

**"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 a.m., depart at 7:15 (early meet/depart is 6:15/6:30...always check the weekly e-mail).**

**November 2 – Apache Wash: Ocotillo-Ridgeback-Sidewinder Loop (Phoenix Sonoran Preserve - North). Rating B.** This is a 10-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. The loop combines several trails - Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, and Ocotillo. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain and provides expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem and Cave Creek. Trail condition - this is an outstanding hiking trail with no rocks, stones, steeps, etc. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>

**November 9 - Hawes Trails loop, Granite Reef Rec Area (Usery Mountain Park). Rating B.** This is a 9.5-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. and is an interesting combination of trails with outstanding views of Red Mountain and impressive saguaros; it should also be a great tune-up for Palm Springs. Most of the hike provides views of Red Mountain, the Granite Reef Dam and the park. The hike starts out about 100 ft North of the exit to the Granite Reef Rec Area. Cross the street to the trailhead for the Granite trail (be careful crossing the street). Trail condition – overall, it's a typical desert hiking trail. There are restrooms in the Granite reef Rec Area. Park fee is \$6.00 but free with a senior pass. Driving distance is 100 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/UseryMountainRegionalPark/Hawes-Loop-Trail>

**November 16 – No local "B" hike because of Palm Springs overnight trip.**

**November 23 – Broadway Cave-Monument Canyon (Superstitions). Rating B.** This is a short, steep, rocky hike up to an interesting cave followed by an interesting bushwhack into Monument Canyon. The hike is approximately 9.5 miles with an elevation gain of 1300 ft. and provides an opportunity to practice "route finding skills." There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is approximately 140 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Broadway-Cave>

**November 30 – Hackamore Trailhead Loop (Goldfield Mountains).**

**Rating B.** This is a 9.7-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 ft. The hike goes by Cottonwood Spring (usually wet), then goes up to and past the second arch. There are views of lots of golden mountains on this hike. No restrooms. No park fee. Driving distance is 120 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/Hackamore-Trailhead>