

November 2021 Hiking Schedule

(Updates & changes in RED)

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

Monday, November 1, 2021 Mines in Bonito Canyon [C+/4mi/700ft/\$5/8am] Rated "C+" for degree of difficulty due to very steep, loose-rocky sections both up and down. Hiking poles required. A hike to view the numerous mine shafts in the southern mountainside of Bonito Canyon located south of Oracle. A short hike of about three hours. Details will be provided upon sign-up or inquiry. Darrel Cornelius. darrelcornelius@q.com

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Alamo Canyon Loop [D+/4mi/400'/\$2/8:30am] Meet at Welcome Center. We will hike the Alamo Canyon Loop clockwise with a brief side trip to the pools known as bathtub tank. We will probably hike the last 0.4 miles of the hike in Sutherland Wash due to the dense post-monsoon brush. So maybe this is a C- hike.; Limit 12 hikers. State Park pass or fee required. Bob Eschrich. 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Hiking Club Fall Picnic, Catalina State Park, Gila Monster Group Area, 11:45am

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Bridle Trail [E/3mi/50'/\$2/9am] we will park at the picnic area and hike on the bridle trail returning to the picnic area. MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED. Bob & Leslie Esparza, 825-8271.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Fifty-Year Trail Side Trail Loop[D/4mi/400'/\$2/9am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 9:00am to caravan or at Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park; at 9:15am (need State Park pass). An easy hike along an old jeep road leaving from the Equestrian Center uphill 2 miles and return on a grassy side trail. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/\$2/9am] Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves). Hike the CDO Wash to Rancho de los Cerros meeting center then return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, November 3, 2021 Murals and more [C/5mi/300'/\$4/8am] Hike Tucson streets to see ten murals on the south side of town. Coffee/bakery break at the Mercado (seating is scarce) after roughly 90 minutes of hiking (plan "separation break" accordingly). Total time of tour about three hours. At each mural a brief description of its meaning and history will be read. You will also see some historic sites as we traverse a portion of the barrio. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com. Limit: 12, and please only hikers who haven't taken this hike before.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 Wild Burro Canyon Trail /Alamo Springs Loop [C+/8mi/1400'/\$3/8am] Meet/Start Hike at Dove Mt. trailhead, take Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Alamo Springs. Return via Alamo Springs trail to trailhead. Laurie Payne, PinkLaurie360@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 4, 2021 Tortolita Flats [C/6mi/300'/\$0/8am] Meet at Desert Oasis. Walk north on Sun City Blvd. Enter the Chalk Creek Wash at Sun City Blvd, Del Webb and Crown Ridge. Take bike trails to the Rail X Ranch - Honey Bee Canyon Loop. Hike the loop, crossing the Powerline, stopping at The Rocks, completing the loop, crossing the Powerline again, and return on the bike trail. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday November 4, 2021 Walter's Cascade [C/4mi/800'/\$2/8am] Meet at parking lot behind Welcome Center. At Catalina State Park, drive to first parking lot after crossing CDO wash. We will follow the trail up the SW side of Alamo Canyon for 1.0 miles then take a side trail on the right that goes to a stock tank. After hiking 0.8 miles (before you get to the stock tank) take a side trail on the left to a special place where we'll stop and enjoy a nice view of Oro Valley. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, November 5, 2021 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.

Saturday, November 6, 2021 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at the new Big Wash trailhead just South of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. Follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead and view construction of new subdivision (scheduled on Saturday to avoid construction traffic). Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

CANCELLED. Monday, November 8, 2021 Four Falls [B-/6mi/1300'/\$2/7am ~~9am~~] The "B" rating is for climbing up and over some boulders and walking on the ledge of a boulder. From the end of the Golder Ranch dirt road, we hike a horse trail to the Sutherland Trail; then up the

rocky road and past the Baby Jesus connection for 2/3 mile; then a short bushwhack down to Four Falls. We need one additional high-clearance vehicle for over five hikers. Darrel Cornelius; darrelcornelius@q.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Monday, Nov.8th, 2021 Oracle Ridge/High Jinks Ranch

[C/5mi/1000'/\$6/7am leave SCOV] From the Mt. Lemmon Rd. past Oracle, take Campo Bonito Rd #639 and park at the intersection of High Jinks Rd. Hike up Rd.#639 to Oracle Ridge Trail, then north to Cody Trail (this includes a very steep uphill 100 yards long). Hike east on Cody Trail; take path to High Jinks Ranch; walk down High Jinks Rd. to vehicles. Great views towards Picacho Peak and the Galiuro Mountains. Detailed driving directions provided upon sign-up. Darrel Cornelius darrelcornelius@q.com

Monday, November 8, 2021 Upper Javelina Trail [C/4.25mi/900'/\$3/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center. Drive to Dove Mountain's Wild Burro Trailhead. Regroup there, then caravan 0.5 miles to the large parking lot at the tennis courts on Boulder Bridge Pass Road. We will hike the Upper Javelina Trail to the junction with the Cochie Spring Trail, a good spot for a snack and rest. Return using the same route. We won't hurry, so we could be on the trail as much as three hours. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/\$4/7am]

This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center at 7:00 am for caravan to Tortolita TH and hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Hike Roller Coaster up to Wildflower Ridge, Spine, down Ocotillo Hill to Homestead, Lost Arrow, and Saguaro Vista trails back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Possible Tortolita Mountain Trails Clean Up (We use these trails frequently!) Club members will clear plant overgrowth along a designated trail. Details being coord. with Marana Parks & Rec. and will be updated on the Schedule. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 11, 2021 Baby Jesus/Deer Camp Loop [B/9mi/1100'/\$2/8am] Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to corrals. Hike Baby Jesus trail to cutoff to Deer Camp trail. Take cutoff to Deer Camp and return via Deer Camp trail and fifty year trail. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, Nov. 11th, 2021 Sam Hughes history hike

[C/5mi/100'/8:30am] This neighborhood is located east of the University. We will tour the area and discuss history and buildings. Meet at Himmel Park parking lot, 2nd St and N. Tucson Blvd. Includes lav/coffee break. Limit: 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Friday, November 12, 2021 Lost Coyote & Honeybee Canyon Loop [C/5mi/380'/\$0/7:30am]
Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot. Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to new subdivision, then new Oro Valley trail to Southern border of Honeybee Canyon park. Follow Honeybee Canyon trail to restrooms and picnic area, then South through dam and return on Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Friday, November 12, 2021 Catalina State Park Horse trails [E/2mi/10'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. We will hike a flat trail for a mile and return. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 Fifty Year Trail/Middlegate loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/8am] Park at the corral north of Golder Ranch Rd. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. Water crossing likely. This hike is partially on State Trust Land. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

START TIME CHANGED. Monday, November 15, 2021 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/7am 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 Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Cary Roper, carybayley@gmail.com. Gayle Franklin, cactigal50@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, November 15, 2021 Oracle State Park Trails [C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center.; 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'll have a snack break but be finished before lunch.; State Park Pass required. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich. 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, November 15, 2021 Mount Wrightson via Old Baldy Tr [A/12mi/4000'/\$10/7:30am] Meet behind welcome center then we'll caravan down. Park at MWPA parking lot and hike shortest route to top [9453']. Start, 5400'. Laurie Payne, PinkLaurie360@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Lime Falls Cactus Forest [C/6mi/300'/\$5/7:30am] Carpool to 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. See lime kiln and explanatory signage. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, November 17, 2021 Yetman Trail spur, [D/4mi/400'/\$5/8am]
Drive to trailhead on Camino de Oeste, hike Yetman trail 2 miles to historic Bowen house, lunch and return. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, November 17/2021 Cherry Tank
[B/11mi/1500'/\$3/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center. Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to Corrals Parking. Follow the jeep trail down to Sutherland Wash and start on the Middle gate Trail, to 50yr Trail, then NE on Cowboy Slick Rock Trail, to Cherry Tank Trail, Lunch at Pond. Then back to Around the Mountain Trail, to N end of 50YR trail, then back to Middle gate cut off Trail, back to starting point. Along route, Crested Saguaro, Metates and Wonderful views and rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land. Guide can carpool up to four vaccinated hikers. Others, your Choice of Transportation. Contact: Harry Niese 520-730-6293 han2500@yahoo.com

CANCELLED. Wednesday, November 17, 2021 Sam Hughes history hike
[C/5mi/100'/8:30am] This neighborhood is located east of the University. We will tour the area and discuss history and buildings. Meet at Himmel Park parking lot, 2nd St and N. Tucson Blvd. Includes lav/coffee break. Limit: 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 Blakett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/8am] Hike Phonline Trail to Blakett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, November 18, 2021 Full Moon Golf Course Hike
[D/3+mi/100'/6:30pm] Meet at 6:15 pm between the golf pro shop and the Views Restaurant. The November full moon is also known as the Beaver Moon so named because this is the usual time beavers went into their lodges for the winter. It also marks the beginning of the penumbral lunar eclipse when the moon enters the outer part of the earth's shadow, called penumbra. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Flashlights are recommended. We will initially walk nine holes, and, if there is any interest, we will complete the second 9 holes. All COVID procedures will apply. Judy Maisch, jam4930@yahoo.com

Friday, November 19, 2021 Tortolita Loop [C/6mi/300'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike bicycle trails in Tortolita flats and foothills, pass mysterious concrete triangular pillar on return. This hike is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday November 19/2021 Pusch Peak
[A+/5mi/2700'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center. Drive to Linda Vista Trailhead. First .6 mile is mostly level, then a steep difficult climb the rest of the way up. In many places you will be using your hands. Gloves and a hiking stick are recommended. Fantastic views of Oro Valley and Tucson. A short but strenuous hike. Maximum of 8 hikers. Seasonal Closure. Guide can carpool up to four vaccinated hikers. Others, your choice of transportation. Contact: Harry Niese 520-730-6293 han2500@yahoo.com

CANCELLED. Friday, November 19, 2021 Tortolita Preserve[E/2mi/50'/\$3/8am] Meet at the Tortolita Preserve trail head on the west end of Moore Road. Hike 1 mile in and back. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, November 19, 2021. E Hike and Raptor Presentation [E/2mi/50'/7:15am/\$2] Meet at the main trailhead parking lot in Catalina State Park. Hike 1 mile to the Bobcat Amphitheater. During a one hour presentation, learn about the behavior and biology of native raptors and how the ancient art of falconry has shaped modern raptor conservation efforts. Park ranger and licensed falconer, Erik, will answer all your questions about birds of prey! This program features live birds. Hike back to the cars. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, November 19, 2021 50 Year Trail Loop [D/4mi/400'/\$2/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. Hike along old jeep road leaving from Equestrian Center (Catalina St Park) uphill 2 miles and return on a neighboring trail. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

NEW HIKE ADDED. Sunday, November 21, 2021 Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp [C/8mi/800'/\$10/7am] We will leave from behind the Welcome Center. Trail skirts the East side of the Santa Ritas through historic mining country to a 1904 mining camp with a number of restored buildings. Start, 5300'. After hike we will stop for wine tasting at Callaghan Vineyards in Elgin under shaded patio, social distanced. Bring lunch. Make no afternoon plans. Limit 12 hikers. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

Monday, November 22, 2021 Kennedy Park to Enchanted Hills [C/6mi/400'/\$6/8am] Our hike starts on the west side of Kennedy Park, a Tucson City Park. To get there drive south on I-19 to Ajo Way, go west about 2.5 miles to S La Cholla, then north about 0.2 miles to the entrance to Kennedy Park. We will be hiking on seven different trails in the southeast corner of Tucson Mountain Park and its Enchanted Hills Trails Park.; We'll have a snack/lunch break late in the hike. Limit 12 hikers.; Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, November 22, 2021 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West [C+/8mi/200'/\$9] This hike has been reserved exclusively for the Guides and Officers & Staff of our hiking club in appreciation for the time and efforts they have contributed. Darrel Cornelius; darrelcornelius@q.com.

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Sam Hughes history hike [C/5mi/100'/\$5/8:30am] This neighborhood is located east of the University. We will tour the area and discuss history and buildings. Meet at Himmel Park parking lot, 2nd St and N. Tucson Blvd. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West

[C+/8mi/200'/\$9/7:30am] Hopefully Peak Autumn color. 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. All virus safety protocol will be followed. The Aravaipa Canyon is located about one hour's drive north of SCOV. Limited to 10 by permit. Permit cost to each individual is \$6 payable with cash after Nov 1st. (Signup now pay later when I return to Tucson) Max Haegele , 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, November 24, 2021. Tortolita Flats [D/4mi/200'/\$0/8am]

Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot. Hike mostly on dirt roads and trails at leaders' discretion. Will be an easy hike for Thanksgiving morning. This hike is on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, November 26, 2021 Tortolita Preserve, Eastern Loop [C/6mi/300'/\$2/8am] 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.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, November 26, 2021. E Hike and Raptor Presentation [E/2 mi/50'/7:15am/\$2] Meet at the main trailhead parking lot in Catalina State Park. Hike 1 mile to the Bobcat Amphitheater. During a one hour presentation, learn about the behavior and biology of native raptors and how the ancient art of falconry has shaped modern raptor conservation efforts. Park ranger and licensed falconer, Erik, will answer all your questions about birds of prey! This program features live birds. Hike back to the cars. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 27, 2021 Big Wash East Side [C/6mi/100'/\$0/8am] Meet at Catalina Vista parking lot, Cross the wash, hike north and look for feathered and furry friends and our local Stonehenge. This hike is on State Trust Land. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Monday, November 29, 2021 Tortolita Foothills Stroll [D/4mi/100'/\$0/7:30am] 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.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, November 30, 2021 Brown Mountain Loop [C/5mi/700'/\$6/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center to caravan to Juan Santa Cruz picnic area in the Tucson Mountains near Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. First hike trail adjacent to the mountain then up rocky trails to follow its ridgeline, stopping for snacks/water and great views. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 Aravaipa East camping trip (C+) Sign-up deadline was August 1st as previously emailed to all club members. Darrel Cornelius; darrelcornelius@q.com.