

November 2023 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED NEW HIKES in GREEN

Note: All hikes meet up in the parking lot behind the SCOV Welcome Center unless otherwise noted by your Hiking Guide.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Dripping Springs [C-/4+mi/500'/\$2/7:30am] Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall (if water) via Sutherland Trail, with a short jaunt to Green Rock overlook. Return same route. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 OSP "In and Out" with Overlook [C/6mi/1000'/\$5/7am] Drive about 35 minutes to Oracle State Park auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue in Oracle. Hike Mariposa Trail to steep Granite Overlook Trail (with highest point in OSP at 4622') to Bellota Trail (with geologic sites) to Kannally Ranch House for a snack, then return to cars. State Parks pass required. Limit 10 hikers. Meg Gerken, 638-7204, meg_stuff3@icloud.com.

Thursday, November 2, 2023 High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/\$5/7am] Hike from American Flag trailhead in Oracle, south on Arizona Trail to High Jinks Ranch house. Be aware of the elevation even though it is only 4 miles. Previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a national Historic Site. Meet behind Welcome Center. We will leave at 7:00 am. Drive to trailhead is about 35 minutes. Sigrid Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Friday, November 3, 2023 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300/\$0/7am] Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

Friday, November 3, 2023 Breakfast Walk [E/3mi/>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.

Friday, November 3, 2023 Tortolita Flats [B/10mi/300'/\$0/7am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot. Hike mostly on dirt roads and trails through the flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, November 6, 2023 Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary Trails [D/4mi/150'/\$3/7:30am] We will hike a clockwise loop on various trails in this area, which is in Arthur Pack Regional Park. For a map, at the Club website, go to Guide's Info, then Maps and

Tracks, then Pima County Lands Info, then Arthur Pack Regional Park. Limit 15 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, November 6, 2023 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/7:30am] Hike Phoneline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Fall Picnic, Catalina State Park, Flycatcher Group Area, 11:30am.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Fall Picnic Hike: 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 9:15 am (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 7, 2023 Fall Picnic Hike: Birding Loop [D/2mi/150'/\$2/9:30am] We will all meet at the Welcome Center because, depending on conditions, we may start at the Romero Ruins parking area or at the Flycatcher area. In either case we will cross Sutherland Wash, hike a very short distance up Montrose Wash, hike the Birding Loop in a clockwise direction, and return to the cars using the same route. Limit 15 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482. For use day of hike only, cell phone: 520-235-4987. HikerBobE@aol.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Fall Picnic Hike: Hole in the Rock, Belle Trail Loop [C/5mi/500'/\$2/8:30am] Meet at the Flycatcher picnic area. Hike horse trails to the Hole in the Rock. Take another trail up the steep rocky Belle Trail to the 50 YR trail down to the Bridle Trail back to the picnic area. Limit 15 hikers. Millie Sparling, milliesparling79@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Fall Picnic Hike: Bridle Trail [E/3mi/50'/\$2/9am] Meet behind the Welcome Center at 9am. We will start the hike from the picnic area at Catalina State Park, going to the equestrian center, back past the picnic area to the main trailhead, and then return to the picnic area for a total of 3 miles. Very little elevation gain. Bob and Leslie Esparza, rsuncity@yahoo.com.

Wednesday November 8, 2023 Honey Bee Petroglyph Hike [D/4mi/223'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot at 7:30 AM and walk to Honey Bee Park, take the north trail along the Sausalito Wash to the Petroglyphs and then on to the second dam. Return same route. 4 miles with little elevation change but a sandy hike in the wash. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Scenic Bridal Trail [C/5mi/475'/\$2/7:30am] Scenic Bridal trail to Dorothy's Wash Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. We'll take a side bridal trail up to a scenic ridge, over to Dorothy's Wash. Have a light snack, and head up to the Sutherland trail junction

point. Return same route or make a complete loop back down Sutherland. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 9, 2023 Signal Hill Scenic [C/6mi/600'/\$6/7am] Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool to park at Sus Picnic Area, Saguaro West National Park, Tucson Mountains. Follow Bajada Trail in a wash and over one large boulder to Overlook Trail back to Wild Dog Trail to gravel road to Signal Hill, have a snack, look at petroglyphs and return via Wild Dog and Bajada Trails. Drivers need federal park pass. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

CANCELLED. SEE BELOW. Friday, November 10, 2023 Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/700'/\$5/7:45am] Meet behind the Welcome Center to carpool, drive to the main parking lot of OSP, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Return by the same route avoiding the steep uphill trail. LIMIT 16. All hikers must carry a mask as a Covid precaution. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Friday, November 10, 2023 Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/700'/\$5/7:45am] Meet behind the Welcome Center to carpool, drive to the main parking lot of OSP, hike the wildlife corridor trail for 2 miles. Return by the same route. LIMIT 16. All hikers must carry a mask as a Covid precaution. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Friday, November 10, 2023 Big Wash with Ridge View [C/6mi/200'/\$0/8am] Leave from Catalina Vista and connect to Big Wash trail. Head north for 2.5 mi, turn left at junction onto a ridge trail and head south to SCOV property boundary. Will turn around and return by same route. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp [C/8mi/800'/\$10/7am] Trail skirts the East side of the Santa Rita Mountains through historic mining country to a 1904 mining camp with a number of restored buildings. Start, 5300'. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Monday, November 13, 2023 New Member Orientation [D/3mi/350'/\$2/7:30am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center/Library in the parking lot. We will introduce ourselves and 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 Cary Roper at carybayley@gmail.com. or Gayle Franklin at cactigal50@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, November 13, 2023, Kannally Ranch House to Windmill

[C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Drive to the main Oracle State Park entrance off the Mt. Lemmon Road and continue to the Kannally Ranch House parking. Hike the Nature Loop, Wildlife Corridor, and Arizona Trails to the windmill. Return mostly via the Cottonwood Wash Trail. Most of the elevation gain is on the way out. Limit 15 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Cochie Trail [B/9mi/1500'/\$3/7am], Carpool from Welcome Center at 7:00AM start hiking by 7:30AM from Dove Mtn. park lot/Wild Burro TH, take hotel spur to Upper Javalina trail to Wild Mustang trail to Cochie trail. Follow Cochie trail to windmill and return by same route. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Lost Coyote and Honey Bee Canyon Loop

[C/5mi/380'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot (across from Copper Center). Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to newer subdivision, then Oro Valley trail to Southern border of Honey Bee Canyon park. Follow Honey Bee Canyon trail to restrooms and picnic area, then South through dam and return on Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 It's Coffee Time Hike [D/4mi/50'/\$0/8am] The hike will meet in Oro Valley hospital medical buildings parking lot. The hike will follow a paved bicycle path to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. Outdoor seating is usually available. The hike is limited to 10. Contact: Judith Maisch, jam4930@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West

[C+/8mi/200'/\$9/7:30am] 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 one hour's drive north of SCOV. Limited to 10 by permit. Permit cost to each individual is \$6. Sign up will begin November 1st. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Little Elephant Head via Quantrell

Mine Trail [C/4mi/1350ft/\$11/7:00am] Santa Rita Mountains. This hike is on old mining roads and trail. We hike as if heading toward Elephant Head, but take the much easier side trip [trail] to Little Elephant Head instead. Last 3 miles of the drive to the trailhead is unpaved. Exploratory for the guide. Contact the guide for details. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 NW Catalina State Park History [D/4mi/100'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Stables area and walk north to the former YMCA camp and hear about homesteaders in this area. Very soft, sandy soil. Limit 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 Tortolita Foothills "Lita" [C/8mi/300'/\$0/8am] Access Tortolita Flats from Desert Oasis. Follow trails NW to find Topo map triangulation marker "Lita". We will also hike short distance to the other "Lita" marker. This hike is on State Trust Land. Meet at Desert Oasis at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Friday, November 17, 2023 E Hike and Raptor Presentation [E/2mi/50'/\$2/8am] Meet behind the Welcome Center and carpool to the main trailhead parking lot in Catalina State Park. Hike 1 mile to the Bobcat Amphitheater. During a 1.5 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. Should return about 11:15. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Friday, November 17, 2023 Madera Canyon Proctor Parking to MWPA Parking [C/8mi/1200'/\$10/7am] Hike from the Proctor parking area (Main Gate) following the Madera Canyon Creek in the Santa Rita Mountains) to the MWPA Parking. Lunch (bring) and return via the same route. A wooded and bird watching special area. National Park Pass or daily fee pass required for parking. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Friday, November 17, 2023 Tumamoc Hill and Sentinel Peak/ "A" Mountain combo[C/4.7 mi/1055'/\$5/7:30am] Elevation gain is steady and on paved trails up and around these Tucson local favorites. Wonderful views of Downtown Tucson. Afterwards we will stop for coffee and nearby mural viewing. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Esperanza Trail [B/8mi/1800'/\$6/7am] Carpool to Saguaro 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. Drivers need federal park pass. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, November 20, 2023 Dove Mountain Trails [D+/3mi/300'/\$3/8am] Hike the Wild Burro Trail, then the Lower Javelina Trail, and return to the cars via the Wild Burro Trail. Note that there is a short stretch, about 0.1 mile, on the Lower Javelina Trail where you descend 120'. It is rocky and requires some care, hence the "+" on the "D+" rating. Limit 15 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, November 20, 2023 Sabino Phoneline Trail Out and Back [B/10mi/1400'/\$4/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool. Hike from Sabino Canyon parking lot to Phoneline Trailhead. Trail is situated above the canyon providing outstanding views of the canyon and mountains. Hike to the tram stop 9 connection and return. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Lime Falls Cactus Forest [C/6mi/300'/\$5/7am]
Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool to Cactus Forest Trailhead near east end of Broadway, entering East Saguaro National Park to hike along mostly level Cactus Forest Trail to a small wash and waterfall (dry or not?) where we have all elevation gain and eat a snack. See lime kiln and explanatory signage. Drivers need federal park pass. Lunch at Saguaro Corners restaurant after hike. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

DATE CORRECTED. Wednesday, November 22 ~~23~~, 2023 Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves for \$2). Hike the CDO Wash to Rancho de los Cerros meeting center, then return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 11/27. Wednesday, November 22, 2023 Cargodera Canyon [C/6mi/700'/\$2/7:30am] Hike Canyon Loop trail to the Sutherland trail to Cargodera Canyon. Have a snack on the flat rocks and return the same route. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

DATE CORRECTED. Friday, November 24 ~~25~~, 2023 Walter's Cascade [C/4mi/800'/\$2/8am]
Meet at Parking lot behind Welcome Center. At CSP, 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 the stock tank. After 0.8 mi (before the stock tank) take a side trail to a special place for nice view of Oro Valley. This doesn't go all the way to Walter's Cascade as the trail is difficult to find. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

DATE CORRECTED. Friday, November 24 ~~25~~, 2023 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Catalina Vista and hike the Big Wash for 4 miles at the whim of the guide. Technically a bushwhack on state trust land. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Monday, November 27, 2023 Full Moon Golf Course Hike [D/3+mi/100'/\$0/7pm] Meet at 6:45 pm between the golf pro shop and the Views Restaurant. We will walk one of the nine-hole courses under the full moon. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Flashlights are recommended. Limited to 15 hikers. JudyMaisch, jam4930@yahoo.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, November 27, 2023 Tucson Mountain Trails [C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am]
Park on Picture Rocks Road at the Com Bah Trailhead. It's about 0.6 miles west of the Park boundary sign. (Google Maps calls it "Picture Rocks parking lot".) First, we will hike a bit north on the Ringtail Trail. Then we will hike south making a loop on various trails. Limit 15 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

NEW HIKE. Monday, November 27, 2023. Dripping Springs [D/4mi/500'/8AM] Sutherland cutoff to Dripping Springs spur to the springs and return. With all the rain we have had, the springs might actually be dripping! Meet at CSP trailhead. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 28, 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 SCOV Welcome Center/Library in the parking lot. We will introduce ourselves and 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.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 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.

Thursday, November 30, 2023 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.