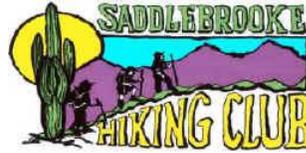


SaddleBrooke Hiking Club  
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## **REMINDER - CLUB PROGRAM: WILDERNESS HIKING IN CANADA**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014: 3:00 PM, HOA#1 Activity Center**



**SaddleBrooke resident Phil McNamee, an experienced hiker and backpacker, will lead members on a trek through Gros Morne National Park in Canada via a slide show and lecture during the club's program on Wednesday, November 19.**

**Phil, who lives part-time in London, Ontario has led about 45 backtracking trips and particularly enjoys hiking in "wild" places like Gros Morne, a world heritage site located on the west side of Newfoundland Island off Canada's east coast. "Hiking in Gros Morne is a true wilderness experience as there are no marked trails—just a suggested route through the mountains," he said. "I have a strong belief that we need more nature in our lives, and many of the problems in our society are due to a nature-deficiency that we have today. By hiking and backpacking in nature, we bring balance back to our lives."**

**The November program meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the HOA 1 Activity Center, followed by a social hour in the Agave Lounge at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse at 4 p.m.**

**Because of the busy holiday season, there will be no Hiking Club program in December. January's program will feature a breathtaking hiking trip in Peru taken by two club members earlier this year.**

**For more information about programs, contact Karen Schickedanz, 818-7817, [karenschick@wbhsi.net](mailto:karenschick@wbhsi.net).**

## **HIKING CLUB WORK DAY ON THE ARIZONA TRAIL: NOVEMBER 5TH**

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club has adopted the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. The club's first work day was held on November 5. Sixteen enthusiastic hiking club members participated. Arizona Trail Director Shawn Redfield and Regional Steward Don Washco provided training and leadership in trail maintenance activities.

The Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail ambles 8 miles through washes and across low ridges speckled with high desert plants just east of Oracle State Park. The work event focused on two miles south of the American Flag Ranch TH. Volunteers focused on removing overgrowth and reducing trail erosion. Three hours of steady work resulted in much progress.

Satisfied participants were Mary Croft, Ray Peale, Jackie Hall, Walt Shields, Roger Hove, Elaine Fagan, Sandra Sowell, Kathy Gish, Tom Detinger, Fred Norris, Fred Kennedy, Garrett Rassing, Cheryl Werstler, Glanda Molgat, Paul Molgat, and Elisabeth Wheeler.



## **HIKE SCHEDULE REVISIONS** *(this bulletin's changes in red)*

**RESCHEDULED:** Howie and Elaine Fagans' hike to Pima Canyon, 2nd Dam has been changed from Wednesday, December 10 to **Monday, December 8**. Leave time remains at 8:00 AM. Call them at 818-9555 to sign up. Driver donation is \$3.00.

**Description: Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam.** *Rating C. 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 6.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1000 feet; accumulated gain 1360 feet; RTD 42 miles.*

**RESCHEDULED:** Howie and Elaine Fagans' hike to Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails has been changed from Wednesday, December 17 to **Monday, December 29**. Leave time remains at 8:00 AM. Call them at 818-9555 to sign up. Driver donation is \$7.00.

**Description: Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails.** *Rating B. The hike begins at Sendero Esperanza Trailhead off Golden Gate Road. The route follows 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 360-degree views from Wasson Peak include Tucson and 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 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1727 feet; accumulated gain 1787 feet; RTD 73 miles (dirt).*