

JANUARY D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 7:15 AM, depart at 7:30 AM.

January 1 – New Years Day - No Hike Scheduled

January 8 – Coachwhip/Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park - Glendale). Rating D. This is a lollipop loop of 4.7 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. It offers a 360 degree view of the surrounding areas. Trail H-2 provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead, Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). Trail surface - rough bare rock on portions of trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 50 miles RT - on paved roads.

January 15 – Walking Jim Trail (Hells Canyon Wilderness). Rating D. An 4-4.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 400 ft. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek and offers a wide variety of vegetation (from cottonwood trees to Saguaro cactus) and wildlife (wild burros, etc). No restrooms. No park Fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>

January 22 - Brethren South – SR/PA/RR Loop (Estrella Foothills Park). Rating D. This is a 5.0 mile Lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with elevation gain of 300' Nice pleasant hike to get some of the holiday cheer off the waistline. Helps begin the post-holiday conditioning program to get back in the groove. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance 13 miles.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

January 29 - Brown Mountain (McDowell Sonoran Preserve). Rating D+. The Brown Saddle portion is a loop hike of about 5.6 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. The Cathedral Rock/Ampitheater portion is a 5.6 loop with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. There are great views of the surrounding mountains (Weaver's Needle, Four Peaks, Tom's Thumb, etc.) as well as great rock formations along the trail with many different cacti species. Trail condition - very good hiking trail. There is a nice restroom at the trailhead and no park fee. Driving distance is 100 miles RT.

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