Summerstar. Hike out to the Scenic Trail, heading down to appreciate the quiet wilderness in our own backyard, take a cookie break in The Grove and return up Honey Bee Canyon Access Trail. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com

Thursday, October 23, 2025, South Barrio History Hike [D/3 mi/100'/\$5/8:30 am] Meet at the Valdez Library plaza on Stone Avenue. Walk the downtown area and the barrio south of Cushing St. Hear about the art, architecture, and history of the area. Limit: 15. Jim Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com

Friday, October 24, 2025, 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 the Welcome Center at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, October 24, 2025, Oracle State Park Wildlife Trail [C/5 mi/800'/\$5/7:30am] Hike the Oracle State Park Wildlife Trail to the windmill and back. Meet at the Welcome Center before 7:30 am to share rides. The Patio Cafe will be open for those who wish to stop after the hike. Jorgy launiebob@gmail.com

Saturday, October 25, 2025, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/200'/\$0/7:30 am] Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. If too hot we can go a shorter distance; A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Debbie Hansen, djhansolo@comcast.net. Phone 425.931.3334

Monday, October 27, 2025, Scenic Bridle Trail/Dorothy's Wash/Sutherland Trail [D+/4 miles/475'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome center at 7:30 to arrange carpools, or at the main trailhead in CSP. We'll take a side bridle trail up to a scenic ridge, over to Dorothy's Wash. Have a light snack, and head up to the Sutherland trail junction point and loop back down Sutherland Trail. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Monday, October 27, 2025, OSP Wildlife Corridor/Nature Loop [C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center and carpool to Oracle State Park. Hike Kannally Wash to windmill, then return to ranch house via Wildlife Corridor and Nature Trails. Meg Gerken, meg_stuff3@icloud.com

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Wednesday, October 29, 2025, Romero Springs [B+/10mi/2200'/\$2/6:30am] Meet behind the SCOV Welcome Center ready for a prompt 6:30 AM departure to CSP. 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. If it is unseasonably hot we may stop at the overlook about 1 mile short of the springs. When signing up please LMK if you can drive or need a ride. Jo Eaton roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com

Thursday, October 30, Romero Canyon/Green Rock 2025, [D+/4-5miles/400'/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome center at 7:30 or at the main trailhead in CSP. We'll hike up Canyon Loop and take a side trail through the Wash over past Green Rock into Romero Canyon, (if there's no water) see some petroglyphs and an amazing close up of Green Rock! Then return out and head back on Canyon Loop. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Friday, October 31, 2025, Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center for carpool and directions. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. View crested saguaro. Snack along the way at a selected viewpoint. This is partly on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West [C+/8mi/200'/7:30am \$9] 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. The Aravaipa Canyon is located about an hour and twenty minute drive north of SCOV. Limited to 8 by permit. Permit cost to each individual is \$6 payable with cash. Sign up will begin October 1. Deb Wehrung debwehrung@gmail.com

