

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - MONDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15.

November 5 - Watson Lake Loop Trail (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 ft. Part of the trail is an old railroad track that has been smoothed out for hiking and biking. The trail also goes through a cluster of large Cottonwood trees. There are great views of Watson lake dam from both sides of it and many granite rock formations. The trail goes close to the lake and then up, over, and through the Granite Dells rock formations. Trail surface - mostly on bare granite rock (trail is marked with painted white dots). Very scenic – bring your camera! Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2.00 (free on Wednesdays). Driving distance is 210 miles RT - on paved road, with dirt parking off Granite Dells road.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Watson-Lake-Loop>

November 12 - * NEW HIKE *** Dreamy Draw Loop 2 Through a Wash (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating C.** This is a loop hike of 7 mi. with an elevation change of 1200 ft. We start out heading south and go up over a ridge and down into a valley. The Trail has a couple of hills to climb and offers several viewpoints of the Phoenix area. There are also several interesting rock formations. It finishes by going through an overgrown wash area. Trail condition - an average hiking trail. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles RT.

November 19 - Estrella Foothills Park SR/PA/RR/GR/SU/BJ/JL/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 6.1 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 810 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle. It then goes up and across the highest ridgeline (Blackjack Trail) in the area. This part of the trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. No park fee. Restrooms are t the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

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November26 - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating C. This is a 6.8 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 960 ft. The hike uses a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. It's a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros - there are many in the area. Trail Condition - Overall an average hiking trail, but somewhat steep to the highpoint. Restrooms are at the trailhead and at the snack break point. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3].

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