



SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

<http://saddlebrookehikingclub.com>

JULY/AUGUST

2017

WAHWEAP HOODOOS

Submitted By Elisabeth Wheeler

Hikers on the Wahweap Hoodoo hike during the April SaddleBrooke Hiking Trip to Page, Arizona, enjoyed three coves of unusual white sandstone formations capped by multi-colored conglomerate rocks. The hike was eight miles round-trip up the Wahweap Canyon, crossing the dry stream bed many times and climbing up cliffs for the best views. The Wahweap Canyon is north of Lake Powell and eventually descends into Lake Powell near the Wahweap Marina and Campground. Hike leader was Elisabeth Wheeler who was assisted by guides Roddy Wilder and Frank Earnest.



Back Row: Pete Canon, Lynda Green, Jim Springer, Steve Aikens, Jan Springer, Guje Rizza, Joe Rizza, Michael Reale Sitting: Donna Canon, Elisabeth Wheeler, Sarah Earnest Photographers: Frank Earnest, Roddy Wilder

HIKING THE ARIZONA TRAIL: HUACHUCA MOUNTAINS

Submitted by Frank Earnest

Members of the Saddlebrooke Hiking Club initiated a new effort to hike the Arizona Trail (AZT) beginning in January, 2017. The Arizona Trail is an 840-mile National Scenic Trail starting at the border with Mexico and ending at the Utah border. Two groups of SBHC members completed the AZT in years past. The trail is divided into 43 passages, which vary in length from 8 to 30 miles. The new group is primarily doing AZT hikes as day hikes, although we will plan several backpacking trips to complete some of the more remote parts of the trail. To date, the group has hiked 193 miles of the AZT.

In May, six SBHC members hiked the Huachuca Mountains over three days, including a summit of Miller Peak (9,470 feet). The hikes varied from 7.9 miles to 14.5 miles in length. The group will hike two more AZT passages in June, and then resume hiking the trail in October. The AZT hikes are posted on the hiking club calendar, so consider joining us for more Arizona Trail hikes this fall.



Standing at the windy summit of Miller Peak in the Huachuca Mountains are (left to right) Bertie Litchfield, Donna Canon, Pete Canon, and Aaron Schoenberg. Not pictured are Frank Earnest and Don Taylor.

HIKERS VISIT HIGH JINKS RANCH IN ORACLE

Submitted By Elisabeth Wheeler



Hikers: Bruce Hale, Rob Simms, Ray Peale, Bertie Litchfield, Steve Aikens, Lynda Green and Tamara Williams Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

High Jinks Ranch is the site of a gold mine once owned by **Buffalo Bill Cody**. In the 1920's some of the folk from Cody's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World stayed here to homestead. The stone-mason, two-story home was built by Buffalo Bill Cody's foster son, Jimmy Baker, and displayed Buffalo Bill's memorabilia until 1945. The home, called La Casa del High Jinks, is on the National Register of Historic Places

Today many hikers stop off at the High Jinks to rest along the popular Arizona Trail. Eight SaddleBrooke hikers visited the High Jinks after hiking along the Oracle Ridge section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Hikers learned about history of the High Jinks Ranch after an enjoyable hike.
Elisabeth Wheeler

HIKING IN THE CHISOS MOUNTAINS IN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is scheduling a 3-day, 4-night hiking trip to Big Bend National Park October 23-27, 2017. Hikes rated A, B, and C will be led by SaddleBrooke guides on October 24, 25, and 26. Hikers will explore the Chisos Mountains, the Chihuahuan Desert, and the canyons of the Rio Grande River. The hiking schedule will be sent out in late August.

As the sole lodging choice in Big Bend National Park, the Chisos Mountains Lodge offers a variety of

comfortable overnight accommodations that provide stunning views high in the scenic Chisos Mountains. **Four rooms are still available. Call 432-477-2291 and state you are with the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club, which has reserved rooms for October 23 - October 27 (departure date). When you have secured room reservations, please let Elisabeth Wheeler (520-818-1547) know so we can keep our trip list up to date.**

It is 670 miles to Chisos Basin in the park, about 10 hours driving time. Drivers may want to allow an extra travel day to explore scenic and historical sites along the way. Suggestions will be emailed to the trip participants. The participant list will also be included for ride sharding. **Save the date; Wednesday, October 11, 5 p.m. for the Pre-Trip Potluck at the Tennis Center.**

If you have questions, please contact Elisabeth Wheeler (520-818-1547) or Roddy Wilder (520-500-6077).



TRIPLE LOOP HIKE IN CATALINA STATE PARK

Submitted by Karen Gray

On Friday, May 12, seven hikers left Mountain View parking lot at 7 a.m. on a warm morning to hike the Nature Loop, Canyon Loop, and Bird Trail Loop. Among the hikers was Maria Miller, who is new to the hiking club, along with Jan Springer, Paul Arnett, Denis Greenland, Carol Burke, Kay Clauson, and leader Karen Gray. Fortunately, it started out with a little overcast which kept it cooler for a while. At the top of the Nature trail, we were able to observe the major mountain peaks and some geologic features on the mountain range, including the Pirate fault. At the bottom of the trail, just after we returned to the equestrian trail, we took some photos in front of a newly cresting saguaro, a recently observed feature.

We went on to the Canyon Loop and looked at an old cresting saguaro, and then up the hill and observed the Pirate fault a little closer. It was getting hot. We moved on to the Birding trail where a SaddleBrooke friend (Karen Bivens) told us about an owl's nest and where we might see the owls. We could not find the owls, but we did see the nest. When driving towards the exit, we stopped short for a desert tortoise who decided to cross the road. We gave it safe passage and then five seconds later a large road runner cut in front of us. So the hike ended up with good wildlife viewing as well as a pleasant time with friends.



Left to right: Denis Greenland, Jan Springer, Paul Arnett, Karen Gray (guide) Kay Clausen, and Maria Miller. Photo by Carol Burke

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Submitted by Dave Sorenson

As part of the April Hiking Club trip to Page, AZ, members of the Saddlebrooke Hiking Club visited the leading Animal Sanctuary in the United States in Kanab, Utah. The tour of the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, which places some 8000 dogs and cats each year, was on April 19.

The facility has over 3000 acres that houses dogs, cats, pigs, and horses. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is located on an old 1950's western movie

ranch just north of Kanab. Thousands of people a year visit the Sanctuary which receives donations from all over the world. A decade ago the Sanctuary took in the pit bulls that NFL QB Michael Vick had owned. They successfully placed all but one pit bull who still lives at the Sanctuary.



Hikers who were on the trip to Friends are left to right : Arlene Gerety, Louise Powers, Gail Bergdahl, Joe Maurizzi, Kathy Johnston, Mary Hlusko, Sandy Rose, Joyce Maurizzi. Not pictured Dave Sorenson. Picture by Dave Sorenson

Friends Animal Sanctuary is a no kill facility that houses over 1000 dogs and cats. Friends has cottages for those who would like to stay overnight there.

The hikers had a vegetarian lunch in the Sanctuary restaurant that overlooked the gorgeous Kanab Canyon.

CANADA DEL ORO AND SUTHERLAND WASH

Submitted by Karen Gray



Confluence of Canada del Oro and Sutherland Wash after big January storm. In these very dry months before the monsoon rains start, it nice to remember water in the desert.

Future Trips		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person
Big Bend National Park, Texas	Oct. 23 – Oct. 27, 2017	Elisabeth Wheeler hikerelisabeth@gmail.com
Off the Beaten Track in Marble Canyon, Arizona	Nov. 5 – Nov. 11, 2017	Ken Wong kmwong@q.com
Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona	Apr 30 – May 4, 2018	Dianne Temple diannetemple@comcast.net
Sante Fe, New Mexico	Fall 2018	Walt Shields waltshields@mac.com

News You Can Use		
SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	8/2 Wed.	2:30 – 4:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	8/2 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.



Club Calendar

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Jul 2017 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
				A Mt. Lemmon		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				C Aspen loop-		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		C-Box Camp to				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				B Josephine		A - Pat Scott Peak
				C-Sunset/Marshall		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	C- Marshall			B-Wild. of Rocks	C - Mt Lemmon Ski	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	C Green Mt. Trail		2:30pm SBHC BOD 4:00pm SBHC			

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Aug 2017 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		C Green Mt. Trail	2:30pm SBHC BOD 4:00pm SBHC			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					B - Josephine Saddle	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		B Josephine Sad.		B - Wilderness of		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		C-Pallade Tr. to				
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				B Josephine		

Hikes Offered

Thursday, July 06, 2017 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [89, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will lunch at a scenic spot near the Saddle, and then follow the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 7420 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1090 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 7:00 AM, \$9]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.25 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1363 feet; accumulated gain 1353 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, July 20, 2017 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: SLOW [234, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Hikers will rest at the Saddle and return via 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; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1725 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Thursday, July 20, 2017 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Aspen Trail and Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Saturday, July 22, 2017 Pat Scott Peak Circular. Huachuca Mountains. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate/Fast (on descent) [New, 05:30 AM, \$11]. Hike 10.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5976 feet; net elevation change 2800 feet; accumulated elevation gain 3100 feet; RTD 216 miles. We will traverse a circular route steeped in copper mining history that will take us to the summit of Pat Scott Peak which offers a phenomenal view of Ramsey Canyon, Miller Peak and views south into Mexico. Our ascent will be via the Sunnyside Canyon Trail (AZ Trail is followed here for 5.2 miles of Passage 1) and then a bushwack to the summit of Pat Scott Peak and our way back will start retracing the bushwack and then will follow a variation of the route we used for ascent, utilizing the Eureka Canyon Trail in its entirety. Note that just about all of the hike is over 6000 feet, so the temperature will be 25 degrees cooler than in Tucson, so you can beat the heat! [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: Cell phone: (845) 987-4893 & e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net]

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [256, 6:30 AM, \$10]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 575 feet; accumulated gain 882 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com]

Thursday, July 27, 2017 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 6:30 AM, \$10]. The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. Although the hike can be done in reverse, the most popular route would follow Mount Lemmon Trail # 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn SW (right). After 2.3 miles, this trail intersects the Mount Lemmon Trail, which is followed back up to the top. As an alternative, the Meadow Trail (#5A) could be followed

for the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead. Hike 9.2 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2554 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, July 28, 2017 Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 07:00 AM, \$10]. From the foot of the ski lift, hikers walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail and the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using a portion of Trail # 5 along Radio Ridge, and a portion of the Aspen Draw Trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1140 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor 825-5303, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, August 01, 2017 Green Mountain Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [211, 6:30 or 7AM, \$9]. Starting at the Green Mountain Trailhead near San Pedro Vista on Catalina Hwy, we follow Green Mountain Trail #21 which provides beautiful views of the San Pedro River Valley. Along the trail, a short side trail, .8 additional miles round trip, leads to Maverick Springs. Continuing along Green Mountain Trail, at Bear Saddle, turn right and hike down towards General Hitchcock Campground. At General Hitchcock Campground, the trail continues south toward Middle Bear Picnic Area. This is a one-way hike, and requires a second car to be left at Middle Bear Picnic area (between mileposts 11 and 12 on the Catalina Hwy). Hike 5.3 miles; trailhead elevation 7497; net elevation change minus 1632; accumulated elevation LOSS 2,333; accumulated elevation gain 714. RTD 115 miles. [Rob Simms (prefer email) Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031.]

Wednesday, August 02, 2017 SBHC BOD Meeting @2:30pm in HOA#1 Coyote Room North.

Wednesday, August 02, 2017 SBHC Guide's Meeting @4:00pm in HOA#1 Coyote Room North.

Friday, August 11, 2017 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [234, 06:30 AM, \$10]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the Super Trail to Josephine Saddle. Hikers will rest at the Saddle and return via the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1725 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5303, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 Josephine Saddle / McBeth Spring. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [493, 6:30 or 7:00 AM, \$10]. Starting in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains), the hike proceeds up the Super Trail to the Josephine Saddle, with a side jaunt to McBeth Springs. The return is via the Super Trail or Old Baldy Trail. Hike 9 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 130 miles. [Rob Simms (prefer email) Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031.]

Thursday, August 17, 2017 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 6 AM, \$7]. The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. We will follow the Mt. Lemmon Trail # 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn right. After 2.3 miles of viewing amazing hoodoos and rock formations, this trail intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail. We then take a short detour to continue to a spectacular lookout perch for lunch (we will see Saddlebrooke!), after which we follow the trail back up to the top of Mt. Lemmon with an alternative, the Meadow Trail (#5A) will be followed for the last 0.9 mile to the end of the hike parking area. Note that we will be climbing 1800 feet in the afternoon towards the completion of the hike. However, due to the +7000 feet elevation of this hike, it will be 25 degrees cooler than in Tucson, thus we will beat the heat. Hike 9.2 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2111 feet; accumulated gain 2554 feet; RTD 128 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: Cell phone (845) 987-4893 & e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net]

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 7:00 AM, \$9]. Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down

the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 7770 feet; net elevation change -1370 feet; accumulated gain 1373 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, August 31, 2017 Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: SLOW [237, 7:00 AM, \$10].

The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about a mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about 0.25 miles to the rock. The top provides a wonderful view and is an excellent place to eat lunch. The return is down the Super Trail to the parking lot. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike, 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1839 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]