

2017-18 FRI	RT DRIVE MILES	LOCATION	AREA	TRAIL	LENGTH & TOTAL ASCENT	DESCRIPTION	RATING
29-Sep	134	Apache Junction	Superstition Mountains	Second Water Trail (out and back) #236	7.3 mi. 800 ft.	Moderate hike with a nice spring at the turn around point.	C
6-Oct	110	I-17 North	Black Canyon Trail	Glorianna Trailhead south	7 mi, 700 ft	A winding trail across the upper part of the Black Canyon area south of Sunset point.	C
13-Oct	140	Wickenburg	Hwy 93	Joshua Tree South W+26	7 mi, 900 ft	A very scenic hike to the south end of the only Joshua tree forest in Arizona. Lots of very large Joshua Trees.	C
20-Oct	26	West Valley	Estrella Mtn Regional Park	Competitive Track Technical Loop + Grandpa	6.1 mi, 830 ft	This is a hike on a bike trail that overlooks Grandpa, the 4 <sup>th</sup> largest Saguaro. We will also take a short detour to the cactus itself.	C
27-Oct	90	Lake Pleasant	Hwy 74	BLM A+LP8+LP7	6.5 mi/970 ft	A nice desert hike past the wreckage of a 1953 Buick auto.	C
3-Nov	64	303 North	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve (N)	East Ocotillo/SideWinder Loop	8 mi, 940 ft.	An interesting hike in North Phoenix with views of the surrounding area.	C
10-Nov	60	Phoenix	South Mtn	Holbert (out and back)	5.7 mi, 1300 ft.	A steady uphill climb to Dobbins lookout and excellent view (on a clear day) of the "Valley of the Sun" from a pleasantly refreshing, cool stone ramada. Bring your camera., where we will have lunch.	B
17-Nov	TBD	OVERNIGHT HIKE	Zion	Zion	TBD		D/C/B
24-Nov	106	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Tom's Thumb North trailhead	6.4 mi, 1100 ft	This hike goes up the back side of Tom's Thumb. Fairly steep but not too long. Terrific views from the top in all directions.	C
1-Dec	256	Sedona	Sedona	Jim Thompson + Wilson Canyon Trails	7 mi, 500 ft	Very scenic hike near Steamboat Rock and the Midgely bridge.	C
8-Dec	124	Apache Junction	Superstitions	Hackberry Springs & Arch	8 mi, 900 ft	A hike from Weavers Needle Vista Trailhead to an arch & wet spring. The trail goes through a slot canyon and past an old ranch.	C
15-Dec	18	West Valley	Verrado	Dead Head Pass + SOB Loop	7.5 mi, 1100 ft	A hike to an interesting canyon. Good wildflowers, including Poppies, in the spring.	C
22-Dec	98	I-10 West	Saddle Mountain	Saddle Mountain West Rock Saddle	5.5 mi, 700 ft	An interesting hike with great rock formations that have quite a bit of volcanic rocks.	C
29-Dec	120	Cave Creek	Spur Cross Ranch	Spur Cross loop	7.3 mi, 800 ft	A nice trail with views of a stream, which is crossed a couple of times, plus panoramic views of the valley. Over 2 dozen wildflowers in April 2008.	C
5-Jan	70	I-17 North	Anthem	Daisy Mountain In-and-Out	6 mi, 1000 ft	A hike up the mountain near the Anthem Outlets	C+

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12-Jan	26	West Valley	Buckeye - Skyline Park	Mountain Wash + Turnbuckle + Granite Falls + Chuck Walla	7 mi, 1200 ft	A nice loop with the main climb at the beginning. Good views from the high points on the hike.	C
19-Jan	102	Wickenburg	Sophie's Flat	Red Top Trail A loop	7.0 mi/700 ft	An interesting hike around one of the peaks in Wickenburg.	C
26-Jan	50	101 North	Glendale - Thunderbird Park	Cholla + Arrowhead Point Loop	6.64 mi, 1140 ft	Interesting views of Arrowhead housing development of houses on canals. Also 360 degree views of West Valley.	C
2-Feb	120	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Hawknest/HD/Dove/Sopaberry/Coyote Canyon/Barb/136 st Loop	8 mi, 700 ft	A very nice hike with a double crested Saguro, plus Michelin Man II, and excellent rock formations.	C
9-Feb	30	West Valley	White Tanks	Mesquite/Ford Canyon/ Willow Springs Loop	8.7 mi, 1600 ft	A loop hike along the Mesquite & Willow Springs trails.	C+
16-Feb	80	Lake Pleasant	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	Pipeline + Yavapai Point trails	6.8 mi, 1000 ft	A nice hike across a floating bridge and then up to a high point overlooking Lake Pleasant. We have seen wild burros several times in this area.	C-
23-Feb	130	I-10 West	Eagletail Mountains	Ben Avery trail	8 mi/700 ft	A nice scenic hike to many clear petroglyphs and a lava flow with quartz in it.	C
2-Mar	114	Goldfield Mountains	South East	Trails #3 + #6 Arches + Golden Valley	7.9 mi, 1200 ft	A very nice hike into a golden canyon and up to 3 arches. The entire hillside has the golden color of this area.	C+
9-Mar	94	Cave Creek	Cave Creek Rec Area	Go John/Quartz/ Flat Rock/ Slate	6 mi, 700 ft	A great hike that goes by the "three Amigos" Saguaros, several Quartz rock formations, and the Michelin Man Saguaro.	C
16-Mar	26	West Valley	Estrella Foothills Park	SR/PA/RR/GR/UT/PC/ JL Loop	7.9 mi/1000 ft	An interesting hike near the Estrella Foothills High School.	C+
23-Mar	56	303 North	Peoria	Westwing Mountain Trail	5 mi, 1300 ft	Views of New River Dam & customs homes (castle & moat). Robson Circle meets Vulture Peak.	C
30-Mar	100	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Brown Mountain Loop	6 mi, 700 ft	An interesting hike to a saddle in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.	C
6-Apr	110	I-17 North	Black Canyon Trail	Black Canyon City Segment	7 mi/1000 ft	A hike through several small but distinct washes with views of Black Canyon City. There are an unusual number of Saguaros under 4 ft tall.	C
13-Apr	250	Sedona	Sedona	Adobe Jack+ Teacup+ Sugarloaf+ Grand Central	7mi/800 ft	A very scenic hike with lots of great views of the named rock formations in Sedona as well as views of the town itself.	C
20-Apr	18	West Valley	Verrado	Verrado Walkabout	6.8mi/1100 ft	A nice nearby loop hike along the Verrado trails.	C











