

# March 2023 Hiking Schedule

## (Updates & changes in RED)

All hikes meet at the Welcome Center unless otherwise specified in the hike description.

Carpools can be arranged when group meets at Welcome Center.

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.

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Terrenate presidio/Fairbank ghost town**

**[C/6mi/300'/\$14/7am]** Travel to Terrenate trailhead about 30 miles SE of Benson. Terrenate was one of the six northern-most Spanish presidios including those at Tucson and Tubac. The remaining ruins overlook the San Pedro River and are well placarded by the BLM. We will hike a couple miles to the presidio, explore the ruins, then drop down into the river valley and hike trails to a partially restored ghost town with a fun history. There will be a water crossing with water potentially knee deep. Come prepared; we will be crossing. We will drop a car at Fairbank to get back to our cars at the trailhead (there will be about a 20 minute wait at each end). We will return to Oro Valley late afternoon. Due to the long distance, we will be car pooling. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 New Member Orientation hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8:30**

**am]** 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. 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, and a good sun hat. Email Peg Rocklin, at [pegrocklin@gmail.com](mailto:pegrocklin@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 Window Peak [A/14mi/4500'/\$4/7am]** Park at Ventana Resort employees' parking lot, hike Ventana Canyon trail, a difficult and steep hike, to Esperero Trail, to the Window, and continue 0.4 miles and 300' higher to Window Peak, and return. Jake O'Neill, [jakemponeill@gmail.com](mailto:jakemponeill@gmail.com).

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 Tortolita Preserve West Loop [C/7mi/340'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Tortolita Preserve at the end of the Moore Road segment West of Dove Mountain Blvd. Hike the longer loop of the preserve trail. Byron Wolff, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**HIKE CANCELLED. Friday, March 24, 2023 Butterfly Trail Loop [B/10mi/2100'/\$9/7am]** On Mt. Lemmon, park at Soldier Camp, hike down Butterfly Trail to Novia Spring 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 @ 7700', Limit 8. Dennis Potter  
[sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 24, 2023 Green Mountain Trail (B/9mi/1600'/\$8/7am)**

Meet at Welcome Center to carpool. Hike the Green Mountain Trail that starts at the San Pedro Vista, to intersection of the Guthrie Mountain Trail at Bear saddle. Then hike to Guthrie Mountain for lunch, and return same route or Brush Trail. Limit 8. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296

**Friday, March 24, 2023 Lost Coyote/Honeybee Canyon South [D/4mi/200'/\$0/7:30am]** 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](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 24, 2023. Around the Mountain and To the Top. [B/9/1750'/\$2/7:am].** Meet at WC. Drive to Trail Head. Start on Middle Gate Short Cut, to East 50 Year, to Cowboy Slickrock, to Cherry Tank, to Around the Mountain. Then to the Top for Lunch/Snack and Fantastic Views. Return. This Hike is on State Trust Land. Harry Niese [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE ADDED. March 24, 2023 Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs [C/4mi/500'/\$2/8am]** Travel to CSP North boundary via Golders Ranch Rd. Take a horse trail to the petroglyphs area. Hike in a loop that has 6 different petroglyph sites and return to vehicles. Maximum 10. This hike is on State Trust Land. Max Haegele [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 Annual Meeting, 2:00 pm at new Activity Center Indian Rooms & Kiva Patio. Annual meeting, guest speakers, and free wine & cheese/snacks for members.**

**Monday, March 27, 2023 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 December 2022. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Monday, March 27, 2023 Molino Basin to Shreve Saddle [C/5mi/900'/\$6/7am]** The hike starts at the Molino Basin Campground on the Mt Lemmon Highway. Federal pass or fee required. We will place one car at the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Area (GHRA) for a car shuttle. We hike west on the Arizona Trail about 2.5 miles to GHRA then continue another mile to Shreve Saddle, our turn around point. We return to GHRA to complete the car shuttle so we can all go home. Please let me know if you can be a driver and number of passengers. Limit 12 hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482 (land), [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Lost Coyote, Honey Bee Canyon Loop [C/5mi/380'/\$0/7:30am]**  
Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot (across from the Copper Building, Fast Rhino is there). Take the Lost Coyote (Powerline) Trail South to a newer subdivision, then an Oro Valley trail to Honey Bee Canyon Park. Follow the loop trail on the West side to the restrooms for a snack stop, then the Eastern loop through the dam and back to the Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. RESCHEDULED FROM 3/16. Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Pima Canyon trail [D/4mi/375'/\$4/7:30am]** Meet at Welcome Center to arrange car pool. This is an up and down, up and down, rocky hike - poles required. Hike in 2 miles and return the same way. Small creek crossing. Julie Cherry, [jewelscherry@gmail.com](mailto:jewelscherry@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Dripping Springs/Green Rock overlook [D+/4+mi/500'/\$2/7:30am]** Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall ( if water) via Sutherland Trail, with a short jaunt on the way down to Green Rock overlook. Return same route. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

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**Thursday, March 30, 2023 Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop [C/6mi/<400'/\$0/7am]** From Desert Oasis enter the wash at Summerstar, hike over to Scenic Trail and return up Honey Bee Canyon Access Trail. These are the bike trails northeast of Sun City. This hike is on State Trust Land. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 Wild Burro Canyon [E/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](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Friday, March 31, 2023 Rock Wren, 5th Avenue, Yetman and Starr Pass Loop [C/5mi/500'/\$4/7am]** Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool to Starr Pass Trailhead to hike loop of trails through desert and mountain vistas following Rock Wren, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yetman and Starr Pass trails. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

