



HIKE SCHEDULE: SEP-OCT 2021 rev2 9-25-21

(Rev2: 3 Trips Added in October: 5th, 12th & 19th)

HIKE RATINGS, PACE AND ELEVATION CHANGE

Ratings

Ratings are based on the following round-trip distances and accumulated gains in elevation over the course of the hike. The hike rating is determined by one (or both) of the two values being exceeded. For example, if a hike exceeds the criterion for distance but not for corresponding elevation, the rating would be set for distance. In the hike descriptions that follow, both parameter values are exceeded for some hikes. However, that does not necessarily justify a higher combined rating.

Hike Rating	Distance (miles)	Accumulated Elevation Gain (feet)
A	>14	>3000
B	>8 to 14	>1500 to 3000
C	>4 to 8	>500 to 1500
D	≤4	≤500

Special Conditions

***Some hikes may have special conditions that make a hike more difficult than the mileage/elevation gain rating would suggest. This could be due to unusual trail conditions, such as a very rocky trail, large steps up or down, or more exposure (steep banks or a cliff) which are present. These hikes are denoted with three asterisks beside the letter rating and will be repeated in the hike description with an explanation. When hikers sign up for a hike with the symbol *** they should clarify with the guide about the special condition to determine if the hike is right for them.

Pace

Pace for our hikes is described in terms of the moving average speed in miles per hour (MPH) over the course of a hike. The overall average speed is much more variable, depending on the number and duration of rest breaks and lunch, and the condition of a particular trail (smooth and flat versus rocky and steep). The following four categories are used to describe pace in the hike descriptions. The following four categories are used to describe pace in the newsletter:

Pace	Moving Average Speed (MPH)
Leisurely	<1.5
Slow	1.5 to <2.0
Moderate	2.0 to <2.5
Fast	≥2.5

Elevation Change

Three indicators are used in the hike descriptions to convey hike difficulty as it relates to elevation change:

Net Elevation Change is generally the change in elevation obtained by subtracting the starting elevation from the highest (or lowest) point reached during the course of the hike, in feet. This estimate may be obtained from USGS maps or a global positioning system (GPS). If no destination is listed, which may be the case for loop hikes or point-to-point hikes, net change is defined as the difference between the trailhead elevation and the highest elevation reached during the hike. If net elevation lost between the trailhead and the destination, a minus sign is used to show that elevation is lost. If an elevation profile is available, which applies in this database to mostly the Arizona Trail hikes for which GPS tracks have been generated, the net elevation change is the difference between the highest and lowest points along the trail.

Accumulated Gain is the sum of all upward stretches of a hike as recorded by a GPS device over the course of the entire hike. Accumulated elevation gain is always a more accurate indicator of hike difficulty than net change in elevation.

Accumulated Loss, another measure of hike difficulty, is the sum of all downward stretches of a hike. Accumulated elevation loss is useful for some downhill hikes and is usually obtained with a GPS device.

A cursory critique of the definition for “net elevation change” reveals that it is vague and imprecise and provides limited insight into trail difficulty (which is more accurately described in terms of accumulated gain or loss (parameters that are measured by GPSs). However, accumulated gain/loss information is unavailable for many hikes in the database, so net change has, for the time being, been retained because it is the only statistic available.

Accumulated gains are always greater than net elevation changes, except for point-to-point hikes where the destination is at a lower elevation than trailhead elevation. In this case, the accumulated gain could be much lower than the net elevation change. A good example of this is the hike from the top of Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park, which actually results in little gain but rather a significant accumulated loss. For loop and out-and-back hikes, accumulated elevation gains are usually greater, sometimes much greater, than net elevation changes.

HIKES OFFERED

Friday, September 03, 2021 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 08:00 AM, \$13]. 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 a clockwise direction which tends to be steeper and arriving at the lunch spot takes longer. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 703 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 07, 2021 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 08:00 AM, \$12]. 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 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, September 10, 2021 Tanque Verde Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [442, 05:30 AM, \$8].

Tanque Verde Peak is located in Saguaro National Park - East. The hike begins at the Javelina Picnic Area on the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail, off the Cactus Forest Drive loop road. The trail passes through Juniper Basin at 6.5 miles, and reaches the Peak at 8.6 miles. Erik Molvar's guidebook says: From this lofty perch, fantastic views stretch in all directions. Hike 17.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3140 feet; net elevation change 3909 feet; accumulated gain 4356 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net].

Friday, September 10, 2021 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 6:30

AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Saturday, September 11, 2021 Esperero Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [178, 07:00 AM, \$6].

The hike reaches a saddle known locally as Cardiac Gap, which overlooks Esperero Canyon. We'll warm up by hiking from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot, through the Cactus Picnic Area and 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 (el. 4400 feet) while viewing the falls below, and return to the Visitor Center. Depending on season, there may be water in the falls. Extra drinking water is recommended. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 1700 feet; accumulated gain 1940 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 08:00

AM, \$12]. 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 -1360 feet; accumulated gain 1403 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, September 17, 2021 Wilderness of Rocks #1. Rating B. Pace: Moderate [485, 06:30AM,

\$13]. The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot and proceeds down the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to about 7200 feet to connect with the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Turning east, this trail leads to the Marshall Saddle, where we take the Aspen Trail up to Radio Ridge and back to the observatory parking area. Hike 7.3 miles; trailhead elevation 9100 feet; net elevation change 2050 feet; accumulated gain 2263 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Monday, September 20, 2021. Tiger Mine to Windmill in Kannally Wash, Oracle State Park.

Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 07:00 AM, \$4.00]. Hike begins after we park at the Tiger Mine Road off State Highway 77 and pass thru a gate signed with an AZT marker. We will follow this portion of the Arizona Trail through Oracle State Park. This single track route features rolling terrain with impressive views of the Galiuro and Catalina Mountains, and passage through outcroppings of Oracle Granite that are 1.4 billion years old. We will hike to the Windmill in Kannally Wash where we will enjoy a snack before returning along the same trail. Hike 5.3 miles, trailhead elevation 4840'; net elevation change 594', accumulated gain __, RTD 32 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. The first mile or so is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the small 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. The trail then leads to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near several Indian grinding holes. The return is via the same route. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1010 feet; accumulated gain 1315 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Thursday, September 23, 2021: Picnic Rock/Double Crested/Dome Loop. Rating: C* Pace: Moderate [NEW, 6:30 AM, \$0].** This hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21. After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, we share the first 0.5 mile with the Double Crested/Dome Rock Trail - up a steep hill then across a gentle mesa with prairie grass and mesquite trees. We then climb up a ridgeline, crossing Charouleau Gap Road, to a prominent overlook above the Dodge Tank gorge. It is an area where five arroyos join to form the main channel, with steep rock walls descending into the wash below. *** There are areas of steep hills with some loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. We return for a short distance on Charouleau Gap Road, and then cross over to the trail up the backside of Dome Rock where we will have our snack. On our return we pass the beautiful double crested saguaro. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 23, 2021 Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Slow [142, 06:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike will explore various trails within the park. The 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. Hike 4 to 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 24 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Friday, September 24, 2021 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 07:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins at the Golder Ranch parking area. The trail starts on the Fifty-Year Trail and follows social trails toward the Sutherland Wash. The trail then loops back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 234 feet; RTD 10 miles. This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land. Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com.]

Monday, September 27, 2021 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn and nice shade the rest of the season. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail with its beautiful canyon and vista views to the Marshall Gulch trailhead. Here is our turn around spot for this out and back hike. This trail is relatively easy, but does have a few spots with steep step up/down and a bit with narrow trail and height exposure. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 550 feet; accumulated gain 823 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail.

Much of the trail is sandy and there may be 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. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon, which can be visited later. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 475 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. NOTE: START TIME MAY CHANGED DUE TO TEMPERATURE. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms - Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 30, 2021 Sutherland Wash Petroglyph short version. Rating: D*. Pace: Moderate [501, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the CSP North Gate trail head. The Sutherland Wash Rock Art District is a special place right in our backyard and is on the National Historic Register. Hohokam petroglyphs dating from 900 AD to 1300 AD number in the thousands on the western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Along our hike we will see beautiful saguaros, seasonal wildflowers, and vistas of Pusch Ridge. This is an in and out hike with many petroglyph panels clustered at a single site. The hike involves a few short, steep, rocky sections of trail and uneven footing at times. This hike is for hikers that have successfully completed several D level hikes. Bring a lunch or snack to enjoy while we rest on rocks near one of the petroglyph locations. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; total ascent: 459 ft, net elevation change: 313 ft. RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land. Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Janet Frost, janetlynnfrost@gmail.com, 262-385-2478]

Monday, October 04, 2021 American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and follows a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. The group then follows the ridge south and lunches 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. Hike 9.1 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 950 feet; accumulated gain 1465 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com]

Monday, October 04, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 1. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [522, 07:00 AM, \$4]. From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and then take the Middle Gate trail east to join the 50 Yr. North Loop at the Sutherland Wash. We climb northeast on the N. 50 Yr. Trail, passing an iconic crested saguaro. At the top of the N. 50 Yr. Loop we take the Hidden Canyon trail north, going clockwise around Hidden Canyon Peak. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then head down the Hidden Canyon Trail to a spur trail which takes us west to join the Middle Gate Trail. We will take that trail back through the Middle Gate and return to the Upper Corral. Hike 9.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 676 feet; accumulated gain 1274 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and

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Tuesday, October 05, 2021 Pair O’Chutes. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate. [NEW, 07:30, \$4]. Nice hike with some rolling hills from the Upper Corral parking. This hike combines a couple of the “Chutes” trails in the northwestern part of the 50 Year trail area with numerous native artifacts seen along the way. There are great views of the Catalina mountains as we hike north before circling back along a ridge and the return on a trail alongside some beautiful juniper trees. Hike 4.0 mi, trailhead elevation 3260 ft, net elevation change 175 ft., accumulated gain 340 ft. RTD 10 mi (dirt). [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, email: azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

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Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021 Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [295, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike begins in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains and follows the Old Baldy Trail to Mt. Wrightson. The return is via the same route. This trail provides the shortest route to the top (el. 9453 feet) of Mt. Wrightson. The last 0.9 miles to the summit is steep and rocky with moderate exposure. At the top are outstanding 360-degree views of Tucson and the mountain ranges in the area. There is shade along much of the way. Hike 11.1 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 4003 feet; accumulated gain 4029 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed [Guide: Margaret Valair, mvalair140@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 06, 2021 SBHC BOD Mtg. HOA#1 Coyote Room North 2:00pm to 3:30pm

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Thursday, October 07, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year Trails Loop PLUS. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [184, 07:00 AM, \$4]. START TIME MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR TEMPERATURE. The hike begins at the Upper or Lower Corral and is a loop combining the Middle Gate Trail and returning via the 50 Year Trail. After crossing Sutherland wash, the route heads east with beautiful views of the Samaniego ridge. It then winds back thru a canyon with nice granite boulder, mesquite, ocotillo, and a crested saguaro, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. Hike 5 to 6 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 600 to 800 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land. Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Rob Simms - Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Friday, October 08, 2021 Esperero Canyon/Bluff Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [427, 7:00 AM, \$6]. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, the hike proceeds along the Esperero Canyon/Rattlesnake Canyon trails to the Bluff Trail overlooking Sabino Creek, and is a favorite with views of the canyon and Sabino Creek with velvet ash, cottonwood, willow, and Arizona sycamore trees. Our break will be at the Sabino Dam. We will finish on the Bajada Nature loop with a beautiful crested saguaro. Bring a camera and plenty of water and snack. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2705 feet; net elevation change 240 feet; accumulated gain 367 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Friday, October 08, 2021 Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating B. Pace: Moderate [443, 06:30AM, \$8]. The hike begins at the Javalina Picnic Area in Saguaro National Park – East off the Cactus Forest Drive loop road, and is a picturesque hike in the Rincon Mountains with tremendous views of Tucson and the surrounding area. The hike is somewhat steep in parts as it proceeds up Tanque Verde Ridge. At three

miles into the hike, we will view a crested saguaro, but continue on another mile to lunch on a mesa with great views. There are some great photo stops along the way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 2023 feet; accumulated gain 2225 feet; RTD 82 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Saturday, October 09, 2021 [C] AZT in a Day. [new, 07:30 AM, \$4]. Hikers will hike 4 miles round trip from American Flag Trailhead to Webb Road. This section features rolling hills, interesting rock formations and views of the Galiuros. Optional: Tour of the American Flag Ranch House. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Saturday, October 09, 2021 Arizona Trail: Oracle (Passage 13). Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [56, 06:30 AM, \$4]. 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. About halfway through the park it reaches Kannally Wash and windmill. A freshly constructed singletrack contours to the west and northwest until reaching a culvert under Highway 77. It passes through the culvert and continues on Old Tiger Road for the last 1.5 miles to the Tiger Mine Trailhead. This will be a key exchange hike. Hike 8.7 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: Ray Peale, e-mail: ray.peale@gmail.com, or Elisabeth Wheeler, e-mail: hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Monday, October 11, 2021 to Friday, October 15: SBHC Flagstaff Hiking Trip

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Maiden Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [254, 07:30 AM, \$5].** Starting at the public parking lot on the left (past the employees' parking lot) at Ventana Canyon Resort, hikers follow the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. ***The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing and substantial steps-up which make it more difficult than the average C hike. There are numerous wash crossings which involve boulder hopping if water is flowing. On the return, there are fine views of the east side of Tucson. The pools provide an excellent place for lunch. The return is by the same route. Hike 5.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; net elevation change 1100 feet; accumulated gain 1339 feet; RTD 54 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Wasson Peak via Sweetwater Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [481, 06:00 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro (the west extension of Ruthrouff Road) on the east side of the Tucson Mountains. From there we hike on the Sweetwater Trail 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 up to Wasson Peak. Views are spectacular from this highest point in the Tucson Mountains. There is little shade along the way. Bring plenty of water and sun protection. Hike 9.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 1887; accumulated gain 2329 feet; RTD 60 miles [Guide: Margaret Valair, mvalair140@gmail.com].

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [124, 07:15 AM, \$7]. The Brown Mountain Trail is along a ridge in the heart of the Tucson Mountains. It starts at a trailhead on McCain Loop Road, just south of Kinney Road east of the Arizona Sonoran 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; trailhead elevation 2700 (trailheads at either end are 2640 and 2880) feet; net elevation change 424 feet; accumulated gain 943 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

(MINOR WORDING REVISIONS)

Sunday, October 17 through Friday, October 22, 2021: GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: This year Aaron Schoenberg is guiding this multi-day camping trip in west Texas for class A/B+ hikers. Here in the ancient Guadalupe Mountains, which tower majestically into the Texas sky, you can delight in the grand views, diverse landscapes, and small pleasures. This trip is exclusively for overnight auto camping only. No lodging arrangements will be made as the nearest lodging is 35 miles away. The Pine Springs Campground is a seven-hour trip from Saddlebrooke, 450 miles + one time zone change (add an hour going). Also, Pine Springs Campground is a national park campground that is primitive in nature. However, it has restrooms and running water as well as picnic tables at each campsite. We will be taking 3 major hikes over the 4 days there. On the other day we will drive to Carlsbad Caverns and explore this awesome enormous cave, shower and eat dinner out. Contact Aaron for more daily information in a detailed itinerary. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, October 18, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 2. Rating: B or C. Pace: Moderate [523, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The B/C rating is due to the length of the hike which just exceeds the upper limit for C hike designation. From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and take the N. 50 Yr. Trail north to the junction with the Hidden Canyon Loop Trail. We take the Hidden Cyn. Loop Trail clockwise around Hidden Canyon Peak. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then head down the Hidden Canyon Trail to a spur trail which takes us west to join the Middle Gate Trail. We will take that trail back through the Middle Gate and return to the Upper Corral. Hike 8.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 718 feet; accumulated gain 1104 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, October 18, 2021 Douglas Spring Trail to the Campground. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [170, 06:30 AM, \$8]. Hikers drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the Douglas Spring Trailhead. The hike involves moderately some steep hiking on a well-used trail to the campground. Coming back we may take the spur out and back to Bridal Wreath Falls, and follow Douglas Spring Trail back to the trailhead. The trails are mostly open, so bring sun protection. Bring lunch. Hike 13.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 2165 feet; accumulated gain 2684 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 Tucson Downtown Mural Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate/Slow. [NEW, 08:00, \$5]. Fun walk around an area of downtown Tucson and north to University. We will visit over 20 beautiful murals along the way. We will also pass the Ronstadt House and the Historic YWCA. Great way to acquaint yourself with Tucson! Walk 3.8 mi, starting elevation 2400 ft, net elevation change < 50 ft, accumulated gain < 50 ft. RTD 50 mi. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, email: azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021 Tour de Tortolitas: Loop of Alamo Springs Trail, Ridgeline Trail, Loop Trail, Wild Burro, and Wild Mustang Trail. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [171, 08:00 AM, \$4]. From the Ritz Carlton hiker parking lot, proceed through Wild Burro wash and Lower Javalina Trail to Alamo Spring Trail. Follow Alamo Springs Trail to the Ridgeline Trail. Return on the Loop Trail, a segment of the Wild Burro Trail, and the Wild Mustang Trail, returning to the parking lot down the Upper Javelina Trail and Hotel spur trail. Hike 15.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3000; net elevation change 1449 feet; accumulated gain 3216 feet; RTD 44 miles [Guide: Margaret Valair, mvalair140@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 07:30 AM, \$4 Paid by club]. Come and join the fun — it's nice to work side by side with other hiking club members, as we help maintain the "Oracle Passage" section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. This 8.5 mile section starts at the American Flag TH, ambles through washes and across low ridges speckled with high desert plants just east of Oracle State Park south to Highway 77. Generally, the work is light, and involves clipping, brushing, raking, pruning, building cairns and developing/clearing erosion control devices. Bring along your gloves, hat, water, and snacks. Sanitized tools will be provided. Safety protocols will be followed. Volunteers will drive separately and wear masks during the safety briefing. Small work teams will be formed, maintaining physical distancing between workers. The work session will be 3 hours. Hike 3-6 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$4 driver donation. [Registrar: Seana Kobak, seanabk88@gmail.com, or Ray Peale, ray.peale@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 SBHC Program @4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.

Friday, October 22, 2021 Phone Line Trail with Tram Ride Up. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [325, 7:45 AM, \$6 + \$tram]. The hike begins from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot. After the ride up Sabino Canyon to tram stop 9, we hike up to the Phone Line Trail and then back down the trail to the Center. The trail is above and generally parallels the tram road and provides outstanding views and photo opportunities of the canyon. There are extended stretches of exposed trail. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; net elevation change minus 1035 feet; accumulated loss minus ___ feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Friday, October 22, 2021 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail - short version. Rating D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM \$13]. The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail to a rock outcropping overlooking the canyon which will be our turnaround point for this out & back hike. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 233 feet; accumulated gain 348 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, October 25, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 3. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [167, 07:00 AM, \$4]. From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and then take the Middle Gate trail east to join the North 50 Yr. Loop at the Sutherland Wash. We climb northeast on the N. 50 Yr. Trail, passing an iconic crested saguaro. Near the top of the N. 50 Yr. Loop we will take the Cowboy Slickrock spur trail northeast to join the Hidden Canyon Trail. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then continue north on the Hidden Canyon Trail going around Hidden Canyon Peak in a counterclockwise direction until we rejoin the N. 50 Yr. Trail. We then take the west side of the N. 50 Yr. Loop back to the Middle Gate and then back to the Upper Corral. Hike 8.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 687 feet; accumulated gain 1209 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness: West (short version). Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [19, 07:00 AM, \$14 + \$5].** Aravaipa Canyon is a beautiful and pristine canyon and a favorite for all who have been there. Hikers should 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). Aravaipa Canyon is a wilderness area with no trails, signs, or facilities. Hiking stick is recommended.

Wilderness permits (fee required) must be reserved in advance and are non-refundable. Hikers must sign up two weeks prior to hike. Call the hiking guide for more details. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 368 feet; RTD 110 miles (dirt). [Guide: Janet Frost, janetlynnfrost@gmail.com, 262-385-2478]

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 08:00 AM, \$4]. Start time may be adjusted for weather. The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail, where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. 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. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1267 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms - Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 28, 2021 Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [142, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike will explore various trails within the park. The 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. Hike 4 to 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 24 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Thursday, October 28, 2021 Middle Gate Meander. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [524, 08:00 AM, \$4]. This is a pleasant hike from the Upper Corral parking lot to the Middle Gate using mostly social trails. The route largely avoids the busy 50 Year trail except for a 0.4 mile stretch. This is a relatively flat hike with great, open views of Samaniego, Pusch, and Baby Jesus Ridges. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 160 feet; accumulated gain 290 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, October 29, 2021: SBHC Fall Picnic, Catalina St. Park