

**C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15.**

**February 1 - Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa/Williams Mesa Segments (I-17 Exit 236) Rating C.** This is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. It covers two segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Table Top Mesa and Williams Mesa segments. The hike goes across the Agua Fria river for a way and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition - a good biking trail with a river crossing (hopefully low or dry). No rest rooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Little-Pan-Segment>

**February 8 - Union Peak Loop (Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South). Rating C & B.** This is a 7.2 (C level) or 8.4 (B) mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000-1200 ft. This trail system is made up of well-maintained trails. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill for excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail Condition – average hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 68 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/East-Peak-Loop>

**February 15 - Estrella Foothills Park Elliott TH Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C.** This is a 7 mile figure eight loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails, making loops along the way. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly a good hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-Exploratory-Hike-5-14-18Elliot-Rd-MappingLynnW2017-2018/>

**February 22 - Go John, Quartz. Flat Rock, Slate Trails Loop (Cave Creek Rec. Area). Rating C.** This is a 6 mile loop hike on a combined trail with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. On the Lime Kiln trail (on the right as you hike from the trailhead) about .3 miles from the Quartz trail intersection is a strange looking saguaro named the Michelin Man saguaro. The Quartz trail has quite a bit of quartz rock along it. About .5 miles from the trailhead on the Go John trail (on the left as you hike away from the trailhead, near the junction of the Jasper trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like our hiking club logo. Trail Condition – average hiking trail.

Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 93 miles RT. [SCG=3.5/600/2.2].

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