

"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:30 am, depart at 6:45.

September 28 – Second Water-Black Mesa-Dutchman Loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B. This is a 9.2-mile loop with an elevation change of about 1300 feet. Starting from the First Water trailhead, this hike crosses a creek several times and provides great views of rocky cliffs. During the latter part of the trail going out, there are interesting views of weaver's needle in front of you, as well scenic views of the surrounding valleys. For a change, we will do this hike in CCW direction. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 124 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop>

October 5 - Woodchute Trail (Jerome). Rating B-. This is an in-and-out hike of approximately 9 miles with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The trail begins near the Potato Patch Campground which is about 8 mi. of winding road southwest of Jerome. The first mile of the hike is along a dirt road to the old trailhead where there is a trail register and wooden sign for the Woodchute Wilderness. You will hike 1.25 mi. from the old trailhead to Woodchute Tank where the trail becomes less pronounced and begins to climb, gaining about 400 ft over the next 3/4 mi. The last segment of the hike is an easy walk thru a forested meadow. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 220 mi. RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Woodchute-Mountain-Trail>

October 12 - Joshua Tree Central (Highway 93). Rating B-. This hike is across the Tres Alamos Wilderness, an area of open desert full of Joshua Trees. The hike can go from 4 miles to 12 miles with elevation gain of 200 ft to 900 ft.; the "B" hike will be approximately 9 miles and 900 ft. There are more and larger Joshua Trees here than in Joshua Tree National Park. This is a true Joshua tree forest and there are several saguaros in the area; it is unusual to see both species together as they live in different deserts - Saguaros in the Sonoran desert and Joshua Trees in the Mojave Desert. Trail condition - this is mostly an open desert bushwhack hike with a few boulders to step around. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 150 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-Central-Joshua-Tree-Forest>

October 19 - Quartz Mine-Tortuga-Javelina Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating B. This is a loop hike of approximately 9.5 miles with an elevation gain of 2200 ft. The highlight of this hike is the new trail which leads to Javelina Summit which provides outstanding views of Verrado and the West Valley. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Loop-4-23-18LynnW2017-2018/i-kxNbjV2>

October 26 – Buckeye Dog Bone Trails – “Batman” Loop. Rating B. This is an 11-mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. The hike proceeds to the far end of the area which consists of outstanding rock formations which remind one of “moonscape.” A highlight of the hike is an unusual formation known as “Batman.”

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>