

November 2025 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

*** AZ State Park entrance fees increased on 2/25/25. The fee is now based on the number of people in a vehicle, if no one has a park pass. The fee is \$10 for one person and \$20 for 2 – 4 people total. The fee should be split among those in the vehicle. A park pass allows for up to 4 people to enter without additional charge.**

The Club's Fall Picnic will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 11:30 AM at the Flycatcher Group Area in Catalina State Park. Sign up on the Club's website.

Monday, November 3, 2025, Oracle Ridge [C+/6mi/1350'/\$5/7:30am] Drive to American Flag Ranch (4600') in Oracle, about 35 minutes from SCOV. Take the Cody Trail portion of Arizona Trail up to Oracle Ridge (where we'll look down on Biosphere 2) and return, moving from grasslands with manzanita to oak woodland and back. Note significant elevation gain. Limit 10 hikers. Meg Gerken, New email: desertdolphin99@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Dead Horse Canyon [C/5 mi/750'/\$2*/7:30am] Meet behind the Welcome Center. Drive to Catalina State Park and park in the lot near the back side of the Alamo Canyon Trail. Hike up the Alamo Canyon Trail for about 1 mile and take the trail on the right across the wash. Follow that trail for about 3/4 mile and take the side trail to the left and follow it to the canyon. Some bushwacking may be required. Larry Best, lbestrun@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/\$2*/9am] Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves). Hike the CDO Wash to Rancho del los Cerros meeting center then return for the picnic. There should be some shade. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Dripping Springs [C/4 mi./500'/\$2*/9am] Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. A park pass or entrance fee required. Hike up Nature Trail in Canyon Loop to Sutherland Trail. Head up Sutherland and cut over to Dripping Springs. Return the same way. Then drive to the picnic. Jorgy Jorgenson launiebob@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Alamo Canyon, CSP (C/3.5miles/350'/*/9:15am)

Meet at the Romero Canyon Trailhead in Catalina State Park or arrange carpools. We will hike the Alamo Canyon loop with a short break at the flat rock area. There are a few rocky areas on the trail but overall a very nice trail with good views of Oro Valley. Dana Laudenbach
dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Sutherland Trail [C/6mi/700'/\$0*/8am] Meet at CSP main trailhead at end of road. Hike Canyon Loop Trail then take Sutherland Trail to flat rocks and return. Contact me if you need a ride or don't have a State Park pass. Dave Flatness,
sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West [C+/8mi/200'/7:30am \$9] 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 an hour and twenty-minute drive north of SCOV. Limited to 8 by permit. Permit cost to each individual is \$6 payable with cash. Deb Wehrung,
debwehrung@gmail.com

Thursday, November 6, 2025, Tortolita Scenic Stroll [C/6 miles/<400'/\$0/7:30] Meet at Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land toward the Power lines. Wind down to the Grove, take a short snack, and head back on the Honey Bee access trail making a loop. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

NEW HIKW. Friday, November 7, 2025, Honeybee Canyon North Trail Bird Walk [D/3 miles/200'/7:30 am] Meet at the Honeybee Canyon parking lot, let me know if you need a ride. This will be a short out and back hike up the north trail to the petroglyphs and a bit further up past the dam. If you've walked this trail before you probably remember a whole lot of sand to walk through but guess what? The super heavy rains in October washed away 90% of the sand, making this a much easier hike. This part of Honeybee Canyon is quite scenic and tends to have some interesting birds. We'll take a short break at the dam before we turn around to head home. I'm happy to have both experienced birders and new birders who'd like to know more about our local birds. We'll be both watching for birds and listening for their calls. If you're new to listening for birds I highly recommend you download a free app from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It's called Merlin. We'll talk about how to use it as we explore. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com

Friday, November 7, 2025, Tortolita Foothills "Lita" [C+/8mi/300'/\$0/7:30am] 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. Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Friday, November 7, 2025, Parker Canyon Lake [C/5mi/400'/\$12/7am] The hike begins at the shore of Parker Canyon Lake, 5400' elevation, on the western side of the Huachuca Mountains near the Mexican border. The trail takes us entirely around the lake and is largely wooded with some sunny open areas. At the parking lot, a National Park Pass or self-service fee pass is required. The 100 mile drive outbound traverses through the scenic Empirita Mountains and Canelo Hills. Although the elevation change is small, bring your poles to navigate through occasionally difficult footing along the trail. We'll lunch in a picnic area back at the trailhead. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net

Saturday, November 8, 2025, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/200'/\$0/10:00 am] Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Debbie Hansen, djhansolo@comcast.net. Phone 425.931.3334

Monday, November 10, 2025, Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop [C/6mi/<400'/\$0/7:30am] 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

NEW HIKE. Monday November 10, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/5:30 pm] It's **Monday Night Football time!** Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Tortolita Flats to Titan Missile Triangulation Marker [C/5mi/200'/\$0/7:30am] Meet at Desert Oasis and take Summerstar Trail into Tortolita Flats, then bicycle trails connecting to a marker on the bluffs East of Sun City. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

NEW HIKE. Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Honeybee Canyon Bird Walk [C-/4miles/200'/7:00 am at the Copper Center parking lot] We'll walk down Rancho Vistoso to the back "road" into Honeybee Canyon which is lined with bird feeders so it's great for birders. We'll let the birds set our pace as we make our way through the canyon, taking a short break at the picnic tables before we head back. I'm happy to have both experienced birders and new birders who'd like to know more about our local birds. We'll be both watching for birds and listening for their calls. If you're new to listening for birds I highly recommend you download a free app from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It's called Merlin. We'll talk about how to use it as we explore. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com

Thursday, November 13, 2025, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$*see above/7:30am]
Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. Orientation hikes are restricted to returning and prospective members only. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. After a bit of information is shared 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 or an entry fee at the gate is required. 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 Meg Gerken at (520) 638-7204 or desertdolphin99@gmail.com or Cecil Maxfield at ctreez4me@yahoo.com

Thursday, November 13, 2025, Bug Spring Trail [B/10mi/2500'/\$6/6am] Trail starts just north of GHRA. It climbs steadily for about 800 feet, then levels off for some distance. There are several more steep climbs and descents before nearing the end of the trail where there is a final long, very steep descent to the Mount Lemmon Highway at the end of trail near Chihuahua Pines Picnic Area, 1/4 mile south of General Hitchcock Campground. On the return hike the above mentioned long, very steep portion must be climbed at the beginning. The CUMULATIVE climb on the total hike measures 2500 feet. This hike is very interesting with many unusual rock formations, three completely different terrain segments and some beautiful Arizona Madrone trees rarely seen in this area --near the north descent. NOTE: there are restrooms at the Chihuahua Pines Picnic Area. Please respond by email with the date and title of this hike. Also when signing up please LMK if you can drive or need a ride. Thanks! Jo Eaton roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com

Friday, November 14, 2025, 50 Year Trail/CDO [C/6 mi./600'/\$2*/8am] Meet at WC to share rides. Hike up 50 Year Trail to the gate and return via CDO Trail. Jorgy Jorgenson launiebob@gmail.com

Friday, November 14, 2025, Walter's Cascade [C/4+mi/800'/\$2*/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. At CSP, drive to the first parking lot after crossing CDO wash. We will follow the trail up the SW side of Alamo Canyon for 1.0 miles then take a side trail on the right that goes to the stock tank. After 0.8 mi (before the stock tank) take a side trail to a special place for a nice view of Oro Valley. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Monday, November 17, 2025, Naranja Park [C/4 mi/300+feet/\$2/7am] Naranja Park is home to four multi-use fields, an archery range, dog parks, hiking, pickleball courts, splash pad, skate park and more. We will circle the park by taking several trails. Poles are recommended as there are a few steep areas. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

NEW HIKE. Monday November 17, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/5:30 pm] It's **Monday Night Football time!** Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Desperado Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/270'/\$4/7am] Meet behind Welcome Center for carpooling to Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead and hike this Pima County park. We have seen coyotes previously. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Dripping Springs/Overlook Green Rock base. [C/5miles/500'/\$2*/8:00] Meet at the Main trailhead in CSP. Hike to Dripping Springs to hopefully see a waterfall via Sutherland Trail. Then we'll take a new bush whack trail down to get a better view of Green Rock, and into the Romero Canyon. Return the same route. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Bridal Wreath Trail, Saguaro East [C+/7.5miles/1100'/\$5/8am] We will meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Douglas Spring Trailhead. This is a nice, windy loop trail with a few areas of rockiness. If we are lucky to do it after a rainfall we may see water in the falls. Limit 8 hikers. Dana Laudенbach dlaudenbach1@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Petroglyph/Sausaulito Creek [B/10 mi/450'/\$0/8am] Meet at Desert Oasis. Walk to Chalk Creek to enter State Trust Land and hike bike trails to petroglyphs. Continue to the windmill on Sausaulito Creek and hike down the creek and return to Desert Oasis. Larry Best, lbestrun@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, November 20, 2025, Santa Cruz History Hike [D/4 mi/100/ 9:00 am/\$6] Meet at the state parking garage on Congress St. and walk the Santa Cruz River Walk. Hear about the history of the area from the Spanish explorers to today. Includes a coffee/refreshment stop. Limit: 15. Jim Williams jaswilliams128@msn.com

Thursday, November 20, 2025, Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/7am] Hike Phoneline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com

Friday, November 21, 2025, Madera Canyon Proctor Parking to MWPA Parking [C/8mi/1200'/\$10/7am] Hike from the Proctor parking area following the Madera Canyon Creek in the Santa Rita Mountains to the MWPA Parking. Hike starts at approx. 4,400 ft. Lunch in the picnic area and return via the same route. A wooded and bird watching special area. Generally lots of fall color this time of year. National Park Pass or daily fee pass required for parking. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net

Friday, November 21, 2025, 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. May use an alternate return route or turn around and return by the same route. Dave and Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Saturday, November 22, 2025, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3mi/200'/\$0/10:00 am] Short, close-in hike; easy, paved, minimal elevation, three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. Carpool from BEHIND SCOV Welcome Center; Debbie Hansen, djhansolo@comcast.net. Phone 425.931.3334

Monday, November 24, 2025, Sabino Phoneline Trail Out and Back [B/10mi/1400'/\$4/7am] Hike from Sabino Canyon parking lot to Phoneline Trailhead. Trail is situated above the canyon providing outstanding views of the canyon and mountains. Hike to tram stop 9 and return. Deb Wehrung, debwehrung@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE. Monday, November 24, 2025, Birding Trail /Alamo Canyon [C-/5mi /450' / \$2*/7:30] Meet at Welcome center or Main trailhead in CSP. We'll hike up the birding trail and take a cut off path over toward Alamo Canyon. On the way we'll take a short

off trail uphill to get a view of Buster Mountain. Poles are recommended. We'll take a short break on the flat rocks up at Alamo Canyon and return by the same route. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

NEW HIKE. Monday November 24, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/5:30 pm] It's Monday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three-mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms parms1950@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, November 28, 2025, Oracle Hill High Point [C/3mi/650'/\$4/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center for carpooling. We will drive to Charouleau Gap Rd N Trailhead in Oracle. Hike jeep road halfway up Oracle Hill. Then we will follow cow paths through grassy areas to the Oracle Hill high point at 5300 feet. The route has some steep sections on uneven ground. Our destination has rewarding views of the Catalinas from the North. Return via the same route. We will stop for brunch afterwards at the Oracle Patio in Oracle. Come for the hike and stay for the food. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com