

NOVEMBER D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 6:45AM, depart at 7:00AM.

November 6 – Dog Bone Wilderness Area. Death Wish/Bird/Madd Bird/Highways & Byways Minors/Roller Coaster/ Turtle Rock Loop. This is a 4.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. This is a new hike just south of Buckeye that passes through typical undulating desert by a hill discovered this summer. This hike passes an old mine shaft that was occupied by an owl during our previous two exploratory hikes. There are some interesting rock formations. There are no facilities at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 30 miles

RT.<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

November 13 – Library North Trail (White Tanks). Rating D. This is a 4+ mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions (safely behind glass). Restrooms are in the library and Ramada #4. Park Fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

November 20 – Petroglyphs/South of Border (SOB) Loop (Verrado). Rating D+. This is a 5.3 mile loop hike with elevation change of 500ft. Turn left .1 miles past the trailhead sign. Then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the road about 1.3 miles to see a large rock with petroglyphs. Just past the petroglyphs turn left and go up to the saddle. Turn right at the intersection at the saddle and follow the SOB trail for 2.8 miles. The trail will intersect the old road at this point. Turn right and go .4 miles back to the trailhead. There are nice rock formations as well a short hike through a steep sided wash. Trail condition - A very good hiking surface. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Petroglyphs>

November 27 – Sidewinder/Octillo Loop (Phoenix Sonoran Preserve). Rating D+ This is a 5.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 550 ft. The hike goes through typical desert terrain around a hill from the new trailhead off Carefree Highway with views of the Phoenix Sonoran Desert, Cave Creek and Anthem. New trailhead off Carefree Highway with a large box fan for cool down after the hike. Trail condition - average hiking trail surface. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT.