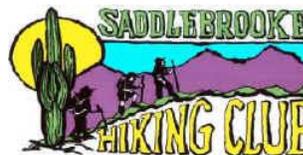


**SaddleBrooke Hiking Club
Hike Schedule Revisions
January 28, 2018**



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 22nd, 2018 to a ***new date of Monday, January 29th, 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.]

ADDED TO SCHEDULE: Deer Camp (2-5-18)

Guide Elisabeth Wheeler has added the Deer Camp hike to the schedule. Date is Monday, February 5, 2018 and departure time is 8:00 a.m. Contact Elisabeth at 520-818-1547 to sign up.

Description: Deer Camp. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [166, 8 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area. We hike east up and out of Sutherland Wash, through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Samaniego Peak. The return is via the same route. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 880 feet; accumulated gain 1069 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@gmail.com.]

ADDED TO SCHEDULE: Arizona Trail – Oracle (Passage 13) (2-16-18)

Guide Elisabeth Wheeler has added the Arizona Trail – Oracle (Passage 13) hike to the schedule. Date is Friday, February 16, 2018 and departure time is 7:00 a.m. Contact Elisabeth at 520-818-1547 to sign up.

Description: Arizona Trail: Oracle (Passage 13). Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [56, 7 AM, \$3]. From the American Flag Trailhead the route proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest Land and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. The trail is marked with 4x4 inch wooden posts with the Arizona Trail 'brand'. About halfway through the park it reaches Kannally Wash and windmill. Water is NOT available at the windmill at this time. A freshly constructed single track contours to the west and northwest until reaching a culvert under Highway 77. It passes through the culvert and continues on Old Tiger Road. This will be a key exchange hike. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevations 4416 feet south and 4066 feet north; net elevation change 435 feet; accumulated gains 950 feet northward and 1254 feet southward; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@gmail.com.]

ADDED TO SCHEDULE: Linda Vista Loop (2-19-18)

Guide Elisabeth Wheeler has added the Linda Vista Loop hike to the schedule. Date is Monday, February 19, 2018 and departure time is 8:00 a.m. Contact Elisabeth at 520-818-1547 to sign up.

Description: Linda Vista Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [249, 8 AM, \$2]. The Linda Vista Trailhead and parking lot is one block east of Oracle Road on Linda Vista Blvd. The hike proceeds into the foothills of Pusch Ridge and is an excellent introduction to desert hiking. The trail gradually ascends to provide excellent views of Oro Valley. Hiking sticks may be helpful for rocky steps-up and steps-down. The trail passes through a riparian area and ascends to a rocky outcropping which is a good place for a snack break. There are magnificent saguaros throughout the drainage from Pusch Ridge. Hike 2.9 miles (mileage may be extended by doing an extra loop – ask the guide); trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 400 feet; accumulated gain 535 feet; RTD 28 miles. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@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 818-1246 or 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 818-1246 allenlw70@gmail.com]