

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - SATURDAYS

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

February 2 - Dog Bone East Loop (Buckeye). Rating C. This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 ft.

The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS.

This hike combines several trails to the east side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

February 9 - Verrado Deadhead Pass Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7.5 mile loop hike with about 1100 ft of elevation gain. This hike follows trails heading northwest from the trailhead. In the Spring, there is a large area of poppies towards the far end of the loop. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in the Spring. Trail condition – Good hiking trail. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

February 16 - Butterfield/Gadsden Loop Trail (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. Approx 7.6 miles, with an elevation gain of 900 ft. Take Coldwater .2 miles to Butterfield, turn left on Gadsden, then turn right back onto Butterfield at the far end. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the East & West. There is a small arch in one of the washes next to the trail. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Trail condition – good hiking trail. A Porta-John is located at trailheads. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>

February 23 - Dog Bone West Loop (Buckeye). Rating C. This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 700 ft. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails to the east side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>