

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

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

September 28 - Beardsley/Morgan City Wash Lollipop Loop (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating C. This is 7.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 840 ft. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a Saguaro forest. Along the trail are some very interesting Saguaros. Morgan City Wash is an unusual overgrown riparian area that has over 100 species of birds. There are several creek crossings over a year round creek. There is a good chance to see wild burros on the Beardsley trail. Trail condition- Beardsley is a good hiking trail while the wash is through a wooded area. Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail>

October 5 - Woodchute Trail (Jerome).Rating C. This is an in and out hike of 8 miles with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The Woodchute 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 to the Woodchute Wilderness. You will hike 1.25 mi. from the old trailhead to Woodchute Tank. 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 through a forested meadow. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 254 miles RT.

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

October 12 - Joshua Tree Central (Highway 93). Rating C. This hike is across the Tres Alamos Wilderness, an area of open desert full of Joshua Trees. The hike is about 8 miles with elevation gain of 700 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 of Saguaro cacti in the area - very 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.

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

October 19 - * NEW HIKE *** P.A. Seitts Preserve Hike**

(Cave Creek). Rating C. This is a 7 mile multi-finger in & out hike with an elevation change of 800 ft. There are several short trails branching out from the trailhead. The hikers will simply select some of them to hike. This is a preserve to protect the assorted vegetation along this portion of Cave Creek. There is a wide variety of desert vegetation. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No restrooms and no park fee. Driving distance is approx 110 miles

RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other/B-Exploratory-HikeSeitts-Preserve-Cave-Creek-ParkLynnW2017/>

October 26 - * NEW HIKE *** Dog Bone East Loop (Buckeye).**

Rating C. This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails to the east side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT.