

October 2023 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

Monday, October 2, 2023 Tortolita Flats Trails [D/4mi/120'/\$0/7am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot and take a new trail at Summerstar connecting to bicycle and power line trails, returning via Chalk Creek wash. This trail is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Sausalito Creek WM [C/7+mi/300'/\$0/7am] Meet/Start at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on trails through flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. Snack near windmill or in Sausalito Canyon and return. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/7:30am] 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. A State Park pass is required or a \$7 entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots; if you use walking poles bring them as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at Carybayley@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Thursday, October 5, 2023 Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/\$4/6:30am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center at 7:00 am for carpool to Tortolita TH and hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Note: Name of trail is "Wildflower Ridge" but do not expect wildflowers in Oct! Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Thursday, October 5, 2023 Wilderness of Rocks [B/11mi/2600'/\$10/7am] This is a Mount Lemmon hike. Park at Marshall Gulch Trailhead. Hike to Marshall Saddle, then via the Wilderness of Rocks Trail to its end at the Mt. Lemmon Trail. Return by the same route. Numerous fascinating hoodoos on this hike. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Monday, October 9, 2023 Lost Coyote South Loop [D/4mi/300'/\$0/7am] 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.

NEW HIKE. Monday, October 9, 2023 Butterfly Trailhead to Palisade Rock

[C/6mi/1100'/\$9/7am] This hike is high in the Santa Catalina Mountains with elevations between 7700' and 8500'. From the western Butterfly Trailhead, hike east through Bear Wallow to Palisade Rock. Much of the elevation gain is in the second mile. We won't hurry. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Breakfast Walk [E/3 mi/>50'/\$0/8am] Meet in front of Walmart at the Market Place and walk the loop trail to Denny's for breakfast. Return on same loop trail. Bob & Leslie Esparza (520) 825-8271, rlsuncity@yahoo.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Alamo Canyon Loop

[D/4+miles/300'/\$2/7:30am] Hike on north side trail from Romero Ruins start point to canyon precipice and cross over to south side. Continue East to flat rock amphitheater area with seasonal stream. Have a short snack and return backside trail out to the Trailhead. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Friday, October 13, 2023 Big Wash East Side [C/6mi/0'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Catalina Vista parking lot, Cross the wash, hike north and look for our feathered and furry friends on the side of the wash. Distance varies at whim of guide. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart rdrill6660@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 14, 2023 Black Rock Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/300'/\$4/6:30am]

This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to caravan over to Tortolita TH and hike this Tucson Mountain Parks reserve through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Lollipop hike of Saguaro Vista to Black Rock Loop and back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, October 16, 2023 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop [C/6mi/700'/\$2/6:30am] Hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Trail, brunch on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Monday, October 16, 2023, Mt Bigelow Trail to Viewpoint and Palisades Rock

[C/4mi/650'/\$9/7:00am] Park at the trailhead across the Mt Lemmon Hwy from the Palisades Range Station. Hike the Bigelow Trail north 0.7 miles to the saddle, where there is a junction with the Butterfly and Kellogg trails. Continue west, passing below Mt Bigelow, to a viewpoint over the San Pedro Valley. This involves some walking on the Mt Bigelow Forest Service Road. Return to the cars the same way, except for a side trip to Palisades Rock. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com

Tuesday October 17, 2023 New Member Orientation Hike

[D/3mi/350'/\$2/7:30am] 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. A State Parks pass is required or a \$7 entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots; if you use walking poles bring them as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at Carybayley@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 50 Year Trail [D/4mi/367'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Equestrian Center, Catalina State Park (CSP). Hike the 50 Year Trail for about 2 miles and return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 19, 2023 Rock Wren, Yetman and Starr Pass Loop [C/5mi/400'/\$4/7am] Carpool to Starr Pass Trailhead to hike loop of trails through desert and mountain vistas following Rock Wren, Yetman and Starr Pass trails. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Friday, October 20, 2023 Alamo Springs Wild Burro Loop [B-/7mi/1500'/\$3/7am] Carpool from Welcome Center. Start hiking at 7:30A from Dove Mtn TH park lot. Hike W. Burro 0.5m to Alamo Springs Tr., continue to The Alamo Spring, snack, return via W. Burro Tr. to car. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 21, 2023 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/7am] Meet at the new Big Wash trailhead just South (left) of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. View construction of new subdivision and follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

TIME CHANGE. Monday, October 23, 2023 Sutherland Trail [D/4 miles/450'/\$2/7:30am 7:00 am] Hike from the main trailhead in CSP on Sutherland trail to a turn off to Sutherland Wash. Have a light snack break and return via Sutherland trail. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Monday, October 23, 2023, Oracle State Park Trails

[C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Drive to the main OSP entrance off the Mt. Lemmon Road and continue to the Oak Woodland parking area where the hike begins. Hike 1.4 miles to the Granite Overlook, gaining 265'. Next, hike the Windy Ridge Trail. Then return to the cars via the Nature, Bellota, and Milagrosa Trails. We will have a snack break, probably at the Kannally Ranch House. State Park Pass required. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 Breakfast Walk [E/3 mi/50'/\$0/8am] Meet in front of Walmart at the Market Place and walk the loop trail to Denny's for breakfast. Return on same loop trail. Bob & Leslie Esparza (520) 825-8271, rsuncity@yahoo.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4mi/334'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at Romero Ruins Parking Lot Catalina State Park (CSP) and hike the Alamo Canyon Loop. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, October 26, 2023 Honey Bee Canyon History [C/5 mi/200'/\$0/7:30am] Hike parts of the canyon. Visit homesteader ruins and hear about early settlers there. Sandy soil. Meet at parking lot. Limit: 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Friday, October 27, 2023 Romero Pools, Upper [B/7mi/1600'/\$2/7am] Hike Romero Canyon Trail to upper pools and return by the same route. Trail is demanding in places. Ron Brillhart, rdbill6660@gmail.com.

Monday, October 30, 2023 Tortolita Preserve, Eastern Loop [C/6mi/300'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Tortolita Preserve Trailhead at the end of the Moore Road segment west of Dove Mountain Blvd. Hike the Eastern Loop. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.