

# SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

## HIKE DATABASE

Updated – 6/10/08

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

All hikes leave from the left front parking lot in front of the Mountain View Clubhouse (just east of the tennis courts) unless otherwise noted. **Voluntary driver donations, shown at the end of the hike descriptions, include \$1.00 for entry/parking fees where required, \$.07 per mile driven, and an extra \$.02 per mile for dirt roads. The \$1.00 donation towards the entry fee is paid to the driver who pays the entrance fee or the holder of the Park Pass used for entrance.** There may be additional fees for hike shuttles, entry to areas such as National Parks, Monuments, Wilderness Areas, Special Tours and Exhibits, some State Parks, and for overnight stays, etc. These fees will be outlined by the Hiking Guide. Hiking Guides are urged to split costs between drivers for drop-offs and/or unequal passenger loads.

### HIKE RATINGS, PACE and ELEVATION CHANGE:

A Hikes >14 miles or >3000 feet climb  
B Hikes >8 to 14 miles or >1500 to 3000 feet climb  
C Hikes >4 to 8 miles or >500 to 1500 feet climb  
D Hikes <4 to 4 miles or < 500 to 500 feet climb

Leisurely Pace: Average speed of hike less than 1.5 MPH  
Slow Pace: Average speed of hike 1.50 MPH to 2.0 MPH  
Moderate Pace: Average speed of hike 2.0 MPH to 2.5 MPH  
Fast Pace: Average speed of hike 2.5 MPH

**Elevation change** is the net change in elevation obtained from subtracting the starting elevation from the highest point reached in feet. **Elevation change (gps)** is the accumulated gain in elevation (sum of all upward stretches of the hike) obtained from a Global Positioning System (gps). GPS measurements are a more accurate measure of hike difficulty than net elevation. **Elevation loss (gps)** may also be used to indicate accumulated loss on primarily downhill hikes.

### HIKES:

**Agua Caliente Hill from Redington Pass Road Rating B** Drive out Redington pass Road for 4.8 miles (dirt). Park near some corrals on the left. Go through the gate onto FR#4441. If you can't go through the gate, then go under the barb wire fence. Hike up the old 4WD road #4441. There is lots of ups and downs, and rocky areas. In about a 1/2 mile you cross a stream, which may or may not be running; continue with more up and down. A sign indicates that in 3 more miles there is a locked gate and private land. It's a total of about 3 1/2 miles to this point from the car. Elevation change is approximately 800 ft.. **leave at** ; round trip drive 96 miles (dirt, and high clearance vehicles); driver donation \$7.00.

**Agua Caliente Hill and Canyon Exploratory. Rating A-** We will hike the Agua Caliente Trail from the Camino Remuda Trailhead to the saddle then climb to the summit of Agua Caliente Hill. From the saddle the climb to the summit starts in earnest and increases in intensity the last 1 1/2 miles with loose rock, gravel, and small boulders. We reach a false summit about halfway up this section. From the true summit we will enjoy panoramic views in all directions, including the Catalinas, Rincons, Galiuros, and Pinalenos. We then ascend to the saddle, then head northeast on a merging trail toward Agua Caliente Canyon. Our return route will include about 1 1/2 miles through Agua Caliente Canyon, beginning with high narrow walls and scrambling over boulders and dry waterfalls. There are likely to be pools of water beneath the dry waterfalls. From the mouth of the canyon we will walk on the road for about a mile to the Horsehead Rd. trailhead. Hike ~10 miles; elevation change 2,580 feet; starting elevation 2,920 feet; leave at **a.m.**; driver donation \$6.00.

**Agua Caliente Hill. Rating C & B.** This hike has great panoramic views of Tucson, the Rincon Mountains and the Santa Catalina Mountains. From the trailhead the trail starts climbing immediately with good views of Tucson. The trail continues up and down for approximately 2 miles to a water hole. The C hike turns around here; 4 miles round trip, elevation change 1000 ft. From the water hole the trail climbs and then drops into a wash. It is a steep climb to a ridge and junction with old jeep Forest Service road #4445, about 3 miles from the trailhead. It is another 1.5 miles to the top of Agua Caliente Hill. The B hike 6-9 miles; elevation change 2700 ft.; starting elevation 2500 ft.; leave at ; round trip drive 75 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Alamo Canyon. Rating D.** We will begin the hike at the Romero Ruins trailhead. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to the Alamo Canyon Falls. There may be water if we have had recent rains. We will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail. Hike 3.4 miles; elevation change 423 (gps) feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave

at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Alamo Canyon to the Water Tank. Rating C.** This hike begins at the Romero Ruins trailhead. Elevation change is gradual. We will hike from the ruins through Alamo Canyon. There maybe water at the canyon. We will then go around, down and up and down again to a non-used large water tank. Trail is rocky in some areas. We can return one of three ways of equal distance. Hike 6.5 miles; elevation change 1050 feet (gps). Leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**American Flag. Rating C.** This hike begins at the American Flag trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. We take the American Flag/Cody Trail to the intersection of the Oracle Ridge Trail where we have great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. (We may tour the unique stone house if the owner is home.) Hike 7.4 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**American Flag to Saddle. Rating B.** This hike begins at the American Flag trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. We take the American Flag/Cody Trail to the intersection of the Oracle Ridge Trail where we have great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. We follow the ridge south were we will lunch in a saddle at the top of Camp Bonita Canyon on the northwest side of Apache Peak. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. (We may tour the unique stone house if the owner is home.) Hike 9 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**American Flag to Windmill. Rating C.** From the American Flag Trailhead the route proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. After traveling 1.7 miles through the park it crosses the Cottonwood Wash and continues on to a Wind Mill after another .3 mile. We will stop and have a snack or lunch here and return via the same route. This route is fairly level and travels through Desert Grasslands that are part of the upper Sonoran Desert. Expansive views of the Galiuro Mountains. Hike 8.7 miles; elevation change 350 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Antelope Peak. Rating C.** This hike starts 1.5 miles off Freeman Road northwest of Oracle. This area has great views of surrounding terrain and has numerous Hedgehog cacti. Native animals are often seen in this area. Be sure to bring sunscreen due to the exposure. High clearance vehicles are required. Hike 4-5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 72 miles (dirt); driver donation \$6.00.

**Anza Trail/Rio Rico Section. Rating C-.** We will hike along the east side of Santa Cruz River. (No river crossing required). The Rio Rico section of the Anza Trail opened in December 2002. The sensory experience begins as soon as you exit your vehicle, with the rustling of leaves and the chirping of birds that promise to add an idyllic soundtrack for this walk. This part of the Anza trail has not been discovered by a lot of hikers. Sturdy walking shoes are fine (hiking boots not required). Hike 5 miles; minimal elevation change; starting elevation 3200 feet, leave at a.m.; round trip drive 168 miles; driver donation \$12.00.

**Apache Peak. Rating B.** This hike begins in Oracle off the Cody Loop Road. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail south past the junction with the American Flag/Cody Trail and to a saddle on the southwest side of Apache Peak. From there it is a bushwack up a steep slope through the brush over unexpectedly loose rocks to the top. The return is down the north side of the peak over loose rocks again to intersect with the Oracle Ridge Trail and return to the trailhead. Suggest defensive clothing and gloves if desired. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 4700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 39 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Apacheland Hieroglyphic Trail. Rating C-.** A pretty hike in the Tonto National Forest up the Gold Canyon Trail from the Apacheland trailhead into the Superstition Mountains. We will see some very nice petroglyphs above a pool. It's a gradual climb with sweeping views all around. Pace is slow with lots of stops. Bring lunch and 2 quarts of water. Hike 5 miles; minimal elevation change; starting elevation 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 155 miles; driver donation \$11.00

**Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – Booger Canyon. Rating A.** The hike will take us halfway through the beautiful Aravaipa Canyon then north up through Booger Canyon. We will be in ankle to knee deep water for the first 5 miles and then scrambling for another mile or two as we climb large boulders while exploring Booger Canyon. The sights from the top of the canyon are gorgeous and the fall colors should be outstanding. Depending upon how quiet we are; we may see Golden Eagles, Coati, Gila Monsters, or Big Horn Sheep. Two pair of shoes are recommended - one for water; one for canyoneering. The hike will be limited to 8 people; \$5 per person permits must be reserved in advance & are non-refundable. Must sign up two weeks prior to hike. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 2600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 110 miles (dirt); driver donation \$11.00.

**Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – East to West. Rating B+.** This is a wilderness hike, by permit only, in a Primitive Preserve, following the Aravaipa Creek through the Galiuro Mountains. We will be hiking through the entire Preserve in the creek (ankle to knee deep) approx. 50 percent of the time, while viewing the canyons 400-600 ft. walls. There will be abundant wildlife, often with views of Golden Eagles. Bring camera and binoculars as this is one of Arizona's best kept secrets. Time permitting; we may explore one or two of the nine side canyons. As the trailhead is a long distance from SaddleBrooke, we will either leave early (am) or stay (motel/camp) in or near Safford. 4WD's required on East end; pick-up cars on West end. Logistics will be arranged after we know who will be hiking. **MUST SIGN UP 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HIKE**; \$5 wilderness fee per person. Hike 12-13 miles; elevation change Minus 2600 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – West to East (Overnight). Rating A.** This is a wilderness hike, by permit only in a primitive preserve, following the perennial Aravaipa Creek through the Galiuro Mountains. We will be hiking (round trip from the nearby west trailhead) through the entire length of the canyon in ankle to knee deep water 50% of the time and camping overnight (tents) on the east end at Turkey Creek Campground or in the canyon depending upon the weather conditions. We will also explore several 400-600 ft. side canyons (Painted Cave; Horse Camp and Booger Canyon) depending on time. Bring binoculars and camera. The scenery is beautiful, and we should see plenty of wildlife (hopefully Golden Eagle--Big Horn Sheep--Mountain Lion). Appropriate over night camping/hiking equipment required-water can be purified or carried/cached. The hike will be approx. 28 miles over two days including side trips. \$5/DAY WILDERNESS PERMIT-MUST SIGN UP 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HIKE. Call Hiking Guide for details. Two cars needed - left at trailhead overnight). Leave at a.m.; round trip drive 110 miles (dirt); driver donation \$11.00.

**Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West (short version). Rating C-**. This is a beautiful pristine canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. Expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep) with dense riparian brush. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). This is a wilderness area with no trails, signs, or facilities. Hiking stick recommended. \$5.00 wilderness fee per person. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 200 foot; starting elevation 2600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 110 miles (dirt); driver donation \$11.00.

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**Arizona Trail - American Flag Trailhead to Tiger Mine Trailhead. Rating B.** From the American Flag Trailhead the route proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. After traveling through the park and reaching Highway 77, the route goes under the highway then follows Tiger Mine Road for the last 1.5 miles. The beginning and end of this route is fairly level; the middle section has a series of up and down hills on an old rocky jeep road. The hike may be done in the reverse. A car shuttle will need to be arranged. Hike 9.5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Arizona Trail - Canelo Pass to Patagonia. Rating A.** We will begin our hike at Canelo Pass (elev. 5400') and go northwest through Redrock Canyon, skirting around Ashburn Mtn. to the trailhead in Patagonia (elev. 4050'). Along the route we will pass grass hills, oak savannas, mesquite groves and riparian canyons as we make a general descent with some uphill grades. Hike 15 miles; elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail: Canelo Hills West and Canelo Hills East. Rating A.** The 1st day we will hike 17.4 miles from Canelo Pass to Patagonia. The elevation change is 1,250 feet and the starting elevation is 5,400 feet, but, for the most part, the hike goes gradually downhill for the first 7 miles, is fairly level for 5 miles, and then has a slight climb before going downhill the last 5 miles. The 2nd day we will hike 14.5 miles from Parker Canyon Lake to Canelo Pass. The starting and ending elevation is 5,400 feet with a little gain and loss in elevation along the trail. We will traverse these trails from east to west to better enjoy the diverse vistas of grass hills, oak savannas, mesquite groves and riparian canyons. We will stay in a motel in Patagonia Thursday night and return home late Friday night. Leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Black Hills, Tiger Mine Rd. to Bloodsucker Wash. Rating A-**. This section of the Arizona Trail represents the gateway to the low-elevation ecosystem of the Sonoran Desert. Starting at 4,060 feet, we make a slow descent, with some slight up and down elevation changes, crossing several dry washes. After six miles we reach Pipeline Road, an old utility road, that heads straight northwest over washes and low hills then curves through small hills and switchbacks to a high point at mile 14.6. We then descend a steep hill and cross another wash to end at Bloodsucker Wash, viewing Antelope Peak in the distance. Hike 15.2 miles, elevation change 950 feet; starting elevation 4,060 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Black Hills, Bloodsucker Wash to Freeman Rd. Rating B.** We proceed down sandy Bloodsucker Wash for 2.3 miles, climb out of the wash to a ridge, and reach a dirt road. After about 2 miles we reach the charming Beehive Well, walking between a windmill and a tank. In another 2 miles after ascending a ridge, we overlook Antelope Tank. In 4 ½ more miles we are at the base of the northern slopes of Antelope Peak. We complete the last 2 miles on a rough jeep road which intersects with Freeman Rd. We continue on the road another .3 mile to complete the Black Hills segment. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 990 feet; starting elevation 3,400; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail – Going to the Lake. Rating C.** Drive up Redington Pass Road 9.8 miles (dirt) passing Bellota Ranch road to the left, past milepost #12 to a sign for FR#37 and parking area. We will take the Arizona Trail north to The Lake. Hike approximately 6 miles; elevation change approximately 400 ft; leave at a.m.; round trip drive approximately 100 miles (dirt, high clearance vehicle); driver donation \$8.

**Arizona Trail - Highline - Blue Ridge Sections. Pine to Blue Ridge Campground. Rating A+.** On this backpack adventure, hikers will scale the sheer 2,000 foot ramparts of the Mogollon Rim. The route offers fabulous vistas of the Tonto Basin, the rugged, remote land of the Apaches and the inspiration for many of Zane Grey's novels. The trail north of the rim highlights the 19<sup>th</sup> century conflict

between the Apaches, the settlers, and the US cavalry. Hike 34.5 miles; elevation change 1900 feet; starting elevation 5500 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD..

**Arizona Trail - Santa Rita Mountains Passage. Rating A-**. This passage is rich in mining history, much of which can be observed from the trail. The trail goes through renovated Kentucky Camp, an early 1900's base for Stetson hydraulic gold mining company which never saw production. Remnants of an aqueduct to provide pressurized water, along with interpretive signs can be seen along the trail. We will be hiking 14 miles of this passage from just west of Gardner Ranch to SR 83. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 830 ft. (cumulative gain 1,650 ft., loss 1,750 ft.); starting elevation 5,225 ft.; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 141 miles (dirt); driver donation TBA depending on whether this hike becomes a key exchange.

**Arizona Trail/La Milagrosa Ridge Trail. Rating B-**. The hike begins at Molino Basin Campground on the Catalina Highway. We hike south on the Arizona Trail, traversing 600 ft. up the Molino Ridge (high point 4,800 ft.) Then, it is mostly down-hill as we reach the junction for the Milagrosa Ridge trail, and continue along an up and down ridge to the waiting vehicles at Horsehead Road (near Soldier Trail Road.) There are great views all along the way of the valley and sheer rock walls of Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons. The trail is mostly good with a few rocky areas. Cars will need to be left at Horsehead Road and driven back to Molino Basin, 7 miles away. Hike 7.8 miles, elevation gain 900 ft., loss 2,500 ft. (GPS). Starting elevation 4,300 ft. **Leave a.m.**; round trip 88 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Arizona Trail - Lone Pine TH to Roosevelt Lake. Rating A+**. We will hike the route of the Arizona Trail from the Lone Pine TH south to the TH at Roosevelt Lake. This is one of the most scenic sections of the entire Arizona Trail through the breathtaking Four Peaks Wilderness Area. Hike 19 miles; total elevation loss of 4,140 feet and total elevation gain of 2,160 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Lone Pine TH to Sunflower. Rating A+**. We will hike the route of the Arizona Trail from the Lone Pine TH north to Sunflower. This is one of the most scenic sections of the entire Arizona Trail through the breathtaking Four Peaks Wilderness Area. Hike 18 miles; total elevation gain of 2,720 feet and total elevation loss of 4,470 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - North Rim Grand Canyon to Utah Border. Rating A.** Arizona Trail Hikes over a four-day period covering a distance of 70.2 miles. These hikes will traverse the northernmost section of the Arizona trail from the north rim of the Grand Canyon to the Utah border. We will hike through the beautiful Kaibab National Forest teeming with elk, wild turkey, and other wildlife at elevations between 6500 to 9000 feet. We will base out of the Jacob Lake Inn. Hike 70.2 miles; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Molino Basin Campground to Sabino Canyon. Rating B or A option.** This continuation from the Redington Pass hike starts at Molino Basin Campground on Mt. Lemmon Highway, goes through old Prison Camp, and progresses to Sycamore Reservoir and on to Sabino Basin. Hikers will have the option of taking the Sabino Canyon Trail (1) to Tram Stop 9 and riding the tram to the Visitor's Center (\$7.50) or (2) walking to the Visitor's Center down Phoneline Trail. Tram hike 9.9 miles, Phoneline hike 14.7 miles; elevation change 300 or 1200 feet; starting elevation 4370 feet; leave a.m.; round trip drive 94 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Arizona Trail - Oracle State Park Work Session. Rating C.** This is our Hiking Club work day. Come join in the fun--it's nice to work side by side with other hiking members and it certainly gives you a feeling of pride and accomplishment along with a way of 'giving back' for all the trails we hike and take for granted so often. We help develop, maintain, and report conditions of the trails for which our Club is responsible. Generally, the work is light, involving some clipping, brushing, hoeing, raking, and pruning, and for some, lifting and carrying of tools. On rare occasions we may rebuild water runoffs, add erosion control devices, and other trail work. Wear long pants and bring along gloves, hat, and hand clippers. Any other tools needed, will be provided. We work on trails in the Oracle State Park and a section of the Arizona Trail called, "Black Hills/south," which is just north of the Park, across Hwy 77. The sessions usually last about 4 hours, so bring water and snacks and lunch if you wish. Leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles to OSP; driver donation \$4.00 or round trip drive 50 miles (dirt) for AZT; driver donation \$5.00.

**Arizona Trail - Patagonia to Kentucky Camp. Rating A.** A long northward hike on the Arizona Trail along the East Side of the Santa Ritas through historic mining country. This will be a shuttle starting in Temporal Gulch above Patagonia and ending at Gardner Canyon on FR 92. We need to park a vehicle at the end. Hike 15 miles; elevation change 2500 feet, starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Parker Canyon Lake to Canelo Pass. Rating B+.** This will be a mile high, 14-mile hike west of the Huachuca Mountains. The hike will be limited to 15 persons. This hike will be northwest in and out of riparian areas back to the Canelo Pass parking lot. It promises to be a long day. Gravel roads will be taken. Bring lunch and we will need to park a vehicle at the end. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 900 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail - Redington Pass Road to Molino Basin Campground. Rating B.** This car shuttle hike is rolling with moderate up and down elevation changes. Starting east of the Catalinas, we will first complete the 4-mile segment of the recently repositioned Arizona Trail where it links with the Italian Trap segment out of the Rincon Mountains and connects with the lake southeast of Bellota Ranch. From here we hike to West Spring, cross Molino Creek, and end at Molino Basin Campground on Mt. Lemmon Highway. Drivers will be needed to shuttle us to the trailhead. Hike 9.7 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail – Off Redington Pass Road. Rating C.** To reach this segment of the AZ. Trail, drive East on Tanque Verde road to the end of the pavement. This puts you on a dirt road, which is Redington Pass Road. (Redington Road actually begins back on the pavement, just past the cross road of Wentworth Rd.) Drive 7.3 miles on dirt road, just past milepost #10 stopping at Staging Area #2 for a bathroom stop. Then continue on 2.5 miles (passing the Bellota Ranch road to the left, and passing milepost #12). Go to a sign marking FR37. Trailhead is on your right, and a small parking area. (This is 9.8 miles from end of pavement to trailhead). Look to the S.E. (or right, at “1:00 o’clock”) for the trailhead for Italian Springs Trail 2.8 miles. This is also the AZ. Trail. (DO NOT take FR 37) Instead, hike down the Italian Springs trail for 2.8 miles. Near the end of it you cross a metal ATV-proof gate. Continue about another 200 yards to a junction to the right, which is Italian Ranch Trail., which is more of a dirt road than “trail”. Follow the road as it passes a corral, and gradually turns right, becoming Italian Trap road- FR37, which is a rutted dirt road. Follow this back up to your car. The hike starts at 4,000 ft. elevation, with a 500 ft. drop down, and then a 500 ft. back up to your car. Total hike distance is 5-5.5 miles round trip. It takes approx. 2 ½ hrs. hiking at a moderate to slow pace. Driving time from SaddleBrooke to trailhead is approx. 2 hrs; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail- Rincon Valley. Rating B.** From Pistol Hill Road the Arizona Trail traverses the east side of Colossal Cave to Marsh Station. This is a very scenic section through limestone outcroppings, lush vegetation, uplifted fossilized coral, magnificent mountain views ending with railroad bridges over Cienega Creek. Often trains are seen here. This will be a key exchange hike unless we have a driver who will drop off hikers at Pistol Hill Rd. and meet hikers at Marsh Station. Hike 8.9 miles. Starting elevation is 3,660 or 3,280 with elevation change of 1300 ft. **Leave at a.m.;** round trip drive 120 (Pistol Hill) -130 miles (Marsh Station, dirt); driver donation. \$9.00.

**Arizona Trail - Sunnyside Canyon to Parker Lake. Rating C.** This is a continuation of the Arizona Trail through the Huachuca Mountains. We'll park a vehicle at the Parker Lake trail head then drive to Sunnyside Canyon and hike back down to the lake through a sycamore-shaded canyon and grassy meadows with views of the Canelo Hills and the Cochise. A distance of only 5.4 miles; elevation change minus 400 feet; starting elevation 5800 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**AZT: Temporal Gulch/Santa Rita portion. Rating A.** This hike will be conducted as a key exchange, one group starting from Gardner Canyon Rd., the other near Patagonia on FS 72, 7 miles into the Temporal Gulch segment. From FS 72 we will follow the rocky road 5 more miles as it continues north into the Mount Wrightson Wilderness. At Walker Basin Trailhead a singletrack trail begins as we switchback along the lower reaches of Josephine Peak. About a mile later we reach a fork at a saddle which is the high point of this passage at 6,570 feet. The views are stunning: into Mexico to the south, to the Huachucas to the southeast, and to Mt. Wrightson to the northwest. We will pass interpretive signs describing the elaborate hydraulic mining system that existed in the area in the early 1900's. We will continue about ¾ mile into the Santa Ritas segment, ending at Gardner Canyon Road. (Of course the 2<sup>nd</sup> group does the hike in reverse.) Starting at 4,400 feet, the trail climbs gently 1,300 feet in the first 6 miles then steeply, 900 feet in one mile, to the saddle high-point at 6,570 feet. 750 feet are lost over the next 2 miles, the trail remains at a fairly constant elevation for the next 3 miles, then it descends 500 feet over the last 3 miles to an ending elevation of 5,360 feet. The total hike is somewhat over 15 miles with a cumulative gain of 3,150 feet and loss of 2,365 feet (or visa versa). Starting elevation 4,400 or 5,200, depending on starting location. **Leave at 6 a.m.;** driver donation

**Arizona Trail - Tortilla Mountains Segment 1. Rating B.** This segment of the AZT starts from Freeman Road and follows a series of old roads, dry washes and singletrack trail. Interesting boulders. We hike just beyond Tecolote Ranch. We will do a key exchange. Hike 8.5 miles; elevation change 450 feet; starting elevation 4015; leave at: a.m ; round trip drive 72 miles (dirt, high clearance vehicle); driver donation \$7.00.

**Arizona Trail – Turkey Creek to Redington Road. Rating A+.** This is a one night, two day backpack from Turkey Creek Trailhead to Redington Road through the Rincon Mountains. Hike 19.7 miles; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD.

**Arizona Trail Work Session. Rating C.** This is one of our Hiking Club work days. Come join the fun - it's nice to work side by side with other hiking club members, as we help maintain and report conditions for the section of the Arizona Trail called, "Black Hills/South," for which our club is responsible. This 6-mile section starts on Tiger Mine Road, off Hwy 77, just north of the Oracle State Park. Generally, the work is light, involving some clipping, brushing, raking, and pruning, and for some, building up cairns, adding erosion control devices and other trail work (depending on the rains.) Bring along gloves, hat, and hand clippers. Other tools, if needed, will be provided. The session usually lasts about 4 hours, so bring water and snacks. Hike 3-6 miles. **Leave at 8:00 a.m.,** round trip 50 miles (dirt.) The club will pay drivers' expenses.

**Aspen Loop/Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating C.** We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and go up the Aspen Trail to the saddle. We will lunch at a scenic spot near the saddle. Then down the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Aspen Loop/Mint Spring Trail. Rating C.** Santa Catalina Mountains. This will be a slow, easy hike with plenty of stops to see the sights along the way. Starting at the Marshall Gulch picnic area we will take the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle where we will take a break for a snack/lunch. We will continue on the Mint Spring Trail to the Carter Canyon trailhead, then hike down the Carter Canyon road back to the Marshall Gulch picnic area. If we want, we will stop at the Mt. Lemmon Café for Pie. Hike 5.5 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; starting elevation 7450 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Atascosa Lookout. Rating B.** We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous

outhouse (yes, outhouse) ready for use. This is considered a most scenic trail with views over 75 miles in all directions. Kodak moments will be taken on the return if you haven't used up all your film on the summit. Limit 14 hikers. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1600 feet; starting elevation 4700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Babad Do'ag Trail. Rating C.** The trailhead is along the Mt. Lemmon highway just across from the Babad Do'ag overlook. It climbs up the southern slope of McDougal Ridge until it reaches an altitude of about 4800', generally paralleling Soldier Canyon. We will continue past the "End of Trail" sign for about .15 mile to a waterfall where we will lunch. The route is retraced on the return leg. "Bobad Do'ag" means Frog Mountain in the Tohono O'odham language. Hike 4.1 miles; climb 1170 feet; altitude at trailhead 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 86 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Babad Do'ag Canyon. Rating C+.** This is a canyon hike, not a trail hike. There is brush and boulder hopping. We will climb a dry waterfall at the end so there is some exposure. Dress defensively. Gloves are helpful. Hike 8 miles; elevation gain is 1,130'. **Leave at am.** Round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Baboquivari Peak via the Summit Trail. Rating B.** We will ascend the Summit Trail constructed by the CCC in 1934. Baboquivari Peak is a sacred place to the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation. The peak marks the center of the universe and the home of Elder Brother I'toi, who taught the Tohono O'odham how to live in the desert. We will hike only to the vertical base from where technical climbers make the final ascent to the summit. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 2840 feet; starting elevation 3740 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 182 miles (dirt); driver donation \$16.00; plus share the cost of the tribal permit.

**Baboquivari (east side), Rating B.** We will ascend from the east side of the peak. Baboquivari is a sacred place to the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation. The peak marks the center of the universe and the home of Elder Brother I'toi, who taught the Tohono O'odham how to live in the desert. We will hike to the vertical base from where technical climbers make the final ascent to the summit. High clearance or four wheel drive vehicles needed to reach the trailhead. Tribal permit not needed from the east side. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 2900 feet; starting elevation 3700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 182 miles (dirt); driver donation \$16.00.

**Baby Jesus. Rating C.** We will start in the 50-Year Trail area and follow a jeep road that connects to the beginning of the Baby Jesus Trail. We follow the trail up to a rock grouping seeing a "Window", beautiful saguaros, and rock formations along the way. We will return by the same route. Hike 5.5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Baby Jesus/Petroglyph Loop. Rating B.** We will start in the 50-Year Trail area and follow a jeep road to the Sutherland Wash Petroglyph area. We will hike up a trail on the hill north of the Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs that connects to the Baby Jesus Trail. At the intersection we will turn south until we reach the Sutherland Trail. We will hike west to a trail that leads to the petroglyphs, then on to our cars. This hike has beautiful saguaros, rock formations (including a window), oak woodlands, and ancient petroglyphs. This hike can be done in reverse. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 1200 feet, starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Baldy Saddle Overlook. Rating A.** We climb the Florida Canyon Trail, starting at the Experimental Range Headquarters. This is a steep, persistent climb to the Florida Saddle at 7800 feet where we pick up the Crest Trail. Walking for an additional 3 miles to a height of land at about 8400 feet. Hike 16 miles; elevation change 4600 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Bear Canyon to Sabino Canyon Loop. Rating A.** The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon parking lot. We hike up scenic Bear Canyon to Sycamore Canyon and turn left on the East Fork of Sabino Canyon to the Sabino Canyon Trail. We then turn left to the Phoneline Trail back to the parking lot. Hike 18 miles; elevation change 2100 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Bellota Ranch / Molino Basin - Santa Catalina Mountains. Rating B.** This is a hike to a working ranch in the Molino Basin. First we climb 500 feet to a ridge and then drop 900' into a beautiful valley, stopping at a spring used as a cattle water supply. From that point the trail is mostly level and leads past the ranch house and buildings. Lunch on a knoll overlooking the ranch buildings. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 91 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Big Rock Dome. Rating C+.** Starting from the horse ranch below Unit 9, this hike passes a rare double-crested saguaro and leads to a granite dome with a great 360 degree view. The hike will appeal to the adventurous hiker who is capable of doing a bushwack. Long pants and gloves are recommended. Return using same route. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1390 feet (gps), starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Big Rock Dome #2, Rating C+.** Starting from Lago del Oro just outside of SaddleBrooke, this hike takes us up Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road, past the picturesque table rock and through desert area filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. The hike then continues with a short bushwack to the Big Rock Dome where you will have a great 360 degree view. Return using same route. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1390 feet (gps); starting elevation 3250 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 2 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Big Rock Dome and Elephant Trunk Bushwack. Rating C+.** Starting from the horse ranch below Unit 9, this hike is a strenuous

bushwack for an adventurous minded fit hiker in the granite rocks across the Canada del Oro Wash to the east of SaddleBrooke. Long pants, long sleeved shirts, and gloves are required. Hikers will see a rare double-crested saguaro. Hike 4 to 5 miles; elevation change 770 feet, starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Big Rock Dome Loop. Rating C+.** Starting from the horse ranch below Unit 9, this hike heads south along the Canada del Oro Wash to the Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road. It heads east past the picturesque table rock and through desert area filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. The hike then continues with a short bushwack to the Big Rock Dome where you will have a great 360 degree view. Afterward, we will come back down past a rare double-crested saguaro to the CDO Wash and our vehicles. The hike will appeal to the adventurous hiker who is capable of doing a bushwack. Long pants and gloves recommended. This hike can be done in reverse. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 900 feet, starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Bill Cody Loop. Rating B.** This beautiful, historic loop begins at the American Flag trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. We will view the 1877 adobe house at trailhead, then hike up the Arizona Trail to the Oracle Ridge Trail. We will go south toward Apache Peak, then down FR639 through Camp Bonita Canyon past the old Patterson Diaz homestead site and lunch at Campo Bonito. From there we swing northward past the "Yellow Cabin" through the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. (We may tour the unique stone house if the owner is home.) We will then return to the cars via the Arizona Trail. Hike 8.2 miles; elevation change 1500 feet (gps); starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Blackett's Ridge. Rating B.** This hike takes you up to a ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. It has spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We hike through lower Sabino Canyon to the Phoneline Trail. After 0.4 miles we turn onto the Blackett's Ridge Trail where we begin the ascent. This trail has several series of steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits at the top. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1620 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Bluff Loop Trail Sabino Canyon. Rating D.** This is a short Fall color hike along the Bluff Trail overlooking Sabino Creek. Velvet Ash, Cottonwood, Willow, and Arizona Sycamore trees will highlight Fall's colors. Bring a camera and a minimum of one quart of water. Hike 3.1 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B.** We hike from the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, through three springs areas which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt peak, and Baboquivari from this trail with strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Limit 15 hikers. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 2000 feet (gps); starting elevation 5000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Boulder Canyon Trail. Rating C.** This trail takes one up high enough to get a tremendous view of the mysterious Superstition Mountains. Your camera is a must on this hike. We also get a great view of Canyon Lake. Bring 2 quarts of water and lunch. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Boulder Canyon/Canyon Lake Boat Trip. Rating C.** We drive to the Boulder Canyon Lake parking lot which is at the trail head and where the "Dolly" Steamboat tours start. We climb up Boulder Canyon to get some great views into the Superstition Mountains and Canyon Lake. Bring your camera. The view of the Battleship Mountain and surrounding area are wonderful. Bring two quarts of water and lunch. We need to get back to the parking lot by 1:30 PM in order to be aboard the Dolly for a 2:00 PM departure for a 90 minute narrated tour of Canyon Lake. We will hopefully see Big Horn Sheep back in the Canyon. Cost of the boat tour is \$16. Cash or check only. Limited to 15. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Boulder Ridge Loop. Rating B.** This hike begins and ends near the horse ranch below Unit 9 and quickly enters the Canada del Oro Wash. We hike north in the CDO passing the "old dam" and then enter the Coronado National Forest on a old jeep road looping around the boulders, and along a hillside filled with beautiful Saguaro's and great views. We then begin the loop to the south through a few miles of mesquites, mild hills and valleys while viewing the northern end of the Samaniego Ridge. Eventually we join the Charouleau Gap Road (FR 736) and back to the ranch where we started. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 10.5 miles; elevation change 950 feet; starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Box Camp Trail. Rating A.** Starting at Mt. Lemmon Highway trailhead (just past Spencer Canyon campground); it will be all down hill (well, almost) to the tram at Sabino Canyon. We'll bypass Box Springs, stop for lunch near Apache Springs, descending from pines through oaks and manzanita to the saguaros. In the opinion of many, this is the finest, most spectacular top to bottom hike in the Catalinas. Need volunteers to leave a car at Sabino Canyon. Hike 10 miles; elevation change minus 4800 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 123 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating C.** Starting at the Mt. Lemmon Highway Trailhead, after a short uphill climb, it is a downhill hike for 2½ miles to a prominence with a marvelous, panoramic view of the Sabino Canyon area where we will have lunch, then return slowly uphill to our trailhead. Hike 5 miles, elevation change 1600 feet; starting elevation 8,000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 123 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Box Canyon Hike in the Tortilla Mts. Rating C.** We drive to Florence, AZ, then to Price Road (just S. of the railroad track), and finally Box Canyon Road. This requires 14 miles one way of dirt road driving. The road is well graded. High Clearance or 4 X 4 are NOT necessary. Park just before entering the Box Canyon. Begin hiking. It's about 1 mile through the canyon with very interesting rock formations, coloring, and sheer walls. Continue hiking until a fork in the road is reached---marked with a large sign with arrow pointing left. The left fork curves left, eventually back to Hwy #79, and N. of Florence. Instead, take the right fork. This fork will swing right, then begin an ascent of 536 ft. to a cattle guard, and "pass" of sorts. This is about 2 1/2 miles from your car. Good lunch spot with great views. Retrace the path back to the car. This road, I was told, leads another 3-5 miles onto the Coke Ovens, and Martinez Mine & cabin. Weekends are not a good time to do this hike, as there are many Jeeps, ATV's, and dirt bikes; hike 5 miles; elevation change 536 ft; starting elevation 1750 ft; round trip driving mileage: 122.6 miles (including 28 miles on dirt); driver donation \$9.

**Box Spring. Rating C.** Starting on Mt. Lemmon Highway below Spencer Peak, hike down to Box Camp, then to Box Springs, and return. Before Mt. Lemmon's General Hitchcock Highway was built, Box Canyon trail by horseback was the way to exchange Tucson's heat for the cool Catalinas. The military used Box Camp at the turn of the century. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1300 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 123 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Boyce-Thompson Arboretum. Rating D.** Tour 35 acres of nature paths, towering trees, cacti, mountain cliffs, a streamside forest, a desert lake, and panoramic views. Located about 100 miles north or about 1 1/2 hours away from SaddleBrooke. Park is open 9am to 5pm. Bring lunch, camera, hiking stick optional. Hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes are recommended. There is a fee to enter the park. Hike < 4 miles; minimal elevation change; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 164 miles; driver donation \$11.00

**Bridal Trail - Catalina State Park. Rating D.** This is a flat, easy trail connecting the Equestrian Center with the Trail Head. Hike: 2.8 miles. Leave at a.m. round trip drive approximately 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Bridal Veil Falls. Rating A.** We begin on the asphalt road at Sabino Canyon, cross the Cactus Picnic area and a heavily used trail. We then cross Rattlesnake canyon and gain elevation fairly quickly as we proceed to Bird Canyon and cross a section of private land. The trail is well maintained and there are some steep climbs interspersed with short switchbacks which take us to the ridge nicknamed "Cardiac Gap." The trail then drops to the north side heading towards Cathedral Peak, circles the basin which leads to Geronimo Meadow. The last half mile to the falls is steep and overgrown, but is well worth it if there has been adequate rainfall. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 3265 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Bridal Wreath Falls. Rating C+.** We'll drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the trailhead. Some steep hiking up the Douglas Spring Trail for the first 2.5 miles then .03 miles to the falls. Mostly sunny, so bring sun protection. In the spring the falls should be flowing if the winter rains have cooperated. Hike 5.6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Brown Canyon Box Hike in the Huachuca Mountains. Rating C+.** This is an unusual trail with two gravesites and rusty mining artifacts along the way. The trail narrows into a footpath as you approach the Box, a rocky boxed-in area with a small falls and a delightful swimming hole. The trail leaves the canyon and continues up the stream in the Box. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation about 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Brown Canyon Nature Tour - Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. Rating C.** This is a beautiful canyon with birding and wild animal spotting possibilities. Led by staff of the US Fish and Game Dep't. We have our lunch at a natural bridge. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation about 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Brown Canyon – Ramsey Canyon Loop. Rating B-.** In the Huachuca Mountains, we hike up Brown Canyon Box trail to a ridge where we drop down into Ramsey Canyon and back to the Visitor Center. This is a great hike. In Brown Canyon, we see mining artifacts and two gravesites. Ramsey Canyon is always a delight with some of the largest Arizona Sycamore trees in Southern Arizona. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 5000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Brown Mountain. Rating C.** Brown Mountain Trail is a trek along a ridge in the heart of the Tucson Mountains. It starts in a picnic area near the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. Along this "ridge ramble" are excellent views of the mountains, valleys and desert vegetation. The route has many up and downs. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Buster Spring Bushwack. Rating B.** We will make a moderately difficult bushwack on the north side of the Front Range at Catalina State Park. This hike will offer bushwackers a closeup view of the tremendous cliffs and outcroppings in upper Alamo Canyon and around Table Mountain. Along the route, we will pass Buster Spring(4,150 feet) and climb to a prominent saddle east of point 4604(4,450 feet). From the saddle, we will drop down into Alamo Canyon and loop back to where we began. Hike 6.4 miles; elevation change 1750 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Buster Spring/Buster Mountain. Rating B.** This is a moderately difficult bushwack for the adventurous fit hiker from Catalina State park. This hike will go to Buster Spring(4150 feet) which was rebuilt by the forest service in 1994 and is a reliable source of water year round. >From the spring, we will climb to the summit of Buster Mountain(4595 feet). The summit offers magnificent views of upper Alamo Canyon and the tremendous cliffs and outcroppings there and around Table Mountain. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1895 feet;

starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Butterfly Trail. Rating B-.** Starting at Soldier Camp in the Catalinas we will hike down to the Novio Spring area in Alder Canyon where we will lunch in the vicinity of a 1957 F-86 plane crash. All of the steady climb is on the way out. We will be in the shade of very tall Douglas fir and ponderosa pines, up to the saddle and exit at Palisade Ranger Station. Along the way are views of San Manuel to the east. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 7700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 125 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Cactus Forest Area. Rating D.** We will explore some of the trails in the Cactus Forest Area of the Saguaro National Park East and enjoy the scenic 8 mile Cactus Forest Loop Drive. We will stop at the Desert Ecology Trail, the 1920's Freeman Homestead Ruins, and the National Park Visitor Center. Pack a lunch. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2750 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 82 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Cactus Forest Trails. Rating C.** We will take an easy hike in the Cactus Forest of the Saguaro National Park East and identify 20 plants as we go. We will take the scenic 8 mile Cactus Forest Loop Drive and stop at the 1920's Freeman Homestead Ruins and the National Park Visitor Center. Pack a lunch. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2750 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 82 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Cactus Wren Trail. Rating D+.** Saguaro National Park - West. The trail runs from the corner of Sandario and Rudasill Roads to Signal Hill Picnic area. We will return to the trailhead via the Manville trail. The entire loop is 4 miles. It appears to be relatively flat and crosses several washes. Our major obstacle will be the result of this being an equestrian trail as well. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 0 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Cake Mountain and Biscuit Peak. Rating B+.** Drive to a point on Bunker Hill Road into the Galiuro Mountains (out of Mammoth.) Bushwhack up to Cake Mountain (el. 6522'), then over to Biscuit Peak (el. 6600'). Return by loop route to cars. This will be a strenuous hike. 4WD vehicles needed. Map is Rhodes Peak Quad 7.5. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 96 miles (dirt); driver donation \$9.00.

**Canada del Oro from the Preserve. Rating C.** We will drive to the white water tank in the SaddleBrooke Preserve area and park. We walk down a short dirt road and go through the barbed wire fence. We walk north along the CDO, passing 2 old dams. We will continue up the CDO passing an old stone house, and hike further along the CDO. Return by same route. Hike approximately 4-6 miles; elevation gain is approx. 700 ft.; starting elevation is 3270 ft.; leave at .; round trip drive is approx. 3 miles (some dirt); driver donation \$1.00.

**Canyon Loop, Montrose Pools and Birding Trail. Rating D.** Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We will take the Sutherland Trail to the Canyon Loop Trail then hike up to Montrose Pools. On the way back, we will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 3.81 miles; elevation change 320 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Canyon Loop. Rating D.** We will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park, turn onto the Canyon Loop Trail, then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Hike may be done in reverse direction also. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 2.24 miles; elevation change 170 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Canyon Loop, Birding and Nature Trails. Rating C.** Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We will first hike the Nature Trail which has panoramic views, then continue on to the Sutherland Trail that connects to the Canyon Loop Tail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If we are real ambitious we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; elevation change 370 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating D.** We will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this we will hike he Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 3.43 miles; elevation change 270 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Cardiac Gulch. Rating B.** This is a hike to the saddle overlooking Esperero Canyon. We'll warm up by hiking from the Sabino Canyon parking lot over a few small foothills to "the Gulch". The hiking is initially steep.... then it gets much steeper! We'll have lunch at the saddle while viewing the falls below, assuming that rain or a spring thaw supplies a rushing brook. Extra water is recommended. Hike 7.25 miles; elevation change 1898 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Cargodera Canyon to Mt. Lemmon. Rating A+.** This is a very strenuous hike for the very fit and experienced hiker. We will begin at Sutherland Wash where FR 643 intersects the Catalina State Park boundary. From there we will hike up the Old Trico Electric Company

road to where it intersects the Sutherland Trail. We will hike up the Sutherland Trail to Mt. Lemmon at an elevation of 9,157 feet. There are great views of "the Window Formation" in the Front Range, of SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere. Hike 12.4 miles; elevation change 6307 feet; starting elevation 2950 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive for Mt. Lemmon 131 miles; driver donation \$10; round trip drive for Sutherland Wash 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Carr Peak. Rating B.** This trail has some great views of Miller Peak in the Huachuca Mountains. You can see in all directions and 100 miles on a clear day. There is a section of the trail with beautiful Aspens. The drive to the trailhead is rather precarious. High clearance vehicles recommended. Hike 5.2 miles; elevation change 1820 feet; starting elevation 7200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles (dirt); driver donation \$19.00.

**Carrie Nation Mine. Rating C.** A short hike to a mine with an interesting history. Sometimes called the "No Name Mine" this mine is tucked away in a shady part of Madera Canyon of the Santa Rita Mtns. At the site are remnants of the machinery used at the mine. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1150 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Catalina Hills Trash Cleanup Walk. Rating D.** We will meet in the parking lot just west of the SaddleBrooke Fitness Center. Bring gloves and a bottle of water. Trash bags and safety vests will be provided by the Pinal County Transportation dept. **Leave at a.m.** The cleanup walk will last approximately an hour and a half.

**Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails - Rating C.** We will explore various trails within the park. This state park is a great example of the Sonoran Desert with its native plants and wildlife. Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Santa Catalina Mountains as we hike different trails through the park. Hike 4 to 8; elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3 .00.

**Cathedral Rock. Rating A+** This hike begins at Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center and continues up to the Cathedral Rock Saddle (7006 ft.) We then bushwhack following cairns northwest to the "Notch" and then over to the "Bucket" of the south tower which is the most accessible of the three summit towers. This is a difficult hike with several "mantel" crossings and fantastic views. Hikers must be able to climb 1000 ft./mile. The trip down will run at 2 to 2.5 mph. Hike 18.2 miles; elevation change 5300 feet; starting elevation 2725 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Charlebois Spring. Rating A.** This hike will take the most direct route to Charlebois Spring from the Peralta TH. We will hike along the Bluff Spring and Dutchman's Trails into La Barge Canyon. Along the way, we will visit the petroglyph site along La Barge Creek. Many believe these petroglyphs to be the Spanish Master Map for the location of eighteen gold mines in the area. Hike 14 miles; elevation change +1160 feet and -960 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Charouleau Gap Road. Rating C+.** Starting from Lago del Oro just outside of SaddleBrooke, this hike takes us up Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road, to a picturesque table rock with great views of SaddleBrooke. This desert area is filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. Return using same route. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 850 feet; starting elevation 3250 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 2 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Charouleau Gap Road from Oracle. Rating C.** We will see great views of the surrounding hills in the north end of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Great views of Apache Peak. This hike has lots of ups and downs and some loose rocks. Hiking sticks recommended. We'll eat lunch at Irene Wash. Need high clearance vehicle unless parking at the gate. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 410 ft; starting elevation 4770 ft; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles (dirt); driver donation \$4. Driving directions are located at the end of the Data Base.

**Charouleau Gap Road to Hidden Canyon. Rating B.** This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. Starting from Lago del Oro just outside of SaddleBrooke, this hike takes us up Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road, and continues on Road 4432. After reaching the pond, we follow the trail to Hidden Canyon. Return using same route. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 3250 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 2 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap. Rating B.** Starting from the horse ranch below Unit 9, this hike heads south along the Canada del Oro Wash to the Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road. It heads east past the picturesque table rock and through desert area filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. There is a steep climb with switchbacks on the final stretch to the gap. Return using the same route. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended.. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; altitude at the start 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap plus Charouleau Peak (option). Rating B+.** Starting from the horse ranch below Unit 9, this hike heads south along the Canada del Oro Wash to the Charouleau Gap Road, a rocky jeep road. It heads east past the picturesque table rock and through desert area filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. There is a steep climb with switchbacks on the final stretch to the gap then a strenuous bushwhack up to the peak. Return using the same route. Charouleau Gap Road has loose, slippery rocks in some areas, hiking sticks recommended. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 2900 feet; starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop. Rating C-**. This hike covers a couple of trails in the Chiricahua National Monument. We will start out on the Hailstone Trail and connect with the Echo Canyon Trail. The Hailstone Trail gets its name from tiny "hailstones" of volcanic origin. The Echo Canyon Trail winds up and through some outstanding pillars of rocks and rock grottos and back to the parking lot. At this point, those who still have some lung and leg left will have time to take the short hike to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain – a 2 mile round trip with a 500 foot elevation change to one of the highest viewpoints in the Chiricahua National Monument Wilderness area. Vegetation consists of Pinion Pine, Evergreen Oak, and Alligator Juniper with an assortment of semi arid plants. Hike 3.3 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 6780 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 288 miles; driver donation \$20.00.

**Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop. Rating B.** This loop trail visits the most spectacular rock formations in Chiricahua National Monument. This hike includes the scenic Echo Canyon trail. Because this is an all day trip (140 miles to the Monument), those wishing to, will stop for dinner at a very good, reasonable Italian Restaurant in Benson on the way back. Hike 8.4 miles; elevation change 2500 ft. (gps); starting elevation 6780 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 288 miles; driver donation \$20.00.

**Chiricahua Natural Bridge. Rating C.** This trail reaches a small stone bridge formed by erosion of bedrock. Along the way we pass a woodland known as Picket Park. The first part of the trail is steep. The trailhead is located 1.3 mi. past the CNM Visitor Center. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation 5300; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 288 miles; driver donation \$20.00.

**Chiricahua – Echo Canyon to Visitor Center. Rating C.** We take a shuttle from the Visitor Center to the Echo Canyon trail head. We first pass through the remarkable pillar and grotto rock formations for which the Chiricahuas are known. Once we have passed through Echo Canyon, we pick up the Rhyolite Canyon trail back to the Visitor Center. This is nearly an all down hill hike. Bring lunch and at least two quarts of water. Hike 4.5 miles; elevation change minus 1380 feet; starting elevation 6780 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 288 miles; driver donation \$20.00.

**Chivo Falls. Rating C.** This is a hike to one of the tallest desert falls in the Tucson area (Rincon Mountains). If we have some rain or spring snow melt the falls are very impressive. We'll lunch in a rock amphitheater below the falls. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 96 miles (dirt) ; driver donation \$9.00.

**Circlestone Ruin. Rating A.** We will hike 16.6 miles round trip starting from the Rogers Trough trailhead. This trip requires four wheel drive vehicles as the approach is up a very rough jeep road. Along the route, we will visit the grave site of Elisha Reavis. Circlestone Ruin is located on a small knoll northeast of Mound Mountain and 2.4 miles from Reavis Ranch. The ruin is surrounded by a three foot sandstone wall and dates to A.D. 1250 to 1300. Some experts believe Circlestone to be celestially oriented. Hike 16.6 miles; elevation change 4420 feet to 6010 feet; starting elevation 4800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Cochise Stronghold (East)/Amerind Foundation Museum. Rating C.** This is a beautiful hike through the Dragoon Mountains that Cochise hid in during the apache wars. He is buried in this area in a hidden location. This area contains many beautiful rock formations and pinnacles. Bring lunch, a camera and at least one quart of water. On the way back we will stop at the Amerind Foundation Museum, where many American Indian artifacts are on display. The museum charges a \$4.00 fee for seniors. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1298 feet (gps); starting elevation 4500; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle. Rating C.** This is a beautiful hike through the area (Dragoon Mountains) that Cochise hid in during the Indian wars. He is buried in this area in a hidden location. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1298 feet (gps); starting elevation about 4500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**Cochise Stronghold to End of Trail. Rating B.** Hike from the west to east through spine of granite where the legendary Apache war chief Cochise held off his many enemies. Beautiful rock formations. Speculate on location of Cochise grave. Hike 10 to 11 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 4900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**Copper Creek Ghost Town Exploratory. Rating B.** Copper Creek, in the Galiuro Mountains, was established by E. R. Sibley to serve Bunker Hill Mining District. Because it is in a canyon, the town was built in tiers. By 1910 there were over 200 residents. There was a stage line, a physician, and about 50 buildings including a school house, a general store, and a three-story 20-room mansion, home of the Sibley family. The ruins include mine buildings, an iron bridge, various foundations, and the mostly collapsed Sibley Mansion about 1 ½ miles upstream from the mining area. The mines declined quickly and closed in 1917. A post office operated from 1906 to 1947 after which all the buildings were abandoned. Further descriptions can be read in the April, 2006 [DesertLeaf](#), at [www.americansouthwest.net](http://www.americansouthwest.net) under ghost towns, and at [www.expeditionswest.com](http://www.expeditionswest.com) under Sibley Mansion. Copper Creek is reached from Mammoth via a 10-mile high-clearance road. The rocky road eventually gains about 1,800 feet then deteriorates as it drops down steeply toward the narrow canyon of Copper Creek, through which a stream flows year-round. The goal is to locate Sibley Mansion and further research will be done before the hike date. However, we will at least go to the town center and do a 5-mile loop hike on jeep roads past some ruins and mine sites. High clearance vehicles will be required. Hike 5-8+ miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3,880 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$6.00.

**Council Rocks to Slavin Gulch. Rating C.** The hike will take us through the beautiful Dragoon Mountains on the west side of Cochise Stronghold. We will begin near the Whitehouse Ruins and proceed to the history rich 'Council Rocks' area where there are numerous Early American petroglyphs and grinding holes scattered throughout the territory. We will hike to the base of Slavin Gulch and return back the same way allowing time to explore Council Rocks, Whitehouse, the Graveyard and contemplate about where Cochise signed the

Peace Treaty with the US Army. Hike 6-7 miles; elevation gain 200 to 300 feet; starting elevation 4838 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**Council Rocks/Slavin Gulch/Mine. Rating B+.** The hike will take us through the beautiful Dragoon Mountains on the west side of Cochise Stronghold. We will begin near the Whitehouse Ruins and proceed to the history rich 'Council Rocks' area where there are numerous Early American petroglyphs and grinding holes scattered throughout the territory. Continuing south along the base of the Dragoon's we will enter Slavin Gulch and hike up ( 1700' ) along the side of the creek with water falls and pools most of the way. At the end of the gulch is an old mine with a long wooden chute and other mining relics scattered up to the top of the peak. Our return route will be through a unmarked pass (bushwhack) in the Dragoon Mountain Range. Hike approximately 13 miles; elevation change 2100 to 2200 feet; starting elevation 4838 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**David Yetman Trail. Rating C.** This hike is an easy walk through typical vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. This trail has two trailheads – one at Camino de Oeste and one near the bottom of the west side of Gates Pass. We can leave cars at one end and drive to the other trailhead. From the Gates Pass side, the trail is easy for the first mile, then down a wash with a short but steep climb back up to the ridge. We pass the Central Arizona Project, an old stone house built in the early 1930's by Sherry Bowen, and a well that is a wildlife watering tank. Bring lunch, water, hat, sun lotion, and hiking stick, if you wish. Hike 5.4 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 75 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Deer Camp. Rating C.** We will start in the 50-Year Trail area. We hike through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 975 feet; starting elevation 3200; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Deer Camp Loop. Rating C.** This hike starts in the 50-Year Trail Area. We hike up to Deer Camp then head southwest down a winding trail to connect with a trail that will take us up to a lookout on an arm of Samaniego Ridge. You will have a great view of SaddleBrooke, the Sutherland Wash, the Biosphere, the Tortolita Mountains and the Pusch Ridge series. We will follow this trail back down over slick rock, past an ancient cholla tree, then through an ocotillo grove. It then continues down a dry creek bed (watch for those cairns) and intersects with the Baby Jesus Trail. We pass through a grove of 100+ year old Saguars on the way back to our cars. Hike 5.7 miles, elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$2.00.

**Deer Camp/Baby Jesus Loop. Rating C.** We will start in the 50-Year Trail area. We hike up toward Deer Camp then take the Middle Tank Connecting Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail and hike back to our cars. This area has little traffic and is a delight to the senses. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 993 feet (gps); starting elevation 3200; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Deer Camp/Samaniego Roost Loop. Rating C.** We will start in the 50-Year Trail area and hike up to Deer Camp then go southwest on a trail that connects to the Samaniego Roost Trail. We take the left fork and enjoy a fantastic view at the second "pull out". We return via the Samaniego Trail down slick rock to a grove of ocotillo, past two chollas that are so big they look like trees, through a dry creek bed, and to a grove of 100 + year saguaros. Hike 6.48 miles; elevation change 1288 feet (gps); starting elevation 3200; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Ditch Mountain/Bear Springs. Rating C.** In order to supply water to the mining area in Greaterville, a ditch was built which connects up the creek in Big Casa Blanca Canyon. Our hike takes us along this ditch to Bear Springs where we will have lunch and then return. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 184 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Douglas Spring Trail to the Campground. Rating B.** We'll drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the trailhead and do some steep hiking to campground. Hiking back we'll possibly hike over to Bridal Wreath Falls then follow trail back to the cars. Mostly open, so bring sun protection and lunch. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 2684 feet (gps); starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Downtown Tucson History Hike & Gourmet Lunch at the Historic Manning House. Rating D.** This hike is co-led by the Sun City Hiking Club history buff, Bob Cratty (Ajo born and raised). A partial list of people and events that Bob will discuss include: Father Keno, Pancho Vila, Presidio attacks, Camp Grant massacre, Gadsden purchase, Old County Court House, Hiram Stevens, Ed Fish, the Handy-Haney fight, the Stork House, Mormon Battalion, Fox Theater, Wyatt Earp, The Pioneer & Santa Rita Hotels, and much more. Bring \$ for gourmet lunch at the historic Manning House. Hike 3 miles; no elevation change; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 58 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating C-.** We follow the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign then turn off at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks laid out in a row on the right (east) side of trail. The hike then veers to the right and follows a small canyon where there is a beautiful waterfall (depending on recent rains). Much of this part of the trail is sandy with several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Hike 4.81 miles; elevation change 460 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Dutch John Spring and Bog-Kent Springs. Rating B.** We hike from the Bog Springs parking lot in Madera Canyon to Dutch John Springs and return to the cutoff to the Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. The hike is through Arizona Sycamore, walnut and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kit Peak and Baboquivari Peak. There are areas with steep climbs in spots. Good

cooler hike for the summer. Hike 8.0 miles; elevation change 2100 feet; starting elevation 4800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Dutchman's Trail/Bluff Springs Loop. Rating B.** We start at the Peralta Trailhead and follow the Dutchman's Trail through Barkley Basin; climb past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weaver's Needle) to Miners Summit; then descend to Bluff Springs Trail and Bluff Spring with seasonal water, Netleaf Hackberry and Oak shade trees. We then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike is 9.1 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2450 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**East Boulder/Needle Canyon Loop. Rating B+.** This hike has more views of Weaver's Needle than any other hike in the Superstition Mountains. The trails are well defined and the views are superb. We will hike this loop clockwise from the Peralta TH. We will hike north up the Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle for a spectacular view of Weaver's Needle. Hike 12.4 miles; elevation gain is 2646 feet. Limited to eight hikers; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**El Capitan Canyon (upper). Rating C.** This beautiful canyon is advertised in the Arizona Milepost Travel Guide as being Southern Arizona's only slot canyon. Investigation reveals that it is not a true slot canyon, but is definitely very narrow with steep walls on both sides. We drive 18.1 miles north of Winkleman and park on the east side by yellow sign reading "Watch for animals next 10 miles". The hike descends on an old bulldozed road about 200 feet to the stream bottom. From there we walk down the bottom of the canyon, over lots of rocks and several short waterfalls. We turn around after about 2 miles and return by the same route. Needless to say, we cannot do this hike if there is any significant amount of water in the canyon, or if thunderstorms threaten a flash flood. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 134 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**El Capitan Canyon (lower). Rating C.** We drive N. past Winkleman, parking at the bottom of the canyon, just off highway #77. We'll hike up the canyon on sand and rock to a cliff that forms a waterfall. Return via same route. We may see wild flowers, or some animals (cows)? Bring lunch, sunscreen, hiking sticks, hat, camera-optional, plenty of water. Hike 4+ miles; elevation change 500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 134 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Elephant Head. Rating B+.** A hike to climb the craggy massive rock on the west side of the Santa Ritas. The rock is mentioned in Apache legend of the area. The hike starts out along a gentle mountain road but after about 2 miles there is some tough bushwhacking across Chino canyon and then rock scrambling to get to the top. On the way back we must cross Chino canyon again! Dress defensively and bring gloves. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 4600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 142 miles (dirt); driver donation \$13.00.

**Escudilla Mountain/White Mountains. Rating C+** This hike is in the White Mountains about 5 miles north of Alpine. We will hike through several forested areas and some alpine meadows. The forests include Aspen trees, Engelmann spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir, white fir, and ponderosa pines. Parts of the trail are rocky, but the trail is wide and easily followed and the views at the top are great. Directions to trail head: Drive 5.5 miles north of Alpine on US Highway 191 to Forest Road 56. Follow this 2 WD gravel road east for 5 miles. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1300 feet; starting elevation 9,600 feet; leave from trailhead at a.m.; round trip drive 486 miles; driver donation \$34.00.

**Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating C+.** We will take the Esperanza trail to the Hugh Norris trail and follow it to the Base of Amole Peak. The Esperanza trail is gradual at the beginning then has switchbacks. The Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail. Spectacular views of Tucson/Santa Catalinas to the East, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the South, Sells to the West and Picacho to the North. We will lunch at the top. Hike 6.2 miles; elevation change 1275 feet; starting elevation 2980 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles (dirt); driver donation \$7.00.

**Extended Fitness Walk. Rating C+/B.** This walk begins at the SaddleBrooke parking lot and travels one of several routes in or around SaddleBrooke. Carry at least one quart of water. Hike 7.5 – 10 miles; elevation change 500-600 ft; leave at a.m. (duration 2.5-3.0 hours; Optional: Breakfast at the Road Runner Grill (need credit card as cash is not accepted).

**Fifty-Year Area. Rating D.** We will follow a jeep road to Sutherland Wash then loop back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. Hike 3.28 miles; elevation change 234 feet (gps); starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 10 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Fifty-Year Loop. Rating C.** We will start in the Fifty-Year Trail Area and go east to the Upper Loop Trail then hike north to a rock with a bench for viewing. We then will hike back on the Fifty-Year Trail. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. This hike can be done in reverse. Hike 6.11 miles; elevation change 878 feet (gps); starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Fifty Year Trail (North End). Rating C.** We will start at the Equestrian Center, go north on the 50-Year Trail and then return. Beautiful saguaros and rock formations. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Fifty-Year (South End). Rating D.** We will start near the Golder Ranch Gate and hike south to a stream terrace that gives a fantastic view of the Sutherland Wash area and the Santa Catalina Mountains. In addition, there will be good views of Sun City and the Tortolitas.

Hike 4 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 8 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Fifty-Year Trail to SaddleBrooke. Rating B.** This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. Hike begins past the Golder Ranch Gate in the Fifty Year Trail area. After reaching Hidden Canyon we will follow a trail that goes east by a pond then connects to Road 4432. We then will come down Charouleau Gap Road to SaddleBrooke. This hike can be done in reverse also. A car shuttle will need to be arranged. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Fifty Year Trail/Sutherland Cutoff Trail Loop. Rating C.** We will start at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and hike north to a stream terrace that gives a fantastic view of the Sutherland Wash area and the Santa Catalina Mountains. We will then hike down to the Sutherland Wash, take the Sutherland Cutoff Trail to the Sutherland Trail and head back to Catalina State Park. Hike 7.6 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Fifty Year Trail/Sutherland/Bridal Trail. Rating B.** We will be starting in Catalina State Park. We take the Canyon Loop trail to othe Sutherland Trail. When we reach the rocky road we turn west and walk along this road for about two miles until we hit the Fifty Year Trail. We then hike the trail south to the beginning at the equestrian center in the park. We then take the Bridal Trail back to the main trailhead. Hike 10 miles; 700 ft. elevation gain; starting elevation 2700 ft. **Leave at a.m.;** round trip 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Fifty Year Trail to Sutherland Trail. Rating B.** Take 50 year trail one quarter mile from Equestrian trail. Turn left at unmarked trail and go along the ridges and across the wash until you connect back to the 50 year trail. There will be a sign at the intersection. Continue on the 50 year trail to the intersection of the Sutherland trail connector. This is a good place to take a break at the wash. The return trip stays on the 50 year trail back to the wash. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 600 ft; starting elevation 2700 ft. **Leave at a.m.;** round trip 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Finger Rock Canyon/Pontatoc Canyon Loop, Rating B.** This hike starts on level ground for about 1 mile then sharply climbs 2500 feet to Linda Vista Saddle. From there, we will bushwack over to the Pontatoc Canyon Trail and return to our vehicles. Scrambling is necessary at some points & coming down is just as difficult. Beautiful views from the many vista points along the way. Hike 7.8 miles; elevation change 2500 feet; starting elevation 3100; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Finger Rock/Finger Rock Guard. Rating A.** This hike starts with the first 2.5 miles of Finger Rock Canyon Trail and descends a steep 200 feet into the bottom of Finger Rock Canyon. There we continue up a faint path and bushwack into the saddle between Mount Kimball and Finger Rock. From there it is somewhat tricky to climb 200 feet out of the saddle to the base of Finger Rock. The final 50 feet to the top of Finger Rock requires a technical rock climb so we will stop at the base. Finger Rock is a well-known landmark that can be seen from many places in Tucson. In addition, we will hike to the top of Finger Rock Guard, the large rock mass to the east of Finger Rock. Rock scrambling and climbing required. Call to discuss the hike with the Hiking Guide. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 3500 feet; starting elevation 3100; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Finger Rock Trail to Finger Rock Spring. Rating D+.** Santa Catalina Mountains. Taking the Finger Rock Canyon Trail, which leads to the top of Mt. Kimball, we will only go as far as Finger Rock Spring. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating B.** This hike starts on level ground for about 1 mile then sharply climbs 2500 feet. Scrambling is necessary at some points, & coming down is just as difficult. We will enjoy the beautiful vistas as they spread out below and into the distance. Hike 5.8 miles; 2500 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**First Water/ Second Water Trail Loop. Rating B-.** We start on the Dutchman Trail from the First Water Creek Trailhead, north of Apache Junction, in the Superstition Wilderness. After 4.2 miles, we turn onto the Black Mesa Trail. After another 1.5 miles, up a hill, we'll have lunch on a bluff, overlooking the heart of the Superstitions. Then on to the Second Water Trail and back to our trailhead. Numerous water crossings and boulders all along these trails, wonderful scenery. Hike 9.2 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 160 miles (dirt); driver donation \$12.00.

**Florida Canyon to Old Baldy Trail. Rating A.** We will leave a vehicle at the Santa Rita Agricultural Experimental Station. We will hike up the Super Trail and Old Baldy Trail to Baldy Saddle and then North down the ridge to Florida Saddle and the Experimental Station. Hikers should bring lunch, snacks, and a minimum of three quarts of water. Hike 11.2 miles; elevation change 3560 feet; starting elevation 5240 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Florida Saddle. Rating A.** Located in the Santa Rita Mountains, this is a very steep and continuous climb from the Experimental Range Headquarters through a beautiful canyon, along open hillsides and thick forests, up to the Florida Saddle at 7840 feet. We return by the same route. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 3500 feet; starting altitude 4340 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Ft. Bowie National Historic Site, Apache Pass Trailhead. Rating C-.** The 1.5 mile foot trail to the Fort/Visitor's Center passes a

number of historic features and the upper Sonoran life zone of natural features. The trail splits at Siphon Canyon. Staying right at the Junction sends you past Post Cemetery, site of Battle of Apache Pass, and Apache Spring. Elev. change 180' Ridge trail from Visitor's Center back to junction ascends 300' to Apache position of the Battle of Apache Pass. This overlook offers spectacular vistas albeit a fairly steep descent. We'll eat our lunch at the Visitor's Center and then be led by a ranger for a tour of the fort, about 1 hour. Hike 3-4 miles.; elevation change 480 ft; starting elevation 5000 ft; leave at **a.m.**; approximately 320 miles round trip (includes +/-20 miles dirt). Return to SaddleBrooke, circa 6 p.m.. **OPTION:** Dinner stop in Benson. Limited to 12 members. Driver donation: \$17.00.

**Full Moon Hike, Catalina State Park. Rating D.** We will hike in Catalina State Park on one of the easy trails. We will then return to enjoy S'mores and a campfire. Bring flashlight, hot drink, and warm clothes including gloves. There will be a \$3.00 fee for food and site rental. Hike < 4 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp. Rating C.** From the Gardner Canyon Trailhead of the Arizona Trail we will hike along the east side of the Santa Ritas through historic mining country. The Santa Rita Water and Mining Company was founded in 1904. The company headquarters was in Kentucky Gulch, named for two Kentucky prospectors who had a temporary camp in the area in the 1880's. Hundred year old adobe cabins and other ruins are being preserved by the Coronado National Forest Service. This will be a key exchange between Gardner Canyon and Kentucky Camp. We need to park a vehicle at the end of the hike. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet (climb/decend); starting elevation 5300 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 155 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp. Rating B.** From the Gardner Canyon Trailhead of the Arizona Trail we will hike along the east side of the Santa Ritas through historic mining country. The Santa Rita Water and Mining Company was founded in 1904. The company headquarters was in Kentucky Gulch, named for two Kentucky prospectors who had a temporary camp in the area in the 1880's. Hundred year old adobe cabins and other ruins are being preserved by the Coronado National Forest Service. Hike 12 miles round trip; elevation change 1000 feet (climb/decend); starting elevation 5300 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 155 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Garwood Dam. Rating C.** This is a slow easy hike in the desert of the Saguaro National Park-East. The pace will be set by the group; no rush. We will hike in the cactus forest of the Park across mostly level terrain. There is some climbing as we near the dam. Our destination is a dam with a history in the foothills of the Rincon Mountains. Hike 6.5 miles; elevation change 250 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet.; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Gila Cliff Dwelling Nat. Monument/Gila Nat. Forest--Rating B-C.** This is an overnight (1 or 2 nights) excursion to the Gila Nat. Forest in New Mexico. We will visit the extensive cliff dwellings and then hike along the Middle or West Gila River Trails. The forest is one of the largest (3.3 M acres) and includes more wilderness than any other in the southwest, rising above the desert country and abounds with cactus, juniper, pine, spruce and aspen. It also supports numerous wildlife throughout its entirety. The Continental Divide meanders through the middle for 170 miles, which also served as a stronghold for the Apache warrior, Geronimo. The entire trip can be very flexible depending on the make-up of the group. Typically, we would drive (4 hours) over and do some sight seeing in the Silver City area the first day. Stay overnight in a motel/hotel in or near Silver City or use a near-by camp site for those wanting to use tents or R/V. The second day we will drive up to visit the cliff dwelling and hiking trail area (42 miles-2 hours). The hike trails and distance will be determined at the cliff dwelling, but will range in the C+ to B- category. After hiking, some may want to go back home that night, or more likely; stay another night and hike other trails or do scenic day trips the 3rd day. The trip will be limited to 16 people/4 vehicles. All motel-meals-fees-etc. will be at your own expense. Leave time **a.m.**; round trip drive 548 miles Plus 12 touring miles; driver donation \$39.00.

**Gilbert Ray Loop. Rating C-.** In Saguaro National Park – West. Basically flat with many small saguaros thriving under the protection of Palo Verde trees. Hike 5 miles; minimal elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Golden Gate Trail. Rating C.** Ever wonder why there's a big parking lot just west of Gates Pass? Well, so did your guide who will lead a hike below Golden Gate mountain used as the backdrop in many Hollywood horse operas. In Tucson Mountain Park, we will hike ½ mile along the David Yetman Trail and then take the Golden Gate Loop. This is a hike with some rocky stretches and moderate elevation gain. Some bushwhacking back to the parking lot. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 70 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Grand Canyon Rim to Rim. Rating A+.** This is a special hike for the very fit hiker. This one-day hike will begin at the North Rim, down the North Kaibab Trail and up the Bright Angel Trail. This hike will be scheduled in early Spring or early October before the North Rim closes. This trip will involve staying several nights. Costs will vary depending on the length of the trip and lodging. Hike 24 miles; from North Rim to Colo. River, the elevation changes from 8200 feet to 2450 feet; up the South Rim, the elevation changes from 2450 feet to 6860 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 686 miles; driver donation \$48.00.

**Green Mountain Trail. Rating C.** Starting at the San Pedro Vista we will follow the Green Mountain Trail close to Rogers Canyon with beautiful views of the San Pedro River Valley. The mostly downhill trail leads to a saddle where it intersects the Guthrie Mountain Trail. Along the way we will take a short side trail to Maverick Spring then continue onto the summit of Guthrie. There is a large rock face that will need to be climbed to reach the peak. We return down the rock face and to the General Hitchcock Campground. This hike requires a second car to be left in the picnic area across the road from General Hitchcock Campground. Hike 7.3 miles; elevation change

1459 feet (gps); starting elevation 7200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 115 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Green Mountain Trail/Guthrie Mountain. Rating B.** Starting at the San Pedro Vista we follow the Green Mountain Trail mostly downhill leading to a saddle where it intersects the Guthrie Mountain Trail. To reach the summit of Guthrie requires some optional rock climbing near the end (2 miles/800') then it's a steep downhill trek to the General Hitchcock Campground. Hike requires a car to be left at General Hitchcock Campground. Hike 6 miles (9 miles with Guthrie Summit); elevation change minus 1100 feet; starting elevation 7200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 115 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Guthrie Mountain. Rating C+.** The hike will start at the General Hitchcock Campground. We will go up the Green Mountain trail to the saddle at the head of Bear Canyon. Then onto Guthrie Mountain and return. The trail along the top from the saddle to Guthrie Mountain gives great views of the Catalinas and the San Pedro Valley. The last quarter mile to the trails end over the mountaintop requires some rock climbing. Some hikers may not wish to do that portion of the hike. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 6000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 104 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Hamburg Trail. Rating C.** Hike in Ramsey Canyon Preserve to an overlook and then into the Huachuca Mountains along the Hamburg Trail. We'll complete a loop by following the Brown Canyon Trail to the cars. This is a birding and wildlife area. Species from the Rocky Mountains, Chihuahuan and Sonoran Deserts, and the Mexican Sierra Madre Mountains live here side-by-side. There will be a short orientation talk about the Preserve before starting the hike. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 5550 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Happy Valley/Rincon Peak Trail. Rating B+.** We take Mescal Road to our trailhead. However this scenic route which follows along Ash and Paige Creeks is a dirt road for about 10 miles. Expect about 5 miles of steep hiking to Happy Valley Saddle where we will have lunch. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 3500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 165 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Hidden Canyon. Rating C.** This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. Hike begins past the Golder Ranch Gate in the Fifty Year Trail area. Hike 7.8 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Hidden Canyon Loop. Rating C+.** This is a beautiful hike, practically in our "back yard", to a secluded canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti, along the way and a rock ledge with a great view down the valley, for lunch. The hike begins in the Fifty Year Trail area past Golder Ranch Road gate. After lunch we will continue on out of the canyon, and circle around Hidden Canyon Peak, back to the "North Gate" and return to our trailhead via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 975 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Hidden Canyon Peak. Rating B.** Hike begins past the Golder Ranch Gate in the Fifty Year Trail area. This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. From the big rock scenic overlook we will bushwack to the top of Hidden Canyon Peak. Hike 8.5 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Hidden Canyon - Starr Pass. Rating D.** This is a loop on good trail with some elevation gain. There are lots of saguaros and jojoba bushes plus views of the city. After 1/4 mile you are out of sight of "civilization" and have views toward the northeast. By taking the loop trail counterclockwise the trail descends to a junction marked by a cairn. By turning right through a small wash, winding around cacti and mesquite trees, the trail joins a major wash on the left. We follow the wash to a brown wooden sign "Yetman" trail. We follow the arrow to a stone house built in the early 1930's by Mr. Sherry Bowen, a type setter & editor for the Arizona Daily Star. He and his wife, Ruby, lived in the house on 2000 acres. In 1983 this land became part of the Tucson Mountain Park. Hike 2-4 miles; elevation change is 400 ft; starting elevation is 2700 ft.; leave at a.m.; round trip drive approximately 71 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Helvetia/Gunsight Pass. Rating B.** We start beyond the ruins of Helvetia, an old mining town, and hike along mining roads to the pass. Rock samples of copper ores are plentiful along the way as well as scars on the landscape left from mining. At the pass we can explore the "gun site" and abandoned remnants of the mining operation from the huge Narragansett mine. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 144 miles (dirt); driver donation \$13.00.

**Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating D.** We will walk Honey Bee Canyon at Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes, and pioneer adobe ruins. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time this is a real eye opener. Hike 2 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 26 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Honey Bee Canyon North Plus. Rating C.** We will walk Honey Bee Canyon at Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes, and pioneer adobe ruins. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time this is a real eye opener. Hike 4-5 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 26 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Honey Bee Canyon South. Rating D.** We will hike South (opposite of the other Honey Bee Canyon hike). We will explore the canyon, identify some of the vegetation, look for petroglyphs, find a large hole in a rock, look for animals and animal tracks. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, camera (optional). Hike <4 miles; elevation change 100 foot; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 26 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Huachuca Peak. Rating B+.** This is quite a steep climb but the view from the top is tremendous. Huachuca Peak is among several ridges, with deep canyons on two sides and a view of the other major peaks in the Huachuca Range. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 6000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Humphrey's Peak. Rating A.** Climb to the top of Arizona. We will attempt to place as many of our club members on top of Humphrey's Peak (12,633') as possible. This is a very difficult hike through a beautiful area. It requires staying overnight in Flagstaff. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 3800 feet; starting elevation 8833; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 580 miles; driver donation \$40.00.

**Hutch's Pool. Rating C+.** We will take the Sabino Canyon tram to the trailhead. After a moderately steep but brief climb out of the canyon the trail is mostly level. This lovely hike will take us to a permanent pool surrounded by giant Arizona Cypress trees. Bring \$7.50 for the tram. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Hutch's Pool Plus - Sabino Canyon. Rating B.** We will take the first morning tram (\$7.50/person) to the trailhead. The trail follows Sabino Creek eventually crossing the creek near the pool. We will then continue west of the pool for about 2 more miles to a lovely spot and have lunch. We will then return to the trailhead to catch the tram. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 3300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Incinerator Ridge. Rating C.** We will begin at the Palisade Ranger station and climb 400 feet to a saddle. Then we will walk along the ridge to reach a 360 degree view that includes Barnum Rock; San Pedro river Valley, and Tucson. This is one of the premier views off of Mt. Lemmon, which truly gives you the concept of a sky island. Hike 3.9 miles; elevation change 950 feet (gps); starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Indian Paint Mine. Rating B.** Indian Paint Mine is the primary destination for this hike. We start at Canyon Lake in the Superstitions and along the way the hiker encounters magnificent vistas at almost every turn including Weaver's Needle. Hike 9.5 Miles; elevation change 1640 feet; starting elevation about 3500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Ironwood Forest National Monument. Rating C.** We will drive west towards the West Silverbell Mountains, stopping to see the old Silverbell town cemetery. We park at the cemetery and hike to a lovely lunch spot with great views. Wild flowers are plentiful if we have had rain. Bring lunch, camera, hiking boots. Hike 5 to 6 miles; 300 feet elevation change; starting elevation 2900; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 106 miles (dirt); driver donation \$10.00.

**Ironwood Picnic Area. Rating C.** The hike starts just west of Gates Pass. We will follow Golden Gate Trail, then Prospector's Trail. After a short climb (150 ft) to a pass the trail drops down to the tree shaded Ironwood Picnic area. After lunch we will follow the gradually ascending (almost level) Ironwood Trail back to the starting point. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Josephine Peak. Rating B+.** We will hike the Super Trail in Madera Canyon of the Santa Ritas, up to Josephine Saddle, and beyond, to Josephine Peak, and back. We leave the trail to reach Josephine Peak. This peak sits in the shadow of Mt. Wrightson. On return we may take Old Baldy Trail down from Josephine Saddle. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle. Rating B.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Rest there and return on the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.2 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle + Rogers Rock. Rating B.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about 1 mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about .25 miles to the rock, climb to the top, have a wonderful view and eat lunch. We continue down the Super Trail back to the parking lot. This hike can be done in reverse going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike, 6 .5miles; climb 1700 feet; starting altitude 5400 feet; leave at 7:30 a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle via Carrie Nation Mine. Rating B.** We start at the parking lot at the end of Madera Canyon by taking the Old Baldy Trail for a short distance then connecting to the Vault Mine Trail. From there we branch off into the rocky bottom of a canyon for about a mile to the mine site. Sometimes called the "No Name Mine", this mine is tucked away in a shady part of Madera Canyon. It is not shown on any local maps. We return on the Super Trail. Bring lunch and 1 to 2 quarts of water (depending upon time of year). Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle/Old Baldy/Vault Mine Trail. Rating B.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then take the Agua Caliente Trail across and return via Vault Mine Trail. The Vault Mine trail going down will be very steep. This hike can be done in reverse. Hike 6.7 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle/Super Trail/Vault Mine Trail. Rating B.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up the gentler

Super Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then take the Agua Caliente Trail across and return via Vault Mine Trail. The Vault Mine trail going down will be very steep. This hike can be done in reverse. Hike 7.9 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Josephine Saddle/McBeth Springs. Rating B.** Starting in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) we hike up the Vault Mine Trail to the Agua Caliente Trail. We will then follow Agua Caliente to Josephine Saddle with a side jaunt to McBeth Springs. Very steep in spots. Return via the Super Trail. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Kentucky Camp. Rating C.** This easy, historic hike starts in Gardner Canyon on the East side of the Santa Rita Mountains. Our destination is an old mining camp with adobe buildings that are slowly being restored. This is a peek into mining's past! Hike 6 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 5000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 155 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**King Canyon Loop. Rating C.** Starting from a parking area near the Desert Museum we will hike up the Kings Canyon Trail to the Sweetwater Saddle. Our return will be down the trail to Mam-a Gah picnic area. Then down the dry wash where petroglyphs can be viewed. This is an interesting wash where wildlife can sometimes be seen. Make sure you bring a camera, lunch, water & hiking stick if you have one. Hike 5.8 miles; elevation change 1398 feet (gps); starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00

**King Canyon Trail to Mam-A-Gah Picnic Area. Rating D.** We will hike up an old 4WD road (King Canyon Trail) to where a trail crosses the canyon going up to Mam-A-Gah picnic area. The picnic area is named for the "deer dance" of the Tohono O'odham Indians. We return by hiking down the canyon viewing petroglyphs along the way. Hike approximately 4 miles; elevation change approximately 200 ft; leave at a.m. round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Kitt Peak Observatory Evening Program. Rating D.** If you are interested in astronomy don't miss this trip. We arrive at the visitor center at 6:30 PM. Light box meal provided. Hear lecture. Learn how to use star chart. Look through telescope at objects in night sky. Program is over at 10:00PM. Kitt Peak has the largest number of telescopes of any site in the world, 24 in all. Binoculars provided. 55 years and older \$31 per person. 54 years or less, \$36 per person. Bring warm clothes - no shorts or sandals. Hike <1 mile; no elevation change; starting elevation 7000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 151 miles; driver donation \$11.00.

**Knagge Cabin/Peck Basin Overlook. Rating B.** From the Palisade Ranger Station we'll hike along the Butterfly Trail to the saddle, then take the Knagge Trail down to the cabin. Most of the climb is on the way up from the cabin (1300 ft). Once back at the saddle we will take short side hike to Peck Basin overlook and return. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**La Posta Quemada Ranch/AZT Loop. Rating C.** The trail will begin at the La Posta Quemada Ranch which is less than one mile from the entrance to Colossal Cave Park. This is a county park and there is a fee of \$5.00 per car to enter the park. This is a recently completed section of the AZ trail in the Rincon Valley Corridor. It is an out and back and there is one small section (about 0.5 mile ) on a dirt road. The views of the Rincons are spectacular at the halfway point. If time permits an option could be to check out the Ranch museum. Hike 7.6 miles. Starting elevation 3400 ft. ; elevation change 920 ft. Leave at am.; round trip driving distance 90 miles. Driver donation \$7.00

**Lime Falls, Saguaro NP-East. Rating D.** This hike begins off of Cactus Forest Loop Drive. You can go south on the Cactus Forest Trail from the loop drive for a 2.8 mile hike or drive further around the loop and go north on the Cactus Forest Trail for a 4 mile hike. The hike follows the Cactus Forest Trail providing a wonderful example of the Sonoran Desert. Along the way we will stop to observe some old lime kilns that were operational from 1880-1920. We will turn onto a side trail that takes us up to a rock outcropping that produces a waterfall when there is enough rain or snow melt. Hike 2.8 or 4 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2700 ft; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation\$7.00.

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**Linda Vista Loop. Rating D+.** Drive to trailhead, 15 minutes from the MountainView parking lot. Trail skirts the base of Pusch Ridge and has great views out onto Oracle Road and environs. Hiking stick recommended as trail is rocky in places. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 28 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Linda Vista Loop Trails. Rating C.** Drive to trailhead, 15 minutes from the MountainView parking lot. We will hike the trails in this area that skirt the base of Pusch Ridge. There are great views out onto Oracle Road and environs. Hiking stick recommended as trail is rocky in places. Hike 4 to 6 miles; elevation change 400 to 500 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 28 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Little Matterhorn. Rating C.** The hike is partly on dirt roads and partly a bushwhack. It begins near the Golf Course at Vistoso. We

will pass by the ten-crown saguaro cactus on the way to the Little Matterhorn. To reach the summit (optional) requires some steep rock climbing. Bring gloves. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 36 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Lost Dutchman State Park/Fried Chicken Potluck. Ratings D, C, and B.** Come join us as we explore the Lost Dutchman State Park. The park is named after the fabled lost gold mine. It offers a variety of hiking trails and nature trails. We will have three different hikes, all with different Ratings for you to choose from. After finishing our hikes, we will enjoy a potluck picnic. You will have a choice of bringing a "dish" or contributing to the cost of the chicken. When you call to make your reservation, you will need to state which hike you would like to participate in and what type of dish you would like to bring (Or that you would like to contribute to the chicken). Hike distance and elevation will be typical for Rating category, starting elevation 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 175 miles; driver donation \$12.00.

**Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating C.** This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. We start at 4500 foot elevation from the lower area and ascend 3.2 miles up the canyon to the 5400 foot Roundup Picnic Area. Along the way, we enjoy the shade of Apache Pines, Douglas Firs, Emory Oaks, Mexican Blue Oaks, Willows, Cottonwoods, and Sycamores. Our return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Maiden Pools. Rating C.** We'll start at the public parking lot past the employees' parking lot at Ventana Canyon and use the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing. Hopefully, we will be rewarded for our efforts with spectacular views of the East Side of Tucson. Lunch at the pools and return. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 54 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Marble Peak. Rating C.** The hike begins on the Old Mt. Lemmon control road near the Summerhaven fire station. We follow the Oracle Ridge Trail past some of the largest alligator juniper trees in the Catalinas. A jeep trail leads to Marble Peak. Before we return we will take a short jaunt to Dan's Saddle. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 7900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Marsh Valley Loop. Rating A.** This is an enjoyable hike through two rugged canyons in the northwestern Superstition Mountains. We will hike the Boulder Trail from the Canyon Lake TH passing Battleship Mt. Hike 16.1 miles; elevation gain 1000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail. Rating C.** We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and go up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Saddle. Then left down the Aspen trail back to the Picnic Area. There is a large rock to sit on with a view 1/4 mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. A great spot for a break or lunch. Hike 3.7 miles; elevation change 830 feet (gps); starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail w/Mt. Lemmon Cafe. Rating C.** We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and go up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Saddle. Then left down the Aspen trail back to the Picnic Area. There is a large rock to sit on with a view 1/4 mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. After we complete the hike we will stop for lunch at the Mt. Lemmon Cafe in Summerhaven. Good food and great pie. Bring lunch money. Hike 3.7 miles; elevation change 830 feet (gps); starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Marshall Gulch/Summerhaven. Rating C.** We will start at Marshall Gulch, take the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle, then Mint Spring Trail to Summerhaven, walk through Summerhaven and back down to the cars. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**McCleary Peak. Rating A.** We follow the Florida Canyon Trail in the Santa Rita Mountains to Florida Saddle and Armour Spring and then we follow a faint path to the north up to McCleary Peak. Great views of the Santa Catalina, Rincon and various mountains to the east. Good cooler hike for the summer. Hike 11.6 miles; elevation change 4000 feet; starting altitude 4300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mescal Mountain old 4 WD road hike: Rating C.** This hike begins 15.2 miles N. of Winkleman on highway #77. We climb 400 ft. right away, then have a more gradual climb to total of 700 ft. gain by 2 miles. There are great views in all directions taking in El Capitan slot canyon, Mescal Mountains with El Capitan Mountain, S. to the Galiuro Mountains, and W. to the Tortilla Mountains. From the high point (at 3300+ ft.) we hike down the road, eventually coming to an overlook into a canyon. We return via the same route. 6-7 miles rd. trip, total elevation gain 700 ft.; starting elev. 2600 ft.; drive 134 miles; driver donation \$9.

Optional event: swim/wade in the Gila River, back towards Winkleman (near mile post 142--on left side of highway #77).

**Miller Peak. Rating A.** Miller Peak is the highest point in the Huachuca Mountains. There is a 100-mile view from the top. The hike starts at the Coronado National Memorial, located within Montezuma Canyon. We take the Crest Trail. We must drive 45 minutes beyond Sierra Vista to the trailhead. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 3400 feet; starting elevation 5800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles (dirt); driver donation \$19.00.

**Miller Peak and Carr Peak. Rating A.** This hike will start on the east side of the Huachuca Mountains and take the Ash Canyon/Lutz

Canyon Trail to Miller Peak. Miller Peak is the highest peak in the Huachuca Mountains with views over 100 miles. We will continue over to Carr Peak and return by the same route. Hike 15 miles; elevation change 3500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles (dirt); driver donation \$19.00.

**Mount Hopkins. Rating A.** Mount Hopkins in the Santa Ritas is the home of the Whipple Observatory. Hike starts from the Madera Canyon trail parking area (upper). The hike goes up numerous steep switchbacks via the Vault Mine Trail to the Aqua Caliente Saddle. It then continues up a faint "lung bursting " route that hugs the ridgeline to the top. The views include mountain ranges in all directions. We will lunch at the top then hike part way down the road, drop down a steep decent to Josephine Saddle and finally down Old Baldy Trail. This is a tough hike due to route conditions and steepness. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 3185 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mount Ian. Rating A.** From Madera Canyon trailhead, hike up Old Baldy Trail to Baldy Saddle below Mt. Wrightson. Follow the Crest Trail about 1 mile toward Florida Saddle and turn off a short distance to Mount Ian, at 9186 feet. Mt. Ina is the second highest peak in the Santa Rita Mountains. It is 267 feet lower than Mt. Wrightson. Return via either the Super Trail or Old Baldy. Hike 10 to 12 miles; elevation change 4000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Baldy, East Fork Trail, part way up. Rating C.** This trail head is on Highway 273, 3 miles east of Sheep's Crossing in the White Mountains. The trail climbs easily first through some large meadows where deer, elk and antelope can sometimes be seen early or late in the day. After that the trail climbs steadily through virgin timber of mixed Douglas fir, White and Blue spruce and Ponderosa Pine. After 2 miles a summit is reached from which views of Mt. Baldy and other White Mountain peaks can be enjoyed. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 9700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 486 miles; driver donation \$34.00.

**Mt. Baldy Loop. Rating A-** Mt. Baldy is actually an extinct volcano that last erupted 10 million year ago. Located on the western edge of the Apache National Forest, this hike goes through some of the most spectacular terrain in the state. It passes through old growth forest with some of the biggest examples of Ponderosa, Douglas Fur, Blue Spruce and Aspen in the state and through meadows blanketed with wildflowers. We will view the remains of an Army plane that crashed into the mountain back in the late 1940's or early 1950's. We will begin at the trailhead for the West Fork Trail of the Little Colorado River and climb to the ridge to merge with the East Fork Trail near the wilderness boundary. We top out a mile away from the actual summit of Mount Baldy which is sacred to the Apache Indians and off limits, however, the views are just as good on the ridgeline. This view includes portions of the White Mountain Apache Reservation, Big Lake, Crescent Lake, a sizable chunk of the Black River Valley, Escudilla Mountain, the Blue Range and on into the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. Bring a light jacket as it can be pretty cold at the top. Hike 15 miles; elevation change 1,800 feet, starting elevation 9,200 feet.

**Mt. Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon. Rating A+.** Starting at the north end of Alvernon Way, this rocky trail climbs steadily and follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail passes Linda Vista Saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball" and onto the Pima Canyon Trail. A half-mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. The return hike is down the same trails. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 4150 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Mt Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon/Return via Pima Trail. Rating A+.** Starting at the north end of Alvernon Way, this rocky trail climbs steadily and follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail passes Linda Vista Saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball" and onto the Pima Canyon Trail. A half-mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. We will take the Pima Canyon Trail from Mt. Kimball down to the Pima Canyon Trailhead. Bring lunch, snacks, and 2 to 4 quarts of water (depending upon time of year). Car shuttle required. Hike 12.1 miles; elevation change 4150 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Mt. Lemmon/Catalina Camp Loop. Rating B.** The hike starts at the Mt. Lemmon fire station and follows the Oracle Ridge Trail, past some of the largest Alligator Juniper trees in the Catalinas, to Dan's Saddle. Then we will hike west down to the old Catalina Mining Camp and snoop around the abandoned cabin. After lunch by the stream bed, we'll hike up the Red Ridge Trail to the road. We will be in towering pines for part of the hike out. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon/Crystal Springs. Rating B+.** This is a car shuttle hike. The hike starts at the Mt. Lemmon fire station (leave one car here). Hike down the road 2.3 miles to beginning of Crystal Spring Trail. The trail follows north ridges through oak and juniper trees to Crystal Spring. Then it continues to Butterfly Trail junction through pine and fir trees. Ends at mile post 23 on Mt. Lemmon Highway (second car here). Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon/Meadow/Fire Lookout. Rating C-.** We will drive to the very top of Mt. Lemmon and park by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA, also known as Radio Ridge. We then hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail that will lead us back to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin, which offers spectacular views. We will then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 9157 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout/Mint Spring. Rating B.** Starting in Summerhaven, we will climb 1200 feet via Carter Canyon to Aspen

Trail, then up to the top of Mt. Lemmon (9157'). Then down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail, 1900', into the Wilderness of Rocks. Then another climb of 750' will get us to Marshall Saddle. From there we can coast down the Mint Spring Trail back to the start. The hike is in forest shade and all above 7000'. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 2100 feet; starting elevation above 7000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt Lemmon Rock Loop. Rating B.** We will start on the Marshall Gulch Trail at Marshall Gulch Picnic area. At the saddle we continue on the Wilderness of Rocks trail to Lemmon Rock Lookout trail and up 1900 feet to the lookout for a leisurely lunch. Then we will return via Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle and the Marshall Gulch trail back to the beginning. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon/Samaniego Ridge. Rating B.** We will start from the top of Mt. Lemmon and take the Mt. Lemmon Trail and Samaniego Ridge Trail to Walnut Spring and back. The last 3 miles to Walnut Spring may be very brushy and difficult to follow. Suggest defensive clothing and gloves. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 2815 feet (gps); altitude at start 9100 feet; leave at a.m., round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via Marshall Gulch. Rating A.** Start at Marshall Gulch, proceed up to Marshall Saddle (700 foot climb), take the Wilderness of Rocks Trail to Romero Pass, and thence Romero Trail to Catalina State Park. We will spot cars in CSP, and be driven to the top. This hike is all downhill but is difficult in places. Rigorous hike with some uphill short sections. Hike 13 miles; elevation change minus 6400 feet (gps); starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via Romero Pass. Rating A.** We start at the top of Mt. Lemmon and follow the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Romero Pass then take the Romero Canyon Trail to the trailhead in Catalina State Park. Most of this hike is downhill but is difficult in places with some short but rigorous uphill sections. We will be driven to the top and spot cars in CSP. Hike 13 miles; descent 6400 feet; altitude at start 9100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via the Sutherland Trail. Rating A.** We will start at the Mt. Lemmon meadows at the peak and walk down the Mt. Lemmon Trail (the Arizona Trail) to the beginning of the Sutherland Trail then proceed down the length of that trail to Catalina State Park. This will take us through all of the climate zones of Mt. Lemmon and affords magnificent views to the West and Northwest including the Tortolitas, Sun City, SaddleBrooke, and Oro Valley. We will need to arrange transportation to the top. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 6300 feet; starting elevation 9100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Oracle via Oracle Ridge Trail. Rating A-.** This is a long downhill hike northwards along Oracle Ridge from Mt. Lemmon to the Mt. Lemmon Road near Oracle. This is a very scenic hike with great views. The trail between Dan Saddle and Rice Peak may be very brushy and difficult to follow. Suggest defensive clothing and gloves. Hike 13.2 miles; elevation gain 2278 feet (gps); elevation loss 5854 feet (gps) feet; starting elevation 8076 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Oracle Ridge TH via the Cañada del Oro Trail. Rating A.** This 15.5 mile hike begins atop Mt. Lemmon at an elevation of 9,125 feet and descends to the Cañada del Oro at 5,600 feet. We will climb to Dan Saddle and return to Mt. Lemmon via the scenic Oracle Ridge Trail. This is a spectacular hike with fabulous views and interesting sights including old mines and Catalina Camp. Hike 15.5 miles; elevation change is a loss of approximately 3,525 feet and a return gain after lunch of 2,400 feet; starting elevation 9125 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Oracle Ridge TH via Red Ridge Trail. Rating B+.** The hike begins at the Red Ridge Trailhead and descends steeply to Catalina Camp. From there, we will climb to Dan Saddle and up Oracle Ridge to the trailhead. It is a 1 mile hike on the Mt. Lemmon Highway to return to the Red Ridge Trailhead. This hike has great views of the Reef of Rock and Mt. Samaniego. Hike 8.3 miles; elevation change 2615 feet (gps); starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Palisades Trail (with Tram). Rating A.** This trail starts in the high pine forests near Showers Point Campground on Mt. Lemmon. A driver will be needed to drop us off on Mt. Lemmon. Hikers will need \$7.50 for the tram. Bring lunch and 3 quarts of water. Hike 10.4 miles; elevation change minus 5150 feet; starting elevation 7850 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Romero Pass. Rating A.** We will hike from the top of Mt. Lemmon down to Romero Pass and from there, eastwards down the west fork of the Sabino Canyon Trail to Sabino Canyon. This is a beautiful hike with many great views. Hike 20 miles; elevation change 6700 feet; starting elevation 9157 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Romero Pass (with Tram). Rating A;** We will hike from the top of Mt. Lemmon down to Romero Pass and from there, eastwards down the west fork of the Sabino Canyon Trail to Sabino Canyon. This is a beautiful hike with many great views. Bring \$7.50 for the tram. Hike 15.1 miles; elevation change 5807 feet; starting elevation 9157 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. Rating A.** We will start at the Palisades Ranger Station near the top of Mt. Lemmon, and take the Palisades Trail past Mud Spring through Pine Canyon to Sabino Basin. At that point, we will hike out through either Sabino or Bear Canyon (Seven Falls section), depending on water conditions. Special Request - We will need drivers for this hike since we will

be leaving vehicles at Sabino Canyon, and need to be dropped off at the Palisades Ranger Station. Hike 16 miles; elevation change minus 5200 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to SaddleBrooke via Samaniego Ridge Trail. Rating A.** Hike begins on Mt. Lemmon and proceeds down the trail to the AZT (Arizona Trail) which we follow for a short distance. We then veer off on to the Samaniego Trail up along the backside of the three peaks of the Samaniego Ridge and over to Mule Ears, eventually dropping down to the summit of Charouleau Gap. From the Gap we continue down FR736 (4WD road) and back to the horse ranch in SaddleBrooke. This is a beautiful hike with great views of the Reef of Rocks as viewed from Mule Ears as well as the entire Canada del Oro Canyon watershed originating from Mt Lemmon.(Everything you can't see from SaddleBrooke). The trail is seldom used and slow going at places so be prepared for some bushwhacking. Minimum 4 liters of water, headlight, long pants and plenty of snack food recommended. Drivers will be needed to drive hikers to Mt Lemmon. Hike 15.7 miles; elevation change - gain 1299 feet and lose 7146 feet; starting elevation 9097 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to SaddleBrooke via CDO. Rating A.** The hike will lead down from the west side of Mt. Lemmon to several adjoining trails and continue along a section of the Arizona Trail (also called Canada del Oro). Eventually we will join up with the old 4WD road (FR736) and hike up to the back side of Charouleau Gap and down to SaddleBrooke. Drivers will be needed for drop off at Mt. Lemmon. Hike 18.7 miles; elevation change, drop to 3250' then gain 1020 feet; starting elevation 9120 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon to the Ski Lift. Rating C+.** From the foot of the ski lift, we will walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail to the junction with the Mt. Lemmon Trail, then back up to Mt. Lemmon Rock (outstanding views), back to the top, and then down the Aspen Draw trail to the point of beginning. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation 8400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Lemmon/Wilderness of Rocks Loop. Rating B.** We'll park at the Observatory and head down the Mt. Lemmon trail branching off onto the Lookout trail for a steep descent to 7200 feet then back up to the Wilderness of Rocks trail. Then up to Marshall Saddle, over to Radio Ridge and back to the Observatory parking area. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 9150 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy & Super Trail. Rating A.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle where we take the Super Trail to Mt. Wrightson. At the top are 360 degree views from Tucson to Mexico. We will return via the Old Baldy Trail. This is an all day hike to an outstanding mountain. Hike 12.3 miles; elevation change 4029 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating A.** Hike up the Old Baldy Trail to the summit and come down the same way. This is the shortest route to the top (9453') of Mt. Wrightson. At the top are 360-degree views from Tucson to Mexico. This is a shady all day hike to an outstanding mountain. Hike 11.1 miles; elevation change 4029 feet (gps); starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mt. Wrightson via Super Trail. Rating A.** Hike up the Super Trail (8 miles) to the summit and come down either the Super Trail or Old Baldy Trail. At the top are 360-degree views from Tucson to Mexico. This is a shady all day hike to an outstanding mountain. Hike 14-16 miles; elevation change 4029 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Mt. Wrightson--Ring around Wrightson. Rating A.** We start in Madera Canon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up the Super Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then follow the Super Trail past Josephine Peak to Baldy Saddle, and then follow Old Baldy Trail through Josephine Saddle to the starting point. This is a shady all-day hike with outstanding views in all directions. Hike 11.7 miles; elevation change 3300 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet. Leave at am; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Mule Ears via Charouleau Gap. Rating A.** This is a difficult hike to a prominent point on the Samaniego Ridge with outstanding views in all directions. We lunch at a spot on the edge of cliffs just north of Mule Ears, viewing the "Reef of Rocks". The hike starts from SaddleBrooke along the 4-WD road, to the gap; then begins a rather steep uphill climb for 1.5 miles. Eventually, the trail levels off and continues along the ridge with moderate up/down hiking over to Mule Ears. Return using the same route. Hike 17.5 miles; elevation change 4000 feet; starting elevation 3270 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 5 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Murray Springs Archaeological Site/Clanton Family Ranch. Rating C-.** We start at the Murray Springs parking lot located east of Sierra Vista. This archeological site dates back to the last Ice Age. It is a 13,000 year old hunter's camp of the "Clovis" people. Bones of mammoths, mastodons, sloths and saber tooth cats were found here along with hunter tools and other artifacts. A loop trail offers display boards explaining life in the late ice age at this site. We then hike to the Clanton Ranch ruins; not much remains today, but still of interest. The Clanton's were the alleged 'black hats' in the OK Corral gunfight with Wyatt Earp, his brothers and Doc Holiday. Bring lunch and at least one quart of water. Hike 5 miles; minimal elevation change; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 220 miles; driver donation \$16.00.

**Nugget Canyon Short. Rating D+.** We park at the intersection of Nugget Canyon and old Mt. Lemmon Road. The hike follows a lovely canyon with tall trees and riparian vegetation and goes up to an earthen dam. We will stop by a cave so bring a flashlight. Hike <4; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 4680 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles (dirt); driver donation \$5.00.

**Oracle Ridge. Rating C.** This hike begins in Oracle off the Cody Loop Road. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail to the junction with the American Flag/Cody Trail where we have great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. We will lunch on the ridge and return by same route. Hike 5.2 miles; elevation gain 700 feet; starting elevation 4700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Oracle Ridge to Saddle. Rating C+.** This hike begins in Oracle off the Cody Loop Road. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail to the junction with the American Flag/Cody Trail where we have great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. We follow the ridge south where we will lunch in a saddle at the top of Camp Bonita Canyon on the northwest side of Apache Peak. Return by the same route. Hike 7 miles; elevation gain 1000 feet; starting elevation 4700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**OSP East Loop. Rating C.** This hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. We hike the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the cars. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.22 miles, elevation change 760 feet (gps); starting elevation 4350 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**OSP Exploration. Rating D.** We will explore some of the trails in Oracle State Park. Enjoy the interesting boulder groups, oak woodlands, manzanita stands, and desert grasslands found in this state park. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 200 to 400 feet; altitude 4350 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**OSP Granite Overlook. Rating D+.** This 1.8 mile loop begins at the 1st parking lot in Oracle State Park and winds uphill in and around beautiful boulders, desert grassland, oak trees, and manzanita stands. The hike offers great views of the former Kannally Ranch which originally extended all the way to the San Pedro River. The trail was constructed by volunteers from our hiking club and will continue to be our responsibility to maintain. This may be hiked in either direction, but the counter clockwise direction is a much more gradual climb. Also, this is an easy trail to link with several other trails if you are looking for a longer hike within the park or for access to the Arizona Trail. Hike 2 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 4500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**OSP West Loop. Rating C.** This hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. We hike the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection we turn west and hike toward Highway 77. We then turn south to the Mariposa Trail and onto the Bellota Trail that takes us back to the cars. The first third of the hike is fairly level, the second third is a series of up and down hills on rocky trail and the last third has gentle hills. Hike 6.8 miles, elevation change 1001 feet (gps); starting elevation 4350 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Oracle to SaddleBrooke. Rating A.** This hike originates on the outskirts of Oracle and enters the Coronado Nat. Forest, proceeding south along a (class 4) 4WD jeep trail through the north end of the Santa Catalinas. We arrive at the high point of Charouleau Gap (12-mile point) and continue back to SaddleBrooke-Unit 9 via the 4WD-trail road. This is a very nice part of the Catalinas, with great views and rugged terrain. We pass many campsites along the Canada' del Oro and view Coronado Camp (adobe construction). Starting at 4664 feet and finishing at 3248 feet, we will have numerous up/down situations. Our highest elevation is 5090 feet at the Gap. This hike is also done in reverse. Hike 17 miles; elevation gain 2494 with drop of 3910 feet; starting elevation 4664 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 37 miles; driver donation for drop off transportation \$3.00.

**Outreach Walk-a-thon. Rating D.** Come support one of our fellow organizations within SaddleBrooke by joining in their walk around Ridgeview. In addition to calling the hiking guide, you will need to register with Outreach. Watch for details in the newspaper. Meet at the SaddleBrooke Fitness Center. Registration fee is \$ per person and \$ per couple. A breakfast and award ceremony follow the walk. Hike 3 miles; minimal elevation change; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; no driver donation.

**Palisade Trail/Mud Spring. Rating C+.** Starting at the Girl Scout camp we will hike down the trail to the spring. Near the spring is a grand lunch site. Most all of the climb is on the way back. Moderately shady. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 7800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Palisade Trail to Mud Spring Overlook. Rating C.** This is a moderately downhill hike, starting just below the Palisades Ranger Station on Mt. Lemmon, mostly in pine forest, to a prominence with a panoramic view of the Tucson Valley. We will have lunch there and return slowly uphill to our trailhead. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1300 feet; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$9.00.

**Panther Peak. Rating B.** The hike begins near Saguaro West National Park, with the first mile on old mining roads. Then, a steep, difficult climb begins and you may need to use your hands to climb the trail. The use of gloves, long pants, and a hiking stick is recommended. Enjoy outstanding views from the top, all the way to Picacho Peak. We will return by the same route. This is a short but strenuous hike. Hike 5.7 miles; elevation change 1135 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 60 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Parker Canyon Lakeshore Trail. Rating C.** This will be an easy hike with minimal elevation change plus one rocky ledge area. We will

walk the 5-mile trail around Parker Canyon Lake. If the lake level is up, then we walk around many pretty fingers of the lake. There are several benches around the lake for watching waterfowl and for eating a snack. The lake is located 35 miles south of Sonoita. Leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Patagonia Lake State Park Birding Walk. Rating D.** We will take a three+ hour birding walk along the eastern end of Patagonia Lake and into a lush wilderness area along Sonoita Creek. Elegant trogons are sometimes seen here. The birding walk will be led by a naturalist. The naturalist will stay with the group as long as the group would like. You may lunch along Sonoita Creek if you'd like to keep on birding after noon or you can have lunch in the picnic area afterwards. There will also be an opportunity to browse in the visitor's center. Bring your lunch, plenty of water, binoculars and bird books if you like. Hike up to 4 miles; elevation change minimal; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 191 miles; driver donation \$13.00 plus state park entrance fee of \$7 which will be shared.

**Pena Blanca Lake. Rating C.** The lake is a little over a mile long and offers a lush quiet setting where you can go birding watching and hike the trail around the shoreline. Some parts of the trail are rocky and not well maintained. It is located 9.3 miles off Interstate 19, on State Route 289 west of Rio Rico. Hike 4+ miles; elevation change < 500 feet, starting elevation 3832 feet; leave a.m.; round trip drive 189 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Peppersauce and Nugget Canyon Loop. Rating C+.** The hike begins at Peppersauce Campground on the northeast side of the Catalinas. It follows the old Mt. Lemmon Road up to the Nugget Canyon turnoff. There we will stop to see Peppersauce Cave. Bring a flashlight. We then travel up the canyon, follow jeep roads, view an old mine, then come down Peppersauce Canyon. Much of the hike is through oak woodland with good views from the higher hills. This is a strenuous hike for this level due to a steep incline in one area and loose rocks in another. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 4600; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 53 miles (dirt); driver donation \$5.00.

**Peppersauce Canyon. Rating C+.** This will be a hike/rock-hop up Peppersauce Canyon across from Peppersauce Canyon Campground. We will be going up the canyon, not the hiking trail alongside it. We will return on the hiking trail. We will be going through some brush and doing some rock hopping with a little exposure. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Gloves would be helpful. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200'. **Leave at a.m.**; round trip 53 miles (dirt); driver donation \$5.00.

**Peppersauce Canyon Short. Rating D+.** We will park opposite the Peppersauce Canyon campground and hike up Peppersauce Canyon approximately 1.5 miles. Good mixture of vegetation to study. Some views, depending on how far we go. Bring lunch. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 450 feet; starting elevation 4600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 53 miles (dirt); driver donation \$5.00.

**Peralta Trail. Rating C+.** Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle viewing Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. This may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1360 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Peralta to Canyon Lake Backpack. Rating A.** We will follow trails through Bluff Springs and La Barge Canyons and camp in the area near Charlebois Spring. While there we will search for the petroglyphs south of Charlebois Spring. On the second day, we will follow trails through Marsh Valley and on to Canyon Lake where our transportation will pick us up. On this backpack, we will see the giant saguaro cactus, ancient petroglyphs, and many wildflowers. Hike 16.1 miles; elevation gain 1,060 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive Peralta 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00. Plus round trip drive Canyon Lake 190 miles; driver donation \$13.00.

**Peralta/Geronimo Cave Loop Trail. Rating B-.** Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle viewing Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. This may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. We will make a loop back to the trailhead via the cave trail and explore Geronimo's cave. This part of the hike has spectacular views from cliffs but is not for the acrophobic person (some open-face rock and steep downhill descents). Hike 5.1 miles; elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Pete Mountain. Rating B.** We follow the Agua Caliente Trail in the Santa Rita Mountains up to Agua Caliente Saddle and then turn north to Pete Mountain. On some maps it is shown as Santa Rita Peak. After leaving Agua Caliente Saddle we take a little used route to the peak past one of the area's largest hedgehog cactus with at least 200 individual heads per Betty Leavengood. Good cooler hike for the summer. Hike 7.0 miles; elevation change 2920 feet; starting elevation 4800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 142 miles (dirt); driver donation \$13.00.

**Peter's Mesa. Rating A.** This is a challenging, scenic loop hike through little visited country in the north-central Superstition Mountains. We will start from the Tortilla TH and hike the JF Trail to the Hoolie Bacon Trail around Music Mt. We will then hike the Peter's Trail over Peter's Mesa after passing Charlebois Spring. We will visit the petroglyph site along La Barge Creek. Hike 15.8 miles; elevation change of +1355 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 208 miles (dirt); driver donation \$19.00.

**Phoneline Trail - Round Trip. Rating B-.** The hike will begin in the Sabino Canyon parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phoneline Trail. The trail is above and generally parallels the tram road. It offers outstanding views of the

canyon. We will choose between three routes back, the tram road, the same trail, or back part way on the same to trail to a connecting trail that takes us down to the creek and dam and back to the parking lot. Hike 10 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Phoneline Trail with Tram Ride. Rating C.** This requires purchase of a tram ticket at \$7.50. Start at the Visitor's Center, ride tram to Stop Number 9, hike up to the Phone Line trail and then back to the Center. The trail is above and generally parallels the tram road. It offers outstanding views of the canyon - an easy downhill with photo opportunities. This hike can also be done in the reverse. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Picacho Peak – Hunter Trail. Rating B.** From Barret Loop we hike the Hunter Trail to a saddle, then down to the Sunset Vista Trail and up to the top of Picacho Peak. We use the permanently installed guide cables to get to the top. Bring cotton or leather gloves for holding on to cables. This is a short, strenuous hike and a favorite among hikers. We return to the trailhead along the same route. Park entrance pass required. Hike 4.2 miles; elevation change 1770 feet (cumulative); starting elevation 2000 feet; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Picacho Peak for "C" Hikers. Rating B.** THIS IS A SPECIAL HIKE FOR "C" HIKERS WANTING TO CONQUER THE PEAK. Pace will be modified to accommodate the group. From the Barret Loop we hike up the Hunter Trail to a saddle, down to the Sunset Vista Trail, then to the top of Picacho Peak. We use permanently installed guide cables to reach the summit. BRING COTTON OR LEATHER GLOVES for holding onto the cables. We return to the trailhead along the same route. This is a short strenuous hike and a favorite among hikers. Park entrance pass required. Hike 4.2 miles; elevation change 1770 feet (cumulative); starting elevation 2000 feet; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Picacho Peak to Saddle. Rating C.** We will hike the Hunter Trail from the Barret Loop trailhead up to the saddle. Terrific views of surrounding area. Park entrance pass required. Hike <3 miles; elevation change 960 feet; starting elevation 2000 feet; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Picacho Peak Loop. Rating B.** This hike combines both the Hunter and Sunset Vista Trails. We begin at the Hunter Trailhead, hike up to join with Sunset Vista Trail and climb to the top (3374 ft.). We will return via Sunset Vista to the Sunset Vista Trailhead. A shuttle requires 2 cars. This is a short, strenuous climb with a moderate return. Bring gloves and ample water. Park entrance pass required. Hike 5.1 miles; elevation change 1900 ft. (cumulative); starting elevation 2000 ft; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Picacho Peak - Sunset Vista Trail. Rating B.** From the Sunset Vista Trailhead we follow the lower route to the climb up to Picacho Peak. The climb to the top of Picacho Peak employs the use of cables (bring gloves!) to get to the top. This is a short, strenuous hike. Park entrance pass required. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1520 feet; starting elevation 1850 feet; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Picacho Peak - Sunset Vista Trail (short). Rating C.** From the Sunset Vista Trailhead we follow the trail to the area that starts the steep climb to Picacho Peak. We will return by the same route. Hike 4.23 miles; elevation change 751 feet; starting elevation 1850 feet; **leave at a.m.**; round trip drive 90 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Pima Canyon – 1<sup>st</sup> Dam. Rating D+.** The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. We will hike the first part of Pima Canyon up to the first dam and enjoy the beautiful scenery, take photos. The trail is rocky. Hike 2.7 miles; elevation change 470 feet (gps); starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pima Canyon. Rating C.** The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We will pass the first dam as we enter the beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. We will hike to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near Indian grinding holes and then return to the trailhead. Hike 6.2 miles; elevation change 977 feet (gps); starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pima Canyon – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dam. Rating B.** The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the first dam as we enter the beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again into the open. We will hike past a rocky open area in the canyon beyond the second dam near ancient grinding holes and continue on to the third dam. We return to the trailhead via the same route. Hike 8.1 miles; elevation change 2210 feet (gps); starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pima Canyon to Mt. Kimball and Return via Finger Rock Canyon. Rating A.** The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. It then enters a beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. We will hike past several small dams to a spring. At this point we will climb 350 feet in .4 of a mile to the saddle to give a superb view of the entire Montrose and Romero Canyon drainage, the most inaccessible region of the entire Catalina Mountains. We then proceed 1.3 miles to Kimball Peak, climbing several rocky ridges with great views of tremendous rock spire cliffs. The view from the peak is superb of the Windows, Cathedral Rock, and Montrose Canyon. We will return by way of Finger Rock Trail. We need two cars for this hike. This hike will be very strenuous. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 4355 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pima Canyon to the Saddle. Rating A.** The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. It then enters a beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. We will hike past a small dam to a springs and saddle to give a superb view of the entire Montrose and Romero canyon drainage, the most inaccessible region of the entire Catalina Mountains. Hike 11.2 miles; elevation change 3450 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Point 5783 in Pontatoc Canyon. Rating B.** Most of the hike is following the Pontatoc Canyon Trail. This is a hike to an infrequently climbed peak in the upper reaches of Pontatoc Canyon. There is a great view of Tucson from the saddle and the top after a short bushwack through mostly grasses. Hike 7.0 miles; elevation change 2700 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pontatoc Canyon to the Amphitheater. Rating C.** Hike in 2.5 miles from the trailhead at the end of Alvernon Way. Good views of the city and Finger Rock. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pontatoc Ridge. Rating C+.** Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontatoc Ridge to j below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area. This hike is strenuous in some areas due to the steep incline and rocky path. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1500 feet (gps); starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Prison Camp to Sabino Canyon. Rating B-.** This is a beautiful mostly downhill hike from the old prison camp off of the Catalina Highway to Sabino Canyon where we will catch the tram down to the Visitor's Center. There is a \$7.50 fee for the tram. Hike 7.6 miles; elevation change downhill 1763 feet; starting elevation 4863 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 94 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Professor Woodward's Dam. Rating B.** Start at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center; hike the tram road to the top, then climb to the site of the dam planned by Professor Sherman M. Woodward in 1901. Bring flashlights to explore a diversion tunnel, now over a century old. There is a short steep descent into the canyon and a short steep accent out of the canyon. We will return via road or Phoneline Trail. Hike 10.5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Pueblo Canyon Cliff Dwelling. Rating B+.** Deep in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness of Tonto Nat. Forest lies one of the most beautiful and largest cliff dwellings. This particular dwelling is one of many buried in this remote part of the wilderness and included up to 75 rooms high up on the canyon wall. These dwelling remains in excellent condition after 700+ years because of their strategic location, thus making it a strenuous hike to reach the ruins. Trail is not always discernible and passes a rare Uranium mine and a large waterfall at the end of the canyon which we must pass under. The trip up is approx. 135 miles one way; with 24 miles on dirt road; the last 5 miles only passable with high clearance 4WD vehicles. Long pants and shirts, good traction foot gear required. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 236 miles (dirt); driver donation \$21.00.

**Pusch Peak. Rating A.** From the trail head at the East end of Linda Vista Blvd, the trail proceeds up the northwest side of Pusch Ridge to the top of Pusch Peak which provides fantastic 360 degree views of the Tucson and Oro Valley areas. The first 1.5 miles of the trail climbs gradually along a wash. The final 1.5 miles is difficult and strenuous with stretches of slippery footing, rock scrambling, and exposed, narrow, steep paths. Gloves are recommended. Along the final 1.5 miles, the trail passes three man-made dams and numerous extraordinary overlooks with fantastic views north, west, and south. Hike 6 miles. Elevation change 2700 feet. Starting elevation is 2650 feet. Leave at am; round trip 28 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Pusch Peak - Bushwack from south side. Rating A.** We start at the parking lot at the end of Magee Road and hike .4 mile on the trail that goes up Pima Canyon. There we leave the trail by hiking up the ridge to the north. There is an intermittent trail but mostly bushwack in light undergrowth. The first mile is steep but the higher you get, the more gradual the climb is. The ridge is open and there are no difficult rock faces or outcroppings to climb. Strenuous hike. If you are used to the regular Pusch Peak hike you can do it. Suggest defensive clothing and gloves if desired. Hike 4 hard miles; elevation change 2500 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Pusch Ridge to First Overlook. Rating C+.** From the trailhead at the East end of Linda Vista Blvd, the trail proceeds part way up Pusch Ridge to a great overlook. The first mile of the trail climbs gradually along a wash. The final 0.5 mile is difficult with stretches of slippery footing, rock scrambling, and exposed, narrow, steep paths. Gloves are recommended. The trail passes four man-made dams. The overlook provides fantastic views north and west. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; starting elevation is 2650 feet; **leave at am**; round trip 28 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Pusch Ridge to Second Overlook. Rating C+.** From the trailhead at the East end of Linda Vista Blvd, the trail proceeds part way up Pusch Ridge to a great overlook with views to the north, west, and southwest. The first mile of the trail climbs gradually along a wash. The final 0.75 mile is difficult with slippery footing, rock scrambling, and exposed, narrow, steep paths. Gloves are recommended. The trail passes four man-made dams and a lower but extraordinary overlook with fantastic views north and west. Hike 3.5 miles; elevation change 1350 feet; starting elevation is 2650 feet; **leave at am**; round trip 28 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Quantrell Mine. Rating C.** A scenic trek through a historic and legendary mining area of the Santa Rita Mountains. We will lunch at

the head of Chino Canyon at the Quantrell Mine and enjoy magnificent views down the canyon, as well as that of the mythical giant rock sculpture known as Elephant Head. You will not be berated if you have visions of Jesuit gold, Teddy Roosevelt, and Apache sacrifices. This hike features a good trail with no steep sections. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 4500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 130 miles (dirt); driver donation \$12.00.

**Ragged Top. Rating B+.** Ragged Top is an infrequently climbed peak in the newly created Ironwood Forest National Monument. There is not a pre-marked trail for this hike. The hike is mostly bushwhacking up the slopes of the mountain and climbing the upper rock to reach the top. Bushwhacking does not mean many bushes on this hike. In some places the slope is steep and the last 50 feet are up a rock crevice that leads to the summit. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 36 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Ramsey Canyon Preserve. Rating C.** Ramsey Canyon is renowned for its outstanding scenic beauty and its birds. Bring binoculars. Hike 4.8 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation about 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 211 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Rams Creek Basin. Rating C.** We hike up the wash on a new trail through nice vegetation and then climb 560 feet to a watering tank. There are some great views of Rancho Vistoso, Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere. We then continue on to a water fall where we will have lunch. Return via same route. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 2600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 21 miles; driver donation \$2.00.

**Rattlesnake Peak. Rating A.** From the parking lot at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center we travel 1.3 miles up the road and Esperero Canyon Trail. Here we leave the trail and head north on a "route"/bushwack up the ridge to Rattlesnake Peak. Suggest defensive clothing. Rattlesnake Peak is not an eye-catcher but that doesn't mean it is not a challenge. An early hiker, Don Everett, 60 years ago called it Challenge Peak. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 3900 feet; starting elevation 2750 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Reavis Falls. Rating B+.** This is a hike to a spectacular waterfall in a very remote area of the eastern Superstition Mountains. This beautiful waterfall was featured in an article in the November, 1993 issue of Arizona Highways magazine. Few people have seen this waterfall. The first white man to visit it was Elisha Reavis in the 1870's. We will begin the hike from the Reavis Ranch TH. The final 0.60 of a mile to the Falls is a bushwack up Reavis Creek. Hike 10 miles; elevation gain 1700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 221 miles (dirt); driver donation \$20.00.

**Reavis Ranch Loop. Rating A+.** This popular loop hike follows trails from the Rogers Trough TH. As we hike down the Rogers Canyon Trail, we will pass the Salado Cliff Dwellings. A site near Angel Basin, is where famed Tucson artist Ted DeGrazia burned \$1,000,000 of his paintings to avoid federal income taxes. We will take the Frog Tanks Trail to the Reavis Ranch Trail where we will visit the old Reavis Ranch site. From there, we will take the Reavis Ranch Trail over Reavis Saddle and visit the grave site of Elisha Reavis. Hike 19.1 miles; elevation gain of 1920 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 166 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Reavis Ranch Trail/Pinto Creek Trail Loop. Rating A+.** This hike follows trails in the eastern Superstition Mountains, the highest section of the range. We will hike 18.8 miles round trip starting from the Rogers Trough TH. Our route will take us along the Rogers Canyon Trail, the Reavis Ranch Trail, the Pinto Creek and West Pinto Creek Trails back to the Rogers Trough TH. Along the way, we will visit the grave site of Elisha Reavis, pass through Reavis Saddle, and hike through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest. This trip requires four wheel drive vehicles as the approach is up a very rough jeep road. Hike 18.8 miles; elevation change is 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 166 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Red Mountain. Rating B.** The trailhead is off Harshaw Road south of Patagonia. We will hike up a wide, graded, steep road that maintains a constant degree of incline for most of the hike. There is a fire lookout tower on top and the views are panoramic. Hike 8.3 miles; elevation change 1900 feet; starting elevation about 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 184 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Rice Peak. Rating A.** Hike up Peppersauce Canyon from the campground to the Oracle Ridge then follow part of the Arizona Trail to Rice Peak. Interesting "peppersauce conglomerate" in Peppersauce Canyon, great views along Oracle Ridge and interesting conglomerate rock on the peak. Superb views from the peak to the San Pedro River and the Galiuro Mountains beyond. Hike 10.0 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 4600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 53 miles (dirt); driver donation \$5.00.

**Rice Peak, with start at Oracle Ridge trail. Rating A.** This hike begins in Oracle off the Cody Loop Rd at the water tank. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail south past the junction with the American Flag/Cody trail and to a saddle on the southwest side of Apache Peak. We will continue on the single track Arizona Trail to a gate where we will then continue on the Oracle Ridge trail which becomes a forest service road. We will continue on the Arizona Trail/Oracle Ridge section to the very short steep, rocky climb to Rice Peak. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 2900 ft. Starting elevation 4700 ft. **Leave at am;** round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$3.00

**Rincon Peak. Rating A+.** Betty Leavengood refers to this hike as the PHD of hiking. Rincon Peak is the second highest peak in the Rincon Mountains located east of Tucson. An enormous rock cairn graces the summit. The views from the summit are worth the rigorous trek. Hike 16.2 miles, elevation change 4300 feet; starting elevation 4288 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 165 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Roadrunner-Panther Peak Wash-Cam-Boh Trail Loop Rating D.** We drive west on Ina Road, to Picture Rocks Road, to the Cam-Boh Picnic Area. First we hike 1.4 miles along the Roadrunner Trail, which runs along the boundary of Saguaro Nat. Park West, heading straight for Panther Peak. True to its name, Road Runners do thrive in this area. They make a cooing sound, not a "beep, beep"! As we walk this section, heading North, we can see Picacho Peak and one of Twin Peaks in the distance, which has nearly been leveled by limestone mining. After 1.4 miles we reach the junction with Panther Peak Wash which we hike for 1.9 miles, mainly in a wash. Next we cross the Picture Rocks Road, then join the Cam-Boh trail for 1.3 miles back to the picnic area and the cars. Cam-Boh in Tohono O'odham means camp. Total hike is 4.6 miles rd. trip; minimal elevation change; leave time a.m.; round trip drive 60 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Roger's Canyon Cliff Dwellings. Rating B.** The hike is deep in a wilderness area of the Superstition Mountains. The trailhead is reached via Florence to Highway #60 east and then NE on 19 miles of scenic, rough unimproved Forest Service roads that require 4WD vehicles with adequate clearance. The trail is slippery in places during rainy seasons with 58 significant stream crossings (roundtrip). This is a reverse hike since we go downhill into the canyon area that was home to some Salado Indians (Arizona Highways 3/2001). The cliff dwellings can be explored but some require difficult rock scrambling to enter. Care should be taken not to damage 700 years of history. An additional 1mile round-trip hike to Angel Basin is an option along with an exploration of Fish Creek Canyon. The hike out is all uphill via the same route. Bring a change of shoes for the return trip. We will need 4WD vehicles. Hike 8.4 miles; elevation change approximately 1200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 166 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Rogers Canyon Cliff Dwellings +. Rating B+.** We will hike to the Rogers Canyon Cliff Dwellings by a new route. We will follow the JF Trail up and over Tortilla Pass. These ancient cliff dwellings were built by the Salado Indians around A.D. 1150 to A.D. 1250. These ruins are in very good shape and present a nice opportunity for the photographer to get good photos. We also should see good wildflowers on this hike from the Woodbury TH. Hike 10.6 miles; elevation change 2960 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 166 miles (dirt); driver donation \$15.00.

**Romero Pass. Rating A.** This hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows an up and down trail past Romero Pools and Romero Springs to Romero Pass. There is a very steep uphill section the last 2 miles. Hike 15 miles (7.5 miles climbing and 7.5 miles descending); elevation change 3300 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Romero Pools. Rating C+.** The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down the canyon area where several pools are located. An option is a ¾ mile round-trip hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch there. Trail is rocky and rough in places. Hike 5.64 miles; elevation change 1500 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Romero Springs. Rating B.** Starting in Catalina State Park, we will follow the Romero Canyon trail. Along the way we will pass by the Montrose and Romero pools. The spring is located about 2 miles past the Romero pools. It is a very scenic section of the canyon. It has been known to have quite a bit of wildlife. Hike 10.36 miles; elevation change 2720 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Rosewood Point. Rating B-.** From the parking lot at Pima Canyon trailhead we travel 1.8 miles up the Pima Canyon Trail. Here we leave the trail near a large grove of cottonwood trees and head up a major side canyon coming in from the south. The "route" is a bushwack up the canyon .7 mile up a draw to a prominent saddle. One of the easier bushwhacks. Suggest defensive clothing. At the saddle we climb up an easier south side route around a cliff to the easy walk to the summit of Rosewood Point where a large Rosewood tree stands. We will then proceed over to North Rosewood Point for the spectacular view down into Pima Canyon. The return will either be the same way we came up or bushwack down the ridgeline to the west. Hike 5.0 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Ruby Ghost Town. Rating D.** Hike one of the premier ghost towns in the country with more than a dozen buildings still standing. Hike as much or as little as you like along the old dirt streets then have a picnic lunch at Lake Ruby. Admission is \$12.00 (\$8.00 if we can sign up at least 10 people). High clearance vehicles desirable. We will have a reservation for this day. Round trip driving distance is 200 miles. Hike 2 miles; no elevation change; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 196 miles (dirt); driver donation \$18.00.

**Sabino Canyon Exploratory. Rating D.** We will explore the many lower trails at Sabino Canyon including the Bajada Loop Nature Trail that identifies some of the desert plants seen throughout the canyon. We will also stop in the Visitor Center. Hike <4 miles; elevation change <400 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon (no Tram). Rating A.** Starting at the Sabino Visitors' Center we will hike the Phoneline and Sabino trails to the East Fork intersection. Take the East Fork to the Bear/Sycamore intersection and then the Bear Canyon trail, past Seven Falls, back to the parking lot. We may have to revise the route if the stream is high in Bear Canyon. Hike 17 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon (with Tram). Rating B.** We take the Sabino Tram (\$7.50) to Stop 9. Hike starts with .08 mile of switchbacks then levels off on the Sabino Canyon Trail to Sabino Basin. We take the East Fork to Bear Canyon Trail. Then south on the Bear Canyon Trail for 6.2 miles to Bear Canyon Trail head. From there it's 1.7 miles to the parking lot. Hike 12.8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Sabino Canyon to Catalina State Park - 1. Rating A.** This is a strenuous hike. Hikers also need to bring a flashlight and spare batteries. Hike 19.9 miles; elevation change 4900 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Sabino Canyon to Catalina State Park - 2. Rating A.** This is a very difficult hike up the Esperero Trail past Cathedral Peak to Romero Pass. From Romero Pass, we will hike down the Romero Canyon Trail to Catalina State Park. Hike 18.2 miles; elevation change 3350 feet; starting elevation 2750 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Safford Peak Exploratory. Rating A.** Safford Peak, known to locals as Sombrero Peak, is the distinctive bell-shaped peak in the northern-most district of the Tucson Mountains in Saguaro West National Park. We will start at the end of Scenic Drive from a little chapel called Sanctuary Cove. There is no official trail, but use trails, sometimes faint and with loose footing, can be taken to the top. As we climb Panther Peak will become visible as well as excellent views of the foothills and higher peaks of the Tucson Mountains and Saguaro National Park. We climb severely on the final ascent with narrow traverses and significant exposure. (If you do not like exposed heights, this hike is not for you.) We will sign the register at the summit where there are great views in all directions and descend the way we came. Hike ~3-3 ½ miles; elevation change 1,320 feet; starting elevation 2,240 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$4.00.

**Saguaro Park East & Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for Lunch. Rating C-.** Hike ; leave at ; driver donation \$5.00.

**Saguaro Park West Ramble. Rating D.** There are several short trails of interest in the Saguaro West Park. One trail takes us to an area of petroglyphs which were made by Hohokam Indians about 1200 AD. We stop at the Visitors Center for a very informative video. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and hat. Hike 2 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Samaniego Roost, Rating C.** This hike takes the hiker on a tour of several different environments. It starts with one mile along the Baby Jesus Trail and a stop at a grove of 100 + year old saguaros. The next mile follows cairns along a dry creek bed (keep an eye out for those cairns). The final mile takes the hiker through a grove of ocotillo, past two chollas that are so large they look like trees, up slick rock and the final destination at a lookout on an "arm" that stretches down from Samaniego Ridge. You will have a great view of SaddleBrooke, the Sutherland Wash, the Biosphere, the Tortolita Mountains and the Pusch Ridge series. Hike 5.8 miles: elevation gain 1165 feet (gps), starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Samaniego Peak, Rating A.** This hike takes the hiker on a tour of several different environments and on up to Samaniego Peak. It starts with one mile along the Baby Jesus Trail and a stop at an old Saguaro grove with many 100+ year old sentinels. It follows cairns along a dry creek bed (keep an eye out for those cairns) and takes the hiker through an ocotillo grove, past an ancient cholla tree, up slick rock and continues up an "arm" that stretches up to Samaniego Peak. The final 1.5 miles follow cairns through pinyon and ponderosa pines. At the top, you will be able to see east down into the Canado del Oro and up to Mount Lemmon. Looking west is SaddleBrooke, the Sutherland Wash, the Biosphere, the Tortolita Mountains and the Pusch Ridge series. Hike 10 miles: elevation gain 4400 feet, starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**San Pedro River Exploration. Rating C.** Hike through remains of Presidio Santa Cruz de Ferrenate, one of the finest examples of a royal Spanish fort left in the New World. From there we hike to the San Pedro River where we can hike along the shore or wade down the river. Lots of birds? We hike two miles into the old mining town of Fairbank and return via the river or an old road, the San Pedro Trail. Located between Benson & Sierra Vista off Highway 82. Bring shoes for water hiking and dry ones for trip home. Hiking sticks recommended for balance in water. May want binoculars for birds. Hike 7+ miles; elevation change minimal; starting elevation 4000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 200 miles; driver donation \$14.00.

**Sausalito Canyon to Honey Bee Canyon (upper)--Rating D.** This is a nice, nearby canyon hike with options to extend the hike within Honey Bee Canyon. The hike heads east, parallel with a fence which eventually turns south for a short distance to the end of the road and near a windmill and concrete dam. Bring water, lunch, snack, camera (optional), sun protection. Hike 4 miles; elevation change minimal; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 26 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Seven Falls. Rating B.** Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon. Then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. There are seven stream crossings in each direction. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8.7 miles; elevation change 1550 feet (gps); starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Seven Falls With Tram. Rating C.** Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center we will take the Tram to lower Bear Canyon. Bring \$ for Tram Ride. We will hike the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 6.4 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Sixshooter Trail. Rating B+.** This trail just south of Globe in the Pinal Mountains was featured in the Arizona Highways 4/03 edition as the Hike of the Month described as follows: "The trail obsessively and steeply climbs almost 3,000 feet from scrubby chaparral mix along raspy mountain slopes to quaking aspen trees at its end near Ferndell Spring. In between, the landscape veers from high desert scrub to high-country pines to New England-style hardwood forests." The trail stops just short of the top of Pinal Peak in a crown of aspen trees

and returns by the same route all downhill. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 4600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 180 miles (dirt); driver donation \$16.00.

**Sixshooter Trail/Pinal Peak. Rating A.** This trail just south of Globe was featured in the Arizona Highways 4/03 edition as the Hike of the Month. The trail climbs steeply from manzanita and scrub oak up a canyon through three climate zones that include pinon pine, velvet ash, big tooth maple, aspen trees and huge boulders with some running water. Near the top, a side trail off Sixshooter continues up to Pinal Peak with outstanding 360 degree views. Return is by the same route. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 3400 feet; starting altitude 4600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 180 miles (dirt); driver donation \$16.00.

**Soldier Trail. Rating B.** Start at mile 1.3 pullout on Catalina Highway to Prison Camp and return. The first ½ mile is very steep. The gorge in Soldier Basin may have water flowing below some rugged cliffs. Views of the Tucson area. This trail was used in the 1800s as a cavalry passage into the mountains. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1600 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 84 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Soldier Trail to Molina Basin via Prison Camp. Rating B-** The start is at the 1.3 mile pullout on Catalina Highway. The first 1/2 mile is very steep and the trail will then proceed through Soldier Basin with views of a large gorge, rugged cliffs and the Tucson area. This trail was used as a Calvary passage in the 1800's. After a stop at Prison Camp, the hike will proceed via the Arizona Trail to Molina Basin Campground. Limit 10 hikers & must have three 5 passenger vehicles for shuttle. Hike 6 miles, elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 84 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Southern Bell Mine. Rating C.** From the trailhead .7 miles up FR4470 from Mt. Lemmon Road out of Oracle we hike 2 miles up an old road to the mine area. Once there we will inspect the area and hike to the old mine shaft. Requires high clearance vehicles to get to the trailhead. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 4500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Squaw (Piestewa) Peak and Camelback Mountain. Rating B.** These two well-traveled hikes are both in the central Phoenix mountains with beautiful views to all areas of the Valley. We will do the easier Piestewa Peak trail first which is 1.2 miles (2.4 roundtrip) with a climb of 1190 feet on a good improved trail with many switchbacks. We will then drive a very short distance to the Camelback trailhead. This trail is only 1.16 miles (2.32 roundtrip) but climbs 1300 feet. It is a very steep hike with many large rocks to scramble over as well as slippery dirt and gravel. Gloves are recommended. The two hikes back-to-back the same day are guaranteed to give a challenging aerobic workout. Hike 4.72 miles; elevation change 2490 feet (2 hikes total); starting elevation 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 220 miles; driver donation \$15.00.

**Superstitions: Battleship Mountain-Black Mesa Loop. Rating A.** From First Water Trailhead we will take Second Water Trail to Boulder Canyon Trail where we will proceed south to a point parallel with the southern tip of Battleship Mountain. Here we depart the trail and climb the mountain from the southern tip along the ridge to the northern end. We encounter a lunar landscape surrounded by breathtaking sheer drops in all directions. The large plateau at the top is strikingly beautiful with eerie rock formations and colors. Although there is no technical climbing, this is a difficult hike for advanced hikers only. Scrambling and bouldering skills are a must. Those uncomfortable with heights would probably not enjoy this hike. We will return by going south on Boulder Canyon Trail and taking a short side trip to view Aylors Arch and the rock formation "Horse's Head with the Laid Back Ears. We will then join the Black Mesa Trail, hiking across the top of the mesa and return on Second Water Trail to the trailhead. Hike 15.5 miles; cumulative gain 3,100 ft; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 160 miles (dirt); driver donation \$12.00.

**Superstitions: Dripping Springs Hike. Rating B.** This hike begins from the Woodbury TH in the Superstition Mountains. We will hike to the JF Ranch in Fraser Canyon. Seasonal water in Fraser Canyon supports small groves of Fremont cottonwoods, Arizona sycamore and willow trees. The junction of Fraser and Randolph Canyons is very pretty with smooth, reddish bedrock and shallow pools of seasonal water. Dripping Springs seeps from the ledges on the south side of Fraser Canyon. A small cave is located across from Dripping Springs on the north side of Fraser Canyon. Hike 8.0 miles; elevation change is 1280 ft; leave at ;round trip drive is 166 miles (dirt); driver donation is \$15.00.

**Superstitions: Dutchmans State Park sampler; Flatiron Peak. Rating C-A.** The group will hike the scenic Siphon Draw Trail (Starts as Discovery Trail) under the towering cliffs of Superstition Mountain. We will pass through the Siphon Draw narrows and possibly see rock climbers on the Crying Dinosaur rock formation. After 1.43 miles we reach the official end of the trail. Here hikers can choose to go on or return the way they came. (At this point the hike=1.4 miles; 1,100 ft. elevation gain.) About a mile back is the turn (Trail #56) to the Palmer Mine site. Here is also a start to additional small loop hikes in the park, all under 2,500 ft. Rock climbers may also be seen on the Praying Hands rock formation near trail #56. Those desiring will continue the bushwhack climb up Flatiron (see [www.reppster.com](http://www.reppster.com) for pictures and description), another 1.45 miles for an additional 1,400 ft. elevation gain (total=6mi. round trip, with exploration). Other park trails: Treasure Loop=2.4 mi.; Prospector View=.7 mi.; Jacob's Crosscut=.8 mi. The group will meet to return home at a designated time. Hike 3+ miles; elevation gain 1,150 in first 1.4 mi.; 1,400 ft. in last 1.5 mi.; starting elevation 2,100 ft.; leave at 7:00 a.m.; driver donation \$12..00.

**Superstitions: Geronimo Cave and Barks Canyon Loop. Rating B.** We will start at the Peralta Trailhead, climbing the Peralta Trail 1,400 ft. over 2 mi. to Freemont Saddle. From there we will access the Cave Trail which makes its way for 1.5 miles along cliffs and boulders and across weather-worn rock. Geronimo Cave (actually 1 of 3 alcoves), about .6 mi. in on the trail, was named by the Dons Club which has drawn 100's of people every spring since 1934 for its Dons Trek (different trail). (See [www.hikearizona.com](http://www.hikearizona.com) for a

description of Cave Trail.) We will then connect with Bluff Springs Trail, taking it north 1.6 mi. to the intersection of Terrapin Trail. From here we leave the trail and descend into beautiful, seldom used Barks Canyon, hiking about 2.3 miles off trail through the Canyon. We will soon encounter a series of cascading pools beneath sheer walls, then enter a dense thicket of trees that will require some bushwhacking. (This hike is also described in [www.hikearizona.com](http://www.hikearizona.com).) The Canyon is named for Jim Bark, a rancher in the 1890's who hunted for the "Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine" for many years. We will see reddish colored mine tailings from a tunnel, that goes a considerable ways back into the mountain, that was either a prospect or a producing mine. A short distance after the canyon opens up into Barkley Basin we intersect with the Dutchman Trail, following it a mile back to Peralta Trailhead. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 1,450 ft.; cumulative elevation gain/loss is about 2,090 ft.; starting elevation 2,400 ft; leave at **a.m.**; driver donation \$11.00.

**Superstitions: Hermans Cave. Rating A-** The route to Hermans Cave is evidently the very same one taken by up to three different people in their attempt to follow Jacob Waltz into the mountains to find his Lost Dutchman's mine. Prospector Hermann Petrash spent many years searching in this area and located one of his camps on the north side of La Barge Canyon. From the Peralta Trailhead we take the Dutchman Trail through the beautiful Barkley Basin. As we approach the Coffee Flat Trail intersection we will be rewarded with some great views of Miners Needle and Cathedral Rock. Miner's Needle with its distinct "eye" has been a focus point for the Lost Dutch search in years past. It was at the base of Cathedral Rock that human bones thought to be those of Mexican miners possibly killed by Apaches were found in the 1930s. At the Coffee Flat intersection we bear left to begin a not too arduous climb to Miner's Summit, enjoying fine vistas along the way. We will go a mile or so through Upper La Barge Box Canyon until we reach the base of Hermans Mountain. Herman's Cave will suddenly loom large above to the left. The cave is high at the base of the Herman Mountain cliffs and one must scramble up a steep slope of scree and boulders to get there. (The ascent to the cave is optional.) The cave is very large, but its inaccessibility and the fact that the floor slopes out at a steep angle prevent it from ever having served as a useful shelter. We return by the same route. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 1,000 ft. (cumulative change +/- 2,540 ft.); starting elevation 2,400 ft.; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$11.00.

**Superstitions: La Barge Creek/Boulder Canyon Loop, with side trips. Rating B.** This hike is for those who would like to see the Superstitions from a different perspective, hiking off-trail to areas not commonly seen. About a half mile from the trailhead, after a 3 min. side trip to the Superstition Wilderness sign with great views of Weavers Needle and Battleship Mountain, we leave Boulder Canyon Trail going down a spur trail to La Barge creek. We will walk along this rocky creek bed about 1.9 miles (reduced pace), briefly rejoin the trail, then leave it again, soon entering through the sheer rock walls of La Barge Canyon. Hiking through this canyon, described in [Todd's Desert Hiking Guide](#) as the "...nicest canyon in the Superstitions," will involve boulder hopping, some scrambling and climbing, and minor bushwhacking. We will hike less than a mile through the canyon along the east side of pyramid-shaped Battleship Mountain to an area of lovely seasonal pools and then return the way we came back to the trail. We will continue on Boulder Canyon Trail through Paint Mine Saddle to Indian Paint Mine. In addition to old foundations and mining shafts, the rocks in this area are said to have been mined by the Indians for paint. We will then return to the Boulder Canyon intersection, hike 1.7 mi. north through the Canyon, rejoin La Barge Creek for 1 mi., then exit the remaining .6 mi. to the trailhead. Wear long pants and wetable shoes (although water in the creek at this time of year is not likely); consider bringing hiking sticks. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 600 ft. (entire cumulative elevation gain is less than 1,200 ft.); starting elevation 1,660 ft.; leave at **a.m.**; driver donation \$12.00.

**Superstition Mountain Ridgeline. Rating A+.** This is a very demanding through hike that rewards energetic hikers with incredible views, sometimes in both directions, from the crest of Superstition Mountain. There is often no trail, but the hike on the rocky ridge line is very enjoyable and remote, with the encounter of other hikers being unlikely. We will drop a car at Carney Springs Trailhead and drive to the Lost Dutchman State Park where we will begin on the Siphon Draw Trail, following the 1,540 GPS waypoints as posted to [www.hikearizona.com](http://www.hikearizona.com). We will hike up the Flatiron, over to Superstition Peak, down to West Boulder Saddle, and end at Carney Springs. Have warm clothing in your pack and bring plenty of energy snacks and water in addition to lunch. Hike ~10 mi.; elevation change 2,750 ft. (cumulative gain=4,400 ft./loss=4,680 ft.); starting elevation 2,100 ft.; leave at **a.m.**; driver donation \$11.00.

**Superstitions: Weavers Crosscut. Rating B.** We leave from Peralta Trailhead climbing the Bluff Spring Trail which gains 500 ft. elevation in the first half mile, levels off, then climbs 260 ft. in .25 miles. After 3 miles we leave the trail for "Weaver Cross Cut" at Bluff Saddle. We hike near the base of Weavers Needle, a column of volcanic rock that rises a thousand feet to an elevation of 4,553 ft. and dominates the landscape for miles around. On Weavers Cross Cut trail we go through fascinating rock formations, then descend to the Peralta Trail and return to the trailhead. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1,400 ft. (cumulative elevation gain/loss 2,025 ft.); starting elevation 2,400 ft.; leave at **a.m.**; driver donation \$11.00.

**Sutherland Trail. Rating C.** This is a great wildflower hike after abundant winter rains. Along the way, we will observe many beautiful Saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are many photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the water falls are flowing. The route begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. We return using same route. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Sutherland Trail (One way). Rating C.** This is a great wildflower hike after abundant winter rains. Along the way, we will observe many beautiful Saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are many photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the water falls are flowing. The route begins in Catalina State Park, uses the Cutoff Trail to connect to the north side of the park along FR 643. A car shuttle will be needed along with high clearance vehicles with all wheel or four wheel drive. Hike can be done in reverse. Hike 4+ miles; elevation change 750 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Sutherland Trail to Cargodero Canyon. Rating C.** We will start at the trailhead at the end of the road in Catalina State Park and hike to the Cargodero Canyon. We will continue about another mile or so up the jeep road. We will lunch in this area. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs. Rating C.** This hike is a gradual hike through a mesquite bosque with 100+ year old saguaros, Arizona Poppies/Morning Glories in season, on the way to an area of many, many petroglyphs. Per the book Paradise Found by Kathy Alexander there are over 1400 petroglyphs in the area. Some rock scrambling is necessary to search for the petroglyphs. Bring a snack to enjoy while searching. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 12 miles (dirt); driver donation \$2.00.

**Sweetwater Trail (short version). Rating D+.** We start from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the East Side of the Tucson Mountains and hike about ½ the distance to the saddle. Hiking boots and stick recommended. Bring binoculars. Hike <4 miles; elevation change 350 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 60 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Sweetwater Trail to the Saddle. Rating C+.** We start from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the East Side of the Tucson Mountains. From there we hike up through some of the prettiest Saguaro forests in the area. Along the way there will be good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. We end at the saddle where the trail joins the King Canyon trail. The King Canyon trail goes down to the Desert Museum or up to Wasson Peak. We will have lunch at the saddle before heading back to the trailhead. Hike 6.8 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 60 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Sycamore Canyon. Rating B+.** This hike takes us through a beautiful canyon situated in the Pajarita Wilderness within the Coronado National Forest. We hike 7 miles(one way) to the Mexican border viewing canyon side walls, spirals and lush vegetation, while crossing creeks, up and down river rock, climbing around a few boulders and side walls. We will pass Hank and Yank's (Mule skimmers and Army guides) adobe ruins; eventually ousted by Indians in 1886. This is considered one of the top 10 spots for wildlife within the entire Sonoran Desert. The water level will be dependant upon the annual rainfall, but always be prepared for slightly wet feet. The canyon lies between Atacosa and Baboquivari Mountains to the north and the Pajarito Mountains and Mexico to the east and south. Hike 14 miles; elevation change 500 feet; starting elevation 4050 feet dropping to 3550 ft. at the border; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Sycamore Canyon/Medium. Rating C.** Located in the Pajarita Wilderness, Sycamore Canyon is considered one of the top ten spots for wildlife in the Sonoran Desert. We start near Ruby Road and will hike into the canyon about three miles viewing canyon sidewalls, spirals and lush vegetation. Water levels in the canyon will vary depending on recent rainfall, but be prepared to get your feet wet. Bring lunch and at least a quart of water. Hike 6 miles; elevation change minimal; starting elevation 4050 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Sycamore Canyon/Short. Rating D.** This hike takes us through a beautiful canyon situated in the Pajarita Wilderness within the Coronado National Forest. We hike south toward the Mexican border viewing canyon side walls, spirals and lush vegetation, while crossing creeks, up and down river rock, climbing around a few boulders and side walls. We will pass Hank and Yank's (Muleskinners and Army guides) adobe ruins; eventually ousted by Indians in 1886. This is considered one of the top 10 spots for wildlife within the entire Sonoran Desert. The water level will be dependant upon the annual rainfall, but always be prepared for slightly wet feet. The canyon lies between Atacosa and Baboquivari Mountains to the north and the Pajarito Mountains and Mexico to the east and south. Directions to trailhead-- South on I-19 to Exit 12; west on Hwy 289 to Pena Blanca Lake (approx. 5 miles); left onto Ruby Rd. (dirt) to Sycamore Canyon. Hike <4 miles; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 4050 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 190 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Sycamore Dam. Rating C.** The hike begins at the old Prison Camp in the Santa Catalina Mountains. We follow a road to a saddle and hike down the trail to the dam and return. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 94 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Sycamore Spring. Rating C.** East of Sahuarita. A hike along mining roads through an area where early Tucsonans found iron meteorites to use as anvils and to a spring surrounded by large Arizona Sycamores. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1450 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 148 miles (dirt); driver donation \$13.00.

**Table Mountain. Rating A.** From the parking lot at the Pima Canyon trailhead we travel 3.2 miles up to where a steep rocky gully comes in from the north. The "route" is a bushwack climbing steeply up the rocky drainage to the flat grassy slope that leads northeast to Table Mountain. Suggest defensive clothing and gloves if desired. The vegetation is a mixture of shindagger, prickly pear, oak, pinion and juniper. The view is spectacular and well earned. The return will either be via Bighorn Mountain or down the same way. Hike 10.0 miles; elevation change 3350 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tanque Verde Falls. Rating D.** We will drive to Redington Road to the parking area. We will hike 1 mile to Tanque Verde Creek and explore the falls and stream. We might even play in the water. Hike 2+ miles. Elevation change 500 feet. Leave at am; round trip drive miles; driver donation \$.00.

**Tanque Verde Peak. Rating A.** This hike is in Saguaro NP East. We begin at the Javelina picnic area off the loop road. The trail takes

us to Juniper Basin at 6.9 miles and Tanque Verde Peak at 9 miles. Erik Molvar's guidebook says, "From this lofty perch, fantastic views stretch in all directions." Hike 18 miles; elevation change 6011 feet (gps); starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 82 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating C+.** This is a picturesque hike in the Rincon Mountains with tremendous views of Tucson and the surrounding area. We park at the Saguaro National Park East Trail. The hike is somewhat steep in parts. At 3 miles we view a crested saguaro. (This is a possible turn-around spot for a 6 mile hike with 1300 ft elevation change.) We will continue on another mile to lunch on a mesa with great views. There are some photo stops along the way. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1900 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 82 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to Juniper Basin Campground. Rating A.** An interesting feature of this hike is the opportunity to observe changing vegetation that accompanies the increase in elevation. The trail occasionally tops out on the ridge, levels out for a distance and then drops to the north or south side of the ridge. The views are amazing and this is one of the best parts of the trail, because it has views in all directions. Hike 13.8 miles (gps); elevation change 3761 feet (gps); starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 82 miles; driver donation \$7.00.

**Temporal Gulch. Rating C.** The trail is one of the most scenic and rarely traveled trails in the Santa Rita Mountains following a jeep trail along a perennial stream. There are several abandoned mines along the way. We will drive north out of Patagonia for 7.5 miles on Forest Service 72 before descending into Temporal Gulch. Fremont cottonwood and Arizona sycamore dominate the riparian vegetation. Numerous birding species abound in the area due to its proximity to Madera Canyon. Stream crossings are a possibility. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 184 miles (dirt); driver donation \$17.00.

**Three for One. Rating B.** This hike begins at the end of the pavement on Golder Ranch Road and uses three nearby trails to make a loop trip. We begin going south on the Fifty-Year Trail to the intersection with FR 643 where we turn east. We continue east as the Sutherland Trail comes in from the south and turn north on the Baby Jesus Trail where we will see a rock formation on the left that looks like the Madonna and Child. This trail curves to the northwest to intersect with a jeep road and the Fifty-Year Trail we follow to our cars. These are three popular trails because of their close proximity to SaddleBrooke and because of the variety of plant life as the trail goes from desert washes to rocky overlooks. Hike 10.53 miles; elevation change 1203 feet (gps); starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 8 miles; driver donation \$1.00.

**Thimble Peak. Rating B.** We start at Prison Camp Road (now Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site), 7 miles up the Catalina Highway and take the beautiful Sycamore Reservoir Trail down to the abandoned reservoir, connect to the Bear Canyon Trail on the way to Thimble Flat then follow an unmarked faint trail for 1.2 miles to Thimble Peak. This 1.2 mile section has some steep side slope walking in heavy brush. Bring gloves to do the short, but steep rock scramble to the top of the east summit. Enjoy outstanding views from this prominent landmark. We will return by the same route. Hike 11 miles; total ascent is 2,500 feet (gps); starting elevation 4850 feet; round trip drive 94 miles; driver donation \$8.00.

**Tina Larga. Rating C.** Starting at the end of Speedway the group will follow the Douglas Spring Trail to Tina Larga Tank. There may also be a side trip to Bridal Wreath Falls. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 2750 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room, Birds and breakfast. Rating D.** Join a Tohono Chul docent for a guided bird observation walk in beautiful Tohono Chul Park. We can continue strolling through the park at our leisure and end with breakfast at the Tohono Chul Tea Room. Bring binoculars. There is an admission fee of \$5.00. Hike 1.5 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 36 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room w/Lunch. Rating D.** A desert preserve of 48 acres bordered by Oracle, Ina and Paseo del Norte Roads. 1-hr.docent-led tour surrounded by native plants and desert landscape in an "aviary without walls". Demonstrations gardens, hummingbird garden, ethnobotanical garden, geologic recreation of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Also: Exhibit House, Gallery & gift shops. Optional: breakfast, lunch or tea at Tea Room. Leave to return to SaddleBrooke 2:30 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$5.00. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, and sunscreen; bring a bottle of water. Hike 1.5 miles; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 36 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tohono Chul Park, Reptile Ramble and Tea Room for Lunch. Rating D.** A desert preserve of 48 acres bordered by Oracle, Ina and Paseo del Norte Roads. We will participate in a 1-hr. docent-led talk and tour about Reptiles. Grandchildren are welcome. We will also stop to enjoy their gardens, the Exhibit House, Gallery and gift shops then lunch at the Tea Room. Leave to return to SaddleBrooke 2:30 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$5.00. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, and sunscreen; bring a bottle of water. Hike 1.5 miles; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 36 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tonto National Monument. Rating C-.** A park ranger guided tour hike of the Upper Cliff Dwellings, normally closed and allowed only by reservation. The tour is approx. 3 miles on unpaved, moderate to steep trail with a gain of 600 ft. Time permitting, we will also visit the lower cliff dwelling on our own. This will be an educational experience regarding the life of the Salado Indians (People of the Salt River). National Park Fee - \$3 (without a pass). The monument is approx. 110 miles one way, on good roads and overlooks Roosevelt Lake. Limited to 12 members (3 cars). MUST SIGN UP AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO HIKE. Bring lunch, ample water,

and a hat. Leave at a.m.; round trip drive 230 miles ; driver donation \$16.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain. Rating B.** We will leave from the cattle guard / windmill on the Rail-X Road and ascend to the top of a 4661-foot Dove Mountain. From there we will make our way along an up and down ridge line north with views of Ruelas, Cochie, and Wild Burro Canyons, eventually reaching a path and jeep road which returns to the parking spot. Views are outstanding and feral horses might be sighted. This is a rough, steep, and scratchy bushwhack making long pants and sleeves, gloves and hiking sticks desirable. Hike 4.7 miles; elevation change 1240 feet(gps); starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain & Ridges. Rating B.** We will leave from the cattle guard / windmill on the Rail-X Road and take a jeep road and path up to the ridge above Wild Burro Canyon. From there, we will bushwhack along an up and down ridge (south) with views of Cochie and Ruelas Canyons and will ascend to the top of 4661-foot Dove Mountain. We will then make our way down a different route to the parking spot. Views are outstanding. Wear long pants and bring a hiking stick. Hike 4.7 miles; elevation change 1240 feet(gps); starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Owl Head Buttes. Rating C.** A hike mostly along a pole line road to see if we can discover why these buttes are named Owl Head. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains--S. End Wild Burro Canyon & Lower Javelina Trail. Rating C.**

The trail head is at the Wild Burro Canyon parking lot on Dove Mountain Blvd. We hike up Wild Burro Canyon, some in the arroyo and some on a compacted soil trail, winding through some trees and cacti. After approx. 2 miles we reach the ruins of an old stone house, which is where Wild Burro Canyon trail goes left and up along the ridge to the left. We pass this, finding another trail head on the right in about another 20-30 yards. This is the start of the Lower Javelina Trail. We climb some switchbacks, then come to a trail junction. We have good views here back down into a side canyon. At the junction we stay to the left, on Lower Javelina Trail. (The fork to the right is Alamo Springs Trail.) We continue curving to our left around a small mountain. At the next junction, we again stay to our left. This gives us great views of Wild Burro Canyon & Avra Valley, leading us down into Wild Burro Canyon. (The right trail fork is a continuation of Lower Javelina Trail, which crosses Wild Burro Canyon, then circles around to the left, but on the opposite side of the canyon from where we were.) Once we reach Wild Burro Canyon, we walk in the arroyo until shortly before the lower waterfalls. Here we find the trail marker on the right side of the arroyo. We follow this part of the trail down the right side of the waterfall, to the old stone house ruins. Then we retrace our steps back down the arroyo to our car. Hike approx. 5-6 miles; elevation change approx 300 ft.; starting elevation is 3600 ft.; leave at a.m.; round trip drive is 44 miles; driver donation is \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains: S. Wild Burro Canyon/ Alamo Springs Trail Loop. Rating B.** We hike from the south end of Wild Burro Canyon off of Dove Mt. Blvd. to the junction with Alamo Springs Trail head. This first part in approx. 1 1/2 miles walking in the wash and on compacted ground trail. Then we junction to the right and begin our climb, topping a pass. On the way up we look down on the Ritz Carlton Hotel and golf course. Once we top the pass, we go along the E. side of the Tortolita Mts.. We continue with more ascents and descents, over several passes, having beautiful desert views along the way. After a total hike so far of about 3 1/2 miles, we finally reach the final "pass", then begin descending back down to another trail junction. This junction is Alamo Springs Trail and Spur Trail. You can continue on Alamo Springs Tr. for further adventure; however, for this hike, you take the Spur Tr. back down into Wild Burro Canyon. Soon after you reach the canyon floor, in about 100 yds. on the right is an old stone house, and cistern which belonged to goat herders in the early in the early 1900's. There is also a large water catch basin, dubbed the "swimming pool". From here you walk back along Wild Burro Canyon Trail, which crosses the wash a number of times before you reach the car. Hike approx. 7 miles; elevation change: 800-1000 ft.; leave at ; round trip drive is 44 miles; driver donation is \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon. Rating C.** We will take the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway for 5 miles to the county line, then hike on a jeep road to the windmill and into Wild Burro Canyon. The jeep road will take us to a meadow and corral in the mountains. Weather and hikers' agreeing, we may go further along a wash to a canyon lookout. We may get lucky and see some wild horses. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon Extension, Plus. Rating B.** We take 4WD vehicles on the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway for 5 miles then a jeep road for another mile to the base of the mountains. We will hike into Wild Burro Canyon past the stone corral and windmill down a wash to the end of the trail where there is a major drop-off into a canyon. From there we will bushwhack up to a ridge on the right and then up to a peak for outstanding views down the canyon and beyond. Hike 8 miles, elevation change 1000 feet, starting elevation 3000 feet, leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon North. Rating D+.** We will take the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway for 5 miles to the county line, then a jeep road for another mile to the base of the mountains. We will hike north to a saddle with great views. The trail is rocky in some places and a hiking stick is recommended. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon Short. Rating D.** We will take 4XD vehicles on the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway then another jeep road for a total of 7.5 miles. We will hike on an old road that will take us past an old stone wall. We will continue into the Wild Burro Canyon area where there is a windmill and corral. Weather and hikers' agreeing, we may go further along a

wash to a canyon lookout. Hike <4 miles; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon with Key Exchange. Rating C.** We will take the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway for 5 miles to the county line, then another 2 1/2 miles on another jeep road. We hike on an old road past an old stone wall that was a goat corral, and past a windmill. Then we hike down the wash to a drop-off point or water fall. From there we continue on a trail down past the water fall, continue on another 1 mile, descending to an old stone ruins of a house, water cistern, and "swimming pool". From the house ruins we walk 2 more miles back to the cars that are parked in the Wild Burro Canyon Trail parking lot off of Dove Mountain Blvd. This part of the hike is flat, walking some in the sandy arroyo and some on a compacted soil trail. We exchange car keys part way through. We will have two groups, one hiking from the north end, and one from the south end. The group from the south will be going up hill. For this hike we will need 4 wheel drive vehicles. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation is 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 20 miles (dirt); driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Trail. Rating D.** Come explore part of the 12-mile multipurpose Tortolita Trail. The trail is near the Tortolita Preserve below Dove Mountain. It took outdoorsman and amateur trail designer Chuck Boyer, age 66, more than two years to carve out this 12 mile recreational trail using only hand tools. There are two different trailheads we may choose from. Hike <4 miles; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Trail (medium). Rating C.** Come explore part of the 12-mile multipurpose Tortolita Trail. The trail is near the Tortolita Preserve below Dove Mountain. It took outdoorsman and amateur trail designer Chuck Boyer, age 66, more than two years to carve out this 12 mile recreational trail using only hand tools. Hike 6 to 8 miles; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tortolita Trail – Owl Head Parking Lot. Rating C.** Come explore part of the 12-mile multipurpose Tortolita Trail. The trail is near the Tortolita Preserve below Dove Mountain. It took outdoorsman and amateur trail designer Chuck Boyer, age 66, more than two years to carve out this 12 mile recreational trail using only hand tools. We will start at the Owl Head Parking Lot. Hike 6 to 8 miles; elevation change <500 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00

**Tortolita Mountains - Wild Mustang/Wild Burro Canyon Loop. Rating B+.** Over 25 miles of recently constructed trails beckon in the Western Tortolita Mountains. About a mile from the trailhead we will leave Wild Burro Trail, going a short distance to view some petroglyphs. We will then cut across to the Upper Javalina Trail and make our way up to the Wild Mustang Trail. This trail will lead us over the higher elevations of the mountains to the north past at least 3 crested saguaros. Near the upper end of Wild Mustang Trail we will take a connector trail down into Wild Burro Canyon and explore off-trail, up-canyon about a mile or so. We will then return down-canyon connecting with the official Wild Burro Trail. At this point the trail overlooks the narrow upper canyon which spreads wide with numerous side canyons and tributaries. As we continue down the trail, we will pass a crumbling stone structure and arrive at a boulder strewn falls which thunders with runoff from the upper side canyons and tributaries when it rains. A short distance later we will merge onto Lower Javalina Trail, quickly descending through hillsides covered with enormous boulders and a forest of saguaro cacti. We will then rejoin Wild Burro Trail to return to the trailhead. Hike 12.8 miles; elevation change 2700 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**Tubac to Tumacacori - Anza Trail. Rating C-.** The hike will commence at Tubac Presidio State Historical Park and terminate at Tumacacori National Monument. We will be making river crossings, but there are wooden bridges (no hand rails), so we shouldn't get wet feet. Sneakers are okay for this hike. We will lunch in Tumacacori at Wisdoms' Café. (Written up in April, 2003 Arizona Highway Magazine, page 4.) Bring \$ for lunch, shopping, and \$3 or Golden Age Pass for entrance to Tumacacori Historic Park.. Shopping will be after lunch, if your driver is willing. Hike 4.5 miles; elevation change 100 to 200 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 144 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Tucson Botanical Gardens. Rating D.** 1-1/2-hr. docent-led tour of Tucson's Secret Garden. Wander secluded pathways through a rich variety of plants from herbs to cacti to huge grapefruit trees grown from seeds. Visit a butterfly garden; browse the nursery & gift shop. Entrance fee \$4.00 or \$3.00 for seniors. Hike 1.5 miles; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 58 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Ventana Canyon - Lower Level. Rating D.** We will hike along the bottom of Ventana Canyon until the trail starts a steep climb towards Maiden Pools and Window Rock. The trail will take us below massive cliffs of metamorphic stone slanting skyward to sharp points above the canyon floor. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 54 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Wasson Peak Loop, Rating B.** Start at King Canyon Trailhead. From King Canyon Trail, hike Sendero Esperanza Trail over to Hugh Norris Trail, up to Wasson Peak, then back down King Canyon wash to trailhead. We will have stops for lots of different views and a variety of scenery. Hike 9.5 miles; elevation change 1900 feet, starting elevation 2800; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Wasson Peak at Sunset and Moonrise. Rating B.** We do this hike in the evening of a full moon. Arriving at the top in time for sunset and dinner then watching the lights come on in Tucson. We hike down by the light of the moon and flashlights (bring one). We start at the trailhead near the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum, go up the King Canyon Trail and continue to the saddle where we meet the Sweetwater Trail. Then for the next mile or so it's a steep climb to the junction of the Hugh Norris Trail. From there it's a short uphill

climb to the summit. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1900 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Wasson Peak/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating B.** We will take the Hugh Norris Trail in both directions. This is the longest trail to Wasson Peak (incredible views at the top) but the climb is gradual and the trail is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. Hike 10 miles elevation change 2800 feet (gps); starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail. Rating B.** We will take the Esperanza Trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris Trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The views from Wasson Peak are of Tucson/Santa Catalinas to the East, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the South, Sells to the West, and Picacho to the North. We will lunch on top of the peak and return the same way. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 2980 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles (dirt); driver donation \$7.00.

**Wasson Peak/King Canyon. Rating B.** We start at the trailhead near the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum and go up the King Canyon Trail. We pass the Mam-A-Gah Picnic area and continue to the saddle where we meet the Sweetwater Trail. Then for the next mile or so it's a steep climb to the junction of the Hugh Norris Trail. From there is a short uphill climb to the summit. From the top you can see all of Tucson to the east, south through Green Valley, north to Picacho Peak and west to Sells. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1900 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 73 miles; driver donation \$5.00.

**Wasson Peak/Sweetwater Trail. Rating B.** We start from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the East side of the Tucson Mountains. From there we hike up through some of the prettiest Saguaro forests in the area. Along the way there will be good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. At the saddle where the trail joins the King Canyon trail we continue on up to Wasson Peak. Views are spectacular from this highest point in the Tucson Mountains. Little shade. Hike 9.43 miles; elevation change 2424 feet (gps); starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 60 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**Weaver's Needle Loop. Rating B+.** This is a beautiful steep and rocky hike through areas of huge boulders in the Superstition Mountains. We begin near the Peralta Trailhead on the Bluff Spring Trail and proceed via various connecting trails N and NW to the East side of the very prominent Weaver's Needle through Barks canyon and Terrapin pass. The trail then loops around the North side and we return through Boulder Canyon to the West side of Weaver's Needle via the Peralta trail up and over Fremont Saddle and on to the parking area on FR#77. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 2600 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

**Westward Look Resort Trails. Rating D.** Explore two trails at the luxurious resort at the foot of the Catalinas. One of the trails has informational stops along the way. In addition we will explore their four specialty gardens and museum. Hike 2 miles; elevation change minimal; starting elevation 2720 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 37 miles; driver donation \$3.00.

**White Mountain Trails. Rating C.** We will drive to Pinetop and stay in a motel for three nights. Nearby campgrounds could also be used. Then, each morning, we will meet at a reasonable hour and head out to hike various trails in the White Mountain Trail System. Most of the hikes will be along forest service trails, abandoned railroad beds, or back roads. The vegetation will be Ponderosa pines and Aspen groves, accompanied, at times, with faraway vistas. We will carry lunches on the hike but breakfast and evening meals will be in town. One could also stay a shorter period of time if they arranged their own transportation. Hike 5 to 8 miles per day; elevation change <600 feet; starting elevation is in the 6500 – 7000 foot range; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 346 miles + side trips; driver donation \$25.00.

**White Mountains and Blue Range Primitive Area. Ratings C, A-, and B+.** The Apache and Sitgreaves National Forests encompass over two million acres of magnificent mountain country in east-central Arizona. The Apache-Sitgreaves has 34 lakes and reservoirs and more than 680 miles of rivers and streams. In the Apache National Forest the area from Mount Baldy, the second highest mountain in Arizona at 11,500 ft., east to Escudilla Mountain, third highest mountain in Arizona at 10,912 feet, is often referred to as the White Mountains of Arizona. The White Mountains contain the headwaters of several Arizona rivers including the Black, the Little Colorado, and the San Francisco. Located in the Sitgreaves Forest is the 7,600-foot high Mogollon Rim, which extends 200 miles from Flagstaff into New Mexico, providing inspiring views of the low lands to the south. The Blue Range Primitive Area, the only remaining primitive area in the National Forest System, lies at the southern edge of the Colorado Plateau and includes timbered ridges and deep canyons. Over night accommodation will probably be at a nearby lake campground and/or a motel in Springerville. Leave at TBD; driver donation TBD.

**Wilderness of Rocks. Rating B.** Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area, we climb up to Marshall Saddle then hike down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Creek area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views. Return by the same route, or optionally by the Aspen Trail.. Hike 7.5 (or 8.8) miles; elevation change 1550 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Wilderness of Rocks Loop. Rating B.** Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area, this hike climbs up to Marshall Saddle then goes toward Mt. Lemmon, passing Carter Canyon. The hike continues to Radio Ridge and the Observatory parking area then heads down via the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Take this trail back up to Marshall Saddle then head down to Marshall Gulch Picnic Area parking lot. May also do this hike starting at the Observatory parking area. Hike 8.1 miles; elevation

change 2000 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$10.00.

**Wild Horse Canyon. Rating B-**. We will park at the end of Speedway and hike through part of the cactus forest of the Saguaro East National Park and into the foothills of the Rincon Mountains. Our destination is a small pool and dam in Wild Horse Canyon. Wild Horse Canyon is a rugged and beautiful canyon that can be reached by using a combination of several trails. There are excellent views of the Santa Catalinas, and Tucson Mountains, and most of the Tucson valley. Some stream crossing, with boulder-hopping. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1600 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 80 miles; driver donation \$6.00.

**Wildflower Hike. Rating D.** Our destination will be determined by the where there are good wildflowers to see. The guide will be in touch with the various parks around the Tucson Area in order to determine the best place on this particular day. Hike <4 miles; < 500 feet; leave at a.m.; driver donation \$TBD by location.

**Window Rock. Rating A.** The most direct route is up Ventana Canyon. This is a difficult and steep hike. We start at the parking lot past the employees' parking lot and take the trail until it intersects with the Esperero Trail then follow that trail to the Window. Hike 13 miles; elevation change 4200 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 54 miles; driver donation \$4.00.

**World's Largest Cactus Hike. Rating B.** This is a beautiful hike in the south central part of the Superstition Mts. Along the way we will hike through beautiful Bluff Springs Canyon where we will have great views of Weavers Needle. After passing Bluff Springs we will come upon the largest Saguaro Cactus in the world. This cactus is spectacular to behold and has an estimated sixty arms. We will try to determine its precise height. Bring along cameras and binoculars. Hike 10.2 miles; elevation gain 2000 feet; leave at a.m.; round trip drive 154 miles (dirt); driver donation \$14.00.

Arizona Trail – Going to the Lake  
Arizona Trail - Highline - Blue Ridge Sections. Pine to Blue Ridge Campground  
Arizona Trail - Kentucky Camp to Empire Cienega  
Arizona Trail – La Milagrosa Ridge  
Arizona Trail - Lone Pine TH to Roosevelt Lake  
Arizona Trail - Lone Pine TH to Sunflower  
Arizona Trail - North Rim Grand Canyon to Utah Border  
Arizona Trail - Molino Basin Campground to Sabino Canyon  
Arizona Trail – Temporal Gulch/Santa Rita Portion  
Arizona Trail - Parker Canyon Lake to Canelo Pass  
Arizona Trail - Redington Pass Road to Molino Basin Campground  
Arizona Trail – Off Redington Pass Road  
Arizona Trail – Rincon Valley  
Arizona Trail – Santa Rita Passage  
Arizona Trail - Sunnyside Canyon to Parker Lake  
Arizona Trail – Temporal Gulch to Kentucky Camp  
Arizona Trail - Tortilla Mountains Segment 1  
Arizona Trail – Turkey Creek to Reddington Road

#### **CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS**

Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop  
Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop  
Chiricahua Natural Bridge  
Chiricahua – Echo Canyon to Visitor Center

#### **DRAGOON MOUNTAINS**

Cochise Stronghold (east)/Amerind Foundation Museum  
Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle  
Cochise Stronghold to End of Trail  
Council Rocks to Slavin Gulch  
Council Rocks/Slavin Gulch/Mine

#### **HUACHUCAS**

Brown Canyon Box Hike  
Brown Canyon Nature Tour  
Brown Canyon – Ramsey Canyon Loop  
Carr Peak  
Hamburg Trail  
Huachuca Peak  
Miller Peak  
Miller Peak and Carr Peak

### **Hikes by area:**

#### **ARIZONA TRAIL**

Arizona Trail - American Flag TH to Tiger Mine TH  
Arizona Trail - Canelo Pass to Patagonia  
Arizona Trail: Canelo Hills West and Canelo Hills East  
Arizona Trail - Black Hills, Tiger Mine Rd. to Bloodsucker Wash  
Arizona Trail - Black Hills, Bloodsucker Wash to Freeman Rd.

Murray Springs Archaeological Site/Clanton Family Ranch  
Ramsey Canyon Preserve

### **RINCON MOUNTAINS**

Agua Caliente Hill and Canyon  
Agua Caliente Hill from Redington Rd.  
Bridal Wreath Falls  
Cactus Forest Area  
Cactus Forest Trails  
Chivo Falls  
Douglas Spring Trail to the Campground  
Garwood Dam  
Happy Valley/Rincon Peak Trail  
Lime Falls, Saguaro NP-East  
Rincon Peak  
Saguaro Park East & Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for Lunch  
Tanque Verde Peak  
Tanque Verde Ridge Trail  
Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to Juniper Basin Campground  
Tina Larga  
Wild Horse Canyon

### **SANTA CATALINA MOUNTAINS**

#### **Alvernon Parking Lot**

Finger Rock Canyon/ Pontatoc Canyon Loop  
Finger Rock/Finger Rock Guard  
Finger Rock Trail to Finger Rock Spring  
Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle  
Mt. Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon  
Mt Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon/Return via Pima Trail  
Point 5783 in Pontatoc Canyon  
Pontatoc Canyon to Amphitheater  
Pontatoc Ridge

#### **Catalina State Park**

Alamo Canyon  
Alamo Canyon to the Water Tank  
Bridal Trail  
Buster Spring Bushwack  
Buster Spring/Buster Mountain  
Canyon Loop, Montrose Pools and Birding Trail  
Canyon Loop  
Canyon Loop, Birding and Nature Trails  
Canyon Loop and Birding Trail  
Catalina State Park – Exploring the Trails  
Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail  
Fifty-Year Trail/Sutherland Cutoff Trail Loop  
Fifty-Year Trail/Sutherland/Bridal Trail  
Fifty-Year Trail to Sutherland Trail  
Full Moon Hike  
Romero Pass  
Romero Pools  
Romero Springs  
Sutherland Trail  
Sutherland Trail (one way)  
Sutherland Trail to Cargodero Canyon

#### **Charouleau Gap Area**

Big Rock Dome  
Big Rock Dome #2  
Big Rock Dome and Elephant Trunk Bushwack  
Big Rock Dome Loop  
Boulder Ridge Loop  
Charouleau Gap Road

Charouleau Gap Road to Hidden Canyon  
Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap  
Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap plus Charouleau Peak  
Mule Ears via Charouleau Gap

#### **Golder Ranch Road**

Baby Jesus Trail  
Baby Jesus/Petroglyphs Loop  
Cargodera Canyon to Mount Lemmon  
Deer Camp  
Deer Camp/Baby Jesus Loop  
Deer Camp/Samaniego Roost Loop  
Fifty-Year Trail Loop  
Fifty-Year Trail (North End)  
Fifty-Year Trail (South End)  
Fifty-Year Trail Area  
Fifty-Year Trail to SaddleBrooke  
Hidden Canyon  
Hidden Canyon Loop  
Hidden Canyon Peak  
Samaniego Roost  
Samaniego Peak  
Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs  
Three for One

#### **Magee Road**

Pima Canyon – 1<sup>st</sup> Dam  
Pima Canyon  
Pima Canyon – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dam  
Pima Canyon to Mt Kimball & Return via Finger Rock Canyon  
Pima Canyon to the Saddle  
Pusch Peak – Bushwack from south side  
Rosewood Point  
Table Mountain

#### **Mt. Lemmon**

Aspen Loop/Marshall Gulch Trail  
Aspen Loop/Mint Spring Trail  
Babad Do'ag Trail  
Babad Do'ag Canyon  
Bellota Ranch/Molino Basin  
Box Camp Trail  
Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook  
Box Spring  
Butterfly Trail  
Green Mountain Trail  
Green Mountain Trail/Guthrie Mountain  
Guthrie Mountain  
Incinerator Ridge  
Knagge Cabin/Peck Basin Overlook  
Marble Peak  
Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail  
Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail w/ Mt. Lemmon Café  
Marshall Gulch/Summerhaven  
Mt. Lemmon/Catalina Camp Loop  
Mt. Lemmon/Crystal Springs  
Mt. Lemmon/ Meadow/Fire Lookout  
Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout/Mint Spring  
Mt. Lemmon Rock Loop  
Mt. Lemmon/Samaniego Ridge  
Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via Marshall Gulch  
Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via Romero Pass  
Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park via the Sutherland Trail  
Mt. Lemmon to Oracle via Oracle Ridge Trail  
Mt. Lemmon to Oracle Ridge TH via the Canada Del Oro trail

Mt. Lemmon to Oracle Ridge TH via Red Ridge Trail  
Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Palisades Trail (with Tram)  
Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Romero Pass  
Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon via Romero Pass (with Tram)  
Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Canyon Visitors Center  
Mt. Lemmon to SaddleBrooke via Samaniego Ridge Trail  
Mt. Lemmon to SaddleBrooke via CDO  
Mt. Lemmon to the Ski Lift  
Mt. Lemmon/Wilderness of Rocks Loop  
Palisade Trail/Mud Spring  
Palisade Trail to Mud Spring Overlook  
Prison Camp to Sabino Canyon  
Soldier Trail  
Soldier Trail to Molino Basin via Prison Camp  
Sycamore Dam  
Thimble Peak  
Wilderness of Rocks  
Wilderness of Rocks via Lemmon Rock Lookout

### **Oracle**

American Flag  
American Flag to Saddle  
American Flag to Windmill  
Apache Peak  
Arizona Trail Work Session  
Bill Cody Loop  
Charouveau Gap Road from Oracle  
Nugget Canyon Short  
Oracle Ridge  
Oracle Ridge to Saddle  
OSP East Loop  
OSP Exploration  
OSP Granite Overlook  
OSP West Loop  
Oracle to SaddleBrooke  
Peppersauce Canyon and Nugget Canyon Loop  
Pepper Souce Canyon  
Peppersauce Canyon Short  
Rice Peak  
Rice Peak from Oracle Ridge  
Southern Bell Mine

### **Oracle Road**

Linda Vista Loop  
Linda Vista Loop Trails  
Pusch Peak  
Pusch Ridge to First Overlook  
Pusch Ridge to Second Overlook  
Rams Creek Pass

### **Sabino Canyon**

Bear Canyon to Sabino Canyon Loop  
Blackett's Ridge  
Bluff Loop Trail Sabino Canyon  
Bridal Veil Falls  
Cardiac Gulch  
Cathedral Rock  
Hutch's Pool  
Hutch's Pool Plus  
Phoneline Trail  
Phoneline Trail with Tram Ride  
Professor Woodward's Dam  
Rattlesnake Peak  
Sabino Canyon Exploratory  
Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon (no Tram)

Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon (with Tram)  
Sabino Canyon to Catalina State Park - 1  
Sabino Canyon to Catalina State Park – 2  
Seven Falls  
Seven Falls with Tram

### **Ventana Parking Lot**

Maiden Pools  
Ventana Canyon – Lower Level  
Window Rock

## **SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS**

### **West Side**

Baldy Saddle Overlook  
Bog-Kent Springs Loop  
Carrie Nation Mine  
Dutch John Spring and Bog-Kent Springs  
Elephant Head  
Florida Canyon to Old Baldy  
Florida Saddle  
Helvetia/Gunsight Pass (Sahuarita)  
Josephine Peak  
Josephine Saddle  
Josephine Saddle + Rogers Rock  
Josephine Saddle via Carrie Nation Mine  
Josephine Saddle/Old Baldy/Vault Mine Trail  
Josephine Saddle/Super Trail/Vault Mine Trail  
Josephine Saddle/McBeth Spring  
Madera Canyon Nature Trail  
McCleary Peak  
Mount Hopkins  
Mount Ian  
Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy & Super Trail  
Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail  
Mt. Wrightson via Super Trail  
Mt. Wrightson—Ring Around Wrightson  
Pete Mountain  
Quantrell Mine  
Sycamore Spring

### **East Side**

Ditch Mountain/Bear Springs  
Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp  
Kentucky Camp  
Temporal Gulch

### **SADDLEBROOKE**

Canada del Oro from the Preserve  
Extended Fitness Walk

### **SUPERSTITIONS**

Apacheland Hieroglyphic Trail  
Battleship Mountain-Black Mesa Loop  
Boulder Canyon Trail  
Boulder Canyon/Canyon Lake Boat Trip  
Charlebois Spring  
Circlestone Ruin  
Dripping Springs  
Dutchman's State Park Sampler  
Dutchman's Trail/Bluff Springs Loop  
East Boulder/Needle Canyon Loop  
First Water/ Second Water Trail Loop  
Geronimo Cave and Barks Canyon Loop  
Hermans Cave

Indian Paint Mine  
 La Barge Creek/Boulder Canyon Loop  
 Lost Dutchman State Park/Fried Chicken Potluck  
 Marsh Valley Loop  
 Mountain Redgeline  
 Peralta Trail  
 Peralta to Canyon Lake  
 Peralta/Geronimo Cave Loop  
 Peter's Mesa  
 Reavis Falls  
 Reavis Ranch Loop  
 Reavis Ranch Trail/Pinto Creek Trail Loop  
 Roger's Canyon Cliff Dwellings  
 Rogers Canyon Cliff Dwellings +  
 Tonto National Monument  
 Weaver's Crosscut  
 Weaver's Needle Loop  
 World's Largest Cactus Hike

#### **TORTOLITA MOUNTAINS**

Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain  
 Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain & Ridges  
 Tortolita Mountains/Owl Head Buttes  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon Extension, Plus  
 Tortolita Mountains/ Wild Burro/Alamo Springs Trail  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon North  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon Short  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon with Key Exchange.  
 Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon Loop  
 Tortolita Trail  
 Tortolita Trail (medium)  
 Tortolita Trail – Owl Head Parking Lot

#### **TUBAC/RIO RICO/KIT PEAK/BABOQUIVARI**

Anza Trail/RioRico Section  
 Atascosa Lookout  
 Baboquivari Peak via the Summit Trail  
 Baboquivari (east side)  
 Kit Peak National Observatory Evening Program  
 Parker Canyon Lakeshore Trail  
 Patagonia State Park Birding Walk  
 Pena Blanca Lake  
 Red Mountain  
 Ruby Ghost Town  
 Sycamore Canyon  
 Sycamore Canyon/Medium  
 Sycamore Canyon/Short  
 Tubac to Tumacacori – Anza Trail

#### **TUCSON MOUNTAINS**

Brown Mountain  
 Cactus Wren Trail  
 David Yetman Trail  
 Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail  
 Gilbert Ray Loop  
 Golden Gate Trail  
 Ironwood Picnic Area  
 King Canyon Loop  
 King Canyon to Mam-a-Gah Picnic Area  
 Saguaro Park West Ramble  
 Sweetwater Trail (short Version)  
 Sweetwater Trail to the Saddle  
 Wasson Peak Loop  
 Wasson Peak at Sunset and Moonrise

Wasson Peak/Hugh Norris Trail  
 Wasson Peak via Esperanza/Hugh Norris Trail  
 Wasson Peak/King Canyon  
 Wasson Peak/Sweetwater Trail

#### **TUCSON & PHOENIX MUNICIPAL AREAS**

Downtown Tucson History Hike & Gourmet Lunch at the  
 Historic Manning House  
 Honey Bee Canyon North  
 Honey Bee Canyon North Plus  
 Honey Bee Canyon South  
 Ironwood Forest National Monument  
 Little Matterhorn  
 Outreach Walk-a-thon  
 Panther Peak  
 Picacho Peak – Hunter Trail  
 Picacho Peak for “C” Hikers  
 Picacho Peak to Saddle  
 Picacho Peak Loop  
 Picacho Peak – Sunset Vista Trail  
 Picacho Peak – Sunset Vista Trail (short)  
 Ragged Top  
 Roadrunner-Panther Peak Wash-Cam-Boh Loop  
 Safford Peak  
 Sausalito Canyon to Honey Bee Canyon (upper)  
 Squaw (Piestewa) Peak and Camelback Mt.  
 Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room, Birds & Breakfast  
 Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room, Lunch  
 Tohono Chul Park, Reptile Ramble and Tea Room for Lunch  
 Tucson Botanical Gardens  
 Westward Look Resort Trails

#### **OUTLYING AREAS**

Antelope Peak  
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – Booger Canyon  
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – East to West  
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – West to East  
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – West (short version)  
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness – West  
 Boyce-Thompson Arboretum  
 Cake Mountain and Biscuit Peak  
 Copper Creak Ghost Town – Galiuro Mountains  
 El Capitan Canyon (upper)  
 El Capitan Canyon (lower)  
 Ft. Bowie National Historic Site  
 Gila Cliff Dwelling National Monument Gila National Forest  
 Grand Canyon Rim to Rim  
 Humphrey's Peak  
 Mescal Mountain  
 Patagonia State Park Birding Walk  
 Pueblo Canyon Cliff Dwelling  
 San Pedro River Exploration (Benson/Sahuarita)  
 Sixshooter Trail  
 Sixshooter Trail/Pinal Peak  
 Wildflower Hike

#### **WHITE MOUNTAINS**

Escudilla Mountain/White Mountains  
 Mt. Baldy, East Fork Trail, part way up  
 Mt. Baldy Loop  
 White Mountain Trails  
 White Mountains and Blue Range Primitive Area

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

**Agua Caliente Hill Trail.** Drive east on Tanque Verde Road to N. Soldier Trail Road. Turn left on N. Soldier Trail Road and go to Ft. Lowell Road. Turn right. Follow Fort Lowell Road which becomes Camino Ancho. Stay on Camino Ancho to Camino Remuda and turn left. Follow Camino Remuda north to parking lot for the Aqua Caliente Trailhead.

**Charouleau Gap Road Hike from Oracle.** Turn right into Oracle on American Ave. Drive 1.7 miles on American Avenue and turn right onto College Road (just before white mission church on the right). Take the first left onto Maplewood Street. Drive .2 miles and turn onto Estill Drive. Drive .4 miles on Estill Drive to Viento. Turn right. Drive .2 miles and turn right onto Callas Road (a.k.a Charouleau Gap Road). Drive .2 miles on Callas to end of pavement and gate. Open gate and drive through, closing gate. Either park here or drive .2 miles on Forest Service road #736 (it bears to the right) and park to the left of the road. High clearance vehicle not needed if you park at the gate. Mileage from #77 to parking is 2.9 miles. Total round trip drive is 40 miles.

**Hidden Canyon – Starr Pass.** Drive west on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. which becomes Starr Pass Blvd. As you approach the JW Starr Pass Resort and Spa, turn right onto the Service Drive. Follow the drive .4 miles to the unsigned trailhead on the right near a mesquite tree. There are two large stones marking the trailhead about 6 ft. off the road. Park on the road.