November 2026 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

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

Monday, November 2, 2026, Dead Horse Canyon/Stock Tanks (C/6 mi/800'/$4/8:00 AM) Meet behind WC before 8:00. Please bring your park pass if you have one. We'll park in the lot near Alamo Canyon trail. We'll start on the Alamo Canyon trail, cut off after about 1 mile, hike to the top of the ridge, and continue to the stock tanks. Jorgy Jorgenson launiebob@gmail.com 406-671-2152

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Honeybee Canyon Bird Walk [C/5 miles/200'/7:15 am] 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. If there's time, we will 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 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

Wednesday, November 4, 2026, Tortolita Flats West [D/3-4miles/150'/$0/7:30AM]. Meet at Desert Oasis before 7:30. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, enter State Trust Land. We'll walk the trail out to the phone lines, and circle back, making a loop. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 4, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Wednesday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Thursday, November 5, 2026, Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop [C/6mi/<400'/$0/6:15am] From Desert Oasis enter the trail at Summerstar. Hike out to the

Scenic Trail, heading down to appreciate the quiet wilderness in our own backyard, take a cookie break in The Grove and return up Honey Bee Canyon Access Trail. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com

Thursday, November 5, 2026, Breakfast Walk to Denny's [D/3 miles/> 50'/$0/7:30AM] We will meet in front of the Walmart at the Oro Valley Market Place and walk to Denny's for breakfast on the Chuck Huckelberry loop trail . After breakfast we return on the same trail for a total of 3 miles. If you present an AARP card at Denny's, you can get %15 off your order. Bob & Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com

Thursday, November 5, 2026, Evening Golf Course Walk [D/3 or 6 miles/100 or 250'/5:30 pm] It's Thursday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course (or continue and walk the entire golf course). Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Friday, November 6, 2026, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/$5/7:30AM] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. Orientation hikes are restricted to returning and prospective members only. 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. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. A State Parks pass or an entry fee at the gate is required. 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 Jorgy Jorgenson (406-671-2152) or launiebob@gmail.com

Friday, November 6, 2026, Nature Loop/Wildlife Corridor [C/5mi/500'/$7/7:30AM] Meet behind Welcome Center and carpool to Oracle State Park. Hike the Nature Loop, Wildlife Corridor and Kannally Wash. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, November 9, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Monday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Monday, November 9, 2026, Isabella Lee Natural Preserve [D/4 mi/50'/$5/7:00 am] We will meet behind the welcome center to carpool. This small preserve is at the confluence of the Agua Caliente and Tanque Verde washes. It's a dry mesquite bosque, an increasingly rare habitat for our native birds, making it a year-round birding destination because of its unique habitat. We'll stop at Castle Rock Lake Park for a snack while looking for waterfowl. Following

our hike (those who wish) will stop at the nearby Sydney's Sweet Shoppe which features pies, cupcakes, and more with ample seating. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Limit 12 hikers due to very small parking lot Debbie Carr-Taylor, debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 50 Year Trail Loop Hike [D/4mi./400'/8:30AM]. Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot Catalina State Park. Hike from the parking Lot along the 50-Year Trail to a side trail for some distance and return to the 50-Year Trail for return to the parking lot in time for our picnic! Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, Picnic hike on the equestrian trail [D/3miles/minimal/$4/9:00AM]. We will meet behind the Welcome Center and drive to the picnic area in Catalina State Park. We will hike from the picnic area to the equestrian center turn around and hike back on the same trail past the picnic area to the main trailhead where we turn around and hike back to the picnic area. Bob & Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, Alamo Canyon Loop CSP [D/4mi/400'/$4/9AM] Meet at Welcome Center if ride needed to CSP. Hike from Romero Ruins to a canyon precipice and return via south side route. There are several short but moderately steep/rocky sections. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/$4/9AM] 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

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, The Green Rock [C++/4 mi/400'/$5/8am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. Drive to the Canyon Loop Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Hike the Canyon Loop Trail to a social trail that leads to the Green Rock and return. This trail has some very steep rock scrambling and bushwacking – not for the faint of heart, limited to very experienced hikers only. Larry Best, lbestrun@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, Montrose Pools [C/4m/200'/$4/8:00 am]. Meet behind the Welcome Center to drive to CSP Trailhead. We will hike 1 mile before taking a short steep trail down to Montrose Creek. We will spend some time exploring this hidden gem and return. Hike is rated C because of the steep trail and some climbing over/around rocks in the narrow canyon. You may get your feet wet. Tom Meyer tmeyer80@msn.com

Wednesday, November 11, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Wednesday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 11, 2026, High Jinks Ranch, Oracle [C/4miles/800'/$5/7:30AM] We will meet at the Welcome Center at 7:30 to carpool to the American Flag trailhead. We will then hike on the Arizona trail to the High Jinks Ranch House. This ranch was previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a national historic site. Although this is only a 4 mile hike the elevation gain makes it a bit more challenging than one may think. Limit 8 hikers. Dana Laudenbach dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Thursday November 12, 2026, Evening Golf Course Walk [D/3 or 6 miles/100 or 250'/5:30 pm] It's Thursday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course (or continue and walk the entire golf course). Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Thursday, November 12, 2026, Sausalito Creek [C/7mi/300'/$0/7:30 am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on dirt roads and trails through flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. Snack just beyond the windmill in Sausalito Canyon and return. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart, rdbrill6660@gmail.com

NEW HIKE. Friday, November 13, 2026, Hutch's Pool via Canyon Shuttle [C/8mi/900'/$4/8am] Take Sabino Canyon Shuttle to trailhead at the end of stop 9. Hike into inner canyon of Catalina mountains to a beautiful pool for lunch, and return to the trailhead and shuttle for hopefully the 3 PM shuttle. It is highly recommended that shuttle tickets are purchased a day or so ahead https://sabinocanyoncrawler.com/our-shuttles/. Shuttle tickets are $15. Parking in the Sabino Canyon Recreation lot requires an interagency pass (e.g. National Park pass) or a parking fee of $8. Please let me know if you can drive or prefer to ride share when signing up. Jo Eaton roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com

Friday, November 13, 2026, Walter's Cascade [C/4+mi/800'/$4/8AM] Meet behind Welcome Center. At CSP, drive to the 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 a nice view of Oro Valley. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Saturday, November 14, 2026, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/100'/$0/8:00 AM] Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three-mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Social pace. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Debbie Hansen, 425.931.3334 djhansolo@comcast.net

Monday, November 16, 2026, Oracle State Park Wildlife Trail [C/6 mi/800'/$7.00/7:30AM] Meet behind WC before 7:30 to carpool to Oracle. Please bring your park pass if you have one. Hike the Wildlife trail to the windmill and return the same way. Jorgy Jorgenson launiebob@gmail.com 406-671-2152

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Wednesday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, Black Rock Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/300'/$4/7:30AM] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Carpool from behind Welcome Center to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Saguaro Vista to Black Rock Loop and back to cars. No park pass needed. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, Upper Romero Pools [B-/7mi/1600'/$4/7AM] Meet behind the Welcome Center a little before 7:00am to carpool to the trailhead at Catalina State Park. We'll hike the Romero Canyon Trail to the upper pools and have our snack and return by the same route. John Terp, jaterp@comcast.net Limit 8

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, Tortolita Scenic [C/6miles/<400ft/7:30AM] Meet at the Desert Oasis. Hike out onto state trust land toward the power lines. Continue on bike paths toward the west Tortolita's to enjoy views of saguaros and rock formations, winding around to the cement triangle block. Take a trail to loop back down to power line wash and take another bike path back to DO. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

DATE CHANGE. Hike was originally scheduled for 10/18. Thursday, November 12, 2026, Upper Javelina, Wild Mustang, and Wild Burro Loop [C+/8.4 mi./1400'/$3/8am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. Drive to Tortolita Mountain Park Trailhead. Hike the Upper Javelina Trail to Wild Mustang. Follow Wild Mustang to Wild Burro and hike that trail to the Alamo Springs area, explore ruins, and have a snack. Return to trailhead via Wild Burro Trail. Larry Best, lbestrun@gmail.com

Thursday November 19, 2026, Evening Golf Course Walk [D/3 or 6 miles/100 or 250'/5:30 pm] It's Thursday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course (or continue and walk the entire golf course). Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Thursday, November 19, 2026 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/$4/8am] Hike Phoneline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which becomes steep, with a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com

Thursday, November 19, 2026, Oracle Hill High Point [C/3mi/650'/$4/7:30am]
Meet behind the Welcome Center for carpooling. We will drive to Charouleau Gap Rd N Trailhead in Oracle. Hike jeep road halfway up Oracle Hill. Then we will follow cow paths through grassy areas to the Oracle Hill high point at 5300 feet. The route has some steep sections on uneven ground. Our destination has rewarding views of the Catalinas from the North. Return via the same route. We will stop for brunch afterwards at the Oracle Patio in Oracle. Come for the hike and stay for the food. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com

Thursday, November 19, 2026, Breakfast Walk to Denny's [D/3 miles/> 50'/$0/7:30AM] We will meet in front of the Walmart at the Oro Valley Market Place and walk to Denny's for breakfast on the Chuck Huckelberry loop trail . After breakfast we return on the same trail for a total of 3 miles. If you present an AARP card at Denny's, you can get %15 off your order. Bob & Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com

Friday, November 20, 2026, Tortolita Foothills "Lita" [C+/8mi/400'/$0/7:30AM] Meet at Desert Oasis and access Tortolita Flats north of SCOV. Follow trails NW to find 3 Topo map triangulation markers "Lita". These are survey markers embedded in rocks placed in the 1930's This hike is on State Trust Land. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, November 23, 2026, Peak 4262 [C+/7mi/1500'/$4/7AM] Meet behind the Welcome Center a little before 7am to carpool to Catalina State Park. We will start on the Alamo Falls trail for approximately 1 mile and take a right turn to continue on the Dead Horse Canyon Trail past Walter's Cascade. At the grove of trees beyond Walter's Cascade we take a left turn and continue up the ridge to the rocky dome of Peak 4262 where we'll have our lunch break. We will return by the same route. Limit 8. John Terp, jaterp@comcast.net

Monday, November 23, 2026, Lost Coyote and Honey Bee Canyon Loop [C/5mi/380'/$0/7:30AM] Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot (across from the Copper Center). Take Lost Coyote (powerline) trail South to newer subdivision, then an Oro Valley trail

to Southern border of HoneyBee Canyon Park. Follow Honey Bee Canyon trail to restrooms and picnic area, and return on Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, November 23, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Monday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 24, 2026, Full Moon Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/5:30 pm] It's Beaver Moon time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and enjoy my first full moon walk of of the season. And it's a super-moon! Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 24, 2026, Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve [D+/4mi/400'/$4/7:30AM] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Carpool from behind Welcome Center to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Wildflower Ridge is the name of the trail, sorry but do not expect wildflowers this time of year! No park pass needed. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Wednesday, November 25, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Wednesday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, Nov 25, 2026, Wasson Peak Tucson Mtns [B/9miles/2000'/$4/7:30AM] We will meet at the Welcome Center at 7:30 to carpool to the trailhead at El Camino Del Cerro. We will take the Sweetwater trail to the junction of the King Canyon trail and then up to the peak. This trail is steep and rocky in some sections but we will take our time and appreciate the many stunning views. Limit 8 hikers. Dana Laudenbach dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Friday, November 27, 2026, OSP "In and Out" [C-/4mi/680'/$7/8:00am] Get moving after the holiday feast with a hike highlighting the geology in Oracle State Park. We will drive 35 minutes to the OSP auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue, then hike to Kannally Ranch House and back. Note that the heavy monsoon season has eroded the trail substantially in some sections, making for tricky footing. Limit 8. Meg Gerken, desertdolphin99@gmail.com

Saturday, November 28, 2026, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/100'/$0/8:00 AM] Let's walk after the long Thanksgiving Week Holiday; Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three-mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. A concrete trail winds through

the former Vistoso Golf course. Social pace. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Debbie Hansen, 425.931.3334 djhansolo@comcast.net

Monday, November 30, 2026, Desperado Loop Sweetwater Preserve D/4mi/270'/$4/7:00AM] Meet behind the Welcome Center to carpool to Sweetwater Preserve trailhead, and hike this Pima County park trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Monday, November 30, 2026, Morning Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:20 am] It's Monday Morning Footfall time. Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course and start off the day with a leisurely morning stroll. Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com