

## THURSDAY "B" HIKES FOR NOVEMBER 2018:

Nov 1

Blue Wash near Cave Creek. This is a 10 to 12 mile B hike. Most of the hike is a bushwack through washes. Interesting features of the hike are a porch swing hanging from a tree and an area of large quartz rocks.

Nov 8

**Chuckwagon + Devil's Bridge trails (Sedona). Rating B** This is a 9.5 mile lollipop loop with a side trip to Devil's Bridge. Elevation gain is 800-1300 ft. This is a very scenic hike in Sedona's red rock country. The side trip to Devil's Bridge is very steep, but the views from the bridge are outstanding. Trail surface - the overall trail is a good bike trail with the quarter mile to the bridge being steep with stair-like steps. Restrooms are at trailhead. There is no park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is approx 250 miles RT.

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Nov 15

A B hike. We will go from Verrado into Skyline using various trails to to end up with a 10 mile hike.

Nov 22

Thanksgiving  
No scheduled hike

Nov 29

**Quartz Peak (Estrella Mountain(s)). Rating B+.** This is a 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of 2550 ft. Quartz Peak Trail, in the 14,400-acre [Sierra Estrella Wilderness](#), leads visitors from the floor of Rainbow Valley (elevation 1,550 feet) to the summit ridge of the Sierra Estrella at Quartz Peak (elevation 4,052 feet) in just 3 miles. Along the way, visitors are treated to a variety of Sonoran Desert plants and wildlife, scenic vistas, and evidence of the area's volcanic history. The views from the summit are spectacular--to the west is a dramatic panorama of rugged mountain ranges and desert plains, and to the east metropolitan Phoenix unfolds over the valley of the lower Salt River.

The trail begins at Quartz Peak Trailhead by following a closed four-wheel-drive track approximately 1/4 mile. Look to the left as you walk up the old road and see a narrow trail ascending the ridge to the north. The trail is rough trail with a scramble to the top - the final 1/4 mile to Quartz Peak is a scramble over boulder and talus slopes that requires careful footing. Quartz Peak is a point on the spine of the Sierra Estrella capped with an outcrop of white quartz.

Quartz Peak is accessed from Rainbow Valley and Riggs Roads in Rainbow Valley, Southwest of Pebble Creek. Trail condition - this is mostly a steep, boulder hopping, bushwhack hike. A high clearance vehicle is necessary to get to the trailhead. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is approx 70 miles RT.

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