

B LEVEL HIKING GROUP – FRIDAYS – January, 2018

Meet at Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:15 am, depart at 7:30.

January 5 - Daisy Mountain (Anthem Area). Rating B. This is a 7.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 ft. The first two miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail - the first one has a US flag on it while the second, slightly higher summit, is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain>

January 12 – Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Park). Rating B. This loop hike is approximately 11 miles with an elevation gain of about 2400 ft. in Buckeye's nearby Skyline Regional Park with the new Granite Falls Trail and an even newer Chuckwalla trail on the west side of the park; this is one of the "grand tour" trail loops. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/Skyline-Regional-Park/>

January 19 – Red Top Mountain Loop Trail A (Wickenburg). Rating B-. This is an 8+ mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1,000 ft. This hike offers 360 degree views of Red Top Mountain. There are many species of cactus as well as numerous interesting rock formations. The hike starts at the Sophie Flat trailhead and follows trail A signs around Precious Peak and Red Top Mountain in a counterclockwise direction. Trail condition - this is a horse trail of loose soil and sandy washes with some rocky places. No park Fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 102 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Redtop-Mountain>

January 26 – Saddle Mountain Adventure (Tonopah). Rating B. This hike is primarily bushwhacking but provides an opportunity to experience an inner canyon of Saddle Mountain explored by Lynn and Gary in the spring of 2017 and never seen by other club members. It combines a conventional northwest loop with a spur in-and-out into this scenic canyon with high cliffs of "conglomerate". It will not include climbing out of the canyon on the steep

"widow maker" slope as hiked by Gary and Lynn. The hike is approximately 7.5 miles with an elevation gain of 1,000 ft. Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended. No Park Fee. No restroom. Driving distance is 95 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonapah/Saddle-Mountain-NW-Side/A-HikeLynnW2016-2017/>