

January 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.

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/7:30am] Let's kick off the New Year and hike the 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.

HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available. Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Vertical Cliffs

Trail [C/5mi/400'/\$6/8am] The hike will start at the North Belmont Access, as shown on the Saguaro National Park web site. Federal pass required. To get there, turn west from N Silverbell Rd onto W Belmont Rd and continue about 1.5 miles. We will hike on the Vertical Cliffs, Abingdon, Veterans, and Coyote Pass Trails, and also stroll a bit in Yuma Mine Wash. We won't hurry. Limit 12 hikers. Mobile for day of hike only: 520-235-4987. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, hikerbobe@aol.com.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Big Wash ramble to Stonehenge [C/6mi/500'/\$0/8am] Meet at Catalina Vista, hike to Big Wash. Hence past church to Stonehenge, snack, and loop return. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. Cary and 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 Gayle Franklin, cactigal50@gmail.com. or Cary Roper, carybayley@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Vistoso Trails Natural Preserve [D/3 mi/200'/\$0/9am] Three mile loop trail at Vistoso Trails Natural Preserve. A concrete trail winds through the former Vistoso Golf course. Beautiful mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife. There is a porta-potty at the beginning. No other separation breaks available. The hike will take about 1 1/2 hours. Limit 10. Jorgy Jorgenson, launiebob@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Around Picket Post [B/9mi/1000'/\$16/7:30am] A hike in a very interesting geological area near Superior, AZ. We will start on the Arizona Trail from the Picket

Post TH to trails through Arnett and Telegraph Canyons, and back to the parking lot. Bring extra socks (for insurance) as we will hike for a time along a permanent creek. Bring plenty of fluids, nourishment, and gear for any weather. Inclement weather cancels. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Friday, January 5, 2024 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/8am] Meet at Welcome Center and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Desert Oasis back to Welcome Center. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

Friday, January 5, 2024 Sahuarita Dams Rail X Rd [C/7mi/400'/\$3/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. This hike is out in the north Tortolita flats area. Will hike on dirt roads, trails and washes. Visit Sahuarita Dams. Hike is on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 6, 2024 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/8am] Meet at the Big Wash South Trailhead, just Left of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd (enter at the Vistoso Canyon subdivision entrance and turn left for trailhead parking). Follow bicycle and other trails to ruins of old homestead and view construction of new subdivision. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, January 8, 2024 Rail X Petroglyphs, Pottery and Zodiac Ridge [D/4mi/150'/\$3/8am] Meet at the WC and car pool to location on Rail X (Edwin Rd). Hike bike trails, old roads and some bushwhacking to see pottery sherds, petroglyphs and remains of a stone circle site. Search for more petroglyphs in large rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land, permit required. Limit 12. Millie Sparling, milliesparling79@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Wild Mustang /Alamo Springs Trail [B/11mi/2000'/\$3/8am] From Dove Mt. trailhead, take short cut Trail to the Upper Javalina Trail, then up the mountain to Wild Mustang Trail. Continue on Wild Mustang Trail to Alamo Springs and return via Alamo Springs trail. Max Haegele , 43avocet@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Walk in the Park Sutherland Trail over toward Green Rock [D/4mi/377'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Main Trail Head parking lot CSP. Hike from the parking lot along the Sutherland Trail to the Sutherland Bench and turn East toward Green Rock for a total of about 2 miles. Stop for a quick snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Ironwood Forest road trip [C/4mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Drive west on Arva Valley Road to trailhead on Johnstone Road in Ironwood National Monument. Tour Titan II Interpretive site, Waterman Desert Restoration Site, and hike ½ mile (400' elevation gain) to Waterman Mtn viewpoint and return. Stop at 80 arm Saguaro before eating lunch at El Campeon Mexican restaurant. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com.

See map: https://ironwoodforest.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/IronwoodMonument_012523-web-printable-version-jpeg-scaled.jpg

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 10, 2024 Rams Field pass to wildlife reservoir [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am] Hike main wash to wildlife reservoir. Great views of our valley from here. Return following loop. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 Honeybee East/Indian Trail Loop [D/4mi/300'/\$0/8am] Meet at Desert Oasis. From there we will enter the trail at Summerstar. Hike up Honeybee East and return back on Indian Trail Loop. This is an exploratory hike and I plan on keeping it as close to 4 miles as I can. New one for me. Julie Cherry, Jewelscherry@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available. Wednesday, January 10, 2024 CSP Montrose/Alamo Variation [C/5mi/400'/\$2/8am] The hike starts at the parking loop just before the Romero Ruins parking loop. Our destination is the flat rocks in Alamo Canyon, but we will have a roundabout route to get there. It will include some Bridle Trail, a very short, sandy bit of Montrose Wash, and some Birding Trail. Mostly, though, we will be on trails of use on the NE side of Alamo Canyon. We won't hurry. Limit 12 hikers. Mobile for day of hike only: 520-235-4987. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, hikerbobe@aol.com.

RESCHEDULED to 1/21. Thursday, January 11, 2024 Cochise Stronghold [B/10mi/2300'/\$14/8am] In the Dragoon Mountains near Sunsites, AZ. Hike through spine of granite where the legendary Apache war chief Cochise held off his many enemies. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available. Thursday, January 11, 2024 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4+miles/300'/\$2/8am] Hike on north side trail from Romero Ruins start point to canyon precipice and cross over to south side. Continue on East to flat rock amphitheater area with seasonal stream. Have a short snack and return on the backside trail with some short rocky sections descending out to the wash. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Friday, January 12, 2024 Wildlife Corridor Oracle State Park [C/5mi/700'/\$5/9am] Hike from Kannally Ranch parking lot on Wildlife Corridor to the windmill. Return the same route. Jorgy Jorgenson, launiebob@gmail.com.

Friday, January 12, 2024 Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center for carpool and directions. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. View crested saguaro. Snack along the way at selected viewpoint. This is partly on State Trust Land. Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

Monday, January 15, 2024 50 Year Trail [D/4mi/367'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Equestrian Center, Catalina State Park (CSP). Hike the 50 Year Trail for about 2 miles and return same way. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

Monday, January 15, 2024 Entire Tortolita Preserve Loop Trail [C/9mi/520'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the new parking lot at Tortolita Preserve. Hike both the West and East sections of the loop trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Wild Burro/ Wild Mustang/ Cochie Loop [B+/11mi/2200'/\$3/8am] Park at Dove Mt. trailhead and take Wild Burro trail to Wild Mustang to Cochie/Wild Mustang crossover then return via Cochie to trailhead. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Armory Park History Hike [D/4mi/100'/\$6/9am] Meet downtown and walk the historic Armory Park neighborhood, one of Tucson's first suburban areas. Hear about residents, history and architecture. Limit: 15. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available. Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Explorer Trail [C/5mi/500'/\$6/8am] Park at the Tucson Mountain Park S Sarasota Trailhead. (Take W Ajo to S Kenney to S Sarasota to the large trailhead parking area.) Hike the Explorer Trail about 1 mile, then hike a bit on the Beer Garden Trail before continuing on the Explorer Trail to a saddle. That's our turn around point. Limit of 12 hikers. Mobile, day of hike only: 520-235-4987. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Dripping Springs [C-/5 miles/500'/\$2/8am] We'll meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Take the Sutherland Trail up to the 2nd bench. Then hike up to dripping Springs, where we may see some "dripping springs". Take a short break, then hike down to the Green Rock overlook. Return via Sutherland trail. Ken Percival, knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Tina Larga Tank [B/8mi/1700'/\$5/8am] Park at end of Speedway, hike Douglas Spring Trail to Tina Larga Tank. We will enjoy lunch on the rocks and return by some route. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am] Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. Cary and 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 Gayle Franklin at cactigal50@gmail.com or Cary Roper at carybayley@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Seven Falls to Last Crossing and return [B/13mi/1650'/\$4/8am]
Hike past 7 falls to the last crossing before ascending trail up top of Bear Canyon Trail and return. Dennis Potter, potterdennis49@gmail.com (new email) or 253-722-4296.

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, January 19, 2024 AZT Thru Oracle State Park

[C/7mi/800'/\$5/8am] A car shuttle hike of the Arizona Trail through Oracle State Park, from the American Flag Ranch to Tiger Mine Road. Meet behind the Welcome Center for the approx 35-minute drive to trailhead. Limit 12 hikers. Meg Gerken, meg_stuff3@icloud.com.

Friday, January 19, 2024 50 Year Trail Loop [D/4mi/400'/\$2/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center. At CSP, leave from Equestrian Center. We will take the West Ridge Trail. After 2 miles, we meet up with the 50 Year Trail and return. Dave and Sigrid Flatness, sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, January 20, 2024 Sutherland cutoff to Zelda's Rock

[C/6mi/700'/\$2/8am] Meet at CSP main trailhead, hike Sutherland Cutoff to Zelda's rock at Cargondera Canyon and return. Might be some water at the rock. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

RESCHEDULED from 1/11. Sunday, January 21, 2024 Cochise Stronghold

[B/10mi/2300'/\$14/8am] In the Dragoon Mountains near Sunsites, AZ. Hike through spine of granite where the legendary Apache war chief Cochise held off his many enemies. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Monday, January 22, 2024 Bridle trail to Dorothy's Wash/Green Rock Overlook

[C-/5mi/450'/\$2/8am] We'll take the Sutherland trail up to a scenic bridle trail over to Dorothy's Wash. Have a short snack, break, then head back up to the Sutherland trail to the 2nd bench. Take a short sit, and then jaunt over to Green rock overlook. Return back on the Sutherland trail. Ken Percival, Knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com.

Monday, January 22, 2024 Gabe Zimmerman to AZT North [C/6mi/630'/\$9/8am] Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead (16000 Marsh Station Road, Vail). Hike Passage 8 of the Arizona Trail North to the Cienega Creek riparian area with flowing water and several train trestles with frequent trains. Continue hiking for 3 miles to snack area and then return to trailhead. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Monday, January 22, 2024 Walk in The Park [D/4mi/334'/\$2/8am] Meet at Romero Ruins Parking Lot Catalina State Park (CSP) and hike the Alamo Canyon Loop. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com.

RESCHEDULED TO 2/1/24. Tuesday, January 23, 2024 Javalina/Lower Javalina Loop

[C-/6mi/900'/\$3/8am] Park at Dove Mt. Trailhead and take Street Southwest to Upper Javalina

Trail and take west 1/2 of Lower Javalina trail. Complete lower Javalina loop and return to vehicles via Wild Burro trail. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE. Tuesday, January 23, 2024 Agua Caliente Hill [B/9mi/\$3/3000'/7:30am] Agua Caliente Hill is a peak in the far east side of Tucson valley, separating the Catalinas and Rincons. We hike up a well-developed trail to the peak at 5,370 feet, have lunch and return. Nice views of the Catalinas and Rincons along the way. Jake O'Neill jakemponeill@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Kannally Ranch to windmill in Oracle State Park [C/5mi/600'/\$5/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center for carpooling to OSP, hike trails to windmill and return. Then to Patio Cafe in Oracle by popular demand for refreshments, mostly pie and coffee. Limit 10. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Yetman/Bowen/Hidden Valley Trails [C/6mi/650'/\$5/8am] Begin at the Camino de Oeste Trailhead in Tucson Mountain Park. Hike the Yetman to the Bowen to the Hidden Valley Trail, which climbs to a saddle. Return to the Yetman, hiking a bit past the Bowen stone house. Limit of 12 hikers. Mobile, day of hike only: 520-235-4987. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Josephine Saddle via Super Trail [B/8mi/1700'/\$10/7am] Park at Roundup parking area in Madera Canyon. Take Super Trail to Josephine Saddle for lunch. Return the same way. Limit 10. Dennis Potter, potterdennis49@gmail.com (new email) Or 253-722-4296.

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Dripping Springs [D/4mi/400'/\$2/7:45am] Meet at Welcome Center to leave at 7:45. Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall via Sutherland Trail. Return the same route. Julie Cherry, Jewelscherry@gmail.com.

Friday, January 26, 2024 Nature Loop/Wildlife Corridor [C/5mi/500'/\$5/7:30am] Meet behind Welcome Center and carpool to Oracle State Park. Hike the Nature Loop, Wildlife Corridor and Kannally Wash. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, sigrid.flatness@gmail.com.

Monday, January 29, 2024 Arizona Trail Passage 14 [C/8mi/1300'/\$5/8am] Drive to Tiger Mine Road north of Oracle to AZT trailhead. Hike first part of this passage. Trail is many ups and downs but none extremely steep. Wonderful views throughout. Meet at the welcome center. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com.

Monday, January 29, 2024 50 Year, Powerline, CDO Trail [D/4mi/390'/\$2/8am] Meet at the Catalina State Park Equestrian Center (or arrange your own carpooling). Take the 50 Year trail to

the newly cleared Powerline route down into the CDO Wash, then return to Equestrian Center. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Oracle Hill High Point [B-/4mi/900'/\$4/7:30am] We will drive to Charouleau Gap Rd N Trailhead in Oracle. Hike jeep roads halfway up Oracle Hill. Bushwack up grassy slope to the Oracle Hill summit then follow ridges SW to the Oracle Hill high point at 5300 feet. Rewarding views of the Catalinas from the North. Return via the same route. Tom Meyer, tmeyer80@msn.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist available. Wednesday, January 31, 2024 Catalina SP Trails North [C/5mi/350'/\$2/8:30am] We will start out on the Sutherland Trail, then take various trails of use, all on the west side of Sutherland Wash. Limit of 12 hikers. Mobile, day of hike only: 520-235-4987. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.