

"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - MONDAY

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 5 – Joshua Tree North (Highway 93). Rating B. This is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. It utilizes old jeep roads, regular trails, sandy wash, and a little bushwhacking to go into a canyon with some wild apple trees. This area is part of the Tres Alamos Wilderness. There are good examples of Saguaros and Joshua trees living side by side in the desert. The rock outcroppings are very scenic as are the Joshua Trees. Trail condition - mostly on old roads with a couple of sections following animal trails. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-North>

November 12 – Bajada/National/Alta Trail Loop (South Mountain) Rating B. 9 mi. loop with an elevation gain of about 1860 ft. It is 2.2 miles from the Bajada Trail parking lot to the National Trail, then 1.5 miles to the Alta trailhead, then 1.5 miles and 1,100 ft climb to the summit and then 2.6 miles back to the parking lot. Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Alta-National-Bajada-Trails>

November 19 – Dead Horse Ranch (Lower Raptor Hill/Thumper/Lime Kiln Loop) (Cottonwood). Rating B-. This is a loop hike of 8.9 miles with an elevation gain of 860 ft. There are great views of Cottonwood and Jerome. You pass many interesting rock formations and a pond. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00/vehicle with 4 passengers (as of Jan. 2018). Driving distance is 236 RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Cottonwood/Dead-Horse-State-Park>

November 26 – Burro Flats Loop (Hell's Canyon Wilderness). Rating B. This is a 12-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation change of 500 ft. The hike starts out on Cedar Basin Road, turns off on the Horse Creek trail, connects to the Burro Flats trail and finally returns via Cedar Basin Road. The hike passes through Lucifer's Gate, a large pass in the mountains of Hells Canyon Wilderness. There is a small arch at the top of the South side of the "gate". There are multiple Saguaro forests as well as an Ocotillo forest as well as many rock formations. No restrooms and no park fee. Driving distance is 96 miles.