

January 2025 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

The latest time to register for a hike is 4:00 pm the day before the hike.

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.

Friday, January 3, 2025, Tortolita Peak [C+/5mi/1100'/\$3/7:30 am] Meet up behind Welcome Center to carpool via Rail X Ranch Rd to Crow Windmill. We will hike a jeep road to the base, then bushwhack up the Northwest ridge following a trail of sorts to the summit for fantastic views of the valley. To get a good look at nearby Tortolita Peak just drive on Rancho Vistoso Dr from Moore Rd to Splendido. The peak you see to your left is Tortolita Peak. Tom Meyer.
tmeyer80@msn.com

Friday, January 3, 2025, Golf Course Bird Walk [D/3 miles/100'/7:00 am] Meet at the grassy area behind The Views. I'm looking for early risers who'd like to explore the birds on the golf course with me! I'm happy to have both experienced birders and new birders who'd like to know more about our resident birds. We'll be watching for birds and listening for their calls. If you're new to listening for birds I highly recommend you download a free app from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It's called Merlin. We'll talk about how to use it as we explore. We'll start off toward the ponds on hole 10 and keep going from there. We'll let the birds set our pace so our distance may vary. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com

Saturday, January 4, 2025, Geronimo Meadow via Esperero Trail [B/10mi/2300'/\$4/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center and carpool to Sabino Canyon. Walk .7 miles up paved road to trailhead, and begin to climb (steeply in places), past Cardiac Gap to Geronimo Meadow and return. Jake O'Neill jakemponeill@gmail.com

Monday, January 6, 2025, Gabe Zimmerman to AZT South [C/7mi/500'/\$9/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Gabe Zimmerman trailhead (16000 E Marsh Station Rd., Vail). Hike Passage 8 of the Arizona Trail South, taking a tunnel painted like a rattlesnake head below I-10, then about 3.5 miles to a snack spot, and return. Byron Wolffing,
wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, January 6, 2025, Sentinel Peak/ "A" Mountain [D+/4mi/ 500'/\$5/8:00am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:00 AM to caravan to trailhead. Park at the lower parking lot and hike to the top with great views of Tucson and the big "A" on the hill. Phil Arms
parms1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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

HIKE IS FULL Wednesday January 8, 2025, Hole in the Rock/Dorothy's Wash [D+/5miles/400'/\$2/8:00] Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Take a bridle trail off Canyon loop up to a scenic ridge and cutover to view the "hole in the rock". Then head back over to Dorothy's wash. Take a short break and snack. Hike back out to Sutherland Trail to loop back. Hopefully we can cross the wash. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL Wednesday, Thursday January 8-9, 2025, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument [] This is an overnight trip with hikes in the remote Organ Pipe National Monument. The group will be staying at the Sonoran Desert Inn and Conference Center in Ajo, AZ. We'll leave on the morning of Jan 8 and drive directly to the Monument for the first of two short hikes that combined amount to a C hike before we check into the Inn. There should be time to explore the old mining town of Ajo before a group dinner at the Inn. On Jan. 9 we will leave the Inn and drive to Bull's Pasture trailhead. Some say this is one of the top hikes in Arizona and there is an opportunity for A, B, and C hikers from the same trailhead, depending on the Hiking Guides and hikers who decide to participate. Signups must be well in advance of the hike in order to secure good rates at the Inn and a room for a group dinner. Contact Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

Thursday, January 9, 2025, Tortolita Preserve [D/4mi/200'/\$2/9am] Meet from behind the Welcome Center to carpool. This is a lovely trail through the beautiful Sonoran desert in Tortolita Preserve. It starts from the Tortolita Preserve Trailhead where parking and bathrooms are available. Hike 2 miles of the established trail, and return. Kevin Kopp,
kkopp.eyes@comcast.net

Thursday, January 9, 2025, Wild Mustang Trail to Alamo Springs/Wild Burro Canyon Trail [B/9mi/1500'/\$3/8am] 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 Wild Burro Canyon Trail. Laurie Payne, pinklaurie360@gmail.com

NEW HIKE. Friday, January 10, 2025, Full Moon Golf Course Hike

[D/3+mi/100'/\$0/5:30pm] Meet at 5:30 pm by the putting green behind the pro shop.. We will walk one of the nine-hole courses under the full moon. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Flashlights/headlamps are recommended. Limit to 15 hikers. Phil Arms, parms1950@gmail.com

Friday, January 10, 2025, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. Cary and I 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 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

Friday, January 10, 2025, Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary Trails [D/4mi/150'/\$3/8:30am] We will hike a clockwise loop on various trails in this area, which is in Arthur Pack Regional Park near Mountain View High School and Crooked Tree Golf Course. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Saturday, January 11, 2025, Blackett's, Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center and carpool to Sabino Canyon. Hike Phonline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail, which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Jake O'Neill, jakemponeill@gmail.com

Monday, January 13, 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. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, January 13, 2025, Tortolita Flats to Titan Missile Triangulation Marker [C/5mi/200'/\$0/8am] This is a new hike for the Club. Meet at Desert Oasis and take Summerstar trail into Tortolita Flats, then bicycle trails connecting to a trail to the marker on the bluffs East of Sun City. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, January 13, 2025, Cascades Hike near Charouleau Gap (C/8mi/1100'/\$3/8am) Park at Horse Corral at the end of Golder Ranch Road in Catalina. Hike 50 year trail and assorted

bike and horse trails to unique cascade area. If there's good water (rare) it can be spectacular. Need a State Land Permit to park. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Honeybee Canyon Bird Walk [C/5+ miles/200'/9:00am] Meet at the Copper Center parking lot. We'll walk down Rancho Vistoso to the back "road" into Honeybee Canyon. We'll let the birds set our pace as we make our way through the canyon, taking a short break at the picnic tables before we head up the wash toward the petroglyphs where there are some interesting birds. We'll return to Copper Center walking up Ranch Vistoso. I'm happy to have both experienced birders and new birders who'd like to know more about our local birds. We'll be both watching for birds and listening for their calls. If you're new to listening for birds I highly recommend you download a free app from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It's called Merlin. We'll talk about how to use it as we explore. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Rail-X Pottery, Petroglyphs, and Zodiac Ridge [D/4mi/150'/\$3/8am] Meet at the WC and carpool to the location on Rail-X (Edwin Rd). Hike on bike trails, old roads and some bushwhacking to see pottery sherds, petroglyphs, and remains of a stone circle. This hike is on State Trust Land, permit required. Limit 12. Millie Sparling, milliesparling79@gmail.com

Tuesday January 14, 2025, Golf Course Full Moon Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:45am] Meet by putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for early risers who'd like to walk the front nine of the golf course with me. It's WOLF moon time. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Hugh Norris, Sendero Esperanza, Dobe Loop [C/7 mi/1200'/\$6/8:00am] This hike is Saguaro National Park West in the Tucson Mountains. We will drive to the Hugh Norris Trailhead on Hohokam Road, which is off Kinney Road. During the 2.6 mile climb up Hugh Norris, we will stop for breaks to take in the great views. At the junction with Sendero Esperanza, we will descend for about 1 mile to meet Dobe Wash Trail. This will take us to the Bajada Wash Trail and back to our cars. The wash trails are not deep, and move through beautiful desert floor and rock outcroppings. Bring plenty of water and a snack. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Reid Park Zoo [E/2 mi/10'/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:30 am. \$9.25 zoo entrance for Seniors over age 62. As a zoo member I will share some tidbits I've learned about the animals and exhibits. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday January 15, 2025, Walk In The Park 50 Year Trail/CDO Ridge Trail [D/4mi/400'/\$2/8:00 AM] Meet at the Welcome Center parking lot a little before 8 to arrange rides; proceed to CSP Equestrian Center and hike the CDO Ridge Trail to the 50YR trail descending back to the parking lot. alschmidt45@gmail.com

Thursday, January 16, 2025, Oracle Ridge Trails [D/3mi/250'/\$5/8:30am] This is a D hike, but note that the elevation gain is 250' when you consider joining this hike. Gather at the Welcome Center to carpool to the main entrance to Oracle State Park (\$7 or pass required) on Mount Lemmon Rd. About 0.7 miles from the entrance, park in the large Oak Woodland Area parking lot, where the hike begins. We will hike on five different trails, including the entire Windy Ridge. Kevin Kopp, kkopp.eyes@comcast.net

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, January 16, 2025, Downtown Tram/ History Hike [D/4 mi/400'/\$6/8:30am] Meet at a Univ. of Arizona parking lot. Take public tram/trolley car from the university to its end at Decibel Coffee Works. Have refreshments there, then walk back to the university. Hear about the history of the tall buildings in the downtown area. Maximum: 15. Jim Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com

Thursday, January 16, 2025, Soldier Trail [B/6mi/2300'/\$6/ 8 am] Park at GHRA. Hike to the lower end of the trail for snacks and return by the same route. Limit 10 Dennis Potter, potterdennis49@gmail.com or 253-722-4296

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, January 17, 2025, Vistoso Trails Natural Preserve [D/3 mi./200'/\$1/9:00] Three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Natural Preserve. A Concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. For those interested, we'll stop at the SCOV Bistro for coffee after the hike. Jorgy launiebob@gmail.com 406-671-2152

Friday, January 17, 2025, Owl Head Buttes [C+/6mi/800'/\$5/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center. Owl Head Buttes are at the north end of the Tortolita Mountains. We park 4.8 miles on E Park Link Dr off Hwy 79, on a dirt road next to a windmill and corral on State Trust land. Hike 2.5 miles south on jeep road to foot of the buttes. Then half mile bushwack up a steep rocky slope to a shoulder between the buttes with a natural arch and a view of Picacho Peak. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, January 20, 2025, Big Wash North [C/6mi/200'/\$0/8am] Meet at Catalina Vista and walk into the Big Wash. Follow bicycle trails to church in Catalina, then to 'Stonehenge' maze and return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, January 20, 2025, Ridgeline/Wild Burro Key Exchange [B/11mi/up-1500' down - 500'/\$3/8am] This hike is a key exchange between groups hiking from Rail-X Road and Dove Mountain Trailhead, using the Wild Burro Trail and Ridgeline Trail. The key exchange will occur midway in the hike. Tom Meyer Eastbound/Max Haegele Westbound. Part of this hike is on State Trust land. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday January 21, 2025, Walk in The Park Green Rock Overlook.

[D/4mi./377'/\$2/8:00 AM] Meet at the Welcome Center Parking Lot a little before 8:00 to arrange rides; proceed to CSP Main Trailhead Parking Lot and hike the Sutherland Trail to the Sutherland Bench and veer East toward Green Rock (a total of about 2 miles); return by the same trails. alschmidt45@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, Reid Park Zoo [E/2 mi/10'/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:30 am. \$9.25 zoo entrance for Seniors over age 62. As a zoo member I will share some tidbits I've learned about the animals and exhibits. See the baby elephant, feed the giraffe, and more! Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, Brown Mountain [C/5mi/ 700'/\$6/8:00am/9:00 am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:00 AM to caravan to trailhead or meet there at 9:00 am. Park at Juan Santa Cruz picnic area in the Tucson Mountains near Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, loop hike adjacent to the mountain then up rocky trails to follow its ridge-line with stops for snacks/water and great views. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, Birding Trail up to Alamo Canyon [C-/5miles/450'/\$2/8:00 am]. Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Hike on Canyon Loop to Birding trail. Take a trail north toward Alamo Canyon flat rocks. Take a short snack break on the rocks, and return on the same trail. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Thursday, January 23, 2025, Samaniego Roost [B/8mi/1400'/\$2/8am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. Park at Horse Corral off Golder Ranch. Hike to Deer Camp then follow a trail to Samaniego Roost. Return via Deer Camp Connector and Middle Gate. Steep rock descent. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com

Thursday, January 23, 2025, Black Rock Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/\$4/8:30am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind the Welcome Center to carpool. Hike this

Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Saguardo Vista to Black Rock Loop and back to cars. Kevin Kopp, kkopp.eyes@comcast.net

Friday, January 24, 2025, Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/8am] Meet at Welcome Center and hike 6 miles in a loop via Big Wash / Desert Oasis back to the Welcome Center.

Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com

Monday, January 27, 2025, Lost Coyote and Honey Bee Canyon Loop [C/5mi/\$0/8am] Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot (across from Copper Center). Take Lost Coyote (powerline) trail South to newer subdivision, then an Oro Valley trail to Southern border of Honey Bee Canyon Park. Follow Honey Bee Canyon trail to restrooms and picnic area, and return on Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, January 27, 2025, B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Esperanza Trail [B/8mi/1800'/\$6/7:30am] Carpool to Saguardo National Park West in the Tucson Mountains and park at trailhead on Golden Gate Road, hike up Esperanza Trail to Hugh Norris Trail, to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8:00 am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining or rejoining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. After a bit of information is shared about our club, we will then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. Bring \$2 if you would like to carpool, or if you drive yourself, a State Parks pass is required or pay a \$7 entry fee at the gate. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50-Year Trail and return. 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 Meg Gerken at (520) 638-7204 or meg_stuff3@icloud.com or Cecil Maxfield at ctreez4me@yahoo.com

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Oro Valley CC Estates History Hike [D/ 4 miles/250'/\$3/ 8:00 am. Meet at a small park at Greenock Dr and Oracle Rd. Take a walk in one of OV's oldest and most beautiful neighborhoods. Hear about the area's history. Maximum: 15. James Williams. jaswilliams128@msn.com

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Romero Pools, Catalina State Park [C++/6mi/1400'/\$2/8:00am] Meet behind Welcome Center. We'll take Canyon Loop Trail to Romero Canyon Trail to the upper pools and return by the same route. [Romero Pools](#) is one of Tucson's premier hikes. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Around Picket Post [B/9mi/1000'/\$16/7:30am] A hike in a very interesting geological area near Superior, AZ. We will start on the Arizona Trail from the Picket Post TH to trails through Arnett and Telegraph Canyons, and back to the parking lot. Bring extra socks (for insurance) as we will hike for a time along a permanent creek. Bring plenty of fluids, nourishment, and gear for any weather. Inclement weather cancels. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net

HIKE IS FULL Wednesday January 29, 2025, Romero Canyon Exploratory [D/4 mi/350'/\$2/8:00am]. Meet at the main trailhead in CSP at 8:00am. Hike up Canyon loop trail to a side trail before the stairs, and head across the Wash toward Romero Canyon. If there's too much water in the Wash, we'll adapt this hike. Hopefully we'll be able to have a stunning view of Green Rock, up close, and then walk partially through Romero Canyon. And return over the Canyon loop. (Limit 8-10). Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Thursday, January 30, 2025, Josephine Saddle [B/8mi/1700'/\$10/7 am] Meet at Welcome Center to carpool to Mt. Wrightson Parking Area. Hike Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle for snacks and return via Super Trail. Limit 10 Dennis Potter potterdennis49@gmail.com or 253-722-4296

Friday, January 31, 2025, Sanctuary Cove/Packrat Trail [C-/3mi/475'/\$4/8:00am] From Welcome Center, we drive a half hour to the base of Safford Peak in Marana, where we explore the trails around Sanctuary Cove and the edge of Saguaro National Park West. Sanctuary Cove bills itself as a small nonprofit that maintains these r as a place of peace. Hike is rated C- for occasional steep, rocky sections; using two poles is recommended. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com