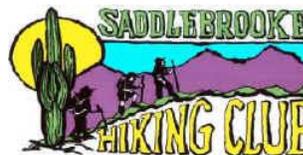


**SaddleBrooke Hiking Club  
Hike Schedule Revisions  
January 12, 2018**



**CLARIFICATION: Boyce-Thompson Arboretum (01-15-18) – correction to guide’s email**

Guide Dave Sorenson’s email address was incorrectly printed in the newsletter for his Boyce-Thompson Arboretum hike on January 15, 2018. It is: [lowaboy1950@yahoo.com](mailto:lowaboy1950@yahoo.com) or you can call Dave at 777-1994.

**Monday, January 15, 2018 Boyce-Thompson Arboretum. Rating: D Pace: Moderate [117, 08: 00 AM, \$12].** The arboretum (free with each Arizona State Park Pass for up to four people , otherwise \$12.50 fee per person) features 35 acres of nature paths, towering trees, cacti, mountain cliffs, a streamside forest, a desert lake, and panoramic views. It is located about 100 miles north of SaddleBrooke off U.S. 60 between Florence Junction and Superior. The park is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring lunch, camera, hiking stick optional. Hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes are recommended, although the paved trail is relatively level. Call the hike guide for more details. Hike is under 4 miles; trailhead elevation \_\_\_ feet; net elevation change is minimal; accumulated gain is minimal; RTD 164 miles. [Guide: Dave Sorenson, [lowaboy1950@yahoo.com](mailto:lowaboy1950@yahoo.com) / 777-1994]

**GUIDE CHANGE: Honey Bee Canyon North, 01-18-18**

Karen Gray will lead Walt Shields’ Honey Bee Canyon hike on 1/18. Everything else remains unchanged. Contact Karen at 818-0337 or [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com) to sign up. 9:00 AM departure time.

**Thursday, January 18, 2018 Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222, 9:00 AM, \$2].** The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes and end for snacks/lunch at one of two broken dams. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time, this is a real eye opener. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 178 feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray 818-0337 [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com)]

**RESCHEDULED: Window Rock Loop via Ventana & Esperero Trails (01-29-18)**

Guide Frank Earnest has rescheduled his Window Rock Loop hike originally set for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to a **new date of Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Meet time is 6:30 a.m. Contact Frank Earnest at 507-261-9175 to sign up.

**Monday, January 29, 2018 Window Rock Loop via Ventana and Esperero Trails. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [491, 06:30 AM, \$4].** This is a classic, strenuous hike to the unique Window at the top of Ventana Canyon, which is a large opening through a rock face on the crest of the front range of the Catalinas. The trail is a very long loop, and takes one from saguaros to ponderosas and back again. The hike starts at the Ventana Canyon Trailhead, proceeds past the Maiden Pools to the ridge. At a junction near the saddle, the Esperero Trail continues eastward to the Window for a superb view of Tucson and surrounding mountains. The hike continues on the Esperero Trail past Window Peak (optional side trip) to Esperero Cyn, and descends past Bridal Veil Falls and Cardiac Gulch to Esperero Creek. The Esperero Trail crosses the ridges of Bird Cyn and Rattlesnake Canyon to the Cactus Picnic area and continues down the road to the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center. A car shuttle is required. Hike 15.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2850 feet; net elevation change 4450 feet; accumulated gain 5817 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**CLARIFICATION: Oracle State Park East Loop (02-23-18) – departure time is 9:00 a.m.**

Guide Marv Rossof's hike to Oracle State Park's East Loop scheduled for February 23, 2018 departs at 9:00 a.m. Call Marv at 877-9262 to sign up.

**Friday, February 23, 2018 OSP East Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [307, 09:00 AM, \$3 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hikers follow 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 trailhead. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.2 miles, trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 760 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof; 877-9262]

**GUIDE CHANGE: David Yetman Trail, 02-28-18**

Larry Allan will lead Walt Shields' David Yetman Trail hike on 2/28. Everything else remains unchanged. Contact Larry at 825-7864 or [allenlw70@gmail.com](mailto:allenlw70@gmail.com) to sign up. 8:00 AM departure time.

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018 David Yetman Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [165, 8:00 AM, \$6].** The hike is an easy walk through typical vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. The trail has two trailheads; one at Camino de Oeste and one near the bottom of the west side of Gates Pass. Cars will be left at one end and hikers will drive to the other trailhead. From the Gates Pass side, the trail is easy for the first mile, easy down a wash, but steep upward for a short distance along the climb back up to the ridge. Hikers pass the Central Arizona Project, an old stone house built in the early 1930's by Sherry Bowen, and a well that serves a wildlife watering tank. Bring lunch, water, hat, sun lotion, and hiking stick. Hike 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 643 feet; accumulated gain 763 feet; RTD 75 miles. [Guide: Larry Allan 825-7864 [allenlw70@gmail.com](mailto:allenlw70@gmail.com)]