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January 2022 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, January 3, 2022 Agua Caliente Hill [B/10mi/3000'/\$6/7am] Meet at welcome center for carpooling. Agua Caliente Hill is a peak in the far east side of Tucson valley, separating the Catalinas and Rincons. We hike up a well-developed trail to the peak at 5,370 feet, have lunch and return. Nice views of the Catalinas and Rincons along the way. Laurie Payne, PinkLaurie360@gmail.com.

Monday, January 3, 2022 Gabe Zimmerman to AZT North [C/6mi/630'/\$7/7:30am] 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 North to the Cienga Creek riparian area with flowing water and several train trestles with frequent trains. Continue hiking along Davidson Canyon for 3 miles, then return to trailhead. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Monday, January 3, 2022 Tucson Mountain Trails [C/5.5mi/850'/\$6/8am] A full day, with lunch enroute. We will leave one car at the Sus Picnic area for a car shuttle. Then all hikers will drive to the King Canyon Trailhead. We hike the Gould Mine trail, the Esperanza Trail, the Hugh Norris Tail, and the Bajada Trail back to the car at the Sus Picnic area. Next, we will reunite drivers with their cars for the drive home. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY. DATE TBD. ~~Tuesday, January 4, 2022~~ Pima Canyon Short Hike [D/4mi/500'/\$2/8am] From the Pima Canyon trailhead (located at East end of Magee Rd), hike 2 miles, to a major drainage coming out of a saddle between Pusch Peak and Table Mountain, and return (due to monsoons, trail may have higher grasses on either side, so pants and gators are suggested). Car pool from Welcome Center at 8:00 am. Jackie Dudek, jackiedudek84@gmail.com (Max 8 hikers)

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Vision Seeker's Gorge [C/6mi/300'/\$3/8am] Park at the Crow windmill 5.2 miles in on Rail-X Ranch Road. NOTE: Rail-X (Edwin) road west is somewhat rough. One mile of hike is off trail. No low clearance sport cars. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday January 4th. Petroglyphs from Sutherland Wash

[D/5mi/450'/\$2/8am] This is the shortest Hike to the Petroglyphs. Drive out Golder Ranch Rd. Turn Right after Cattle Guard crossing. Higher clearance vehicle needed (SUV or Equivalent) to drive one mile road down to north Catalina State Park gate. Road is little rough for only ¼ mile. Hike moderate trail with 450 foot elevation gain to hundreds of Petroglyphs and a dozen Metates. Lunch/Snack and return same. This hike is on State Trust Land. Guide can ride share up to four hikers, others can follow to trail head. Contact: Harry Niese. 520-730-6293
han2500@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Board meeting, Desert Oasis- Saguaro, 3pm.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday January 6th. Wooden Trough Spring & Samaniego Springs

via Baby Jesus Trail [B/11mi/2200'/\$2/7:30am] Drive out Golder Ranch Rd. Cattle Corral. Hike Baby Jesus Trail to Wooden Water Trough then head East on New Trail to Samaniego Springs. Steady uphill trail to an active running water spring on hillside. Picnic table, Lots of Shade and Fantastic Views at app 5000' elevation. Return same route or take the Petroglyphs Loop Trail. (add 1 extra mile). This hike is on State Trust Land. Guide can ride share up to four hikers, others can follow to trail head. Contact: Harry Niese. 520-730-6293
han2500@yahoo.com

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Sweetwater Seven Preserve Long Loop [C/7mi/500'/\$4/7:30am]

This is NOT the WW treatment plant! Carpool to this Tucson Mountain Park, just past I-10 and hike through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. From Tortolita TH, take Saguaro Vista, Black Rock Loop, Sun Circle Loop, Lost Arrow, Homestead, Occotillo Hill, The Spine, Wildflower Ridge, and Roller Coaster Trail back to cars. Georgene Porter,
gvporter@live.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, January 6, 2022 New Member Orientation Hike

[D/3mi/350'/\$2/8:30am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center in the parking lot. We will introduce ourselves and then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and if you use walking poles bring them as well. Also, a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin,
cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at carybayley@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday Jan 7, 2022 High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/\$3/8am] Hike from American Flag trailhead in Oracle, south on Arizona Trail to High Jinks Ranch house. Previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a National Historic Site. Meet behind Welcome Center at 8am. Drive to trailhead is approx 35 minutes. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, January 7, 2022 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/\$0/8am] 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. LIMIT 16. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Friday, January 7, 2022 Soldier Trail [B/6mi/2300'/\$6/8am] Meet at parking lot behind Welcome Center, Drive to parking lot at GHRA, hike to trail head, Hike to lower end of Soldier Trail to nice view and lunch stop, and return. Dennis Potter, sweetliberty@comcast.net or 253-722-4296.

Saturday, January 8, 2022 Baby Jesus rock formation [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am] Park at Golder Ranch corral and hike the Baby Jesus trail to the formation from which it gets its name. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Saturday, January 8, 2021 Granddaddy Saguaro/Petroglyphs/EWW Saguaro Loop [B-/8mi/600ft./8:30am] (The B- rating is for several rough sections) From Catalina State Park, hike the Sutherland Trail past lunch rocks; then a new Horse Trail to the Granddaddy Saguaro; continue on Horse Trails to Petroglyphs (south set) and EWW Saguaro; then hike series of Horse Trails to lower Sutherland Trail and back to CSP. Darrel Cornelius darrelcornelius@q.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, January 10, 2022 Sabino Canyon History Hike [C/5mi/250'/\$5/8:30am] Hike several trails and hear about the history of the area from ancient times to today. Maximum: 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Monday, January 10, 2022 Martinez Canyon [C+/6mi/500'/\$9/7:30am] Martinez Canyon is 12 miles east of Florence (before you get to Box Canyon). We will hike up the canyon floor and return. It is rated C+ because scrambling over boulders is required in many places. Views of high cliffs and natural arch. Good clearance vehicles needed for the 12 miles on a mostly graded dirt road with some sandy spots. The hike is on State Trust Land so permit required. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Signal Hill Scenic [C/6mi/600'/\$6/8am] 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. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Sutherland Trail/Canyon Loop. [C/4mi/500'/\$2/8am] We will leave promptly at 8AM from CSP main trailhead. Hike the Sutherland Trail for 2 miles in/out and then hike Canyon Loop 2.3 miles back to trailhead. Vaccinated Hikers Only. Julie Cherry, jewelscherry@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, January 11 Cowboy Slick Rock Loop (B/9miles/ 1200'/\$2/7:30am). Park at the corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Follow the jeep

trail down to Sutherland Wash. Head NE on Middlegate Trail/Deer Loop/Cowboy Slick Rock Trail/Cherry Tank 'around the mountain' and returning to Trailhead via connecting trails. This hike is on State Trust Land. Meet at Welcome Center parking lot. Limit 8 hikers. Tom Meyer. tmeyer80@msn.com or 612-749-1996.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Robles Pass in Tucson Mountain Park [C/6mi/700'/\$6/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center to carpool (vaccinated ONLY). Drive to trailhead off W Irvington Rd and hike heavily vegetated south end of the Tucson Mountains. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, Jan 13, 2022 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 Welcome Center at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Thursday, January 13, 2022 Linda Vista Figure Eight + Breakfast [C/4 mi/800'/\$2/7:45am] Meet at trailhead parking on Linda Vista off Oracle. Hike over rocks on foot trails at the base of Pusch Peak starting up the left side. Continue to breakfast (coffee/tea/pastry/breakfast) at the Village Bakehouse in their outside patio. Village Bakehouse is located in the Plaza Escondida (Trader Joe's plaza) in the center corner of the plaza (SW corner of Magee and Oracle). Jackie Dudek, jackiedudek84@gmail.com. (Max 8 hikers)

Friday, January 14, 2022 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/8am] Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele 43avocet@gmail.com.

Friday, January 14, 2022 Oracle State Park "In and Out"[C-/4mi/680'/\$4/8am] Meet at Oracle State Park auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue in Oracle. It is a 35 minute drive to the trail head from Sun City. If unsure about the trail head, ask for directions; or we can convoy but not carpool. Hike to Kannally Ranch House and back by the same route. LIMIT 16. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/8am] Meet at the 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.

Monday, January 17, 2022 Full Moon Golf Course Hike [D/3+mi/100'/\$0/6pm] Meet at 5:45 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 and dress appropriately for the temperature. Flashlights are recommended. All COVID procedures will apply. Judy Maisch, jam4930@yahoo.com.

Monday, January 17, 2022 Sabino Canyon Trails [C/5mi/400'/\$4/8am] We will hike the Bear Canyon, Sabino Lake, Bluff, Creek, Rattlesnake, and Esperero Trails. If there is too much water

in Sabino Creek, we will alter the route. Federal lands pass or \$8 required. Limit of 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Monday, January 17, 2022 Rail-X Ranch corral to Ritz-Carlton Hotel trailhead, [B/10mi/1100ft SB, 1950ftNB/\$3/7:30am] Meet at welcome center. Great views from the ridge as we hike from the corral to the hotel. This is a one way key exchange. Please specify if you prefer NB or SB. Max Haegele 43avocet@gmail.com Laurie Payne, pinklaurie360@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Tortolita Preserve West Loop [C/7mi/340'/\$2/8am] Meet at the end of the Moore Road segment West of Dove Mountain Blvd. (inside the gate). Hike the longer loop of the preserve trail. Julie Cherry, jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Canada del Oro Bike Path toward La Canada Rd [D/4mi/150'/\$0/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center and drive to Fry's back lot. This will be a walk along the CDO Wash bike path past the Oro Valley Country Club and return. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

NEW LEADER. Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Alamo Springs /Return Via connector [C+/7mi/1000'/\$3/8am] From Dove Mt. trailhead, take Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Alamo Springs. Return via connector trail and down to Wild Burro Canyon Trail. Return to trailhead. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com

Wednesday, January 19, 2022. New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am] 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, then moves to Catalina State Park. Bring water and a face mask; wear sturdy shoes and a hat. Call Mike Duellman (847) 951 3934.

Thursday, January 20, 2022 Pontatoc Ridge [C+/5mi/1500'/\$3/8am] Meet at Welcome Center to caravan to parking lot on left side at the end of Alvernon Way. Hike up to end of trail and return. Good views of Tucson and Finger Rock. Steep for the last mile. LIMIT 6 for limited space at top. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, January 21, 2022 Rock Wren, Avenue, Yetman and Starr Pass Loop [C/5mi/400'/\$4/8am] Carpool to Starr Pass Trailhead to hike loop of trails through desert and mountain vistas following Rock Wren, Avenue, Yetman and Starr Pass trails. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Friday, January 21, 2022 Geronimo Meadow via Esperero Trail [B/10mi/2300'/\$4/8am] Hike .7 miles up paved road to trailhead, and begin to climb [steeply in places], past Cardiac Gap to Geronimo Meadow and return. Dennis Potter, sweetliberty@comcast.net or 253-722-4296.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, Jan 21, 2022 Alamo Canyon Loop CSP [D/4mi/300'\$2/8am] At CSP hike from Romero Ruis to canyon precipice and return via south side route. There are

several short but moderately steep/rocky sections. Meet behind Welcome Center. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, January 22, 2022 Anza Trail Palo Parado/Wisdoms

[C/7mi/100'/\$11/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center. This is a hike along historic Juan Bautista de Anza Trail from the Richard Williams trailhead to Tumacacori and return. We will ramble through this Santa Cruz riparian area where the river flows year-round and trees abound. We cross water via a footbridge along the way. Enjoy lunch (Wisdoms) in Tumacacori at our halfway point. Return to Sun City around 4:00 pm. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net.

Monday, January 24, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail "In and out" [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am] An easy hike along an old jeep road leaving from the Equestrian Center to park gate and return. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Monday, January 24, 2022 Golder Ranch Trails [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8:30am] Drive 0.4 miles past the corral to start the hike. This requires SUV, but we will see that everyone gets there. Hike to Middle Gate, Gem Trail, and Top Gate, then take the east section of the 50 Year Trail (trail names in this area are not standardized) south on our return to the cars. Snack/early lunch break along the way. State Trust Lands permit required. Limit of 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Crested Saguars [C/5mi/400'/\$0/8am] Meet at Desert Oasis, hike various trails in State Trust land to area with 3 crested saguaros. Limit 10. Millie Sparling, milliesparling79@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, January 25 Alamo Springs Loop (B/10 miles/ 1800'/ \$3/ 7:30am). Start at Dove Mountain Trailhead connecting to Alamo Springs Trail then take Ridgeline Trail to first bench on map. Return via Wild Burro/Lower Javelina Trails. Meet at Welcome Center parking lot. Limit 8 hikers. Tom Meyer. tmeyer80@msn.com or 612-749-1996.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 26, 2022 Sabino Canyon History Hike [C/5 mi/250'/\$5/8:30am] Hike several trails and hear about the history of the area from ancient times to today. Maximum: 15. Jim Williams jaswilliams128@msn.com.

Thursday, January 27, 2022 Quantrell Mine [C/6mi/1200'/\$11/7:30 am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. Hike a trail in the Santa Rita Mountains (near and with views of Little Elephant Head) to the interesting remains of the old Quantrell mine operation where we will eat lunch and return by same trail. We will travel on dirt road to trailhead. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 Tortolita Foothills "Lita"

[C/8mi/300'/\$0/8am] Access Tortolita Flats from Desert Oasis. Follow trails NW to find Topo map triangulation mark "Lita". This hike is on State Trust Land. Meet at Desert Oasis at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Email guide to be added to waitlist. Friday, January 28, 2022 Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/700'/8:15am] Meet at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Return by the same route avoiding the steep uphill trail. LIMIT 16. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Monday, January 31, 2022 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. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Monday, January 31, 2022. Middlegate/50 yr trail : [C/5mi/500'/8AM] Meet and park at Golder Ranch corral (take Golder Ranch East, cross left over cattle guard, continue left approximately 1/2 mi to GR cattle corral on the right), hike jeep trail to gate, follow trail to 50 year trail and loop back to jeep road. State trust permit required. (MAX hikers 8). Jackie Dudek. jackiedudek84@gmail.com