

February 2021 Hiking Schedule

(Updates & changes in RED)

Hikers, please be reminded:

Strict 6' social distancing is required at all times.

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, or when social distancing on the trail is not possible.

There is no carpooling. Hikers must find their own way to the trailhead.

Unless otherwise noted by the guide, there is a 10 hiker maximum.

Monday, February 01, 2021 Alamo Canyon [D/4mi/300'/8am] Park at the Romero Ruin lot and cross the wash. Turn right at the sign post, and loop back toward the left. Turn right and climb the stairs to Arlen's trail. Follow the trail to the streambed and return by loop. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Monday, February 01, 2021 Wasson Peak via Gould Mine Trail [B/8mi/1800'/8am] B hike at slower C pace! Park at newly constructed trailhead just past Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum entrance in the Tucson Mountains of Saguaro National Park West. Hike up Gould Mine Trail to Hugh Norris Trail past old mines to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, February 02, 2021 Lost Coyote South Loop [D/4mi/300'/8am] Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot. Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to new housing development, then a new Oro Valley trail to the Southern border of Honeybee Canyon park, then East to the Lost Coyote trail and return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, February 03, 2021 Cargodera Canyon to Zelda's rock [C/6mi/700'/8am] hike Sutherland Trail from main trailhead in CSP, brunch on Zelda's rock in Cargodera Canyon, and return. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, February 3, 2021 Honey Bee Petroglyphs [D/4mi/50'/8am] Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot and walk to Honey Bee Park, then take the north trail toward the petroglyphs, hike 0.1 mile to the second dam, have a snack and return by same route. Slight change in elevation but a sandy hike in wash. alschmidt45@gmail.com

Thursday, February 04, 2021 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/8am] Reservation required. A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Please contact Peg Rocklin at 720-206-8217 to reserve a spot.

Thursday, February 04, 2021 Bear Canyon via Sycamore Canyon Key Exchange [B/12mi/1000'up/3000'down; leave SCOV at 6:30am] Down hikers start at G.H. trailhead (old prison camp), take Sycamore Canyon Trail to top of Bear Canyon; hike down past Seven Falls to the Bear Canyon shuttle stop. Take shuttle @ \$4(exact cash only) to the Sabino parking lot. The upper Bear Canyon has magnificent views. Up hikers start from Sabino parking lot (no shuttle). Key Exchange has additional virus safety procedures (to be provided upon sign-up). Hikers may arrange their personal shuttles to the trailhead and from the finish location. Darrel Cornelius, darrelcornelius@q.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, February 05, 2021 Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/8am] Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. Hike CDO Wash following horse trails to Rancho De Los Cerro resort/meeting center, then return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Friday, February 05, 2021 Golden Gate Trail [C/5mi/600'/8am] Leave on your own from Sun City at 8:00am. Regroup at the Gates Pass parking area on W. Gates Pass Road. There we organize a caravan as follows. Drive 3.0 miles west to Turnout G8 at the Chaparral Trailhead where the hike starts. (Parking is limited, so some may need to continue another 0.2 miles to the Siphon Trailhead at Turnout G9, park there, and walk back to G8 to start the hike.) We start on the Chaparral Trail, then take informal trails to the Golden Gate Trail and continue east to the junction with the Yetman Trail. This is our turn around point. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, February 06, 2021 Oracle Ridge [C/7mi/1350'/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center to sign in and get directions. Park at American Flag parking on S Mt. Lemmon Control Road. This hike is on the eastern flank of the Santa Catalina Mountains starting around 4600'. This is a portion the Arizona Trail called the Cody Trail. The trail passes by the Hi-Jinks Ranch and up to Oracle Ridge through grasslands with agave, manzanita and then open-oak woodland. At the ridge we'll have a snack and look down on Biosphere 2. On the return by the same trail, we'll have great views of the San Pedro River Valley and the Galiuro Mountains. No facilities at trailhead. We should be back in Sun City between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, February 08, 2021 Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve

[D+/4mi/500/8am/9am] This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to Caravan at 8:00 am or meet at Tortolita TH at 9:00 to hike this Tucson Mountain Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Hike Roller Coaster up to Wildflower Ridge, Spine, down Ocotillo Hill to Homestead, Lost Arrow, and Saguaro Vista trails back to cars. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

Monday, February 8, 2021. Club Shirt Sales. Navajo Room, Activity Center. 2 PM – 3 PM. Samples of Club shirts for sale will be on display.

Monday, February 08, 2021 Wild Mustang / Alamo Springs Trail [B/11mi/2000'/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, 818-9178, 43avocet@gmail.com.

Monday, February 08, 2021 Sutherland/Horse Trails [C/7mi/500'/9am] From C.S.P. main trailhead, hike the Sutherland Trail past Lunch Rocks; down the Link Trail short ways; then a series of Horse Trails towards the Sutherland Wash and looping back to the Sutherland Trail; then 3/4 mile back to the trailhead. Darrel Cornelius, darrelcornelius@q.com.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Club Shirt Sales. Navajo Room, Activity Center. 2 PM – 3 PM. Samples of Club shirts for sale will be on display.

Tuesday, February 09, 2021 Josephine Saddle via Super Trail [B/8mi/1700'/7am] Park at MWPA parking area. Take the Super Trail to Josephine Saddle for lunch. Return the same way. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

CANCELLED. Tuesday, February 09, 2021 Pontatoc Ridge [C+/5mi/1500'/7:30am] Meet at Welcome Center to caravan to parking lot on left side at the end of Alvernon Way. Hike up to end of trail and return. Good views of Tucson and Finger Rock. Steep for the last mile. LIMIT 6 for limited space at top. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, February 09, 2021 Cardiac Gap via Esperero Trail

[B/8mi/2000'/8am] Meet @ Sabino Canyon Trail Head. Hike 1/4 mile to Esperero Trail; take it to saddle overlooking Esperero Canyon and falls for lunch, and return. Hike is initially steep, then gets steeper. Phil Weinberg, phweinb@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Rock Wren, Little Cat & Starr Pass Loop

[C/6mi/500'/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:00am or at Richard Genser/JW Marriot Starr Pass Resort Trailhead at 9:00am. Walk a new combination loop of trails with desert and mountain scenery (Rock Wren, Little Cat, Explorer, Starr Pass) in Tucson Mountain Park. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/8am] Meet at Catalina Vista and hike the Big Wash for 4 miles at the whim of the guide. Technically a bushwhack on state trust land. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Sutherland Trail [D/4mi/400+'/8am] Meet at the main trailhead parking lot at Catalina State Park. Hike from the parking lot to the Sutherland Trail following it for 2 miles. Stop for a snack and return by same trail. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, February 11, 2021 Catalina St. Park History Hike [D/4mi/200'/8am] Hike on the Nature Trail, Romero Tr, and Romero Ruins Tr and hear about the early settlers, including the Romeros and others. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday, February 11, 2021, Coffee Run [D/4mi/50'/8am] Enter the Oro Valley Hospital parking entrance and drive to the far west end of the parking lot near the medical buildings where the hike will meet. We will hike on mostly paved paths to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. The shop offers a variety of coffee creations as well as a selection of teas. There are also pastries available. There is some seating just outside the shop, but another option may be available. The hike is limited to 10. Masks will be required as well as adherence to other COVID procedures. Contact: Judith Maisch jam4930@yahoo.com

Thursday, February 11, 2021 Superstitions: Dutchman/Bluff Springs Loop [B/10mi/1600'/7am] This loop route skirts the base of the Superstition Mountains passing a variety of pleasant and, possibly, poppy/lupine-covered vistas across open desert country and then climbs over Miners Summit and drops back into the backcountry. From the Peralta trailhead, we follow the Dutchman trail passing beneath Miners Needle to Miners Canyon. We meander up a rocky area to Miners Summit where we continue on the Dutchman trail and descend into a tributary of Bluff Spring Canyon. We then cross a wash [most probably dry] and meet the Bluff Spring trail. We follow the Bluff Spring trail past the Terrapin trail for the remainder of the rather steep downhill 2.3 miles back to the trailhead. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

Friday, February 12, 2021 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/8am] Reservation required. A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Gayle Franklin, cactigal50@gmail.com.

Friday, February 12, 2021 Dorothy's Wash [D/4mi/300'/8am] Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Take the Sutherland trail and loop to a spot in Sutherland wash and loop back to the parking area. LIMIT 10, COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@yahoo.com.

CANCELLED. Friday, February 12, 2021 Seven Falls to Last Crossing [B/13mi/1650'/7am] Meet @ Sabino Canyon T.H., Hike past Seven Falls to the last crossing before ascending trail up top of Bear Canyon Trail and return. Dennis Potter, sweetliberty@comcast.net, or 253-722-4296.

Friday, February 12, 2021 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/8am] Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com or 818-9178.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, February 15, 2021 South of the Border [C/5mi/400'/8am] South of the Sun City border that is. Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot. Hike Lost Coyote trail to new Oro Valley trail to Honeybee Canyon, return through the lower dam and Lost Coyote trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, February 15, 2021 Vertical Cliffs Trail [C/5mi/350'/8am] Meet at Welcome Center at 8:00am. This hike is in Saguaro NP West, permit required, in a section of the park not heavily used. For familiarization, go to the Saguaro NP web site, then Tucson District, then Belmont Trail Area. We will park at the North Belmont access, hike about 0.1 miles on the Belmont Trail, then about 2.0 miles on the Vertical Cliffs Trail. Next, we hike a bit of the Coyote Pass Trail, then return to the cars via the Abington Trail and the South Veterans Trail. I will provide more detailed driving instructions later. Much of this area is rather flat. We won't hurry. Parking space is limited, so maximum of six hikers. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Birding Trail [D/2mi/100'/9am] Meet in Catalina State Park (permit or \$7 required) at the Romero Ruins Trailhead. The Birding Trail is a one mile loop, and we hike a total of one additional mile going to and from the Birding Trail for our total of two miles. Bob Eschrich, 520-825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Big Wash and Ridge Exploratory [C?/5mi?/300ft?/3pm] This hike is exploratory to the guide, used for measuring purposes. You may have been to all these places, but he hasn't. Hike begins from Catalina Vista at 3pm. We will try to visit the wildlife tunnel, the corral, and a marker. Most of the hike will be on the bike trail. Limit 6, COVID procedures apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Tortolita Flats [C/8mi/400ft/8am] Hike to survey monument and return. Begin hike at Desert Oasis Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Rock Wren, Little Cat, Starr Pass Loop [C/6mi/500'/8am] Meet behind Welcome Center at 8:00am or at Richard Genser/JW Marriot Starr Pass Resort Trailhead at 9:00am. Walk a new combination loop of trails with desert and mountain scenery (Rock Wren, Little Cat, Explorer, Starr Pass) in Tucson Mountain Park. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Walk in the Park [D/4mi/400'/8am] Fifty-Year Trail South End. Meet at Equestrian Center parking lot. Hike from Equestrian Center for about 2 miles and return. Al Schmidt alschmidt45@gmail.com

Thursday, February 18, 2021 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/8am] Meet at the new Big Wash trailhead just South of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. Follow Big Wash and animal trails at the whim of the group South for 2 miles, then return. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Thursday, February 18, 2021 Gardner Canyon [B/14mi/1100'/6:30am] Meet@ Welcome Center and caravan to the T.H. Hike South on the AZ Trail for 5.5 miles to Bear Springs through extensive oak forest with wonderful vista to the East and good looks of the back side of Mt. Wrightson. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net

Friday, February 19, 2021 Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/700'/8:15am] Meet at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Return by the same route avoiding the steep uphill trail. LIMIT 10, COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@yahoo.com.

Friday, February 19, 2021 Dove Mt. to Sun City [B/14mi/1600'/8am] Drop off at Dove Mt. Trailhead and return to Sun City via Wild Burro/ Rail X road and Power line road. Meet at Desert Oasis. Max Haegele, 818-9178 or 43avocet@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, February 20, 2021 Fifty Year Trail/Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/8am] Park at the corral north of Golder Ranch Rd. Hike 50yr trail, Middlegate trail and return. This hike is partially on State Trust Land. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE ADDED. Saturday, February 20th 2021 - Petroglyphs from Sutherland Wash [D+/4mi/450'/8am] This is the Shortest Hike to the Petroglyphs. Drive out Golder Ranch Rd. Turn Right after Cattle Guard crossing. Higher clearance vehicle needed (SUV or Equivalent) to drive one mile road down to north end Catalina State Park gate. Road is little rough for only ¼ mile. Hike moderate trail with 450 foot elevation gain to hundreds of Petroglyphs and a dozen Metates. Lunch/Snack and return same. This hike is on State Trust Land. Contact: Harry Niese 520-730-6293 han2500@yahoo.com

Monday, February 22, 2021 La Milagrosa-Agua Caliente Loop [B-/7mi/1400'/7 am] Hike starts 2800' at Horsehead Rd. From Agua Caliente Wash we will take a steady 900' climb up La Milagrosa Trail and then drop into Agua Caliente Canyon where we cross the wash and climb up to Agua Caliente Trail and proceed down a ridge trail. The views are stunning. I rated this hike a B- because of the steepness of the trail back down to Horsehead Rd. Limit 8 hikers. Doug Higgins, dahiggins@comcast.net.

HIKE IS FULL. Contact Al to be placed on the waiting list. NEW HIKE ADDED - Monday, February 22, 2021 Walk-in-the Park [D/4mi/300+'/8am] Meet at trail head parking lot and hike along Sutherland Trail and take side trail towards the east and view Green Rock, and return. Al Schmidt, alschmidt45@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Monday, February 22, 2021 Catalina St. Park History Hike [D/4mi/200'/8am] Hike on the Nature Trail, Romero Tr, and Romero Ruins Tr and hear about the early settlers, including the Romeros and others. Jim Williams, jaswilliams128@msn.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Upper Javalina/Lower Javalina Loop [C+/6mi/900'/8am] Park at Dove Mt. Trailhead and take Street Southwest to Upper Javalina Trail and take it to Lower Javalina trail. Complete lower Javalina loop and return to vehicles via Wild Burro trail. Max Haegele, 43avocet@gmail.com or 8128-9178.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, February 23rd 2021 - Cherry Tank Trail [B/11mi/1500'/7:30am] Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to Corrals. Follow the jeep trail down to Sutherland Wash and start on the Middle gate Trail, to 50yr Trail, then NE on Cowboy Slick Rock Trail, to Cherry Tank Trail, to Around the Mountain Trail, to N end of 50YR trail, then back to Middle gate cut off Trail, back to starting point. Along route, Crested Saguaro, Metates and Wonderful views and rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land. Contact: Harry Niese 520-730-6293 han2500@yahoo.com

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Thunderbird Trail [C/6mi/750'/8am] This hike is in Saguaro NP, so pass required. Leave Sun City at 8:00am. Drive to the Sweetwater Trailhead. Note that it is on W el Camino del Cerro, NOT on W Sweetwater Drive. Driving instructions will be provided, but it would be a good idea to check a resource, such as the Saguaro NP web site, for yourself. After 0.2 miles on the Sweetwater Trail, we head north on the Thunderbird Trail, then take the Brittlebush Trail and the Cactus Wren Trail, returning to the cars on the Thunderbird Trail. This is a scenic area, easy to get to, yet with a remote feel. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, HikerBobE@aol.com.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 OSP "In and Out" [C-/4mi/680'/7:30am] Meet at Oracle State Park auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue in Oracle. It is a 35 minute drive to the trail head from Sun City. If unsure about the trail head, ask for directions; or we can convoy but not carpool. Hike to Kannally Ranch House and back by the same route. LIMIT 10, COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@gmail.com.

HIKE IS FULL. Contact Kurt to be placed on the waiting list. Thursday, February 25, 2021 Sausalito Ruins [D/4mi/290'/9am] Meet at Posse Shack (near miniature golf). Hike along Rancho Vistoso Blvd to Powerline entrance and head south. Follow the Sausalito Creek dry wash to a stone foundation with the fireplace still standing. Return the same way. Kurt Schulz, kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com.

Thursday, February 25, 2021 Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to Juniper Basin [A/14mi/3300'/6am] Meet @ Welcome Center and caravan to Javelina picnic area T.H. (Rincon East) Hike Tanque Verde Ridge Trail through changing desert vegetation to a beautiful camping area and return. Dennis Potter, sweetliberty@comcast.net or 253-722-4296.

HIKE IS FULL. Contact Darrel to be added to the waiting list. Thursday, Feb.25, 2021 Granddaddy Saguaro/Petroglyphs/EWW Saguaro Loop [C+/8mi/600ft./8:30am] From Catalina State Park, hike Sutherland to lunch rocks; then new Horse Trail (not up the rocky road) to Granddaddy Saguaro; continue on Horse Trails to Petroglyphs (south set) and EWW Saguaro; then hike series of Horse Trails back to lower Sutherland and CSP. Darrel Cornelius darrelcornelius@q.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. February 25, 2021 Walk-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/8:00am] Hike from a Catalina State Park trailhead for about two miles on a designated trail either as a loop or return the same way. Trail may contain rocky sections and short but steep inclines/declines. Meet behind the Welcome Center at 8AM for instructions on where the hike will start. Catalina State Park pass or 7\$ entry fee required. Peg Rocklin, pegrocklin@gmail.com, 720-206-8217

Friday, February 26, 2021 Sweetwater Saddle [C+/8mi/1400'/7am] Meet behind Welcome Center to caravan at 7:00 am. At the foot of the Tucson Mountains, start at Camino del Cerro trailhead and hike Sweetwater Trail in Saguaro National Park West to saddle where it meets King Canyon Trail; have snack and enjoy view; then return on the same trail. Impressive views of the city of Tucson, the scenery of Tucson Mountain Park, and the walkers going up Kings Canyon trail to Wasson Peak. Georgene Porter, gvporter@live.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, February 26, 2021 Full Moon Golf Course Hike [D/3+mi/100'/6:30pm] Meet at 6:15 pm between the golf pro shop and the Views Restaurant. We will walk one of the nine-hole courses under the full moon. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Flashlights are recommended. All COVID procedures will apply. If there are more than 10 participants, we will split into a second (or more) groups. Judy Maisch, jam4930@yahoo.com

Friday, February 26, 2021 American Flag to Oracle State Park [C-/5mi/500'/8am] Meet at the American Flag Trailhead. Hike from the American Flag Trailhead, north on the Arizona Trail for 2.5 miles into OSP. Return by the same route. LIMIT 10, COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, kmduellman@yahoo.com.

NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, 2/26/2021 - Petroglyphs from Sutherland Wash.

[D+C/4mi/450'/8am] This is the Shortest Hike to the Petroglyphs. Drive out Golder Ranch Rd. Turn Right after Cattle Guard crossing. Higher clearance vehicle needed (SUV or Equivalent) to drive one mile road down to north Catalina State Park gate. Road is little rough for only ¼ mile. Hike moderate trail with 450 foot elevation gain to hundreds of Petroglyphs and a dozen Metates. Lunch/Snack and return same. This hike is on State Trust Land. Contact: Harry Niese 520-730-6293 han2500@yahoo.com

Saturday, February 27, 2021 Canyon loop plus [D/4mi/400'/8am] Hike Canyon Loop to Sutherland cutoff then NW to Dorothy's Wash and return. Jack Evert, jackevert439@gmail.com.