

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - SATURDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:15 am, depart at 7:30.

January 5 - Competitive Track – Technical Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. A short ½ mile detour takes you to some interesting Saguaro cacti. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and Saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Trail condition - average hiking trail. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 26 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>

January 12 - South of the Border/Petroglyphs Loop (Verrado). Rating C. This is a 6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft. The hike goes through typical desert washes, up through a canyon to a saddle, past the petroglyphs., and down through a wash before returning to the trailhead. Trail condition – average hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-SOB-South-of-the-Borde>

January 19 - Quail/Rainbow/Dysart/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mtn Regional Park). Rating C. This is a 6.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 750 ft. The trail goes from the Nature Center and wanders through the front portion of EMRP with distant views to the north. It then goes south into more typical desert areas. Trail condition - a very good hiking trail. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Quail-Trailhead>

January 26 - Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Tortuga/Old Road/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C. This is a loop hike of 6 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. This hike does a loop up to a high point in the park and then circles back through a valley. There are lots of views of the west valley. Trail condition – average hiking trail with two uphill sections. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/Outer-Loop-Trails>