

2017-18 WED	RT DRIVE MILES	LOCATION	AREA	TRAIL	LENGTH & TOTAL ASCENT	DESCRIPTION	RATING
27-Sep	105	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Whiskey Bottle + Terpetine + Black Rock	7.4 mi, 400 ft	A nice hike with an interesting pair of Saguaros - Felix & Oscar.	C
4-Oct	206	Prescott	Watson Lake	Watson Lake Loop	7 mi, 1000 ft	Interesting loop hike around Watson Lake & through the boulders that make up the Granite Dells. Lots of very interesting granite rock	C
11-Oct	18	West Valley	Verrado	SOB/Skyline Crest/Quartz Mine Loop	8.2 mi, 1500 ft	A good nearby challenging hike with views of the west valley.	C+
18-Oct	140	Cave Creek	Seven Springs	Cave Creek Trail #4	7 mi, 900 ft	A Crested Saguaro is just off the trail 1/4 mile past the second water crossing. Bring your camera.	C
Oct 24-25	270	Sedona	Sedona	Day 1 - Loop in Red Rock State Park Day 2 - West Fork (out and back) of Oak Creek Canyon	7 mi./600 ft 7.4 mi, 700 ft.	Day 1 - Great red rock views nice riparian area. Day 2 - Heavily wooded, possible great fall foliage colors. Crosses stream a number of times. Go as far as we want.	C & D both days
1-Nov	70	Phoenix	Piestewa Peak	Circumference Trail (loop)	4.7 mi, 1280 ft.	Nice hike with a wide variety of lower Sonoran desert flora and wildlife. Good views of the valley and suburban sprawl.	C
8-Nov	110	I-10 West	Eagletail Mountains	Eagletail East Arches	7mi/1100 ft	An interesting hike at the East end of the Eagletail Mtns. We go past several arches and many interesting rock formations, including the namesake peak.	C
15-Nov	TBD	OVERNIGHT HIKE	Zion	Zion	TBD		D/C/B
22-Nov	26	West Valley	Buckeye - Skyline Park	Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Turnbuckle Loop	7 mi, 1400+ ft	A nearby hike with views of Buckeye and towards Pebble Creek.	C
29-Nov	86	Lake Pleasant	Hwy 74	BLM LP3+ LP2 Loop	6 mi, 880 ft	A nice hike through the rolling hills of the Hieroglyphic Mountains, including views of Lake Pleasant	C
6-Dec	110	I-17 North	Black Canyon Trail	Skyline Segment - Rock Springs Café trailhead	6-8 mi, 1100 ft	An interesting hike across the Agua Fria river.	C
13-Dec	110	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Granite Mountain Loop	7.1 mi, 500 ft	A very nice hike through "forests" of giant Saguaros, yuccas, and Ocotillo. There are excellent rock formations. And there is a double crested Sagurao and a second crested Saguaro on	C
20-Dec	120	Wickenburg	Vulture Peak	Vulture Mtn Trail (out & back)	5.0 mi, 940-1180 ft.	Easy to base, moderate to saddle, and difficult to top. The view makes it all worth while. Bring your camera!	C+
27-Dec	120	Goldfield Mountains	East	Trail 7 IQ Arch/Helmut Rock Loop	7 mi, 1240 ft	A nice hike to view the IQ arch in the goldfield Mountains. A very scenic hike.	C

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3-Jan	30	West Valley	White Tanks	Sonoran Loop	6.5 mi, 800 ft	A competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes.	C
10-Jan	56	303 North	Peoria	Sunrise Mountain Trail	5.6 mi, 1160 ft	Views of New River Dam & mountains/valley beyond.	C
17-Jan	74	Lake Pleasant	Castle Hot Springs Road	Chalky Spring + Slot Canyon	6.0 mi/500 ft	A hike past a wet spring and riparian area and then a slot canyon.	C
24-Jan	68	101 North	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve (S)	Union Hills Loop	4.6-6 mi, 800-1400 ft	A nice loop hike with two optional short hikes to the tow of two peaks. Great views of surrounding areas. Good wildflowers after good winter rains.	C
31-Jan	110	East Side	Usery Mtn Park	Pass Mtn Trail (loop)	7.5 mi, 1150 ft.	Good view from top. Steady loop with numerous cacti on Western slope and broad valley views from all directions.	C
7-Feb	116	I-10 West	North Maricopa Wilderness	Brittlebush Trail	8.1 mi, 300 ft	An interesting hike to an arrea with Mexican Jumping Bean bushes. The beans should be ready in the fall	C
14-Feb	120	Cave Creek	Carefree	Blue Wash/Camp Creek Falls	7 mi, 900 ft	An interesting hike along a wash with a couple of waterfalls to navagate - one dry and one wet. The area above the wet waterfalls has some nice vegetation. We also go through two other side washses.	C
21-Feb	18	West Valley	Verrado	Caterpillar Hill	7-10 mi, 1000-2000 ft	The planned hike is to go 2/3 of the way up the caterpillar trail to the highest point seen from Pebble Creek. The challenge part is to try to hike to the top of Caterpillar Hill.	C+
28-Feb	60	101 North	Deem Hills	Circumference & Peak trails	8.2 mi, 1250 ft	A nice desert hike surrounded by development. This is a new park as of 2011.	C
7-Mar	130	I-17 North	Black Canyon Trail	Government Springs North	7 mi, 800 ft	An interesting trail along a series of canyons a few miles west of I-17.	C
14-Mar	66	Phoenix	South Mtn	Fat Man's Pass from East- Mormon/Hidden Valley Trails	7 mi, 1100 ft.	Eastern approach to Fat Man's Pass and Hidden Valley. Scenic views, interesing geology, & stone structures.	C
21-Mar	20	West Valley	Estrella Mtn Regional Park	Toothaker/ Rainbow Valley trail (loop)	6.4 mi, 500 ft	A nice loop with only one hill- some interesting views	C
28-Mar	210	Prescott	Highway 89	Goldwater Lakes Trail	8 mi, 600 ft	A nice hike through the woods of Prescott with views of Goldwater Lake.	C+
4-Apr	150	Wickenburg	Hwy 93	Joshua Tree Central W+29	8 mi, 600 ft	A very scenic hike on the East side of the only Joshua tree forest in Arizona. Lots of very large Joshua Trees.	C
11-Apr	30	West Valley	Estrella Mountain Ranch	FINS-Fantasy Island North Singletrack Loop	7.5 mi, 1250 ft	A nice nearby hike on a series of bike trails.	C











