

March 2024 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.

Friday, March 1, 2024. Sign ups begin for April 9, 2024, Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West hike. See last item on this list.

Friday, March 1, 2024, 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, March 2, 2024, Bridal Wreath Falls Loop [C+/8mi/1400'/\$5/6am] Meet behind Welcome Center 6:00am to carpool to trailhead the east end of Speedway Blvd. In Saguaro National Park East take Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls, eat snack/lunch and return via Three Tank, Wildhorse and Garwood Trails. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, March 4, 2024, Oracle Ridge to the View [B/9mi/2000'/\$4/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center to Caravan to Campo Bonita Road in Oracle. Hike up road 1 mile to trailhead, then follow along ridge to scenic lunch spot. Outstanding views through most of the trail. LIMIT 8 because of parking space. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. WAITLIST AVAILABLE. Monday, March 4, 2024, Hole in the Rock via CSP Main TH [C/5mi/500'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at Bridle Trail side of main trailhead at Catalina State Park. Take various (mostly horse) trails to boulder with large hollow. This route is slightly longer and higher version of Spring Picnic hike. Limit 12. Meg Gerken, meg_stuff3@icloud.com.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, [B/11mi/2300'/\$6/8am] Carpool to Gordon Hirabayashi Campground. Scenic hike following a riparian biome, over a pass, in and out of a gorge, and finally along a ridgeline to Thimble Peak. Along the ridgeline look down to Sabino Canyon on your right and Bear Canyon to your left. Jake O'Neill, jakemponeill@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, Walk In The Park Green Rock Overlook [D/4mi/377'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Main Trail Head CSP Parking Lot. Hike from the Parking Lot along the Sutherland Trail and take the spur toward Green Rock by the Sutherland bench. Hike about 2 miles to the overlook and return the same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Wednesday March 6, 2024, Dorothy's Wash over to Green Rock Spur

[D+/5miles/400'/\$2/8am] Hike from the main trailhead in CSP on Sutherland trail to a turn off bridle trail over to Dorothy's Wash. Have a short break and proceed to Sutherland trail, taking the 2nd bench exit toward Green Rock. Return on the Sutherland trail. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Hike along the Santa Cruz River from Tumacocori

[C/6mi/200'/\$11/7:30/9:30am] Meet at 7:30AM at the Welcome Center for those who wish to car pool. Otherwise meet at Wisdoms in Tumacocori at 9:00 (1:30 hr trip), hike the de Anza trail along the river for 3 miles and return to lunch outdoors at Wisdom's Restaurant (complete with their famous fruit burrito. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Thursday March 7, 2024, Milagrosa Ridge [B/8mi/1050'gain, 2700'loss/\$6/7am]

A very scenic hike in the Santa Catalina Mountains especially in spring where we may find wild flowers or even bluebirds along the way. A shuttle hike. We need two cars. Take Catalina Highway to Snyder Road. Go East on Snyder Road to Suzenu. Turn left to Horse Head. Leave one car at the intersection of Suzenu and Horse Head. Drive the other car(s) to Molino Basin and begin hike there at around 4000'. Walk across Catalina Highway. Hike a steep climb over a ridgetop, then down toward Bellota Ranch. At a "T" in the trail turn south and follow a ridge between Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons. When you get to the end of the trail you'll go through a steel gate. Go down the hill and bear right to Horse Head and follow the road to the car at Avenida de Suzenu. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Thursday, March 7, 2024, Dorothy's Wash CSP [D/4mi/300'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center to arrange car pool. Take the Sutherland trail and loop to a spot in Sutherland wash then loop back to the parking area. Julie Cherry, Jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 7, 2024, Wildflower hike in Wild Burro Canyon [D/50'/3mi/\$3/8am] We will meet behind the welcome center and caravan to the Wild Burro trailhead. We will hike 1 1/2 miles up the canyon and return by the same route. Hopefully the wildflowers will be in full bloom. Bob and Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 8, 2024, Sycamore Canyon to Sabino Basin and return [B/12mi/2500'/\$6/6am]

From GHRA, Hike to Sycamore Canyon Trail, on to intersection with Bear Canyon/ East Fork trails, down East Fork trail to Sabino Basin and return to parking lot, Limit 10. Dennis Potter, potterdennis49@gmail.com or 253-722-4296.

Friday, March 8, 2024, Lost Coyote/Honeybee Canyon South [D/4mi/200'/8am] Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot and take a short walk on Rancho Vistoso to the powerline. After hiking on Lost Coyote Trail we'll turn onto the Honeybee Trail and hike to the park, restrooms and dam before returning. There are a couple of short uphill parts in this hike. Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Friday, March 8, 2024, Wildlife Corridor [C/6mi/800'/\$5/8am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. This hike begins at the Kannaly Ranch house parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hike the Wildlife trail to the windmill and return. Jorgy, launiebob@gmail.com 406-672-0823.

Monday, March 11, 2024, 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

Monday, March 11, 2024, Desperado Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/270'/\$4/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool/caravan to Tortolita Trailhead and hike this Pima County Park. Last year there were many wildflowers, and coyotes were seen earlier this year. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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.

HIKE IF FULL. WAITLIST AVAILABLE. Wednesday March 13, 2024, Dripping Springs/Green Rock Overlook [C/5 mi/500'/\$2/8am] Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall via Sutherland Trail, with a short jaunt to Green Rock overlook. Return the same route. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com .

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Ridgeline Trail [C/6mi/800'/\$3/8am] Meet at Welcome Center. We will drive to the base of the Tortolita Mountain about a mile past the Rail-X Ranch corral. High clearance vehicles required. We will hike over the pass to Wild Burro Canyon to the windmill, then up to the ridge and follow that for a total hike of 3 miles. Great views to a part of the Tortolitas you can't see from any other vantage point. Flowers may be at peak, and have been spectacular in previous years. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, March 14, 2024, Flower hike in Catalina State Park [D/3-4 mi/<50'/\$2/8am] We will meet behind the welcome center and leave Sun City by 8 a.m. We will caravan to the equestrian center in Catalina State park where we will hike north on a mostly level very sandy trail. Some bushwack at times. If we are lucky, we will find fields of poppies and other wildflowers. Bob & Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com.

Thursday, March 14, 2024, X-Treme View [B/10mi/1800'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to CSP. Hike from CSP Main TH on the Sutherland Trail to trek up the Rocky Road, to where we leave the road to see the potted rock, cross the Cargodera and perch on slick rock to nosh, be awed by the rushing water, and admire our treasured community. Bring binoculars if you would like to spot your home. This is an out and back hike. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 14, 2024, Walk in the Park 50 Year Trail [D/4mi/400'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot CSP. Hike the 50 Year trail from the parking lot for about 2 miles and then return the same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Friday, March 15, 2024, Alamo Canyon Loop CSP [D/4mi/300'/\$2/7:30am] A CSP hike from Romero Ruins to canyon precipice and return via south side route. There are several short but moderately steep/rocky sections. Dave and Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Monday, March 18, 2024, 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. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com (Deb Wehrung will also be conducting an April Aravaipa West hike).

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Canyon Loop/Birding Trail CSP [D/4mi/250'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center to arrange car pools. Hike the Birding Trail and the Canyon Loop Trail. Julie Cherry, Jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Honeybee Petroglyphs [D/4miles/223'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at the Mountain View Parking lot and walk to Honeybee Park. Take the north trail along the Sausalito Wash toward the petroglyphs and proceed to the second dam. Return the same route. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Wednesday March 20, 2024, Tortolita Flats Exploratory Stroll [D+/5 miles 250'/\$0/8am] Meet at Desert Oasis. Enter bike trail at Summerstar. Enter State Trust Land. We will stroll the bike paths east of the power line, making a loop back. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Rock Wren, Little Cat & Starr Pass Loop [C/8 mi/1000'/\$4/7am] Carpool to Richard Genser/JW Marriot Starr Pass Resort Trailhead. Walk a combination loop of trails with desert and mountain scenery (Rock Wren, Little Cat, Explorer, Starr Pass) to eat snack at "old car in ground" in Tucson Mountain Park. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Thursday, March 21, 2024, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] 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. 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 Peg Rocklin at pegrocklin@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Thursday, March 21, 2024, Linda Vista Outer Loop [D+++/3mi/400'/\$2/8:30am] Carpool or meet at Linda Vista trailhead. A loop hike on rocky hiking trails offering beautiful views both up the trail looking at Pusch Ridge, and down the trail, looking at Oro Valley. Don't let low mileage/elevation fool you! This hike involves climbing up and down large rocks for over half the loop! Kevin Kopp, kkopp.eyes@comcast.net.

Friday, March 22, 2024, Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/\$4/7:30am] Meet to carpool and hike this loop trail in Pima County Park through undulating saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. If we had enough rain this winter - we should see flowers here! Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Friday, March 22, 2024, Butterfly Trail Loop [B/10mi/2100'/\$9/7am] On Mt. Lemmon Hwy. Park at Soldier Camp, Hike down Butterfly Trail to Novia Springs and back to Bigelow Saddle. to complete the loop we follow trails and roads over Mt. Bigelow (8500') , through Bear Wallow to our cars, start at 7700' Limit 8. Dennis Potter, potterdennis49@gmail.com or 253-722-4296.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, AZ Trail South from Upper Gardner Canyon Rd. [B/9mi/700'/\$10/7:30am] On the east side of the Santa Rita Mountains. Hike south on AZ Trail starting at the lower intersection with FR 785 (Upper Gardner Canyon Rd.) for to Bear Springs through extensive oak forest with wonderful vista to the East and good looks of the back side of Mt. Wrightson. No cell service on trail. We'll travel approximately 10 miles on unpaved Rd. to the start of hike. High clearance vehicle may be helpful, but not necessary. This is a shorter version of the 14 mile hike AZ Trail hike that starts on Gardner Canyon Rd. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop [C/6mi/<400'/\$0/8am] 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.

Monday, March 25, 2024, Full Moon Golf Course Hike [D/3+mi/100'/\$0/7:15 pm] 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.

Monday, March 25, 2024, Samaniego Roost or Bust [B/8mi/1400'/\$2/7am] Park at Horse Corral. Hike to Deer Camp then attempt to find a trail to Samaniego Roost. Return via Deer Camp Connector and Middle Gate. Rated B due to steep rock descent. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

Monday, March 25, 2024, Two day trip to Aravaipa East Stay in Horsehead Lodge 2 nights. Hike first day about 5 miles (total) up Turkey Creek. Second day hike in Aravaipa canyon (permit required) to Hell Hole Canyon (12 miles total). Cost \$8 for permits and approximately \$50 per person per night for lodging. Sign up was January, 2024. Jake O'Neill, jakemponeill@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Walk to breakfast [D/3mi/>50'/\$0/8am] We will meet in front of Walmart at the Marketplace and walk on the loop trail to the Denny's next to Basis Charter School. After breakfast, return on the same trail. Limit 12 people. Bob & Leslie Esparza, rlsuncity@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Brandenburg Mtn./Aravaipa Overlook [C/6mi/1500'/\$9/7am] Park along Aravaipa Rd just before the BLM station and hike up wash to cairn marked trail. Follow marked trail up to road that traverses flat area around Brandenburg Mtn. Follow this road to wonderful overlooks of the Aravaipa canyon. Meet behind the admin building. Max Haegele, 818-9178, 43avocet@gmail.com.

Wednesday March 27, 2024, Birding Trail up to Alamo Canyon [C-/5miles/450'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Romero Ruins parking lot in CSP. Hike on Canyon Loop to Birding trail. Take a trail north toward Alamo Canyon flat rocks. Take a short snack break, and return on the same trail. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 50 YR trail Sutherland Wash area loop [C/6mi/300'/\$2/8am] Meet at corral at end of Golder Ranch Rd at 8AM. Hike NE along 50yr trail to Middlegate fence, thence south along the Sutherland wash to jeep trail, then a 2 mile seldom hiked loop south and return to corral. Hike on state trust land. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

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Thursday March 28, 2024, Brown Mountain Loop [C/5mi/ 800'/\$6/7am] Meet for carpool to Juan Santa Cruz picnic area in the Tucson Mountains near Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. First hike trail adjacent to the mountain then upwards on rocky trail to follow its ridge line undulating up and down, stopping for snacks/water and great views. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Thursday, March 28, 2024, Super Trail Roger's Rock Kent Spring Shuttle [B/1950' up and 2250' down/7mi/\$10/7:30am] In the Santa Rita Mountains, Madera Canyon. Leave a car at Bogg Springs Campground (about 5400'). Drive to the Super Trail TH at the upper parking lot of Madera Canyon (MWPA about 5700'). We'll hike the Super Trail and cut over to a side trail leading to "Roger's Rock" lookout where we will have lunch. Hike out cutting over to a trail that leads uphill past Sylvester Spring (6000') to Kent Spring (6700') and finally heading downhill past Bogg Springs to the campground where we will pick up our car. Bring plenty of water and appropriate layers for the elevation. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Thursday, March 28, 2024, Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves). Hike the CDO Wash to Rancho de los Ceros meeting center, then return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Friday, March 29, 2024, Tortolita Foothills "Lita" [C+/8mi/300'/\$0/7am] Access Tortolita Flats from Desert Oasis. 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. Meet at Desert Oasis at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, March 29, 2024, Sweetwater Preserve [C/5mi/500'/\$4/8am] This is not the wastewater treatment plant. Meet before 8 am behind the Welcome Center to carpool. This Pima County park has wildflowers and desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Jorgy, launiebob@gmail.com, 406-672-0823.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 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. 8 permits available. Permit cost to each individual is \$6 payable with cash. Sign up will begin March 1. Deb Wehrung debwehrung@gmail.com.