

# April 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.

**CANCELLED.** Monday, April 1, 2024, Tortolita Flats [B/10mi/300'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on dirt trails through the flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. Lunch at Max's Rockpile. This hike is on State Trust Land. Return to DO by Noon (2.5 mph pace). Gary Hilmes, [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com).

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 50 Year, Powerline, CDO Trail [D/4mi/390'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at Catalina State Park Equestrian Center, take 50 Year Trail to newly cleared Powerline route. Follow this down to CDO Wash and return to the Equestrian Center. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE.** Tuesday, April 2, 2024, It's Coffee Time Hike [D/4mi/50'/\$0/8:00am] 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](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Board Meeting at Desert Oasis at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Dripping Springs [D/5mi/500'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Main Trailhead CSP. Take main trail to an alternate trail to Dorothy's Wash. Cross the wash and hike over to the Sutherland Trail Bench and proceed to Dripping Springs. Return same route. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Cargondera Canyon [C/6mi/700'/\$2/8am] Hike Canyon Loop trail, to Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargondera Canyon, and return by the same route. Meet in Catalina state park main trailhead and start hiking at 8am. (Possible time change). Ken Percival, [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

Thursday, April 4, 2024, Wasson Peak via the Hugh Norris Trail [B/10mi/2421'/\$6/7am] Meet at the WC and carpool to the Hugh Norris Trailhead. Hike the 5 miles to the peak (elevation gain 2421 ft), have lunch and enjoy the return 5 mile hike back to the vehicles. Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 5.5 hours to complete. Limit at 10 hikers. Gary Hilmes, [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, April 4, 2024, Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp**

**[C/6mi/500'/\$6/6am]** Meet behind Welcome Center to carpool to Rincon Ranger Station then caravan to park at trailhead on Camino Loma Alta off Old Spanish Trail to hike on a former ranch in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Lollipop hike on old road, down a wash, and up a trail with sweeping views to return on old road. Optional lunch after at outside patio of Saguaro Corners Restaurant & Bar on 3750 S Old Spanish Trail. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Thursday, April 4, 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](mailto:pegrocklin@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

**Friday, April 5, 2024, Mount Wrightson Loop [A/15mi/4050'/\$10/6am]** On the west side of the Santa Rita Mountains, park at Roundup parking lot, hike Old Baldy Trail to summit and come down Super Trail. At top are 360-degree views, Tucson to Mexico. Start 5,400'. Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com) or 253-722-4296.

**Friday, April 5 2024, Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/7am]** Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash/Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele. [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Saturday, April 6, 2024, One In A Lifetime Hike [D/2mi/0'/\$0/7am]** This hike will ONLY occur every 50 years. Join in with celebrating Oro Valley's 50th Anniversary. "Hike" in the parade on Saturday morning April 6th with Trailblazers (home owners since 1987), Board Members, Ambassadors, and the Veterans Club. Parade route is from Ironwood Ridge High School to the Oro Valley Library along Naranja. (About 1.7 miles). Meet behind our Welcome Center at 7:00 AM to arrange carpooling; the parade begins at 9:00 at the high school but we need to be there early for staging. Bring water, and hiking sticks (as a prop for the parade). Wear a club hiking shirt if you have one. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**Sunday, April 7, 2024, Linda Vista Sunset [C/3mi/500'/\$2/4pm]** We will hike the Linda Vista Trail outer loop in time to see the setting sun before commencing dinner and beverages at Noble Hops. Hike on hiking and horse trails at the foot of Pusch Ridge. Bring water. Limit 12. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**NEW HIKE. Monday, April 8th, 2024. X Stream Views. [B/9/1400'/\$2/7am]** Meet at WC. Drive to North Gate CSP off Golder Ranch RD. Hike Sutherlin Walsh and Multiple Horse Trails to Cargodera Canyon to X Stream Views Waterfalls. Break/Lunch and Return. Hike is on State Trust Land. Max 6 Hikers. Contact: Harry Niese [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com) Cheers!

**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](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Cactus Wren to Signal Hill [D/4mi/300'/\$5/7am]** Carpool from behind Welcome Center to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasil Roads and take the easiest trail hike to Signal Hill Picnic area in Saguaro National Park West. Eat snack at pictographs and return via same trail. All elevation gain is at the pictographs! Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Tortolita Scenic Stroll [C/6mi/<400'/\$0/7:30am]** Meet at Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land. We will walk the bike trail paths to the Grove, and head back to the power line, making a loop. Ken Percival, [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

**Thursday, April 11, 2024, Bug Spring Shuttle [B-/5mi/900' up and 1600' down/\$8/7:30am]** We leave a car at the (lower) Bug Spring trailhead and then take a short drive to Bear Canyon Picnic Area. \*Note there are restroom facilities. Starting out with a long, steep incline we'll take lots of breathing stops. There are some beautiful Arizona Madrone trees rarely seen in this area. The trail then heads (mostly) downhill. This hike is very interesting with many unusual rock formations and three completely different terrain segments. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**HIKE IS FULL. Friday, April 12, 2024, 50 Year Trail [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center before 8:00am. An easy hike along an old Jeep road, leaving from the Equestrian Center to park gate, and return. Jorgy, [launiebob@gmail.com](mailto:launiebob@gmail.com) (406-671-2152).

**HIKE IS FULL. Friday, April 12, 2024, Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs [C/4mi/500'/\$2/7am]** Travel to CSP North boundary via Golder Ranch Rd. Take a horse trail to the petroglyphs area. Hike in a loop that has 6 different petroglyph sites and return to vehicles. This hike is on State Trust Land. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE. Monday, April 15th, 2024. The Ledge at Table Mountain.**

**[B/8mi/2000'/\$2/7am]** Meet at WC, drive to TH at Rams Pass. Follow trails to Cottonwood Tank and Springs. Then up a steep grade to a saddle between Dead Horse Canyon and

Cottonwood Canyon. Then up and over to the Ledge. Snack/Break with Outstanding Views. Return the same route. Limit 6 Hikers. Contact: Harry Niese [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com) Cheers!

**HIKE IS FULL.** Monday, April 15, 2024, OSP Windmill Hike [C/5mi/600'/\$5/7:30am] Meet at the Welcome Center 7:30am and carpool to OSP. Begin hike at the Kannally Ranch House Parking Lot. Hike trails to the windmill and return same route. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available.** Wednesday, April 17, 2024, Roundabout Ramble to Romero Canyon Overlook [C/5mi/450'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at main trailhead in CSP. Hike up scenic bridal trail ridge to Dorothy's Wash. Take a short break. Continue over to the Sutherland trail bench, then up to the Romero Canyon scenic overlook. Return on the Sutherland trail. Ken Percival, [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL.** Thursday, April 18, 2024, Reid Park Zoo [E/2mi/10'/\$4/8am] Meet to carpool behind Welcome Center to tour the zoo. As a zoo member I will share some interesting tidbits I've learned about the animals and exhibits. Meet new baby giraffe, Moyo, and new sloth, Gwen. Tickets are \$8.50 payable at zoo entrance or online for Seniors over age 62. Limit 12. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Friday, April 19, 2024, Mount Kimball [A/12mi/4200'/\$3/7am]** Park at north end of Alvernon Way, Hike Finger Rock canyon trail to saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball", take Pima Canyon Trail a half mile to top of Mt. Kimball, and return. Limit 10 hikers Dennis Potter, [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com) or 253-722-4296.

**Saturday, April 20, 2024, Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/7:30am]** Meet at the new Big Wash Trailhead just South (left turn) from Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd (entrance to Vistoso Canyon subdivision). Follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead and view construction of new subdivision. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available.** Sunday, April 21, 2024, Barrio Art/History Hike [D/3mi/100'/\$6/4:30pm] Meet the group downtown for a light dinner at 4:30 pm, or meet for the start of the hike in front of restaurant at 5:30 pm. Walk the barrio, view artwork, and hear about the history of the area. Bring a flashlight. Maximum: 15. Jim Williams. [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**Monday, April 22, 2024, Tortolita Flats Trails [D/4mi/120'/\$0/7:30am]** Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot and take Summerstar trail to bicycle and powerline trails, returning via Chalk Creek Wash. This trail is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

## **NEW HIKES.** April 22/23, 2 DAYS OF HIKING AT CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Depart from behind the Welcome Center at 7:00 am on Monday, April 22nd. We will stay at the Day's Inn in Willcox, checking in after we hike the Natural Bridge Trail on Monday. The following day, Tuesday, we will hike the Big Loop Trail and return to the Day's Inn. Depart after breakfast Wednesday, April 24. Once you sign up for the hikes, make your own reservation at the Day's Inn. Jake O'Neill, [jakemponeill@gmail.com](mailto:jakemponeill@gmail.com)

### **NEW HIKE.** Monday, April 22, 2024, Natural Bridge Trail

**[C/5mi/1040'/\$4/8:00am]** The least used trail in the monument climbs through oak and juniper woodlands to a ridge then drops into the Apache pine forest of Picket Park. It ends at an overlook for the small water-carved bridge located across the canyon. Return the same way.

**NEW HIKE.** Tuesday, April 23, 2024, The Big Loop **[B/10mi/1800'/\$4/8:00am]** For folks wanting to do everything, this route consists of the Echo Canyon, Upper Rhyolite Canyon, Sarah Deming, Heart of Rocks, Big Balanced Rock, Inspiration Point, Mushroom Rock and Ed Riggs trails. TRAIL: Up and down across the canyons, the Big Loop combines the best of wilderness scenery. Be sure to take snacks and drink plenty of water on this all day hike.

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024, Reid Park Zoo [E/2mi/10'/\$4/8am]** Meet to carpool behind Welcome Center to tour the zoo. As a zoo member I will share some interesting tidbits I've learned about the animals and exhibits. Meet new baby giraffe, Moyo, and new sloth, Gwen. Tickets are \$8.50 payable at zoo entrance or online for Seniors over age 62. Limit 12. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available.** Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Birding Trail up to Alamo Canyon **[C-/5miles/450'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Hike on Canyon Loop to the Birding trail. Take a trail north toward Alamo Canyon flat rocks. Take a relaxing snack break, and return on the same trail. (There could be a change to this hike, as far as meeting Trailhead in park). Ken Percival, [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com).

**Thursday, April 25, 2024, 50 Year Trail Hike [D/5mi/500'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot CSP at 7:30am. Hike from the parking lot along the 50 Year Trail and take a side trail to a ridge and follow until it meets the 50 Year Trail by the power line. Then return to the parking lot via the 50 Year Trail. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE.** Monday, April 29, 2024, Tortolita Scenic hike. **[C-/6miles/400'/\$0/7:00]** Meet at the Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land. We will walk the bike trail paths to the Grove, and head back up the ridge side making a loop. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)