

**February 2020**  
( Updates and special dates are in **RED** )

**NOTE:** - When you sign-up for a hike, please include whether or not you can drive.  
If yes, indicate the total number of hikers you can fit comfortably including yourself.

**Saturday, February 01, 2020 Tortolita Foothills Stroll [D/4mi/100'/\$0/8am]** 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](mailto:rdb Brill6660@gmail.com).

**Saturday, February 01, 2020 Oracle Ridge [C/7mi/1300'/\$5/8am]** Park at American Flag Parking on Mt. Lemmon Control Road, hike to Oracle Ridge, lunch, and return. Doug Higgins [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Monday, February 03, 2020 Dove Mt. to Sun City [B/14mi/1600'/\$3/8am]** Drop off at Dove Mt. Trailhead and return to Sun City via Wild Burro/ Rail X road and Power line road. Meet at Desert Oasis. Max Haegele 818-9178 or [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Moved to 3/9 - FULL - Monday, February 03, 2020 Lime Falls Cactus Forest [C/6mi/300'/\$5/7am]** 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. Optional Rincon Visitor Center after hike. Limit 18 hikers. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Tuesday, February 04, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/7:30am]** A prerequisite hike for joining Vistoso Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Meg Gerken, 520-638-7204.

**Wednesday, February 05, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from a CSP trail head for about two miles on a designated trail either as a loop or return the same way. Trail may contain rocky sections and short but steep inclines/declines. Judy Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, February 05, 2020 Golder Ranch Trails [C/6mi/750'/\$2/8:30am]** Park 0.5 miles past the corral. (I'll shuttle hikers if necessary) Hike to Middle Gate then continue north and hike a bit of the Gem Trail. Next, on to Top Gate, then a bit of the Round the Mountain (aka Cherry Tank) Trail. A very short off trail route takes us to the Middle Gate Trail for our return. We will have a snack/lunch break. Bob Eschrich, [hikerbobe@aol.com](mailto:hikerbobe@aol.com), 825-1482.

**NEW TIME - Thursday, February 06, 2020 Seven Falls to Last Canyon Crossing and return [B/13mi/1650'/\$4/6am 7AM]** Hike past Seven 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.

**CANCELLED - Friday, February 07, 2020 Cactus Wren Trail [C/5mi/300'/\$6/7:30am]**  
Carpool to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads and take the easiest trail hike to Signal Hill Picnic area in Saguaro National Park West. Eat snack at pictographs and return via Manville Trail. Limit 18. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**NEW - Friday February 7.Fifty-Year Trail South End [D/4mi/400'/\$2/9am]** Meet behind the welcome center. Hike from Equestrian Center about 2 miles and return. Limit 16.  
Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Moved to 2/17 - FULL – Friday, February 07,2020 Cactus Wren Trail**  
[D/4mi/300'/\$6/7:30am] Carpool to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads 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. Limit 18. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**FULL - Saturday, February 08, 2020 Sausilito Creek [C/6mi/300'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Desert Oasis, hike the Tortolita fan north of SCOV generally along Sausilito Creek. Easy, flat hike to start your weekend. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**FULL - Sunday, February 09, 2020 Lower Javalina Loop/Sunset Flute Serenade**  
[C/4mi/600'/\$3/2pm] From Dove Mt. Trailhead, hike up Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Lower Javalina Trail. This is a short, but challenging C hike. We will take our time circling Wild Burro Canyon on both sides and return, finishing half an hour before sunset. We will stay for the sunset flute serenade at the Ritz and enjoy a beverage before returning. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**MOVED TO MARCH - Monday, February 10, 2020 Old Baldy Saddle**  
[B+/14mi./3400'/\$10/7am] Meet at welcome center, carpool and Park at Round Up parking lot. Old Baldy Trail up and SuperTrail down, start at 5400'. Laurie Payne, [PinkLaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:PinkLaurie360@gmail.com).

**NEW - Monday, February 10, 2020 Wild Mustang Trail / Alamo Springs Loop**  
[B/10mi/2200'/\$3/8am] Meet at welcome center, then from 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. Laurie Payne, [PinkLaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:PinkLaurie360@gmail.com)

**FULL –NEW - Monday, February 10, 2020 Granddaddy Saguaro + Petroglyphs + Every-Which-Way Saguaro [C+/6mi/600'/\$2/8:30am]** The “+” rating is for a few rough rocky downhill sections. From the end of Golder Ranch dirt road, hike horse trail to the Sutherland and up the rocky road to another horse trail heading north to the Granddaddy Saguaro. Continue on horse trails northerly across the valley then westerly to petroglyphs (different set from the regular petroglyphs’ hike). Continue westerly on horse trails past the Every-Which-Way Saguaro and to the vehicles. Limit eight hikers. Need one additional higher-clearance vehicle (e.g., SUV, Outback, pick-up truck). Darrel Cornelius; [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com) or 608-320-9175

**Moved to 2/29 - FULL - Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Santa Cruz River from Tubac to Tumacacori [C/8mi/300'/\$10/7:30am]** Travel to the Tubac Presidio State Park, hike to Tumacacori where we will lunch at Wisdom's and return to Tubac. See the riparian area along the river with much wildlife. Limit 12. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Walk-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from the main trailhead parking lot for an hour in some direction and return the same way. Meet at Golf Course parking lot at 7:45 Dean Chapman 315-247-7510 or [dchapma6@msn.com](mailto:dchapma6@msn.com).

**FULL - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Little Wildhorse Tank Loop[C/7mi/1300'/\$5/7am]** Carpool to park at Douglas Spring Trailhead near east end of Speedway, entering Saguaro National Park East to hike this rocky trail, recommended by a Park Ranger, with sweeping views and many water features. Hike up Douglas Spring then down Three Tank Trail to Carillo Trail, Little Wildhorse Tank for lunch then back on Wildhorse and Garwood Trails. Limit 18 hikers. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**NEW –Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Hidden Canyon Bowen Loop Trail [C/5mi/550'/\$5/8:30am]**

Begin and end at the eastern Yetman Trailhead in the Tucson Mountains. Hike the Yetman Trail, the Bowen Trail, and the Hidden Valley Trail passing by the Starr Pass Marriott. We will also visit the Bowen's stone house. And we will have a snack/lunch break along the way. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, [hikerbobe@aol.com](mailto:hikerbobe@aol.com)

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 Wild Burro/ Wild Mustang/ Cochie Loop**

**[B+/11mi/2200'/\$3/8am]** Park at Dove Mt. trailhead and take Wild Burro trail to Wild Mustang to Cochie/Wild Mustang crossover then return via Cochie to trailhead. Max Haegele 818-9178 or [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**FULL - Thursday, February 13th , 2020 Catalina Vista History Hike [ D/ 4 mi/ 100'/\$5/8:00 am]** Walk the Catalina Vista and Jefferson Park neighborhoods near Banner UMC and hear about their history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Includes a coffee stop. Limit: 15 people. Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com) .

**FULL –NEW – Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Circumnavigation of Sun City**

**[C/7.5mi/300' /\$0/8:00am]** Meet at the Welcome Center. Car pool to the Big Wash trailhead. Hike E of Sun City up the Big Wash then over the bluffs to N of Sun City, to the power line, down Lost Coyote trail and back to the trailhead; using bike trails, jeep roads and washes. May be the last chance to do this before homes are built NE of the trailhead. This hike is on State Trust Land. Maximum 15 hikers. Clive Probert, [clive.probert@gmail.com](mailto:clive.probert@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 14, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am]**

A prerequisite hike for joining Vistoso Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Reservation required. Doug Higgins 630-369-2896.

**Friday, February 14, 2020 Seven Falls [B/9mi/1100'/\$4/7am]** Hike to lower Bear Canyon, take Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. There are seven wash crossings which may involve water. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).

**FULL - Friday, February 14, 2020 Alamo Canyon [D/4mi/300'/\$2/7:30am]** Park at the Romero Ruin lot and cross the wash. Turn right at the sign post, and loop back toward the left. Turn right and climb the stairs to Arlen's trail. Follow the trail to the flat rocks and return by loop. Mike Duellman, 904-9627 or [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**FULL - Saturday, February 15, 2020 Zelda's Rock [C/6mi/800'/\$2/8am]** Start at the main CSP trailhead, hike Canyon Loop around to Sutherland Trail to the rock for lunch and return. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**NEW TIME - Monday, February 17, 2020 Geronimo Meadow via Esperero Trail [B/10mi/2300'/\$4/8am 7am]** Hike .7 miles up paved road to trailhead, and begin to climb [steeply in places], past Cardiac Gap to Geronimo Meadow and return. Ron Brillhart, [rdb Brill6660@gmail.com](mailto:rdb Brill6660@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Guides First Aid Course at Golder Ranch Fire Dept, time TBA. Approximately 4 hours.**

**New Day - FULL - ~~Friday, February 07, 2020~~ Mon, Feb 17- Cactus Wren Trail [D/4mi/300'/\$6/7:30am]** Carpool to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads 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. Limit 18. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**FULL - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Belle Trail [C/4mi/500'/\$2/8:30am]** This Catalina State Park hike starts on the Sutherland Trail but is mostly on informal trails. After 0.3 miles on the Sutherland Trail we hike north on a trail that begins with a short, steep section, maybe 100' distance, onto a rather flat area just west of Sutherland Wash. Next, a rather flat and easy 0.5 mile bushwhack. After that, it's all trail, including the Belle Trail, a short, rocky trail connecting to the 50 Year Trail. We should be home for lunch. Bob Eschrich, [hikerbobe@aol.com](mailto:hikerbobe@aol.com), 825-1482.

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from a CSP trail head for about two miles on a designated trail either as a loop or return the same way. Trail may contain rocky sections and short but steep inclines/declines. Judy Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com).

**NEW TIME - Thursday, February 20, 2020 Wild Burro Trail [E/3mi/50'/\$3/8am 9:00]** We will hike out about one and a half miles from the Dove Mountain Wild Burro Trailhead and return the same way. Call Bob and Leslie Esparza 825-8271.

**FULL - Thursday, February 20, 2020 Pima Canyon to Upper Dam [B/8mi/1750'/\$2/8am]** Meet at welcome center, and carpool to the Pima Canyon trailhead, hike a rocky trail through open areas and a grove of large trees past the lower dam to the second dam and return. Laurie Payne, [PinkLaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:PinkLaurie360@gmail.com).

**FULL - Friday, February 21, 2020 Josephine Saddle via Super Trail**

[B/8mi/1700'/\$10/7am] Park at MWPA parking area. This hike will be slow, B hike for C hikers. Take the Super Trail to Josephine Saddle for snack. Return the same way. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**NEW - Friday, February 21, 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. Harry Niese [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**MOVED TO 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, February 22, 2020, Canyon loop to Sutherland Trail to bluff base and return [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am]** Depart from CSP main trail head, follow canyon loop to intersect with the Sutherland Trail, loop around to the bluff base to rejoin the Sutherland and return. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**FULL - Monday, February 24, 2020 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. Laurie Payne [PinkLaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:PinkLaurie360@gmail.com).

**FULL - Monday, February 24, 2020 Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp [C/6mi/400'/\$6/7am]** Carpool to park at trailhead on Camino Loma Alta off Old Spanish Trail to hike in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Loop hike with sweeping views. Limit 18. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**FULL - NEW - Monday, February 24th , 2020 Catalina Vista History Hike [ D/ 4 mi/ 100'/\$5/8:00 am]** Repeat of 2/13 hike-Walk the Catalina Vista and Jefferson Park neighborhoods near Banner UMC and hear about their history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Includes a coffee stop. Limit: 15 people. Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com) .

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 SCOV Hiking Club Spring Picnic in the Flycatcher Group Area in Catalina State Park. Festivities start at 11:30.**

**NEW DAY – Tuesday February 25, Saturday, February 22, 2020 Canyon loop to Sutherland Trail to bluff base and return [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am]** Depart from CSP main trail head, follow canyon loop to intersect with the Sutherland Trail, loop around to the bluff base to rejoin the Sutherland and return. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Linda Vista Outer Loop**[C/4mi/600'/\$2/8:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center to drive to trailhead parking on Linda Vista then after hiking we will carpool to the picnic. A loop hike on rocky hiking trails at foot of Pusch Ridge. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Alamo Canyon** [C +/-5mi/600'/\$2/8am] Park at the Romero Ruin lot and cross the wash. Turn right at the sign post, and loop back toward the left. Turn right and climb the stairs to Arlen's trail. Follow the trail beyond the falls to the end. Last Mile is not a bushwhack but not a strongly defined trail. Return by the same route. Max Haegele 818-9178 or [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Catalina State Park Ramble** [E/3 mi/50''/\$2/9am] We will meet in the golf course parking lot behind the administrative center. The specific trail will depend on the wild flower situation. Call Bob and Leslie Esparza 825-8271.

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Walk-in-the-Park** [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am] Hike from the main trailhead parking lot for an hour in some direction and return the same way. Meet at Golf Course parking lot at 07:45 Dean Chapman 315-247-7510 or [dchapma6@msn.com](mailto:dchapma6@msn.com).

**Thursday, February 27, 2020 Yetman Trail** [C/7mi/700'/\$5/8am] Drive to Gates Pass trailhead, hike back to historic Bowen House for lunch and on to Camino de Oeste trailhead. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**FULL -NEW - Thursday, February 27, 2020 Bear Canyon via Sycamore Canyon** [B/11mi/1000'up /3000'down/ \$6/6:30am] From G.H. trailhead (old prison camp) take Sycamore Canyon Trail to top of Bear Canyon; then down Bear Canyon, past Seven Falls and to shuttle stop. Take shuttle @ \$4 to Sabino Visitors Center. The upper Bear Canyon has magnificent views. When signing-up, indicate if your spouse or other can assist with the shuttle of hike vehicles from G.H. trailhead to the Sabino Canyon parking lot. Darrel Cornelius [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com) or 608-320-9175

**Friday, February 28, 2020 Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park** [D+/4mi/700'/\$5/7:30am] Carpool to Kannally Ranch House parking lot, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Take Belotta Trail back to cars. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 Pima Canyon Dam**[C/7mi/1100'/\$2/7am] Park at PimaCanyon trailhead, hike a rocky trail through open areas and a grove of large trees, to a point near some Indian grinding holes beyond the dam. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).

**NEW DAY – Saturday, February 29, ~~Tuesday, February 11,~~ 2020 Santa Cruz River from Tubac to Tumacacori** [C/8mi/300'/\$10/7:30am] Travel to the Tubac Presidio State Park, hike to Tumacacori where we will lunch at Wisdom's and return to Tubac. See the riparian area along the river with much wildlife. Limit 12. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).