

D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - Thursdays

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 7:15AM, depart at 7:30AM.

January 4 This is a 4.0 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. The trailhead marker is at picnic area number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat one mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for 1 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the turn around. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp>

January 11 – Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating D. This is about a 4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 ft on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals. Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

January 18 – Cottonwood Trail to Pipeline Canyon Trail to Yavapai Point Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D. This is a 4.2 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 500 ft. This is a moderate hike. The hike goes from the northwest corner of Lake Pleasant to the Pipeline Canyon Trail connecting to Yavapai Tail to Yavapai that provide a panoramic view of Lake Pleasant. No restrooms at the trailhead, but along the trail. There is a park fee of \$6.00. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>

January 25 – Valle Verde/Desert Tortoise Loop (Phoenix Sonoran Preserve). Rating D. This is a 4.2 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 ft. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill with excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition - excellent hiking trail surface. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 68 miles RT.