

September 2023 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

Interested in joining the SCOV Hiking Club? Sign up for the upcoming New Member Orientation Hike on Thursday September 28, 2023. See details below.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Sausalito Creek Windmill [C+/7+mi/300'/\$0/6:30am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on dirt roads and trails through flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. Lunch by windmill or in Sausalito Canyon and return. This hike is on State Trust Land. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 C/D Golf Course Hike [D/3mi//C/5mi/500' total/\$0/5:30am] Meet at SCOV golf clubhouse. Walk holes 1 through 9 for 3 miles or 1 through 16 with a shortcut for 5 miles starting at 5:30am. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

CANCELLED. Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Romero Pools, Upper [B/7mi/1600'/\$2/6:30am] Hike Romero Canyon Trail (in CSP) to upper pools, snack, and return by the same route. Trail is rugged in some sections. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Dripping Springs. [C-/5mi/500'/\$2/6am] Hike Sutherland Trail to Dripping Springs waterfall, **or beyond**, with alternative return route. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/6am] Meet at the new Big Wash trailhead just South (left) of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. View construction of new subdivision and follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Wild Mustang Trail to Alamo Springs via connector [B/9mi/1600'/\$3/6:30am] From Dove Mt. trailhead, take Hotel Spur to the Upper Javalina Trail, then up to Wild Mustang Trail. Continue on Wild Mustang Trail to Alamo Springs and return via Alamo Springs Connector trail and down to Wild Burro Canyon Trail. Ron Brillhart, rdb Brill6660@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 21, 2023 Butterfly Trail Loop [B/10mi/2100'/\$9/7am] This is a Mount Lemmon hike. Park at Soldier Camp. Hike Butterfly Trail to Novio Spring. Depart trail for about 500' to examine the F-86 wreckage. Continue on Butterfly Trail to Mount Bigelow, then follow scenic forest roads to return to Soldier Camp. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 Tortolita Flats Trails [D/4mi/120'/\$0/6am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot and take new Summerstar trail connecting to bicycle and power line trails, returning via Chalk Creek wash. This trail is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing , wolffing5@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 28, 2023 New member orientation hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/7am]
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 as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at Carybayley@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

NEW HIKE. Friday, September 29, 2023 Aspen and Marshall Gulch Trails Loop [C/6mi/990'/\$10/7:30am] We start and end at Marshall Gulch high in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Elevations on the hike are between 7,500' and 8,500. We will take the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle and return via the Wilderness of Rocks Trail (aka the Marshall Gulch Trail). There will be one short side trip to "Lunch Rocks". We won't hurry. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.