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MARTHA HACKWORTH – OUR LONGTIME LEADER

Submitted by Jeanne Reale



Photo by Kaori Hashimoto

On Saturday, May 23, the Walking Group here in SaddleBrooke, had a parade and shower of gifts to celebrate our longtime leader, Martha Hackworth. Martha, who has been leading the group for over eight years, is stepping down.

The group of almost 50 people, not counting the snow birds who wanted to be part of the celebration, came out to let her know just how special she has been to us. Michael Reale coordinated the event which included golf carts, cars, bicycles, and walkers slowly passing her house on Rocky Mesa Drive to wish her well; give her cards of appreciation; and see the signs, gifts, and balloons that were part of the festivities.

The Walking group, a part of the Hiking Club, was founded in 2000 by Bill Leightenheimer, who led it for seven years and then turned over the reins to Michael Reale and Dean Wilson. Michael and Dean co-led the group until Martha took up the challenge

of coming up with new and creative walks five days a week. Martha found an amazing number of paths, tracks, routes and shortcuts allowing us to explore many new nooks and crannies in the development. We all enjoyed the creativity she brought to each day's walks and know that we will miss her ingenuity, friendliness, and sense of adventure.



Photo by Kaori Hashimoto

Martha has been an active member of the Hiking Club for almost 16 years and is proud of her accomplishment in hiking the Grand Canyon from the South Rim to Phantom Ranch and back!

The Walking Group will meet, post COVID-19, in the SaddleBrooke 1 parking lot near the tennis courts. New members are welcome to come down and join the group, Monday through Friday every week. The walk takes one hour and usually covers 3 miles. In the winter, the starting time is 7 o'clock; and 6 o'clock in the summer. Spring and fall times are 6:30. All information is on the Hiking Club web site.

This is a very social group with activities throughout the year, and all members come as often as they choose. We always love to see new members.

CLUB HIKES RESUME MAY 19, 2020

Submitted by Rob Simms

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is back on the trail again! We resumed club lead hikes on May 19, following a two-month cessation.

A special “Thank You” to guides Tim Butler (Vice-President), Ruth Caldwell (Chief Guide), Frank Earnest, Karen Gray, Susan Hollis, Michael Hovan (Associate Chief Guide), Randy Park, Aaron Schoenberg, and Don Taylor for straightaway posting hikes for the remainder of May and June. Your efforts are appreciated.

Future club “group” events remain on hold. It is uncertain when SaddleBrooke facilities (HOA1 or HOA2) will be made available to host programs or large gatherings. Our Fall Picnic is “scheduled” for Friday, October 30, at Catalina State Park in the Gila Monster Group Area. At this time, we do not know what guidelines will be in place to govern these events.

SBHC TRIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Rob Simms

Regional multi-day hiking trips are a hallmark of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. In the past several years, we have had both spring and fall ventures to locations within a day’s drive of SaddleBrooke, which have been very well attended.

But it does not “just happen”. The SBHC trip committee is the force behind these events. A big thank you to Randy Park for chairing this group over the past several years. And thank you to Don Taylor for stepping up to lead this group going forward. The other key members are Tim Butler (Vice-President), Ruth Caldwell (Chief Guide,) and Michael Hovan (Associate Chief Guide).

They recruit a trip director and vice-trip director, as well as assisting in selecting a destination. The group has a step-by-step outline identifying the key

elements of planning a trip along with plenty of experience in arranging such events. If you enjoy our hiking trips, please step-up to assist; and contact one of the committee members.

And thank you to past trip directors and guides who have made each outing possible.

PICNIC ROCK/DOUBLE CRESTED/ DOME ROCK LOOP

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

Another great trail has been blazed by Associate Chief Hiking Guide Michael Hovan and his trail building crew. This trail climbs up out of the Canada del Oro wash behind SaddleBrooke into the hills we view from our backyards. Beautiful views of the Catalina Mountains are present throughout the hike.



Early in the hike we had a coyote that seemed way too interested in our group. He blocked our trail initially and then followed us for a good ten minutes, ignoring our shouts and pole rattling.

Soon we arrived at our first destination, Picnic Rock, 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. We then followed the trail up to Charouleau Gap road which took us to the next trail up to Big Dome Rock, high above SaddleBrooke – with views of the Biosphere II and surrounding mountain ranges.

After another short break we headed down the steep trails (because what goes up must come down!) back into SaddleBrooke. What a wonderful way to spend an early morning!

GETAWAY TRIP TO THE ESCALANTE AREA OF SOUTHERN UTAH

Submitted by Tim Butler

We had made plans in January to do a late spring trip up to Escalante, Utah, to see the incredible sights in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. Our plans were confirmed and happily it became apparent that, despite the restrictions of the COVID situation, we would still be able to do the trip. It was a wonderful adventure. Here is a link to my Flickr page with photos of the trip:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/144380583@N06/albums/72157714280276516>

We spent the night in Page on the way up and the way back, but did not do any hiking around there. There was not time. Between Page and Escalante, we traveled north and west on Hwy. 89 to Cottonwood Canyon Road:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/utah/grand_staircase_escalante/cottonwood_canyon_road.html

This is a dirt/gravel road which is suitable for most passenger vehicles with good clearance. However, during rain events it is so slick as to be impassible for even 4WD vehicles so beware. It is a very interesting and scenic way to travel north and take in some great sights. We took this road all the way to Kodachrome Basin St. Park and then took Utah Hwy. 12 from Cannonville to Escalante. Along the way we stopped to hike Cottonwood Wash Narrows:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/slot_canyons/cottonwood_wash/narrows.html,

as well as visit Grosvenor Arch:

<https://utah.com/bryce-canyon-national-park/grosvenor-arch>,

and in Kodachrome Basin State Park near Cannonville, Utah:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/utah/kodachrome_basin/state_park.html.

Kodachrome is a very worthwhile stop with great Navajo sandstone hoodoos and many interesting trails which can be done in a few hours.

The next day we left our hotel in Escalante early in the morning and traveled southeast on Hole-In-The-Rock Road for about 26 miles to the Dry Fork Narrows trailhead. We hiked in to Peekaboo and Spooky slot canyons. Here is a short video clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2INbeaFyEM>.

These slot canyons are wonderful but quite strenuous. We chose to go “upstream” in Peekaboo first and then come down Spooky. This is a fantastic adventure but please be sure to do your advance planning. If you are claustrophobic do not try - Spooky! It is very tight! Plan about 3 to 4 hours to do this loop from the trail head.

Once back at the truck, we continued down Hole-In-The-Rock Road for a couple of hours towards the end of the road at the actual “Hole in the Rock”. (This was where a Mormon expedition in 1879 had to lower their wagons down through a break in the cliffs to a spot where they could reach the Colorado River.) It was getting late (and we were beat from the extremely rough road!), so we turned around about 5 miles before reaching the end of the road. It was good timing because it put us back at Devil's Garden in the late afternoon light. It is so photogenic. Here is a link to Hole-In-The-Rock road and its main attractions:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/utah/grand_staircase_escalante/hole_in_the_rock_road.html

Next morning, we drove NW from Escalante on a dirt road which climbed up to 9,500 feet on FR 149 to Upper Barker Reservoir. It was supposed to be a nice area for hiking. We got out of the truck and realized we were completely underdressed for the cold temperature at that elevation. We started down a trail but stopped when we came to snow. Plan “B” was to drive back down past Escalante on Hwy 12 and hike the Lower Calf Creek Falls trail:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/utah/grand_staircase_escalante/lower_calf_creek.html.

That was incredibly fun and beautiful. We then drove north and east to Boulder and took the Burr Trail road for several miles of jaw-dropping scenery until it was time to head back to the hotel.

Saturday found us heading back to Cannonville and taking Skutumpah Road (rough dirt and gravel) to a wonderful hike on Willis Creek:

https://www.americansouthwest.net/slot_canyons/willis_creek/canyon.html.

The narrows part of this hike is pretty short (about 1.5 miles) but it is so much fun. Willis Creek is a permanent (but shallow) stream at this point so we rock-hopped through the narrows. It slots up very nicely in 3 or 4 sections and is really fun. After that we decided to take Hwy 12 back to Kanab and then to Page. Sunday found us driving home and hitting a thundershower just north of Phoenix. We were so glad we didn't have any of that while we were in slot canyon country. I read the day after we got back that at least one person was killed and many were stranded in Little Wildhorse Canyon (about 70 miles north of Escalante) when a thunderstorm hit that area and flooded the canyon. We really lucked out on the weather.

We can highly recommend this area for your consideration. The scenery is incredible. It combines features of Monument Valley, Arches Nat'l Park, and the Grand Canyon. Check it out!

MYSTERY GRAVESTONE DISCOVERED BY HIKERS

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

Hiking Guide Ruth Caldwell led a hike from Golder Ranch Road into the Coronado National Forest in early May. We were pleasantly surprised by the interesting terrain with diverse views of the desert and the Santa Catalinas. Just as the sun was rising over the mountains, Ruth took us to a low mound.

Ruth showed us the gravestone of Grace Murray, buried here in 1992. The gravestone is obviously aging and receding into the ground. We all wondered "Who was Grace Murray and why was she buried here, about a mile away from Golder Ranch

Road?" A little research revealed Grace L. Murray is listed in the Social Security Death Records as dying in Tucson. Her Social Security number is from New Jersey.



A prominent Murray family in Catalina was the co-founder of the Golder Ranch Fire District in 1976 ("Bob" Murray and his wife Della). Bob was "Chief" of the Golder Ranch Fire District until he retired in 1993. Could there be a connection?



Through the assistance of Bob Simpson, a SaddleBrooke historian, we learned that Grace was a nurse at University Hospital. Bob found a newspaper photo of Grace helping a patient leave the University Hospital. Bob also found a newspaper death notice indicating that Grace was 45 years of age, a nurse, living in Catalina. Barbara Marriott, another

SaddleBrooke historian, is also doing some research into the mystery of Grace Murray's gravestone. Stay tuned to learn more. SaddleBrooke hikers never know when a mystery will emerge while hiking in our area.

**SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB
GO/NO GO DECISION – AUGUST 1, 2020
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA
October 13-15, 2020
Submitted by Dale Leman**

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club continues to plan for the fall multi-day hiking trip to Flagstaff. Planned hiking dates are October 13, 14, and 15 (Tuesday – Thursday).



Due to the virus, whether or not we will be able to take the trip is uncertain at this time. The committee has decided to set a date of August 1 to make a Go/No Go decision. We will inform those signed up for the trip on that date.

If you plan on joining the group, please sign up. Ruth Caldwell is planning the hikes and hiking guides. Dale and Ruth Leman are maintaining the registrant list.

Your lodging reservation is made by sending an email to Dale at dale.leman@gmail.com and providing him with your name(s), where you will be staying, email(s), and cell contact number(s). Complete information is available on the Club website under the "PROGRAMS & CLUB TRIPS" tab. If you have questions, feel free to email Dale or call him at 520-343-9103.

**AN INAUGURAL KICKOFF TO THE
RESCUE**

Submitted by Mary Kopp

A much-needed surprise came to my email on Sunday, May 17 - just when I was so tired of being stuck indoor. SaddleBrooke has started gradually opening services and club activities. To that end, nothing was more welcome than an email from the Hiking Club of SaddleBrooke. Yes, it was time, with COVID-19 safeguards in place – THERE HAD TO BE A FIRST HIKE.



Ruth Caldwell, Senior Chief Guide and hike leader, armed with masks and six-foot distance expectations, launched Hike Number One. On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, six hiking enthusiasts traveled to Mount Lemmon atop of the Santa Catalina's Mountains. We geared up at the Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout trail head, located in the Coronado National Forest at the top of Mt. Lemmon, literally in the back yard of Mount Lemmon's Observatory.

At 9,000+ feet, we parked by the astronomical observatory, which houses nine telescopes and is operated by the University of AZ (also known as Radio Ridge), and set off on our hike. We hiked down the Meadow Trail and through Lemmon Park, to where it intersected the Mt. Lemmon Trail and led to Lemmon Rock Fire lookout cabin.

At the Rock Fire lookout cabin, we were greeted by Jeff a National Parks' Senior Forester whose 24/7

duties included watchful vigilance over the national forest's wellbeing. Along the trail, animal life abounded and natural spring waters flowed all framed with the spectacular backdrop views of the Rincon, Santa Rita and the Tucson Mountains.

During the absence of club hikes and now the return to the trails, this inaugural kick off reinforced the power and impact that nature on us all. Happy trails to all.

WHO PLANTED THIS FLAG ABOVE SADDLEBROOKE?

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



Hikers: Brian Hand, Bertie Litchfield, Elisabeth Wheeler, Cheryl Werstler
Photo by Kaori Hashimoto

Hiking adventures from SaddleBrooke into the foothills of the Coronado State Forest can lead to interesting discoveries. Brian Hand led several hikers to this prominent flag above SaddleBrooke homes.

Who placed it here? It's a mystery to be resolved.

2020 CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAIN CLASS A HIKING/CAMPING/LODGING TRIP Wednesday-Friday, October 21-23, 2020

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

This year Aaron Schoenberg is guiding a trip to the Chiricahua Mountains in the middle of the Coronado National Forest (Chiricahua Mountain Unit). We will be so much higher in elevation (Sycamore CG is at 6380 feet) that we will be in a much more

comfortable mountain environment for camping and hiking.

This trip is exclusively for class A hikers only. We will spend two nights overnight auto camping at the Sycamore National Forest near the end of Forest Road 41. Lodging arrangements can be made at the Arizona Sunset Inn in Willcox; but if you choose this option, you will have to drive 1:15 - 52 miles each way to meet us at the campground for the daily hike. The Sycamore Campground is a 3-hour trip from Saddlebrooke - 172 miles.

Also, Sycamore Campground is a national forest campground that is primitive in nature. Meaning, the only facilities are vault toilets in the campground and picnic tables at each campsite. There is no running water at the CG, so you must bring all water needs with you. The CG is very convenient as all the hikes are within a couple of miles of the campground and thus we will have little need for our cars other than to store camping stuff while there.

We will be taking three major hikes over three days.

- They will include on Wednesday a traverse of the Rock Creek Canyon after our car trip and setting up camp (9.7 miles and 1700' elev. gain).
- Thursday, we will traverse a loop hike out of the CG over Chiricahua Peak (9,782 feet) from the west (13.2 miles & 3900' elev. gain).
- On Friday, after breaking camp, our last hike will traverse a loop out of the CG including Johnson (8890') & Monte Vista Peaks (9370') with its fire tower which provides incredible views. The hike statistics are 10.6 miles and 3400' of elevation gain.

Upon inquiry about the trip, you will receive a questionnaire, camping/lodging information, and a map of our planned hikes. Receipt of the questionnaire is required by a deadline of Sunday,

October 11, which will allow me to make travel arrangements and final coordination of plans.

Contact info:

Aaron Schoenberg – Cell phone: (845) 987-4893.
E-mail: askus3@centurylink.net

When contacting me, make sure you supply e-mail address, so I can reply to you with attachments.

Future Trips		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person
SBHC Trip to Flagstaff	October 12-16, 2020	Dale Leman dale.leman@gmail.com
The Colonial Cities Tour	October 17, 2020	Phil McNamee mcnameephil@gmail.com
Chiricahua Mountain Hiking/Camping/Lodging	October 21-23, 2020	Aaron Schoenberg askus3@centurylink.net

Hiking Information

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

There are two symbols that can be added to the above letter ratings, to provide further information for hikers. These symbols indicate some special conditions that might make the hike easier, or more difficult, than the letter ratings would suggest.

“!” The exclamation point after a letter rating means there are special conditions that make this hike more difficult than the mileage/elevation gain rating would suggest. For instance, a C! hike, is more like a B hike in terms of difficulty. This is 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.

“☺” The smiley face after a letter rating means there are special conditions that make this hike easier than the mileage/elevation gain rating would suggest. For instance, a C☺ is more like a D hike in terms of difficulty.

This is due to better than usual trail conditions such as a smoother trail surface or paved trail, little elevation gain, hikes that are primarily educational with frequent stops.

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, July 03, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [499, 06:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. After starting on the Fifty-Year Trail hikers will turn left onto an unmarked trail and hike along a rugged, scenic ridge line trail for about 2 miles. At the junction with the Fifty-Year Trail we return to the Equestrian Center via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike is 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 386 feet; total ascent 446 feet. RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 520-351 -2058, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Monday, July 06, 2020 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 06:30 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 4.9 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 682 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, July 06, 2020 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 06:00 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: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, July 07, 2020 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 1. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [485, 06:00 AM, \$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. Hikers will need to drive to the trailhead, and observe social distancing during the hike and breaks. RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Thursday, July 09, 2020 Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [261, 06:30 AM, \$13]. We begin by driving to the top of Mt. Lemmon and parking by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA (also known as Radio Ridge). We hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail which leads to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin. There are spectacular views along the way. We then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and the parking area. Hike 3 miles; trailhead elevation 9157 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 500 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 520-351 -2058, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Saturday, July 11, 2020 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [234, 06:30 AM, \$13]. 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 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1650 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Monday, July 13, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 06:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Golder Ranch. 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 (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. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, July 20, 2020 Middle Gate Meander. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [New, 06:00 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. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, July 23, 2020 Aspen Draw/Ski Valley Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 06:30 AM, \$13]. From the foot of the ski lift, hikers take the Aspen Draw trail to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will explore the top along Radio Ridge up to the Observatories (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using trails along Ski Valley. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 900 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Saturday, July 25, 2020 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 06:30 AM, \$4]. 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: Don Taylor; 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout / Mint Spring Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [273, 06:00 AM, \$13]. Starting in Summerhaven, we climb 1200 feet via Carter Canyon to the Aspen Trail, then up to the top of Mt. Lemmon (el. 9157 feet). We proceed down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail (a descent of 1900 feet) into the Wilderness of Rocks. Another climb of 750 feet gets us to Marshall Saddle. From there we coast down the Mint Spring Trail back to Summerhaven. The hike is in forest shade and all above 7000 feet. Hike 8 miles; trailhead elevation 7000 feet; net elevation change 2100 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Saturday, August 01, 2020 Maiden Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [254, 06:30 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; 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, August 04, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [183, 06:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Golder Ranch parking. The trail starts on the Fifty-Year Trail and follows social trails across the Sutherland Wash. The trail then loops back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. Hike 4.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 234 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. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Thursday, August 06, 2020 Honey Bee Canyon South. Rating: D. Pace: Slow to moderate [224, 06:00 AM, \$3]. The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We will explore the canyon, identify some of the vegetation, look for petroglyphs, find a large hole in a rock, and look for animals and animal tracks. This is a loop hike. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, camera (optional). Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 100 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 520-351 -2058, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Monday, August 6, 2020 Pete & Jack Mountain Circular. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [514, 5:30 AM, \$13]. We ascend via the Vault Mine Trail from Madera Canyon. This trail is the steepest maintained trail in the Santa Rita Mountains where we go up 1740' in 1.4 miles (WOW!!!). Along the way we will stop at Treasure Vault Mine (to catch our breath). Next, we hike 4.3 miles along rolling terrain between 7000 & 7661 feet, utilizing user trails and the Agua Caliente Trail. Along this stretch, we will pass Agua Caliente Saddle, then take a seldom used route to Pete's Peak (high point of the hike 7,661 feet) passing Bearpaw Rock, along the way. Pete's Mountain and the Agua Caliente Trail offer many panorama views of Madera Canyon, Tucson and the Santa Catalinas to the north. Then we climb to the summit of Jack Mountain via a short spur path. Lastly to complete the loop, we descend the Carrie Nation Trail steeply back to the Mt. Wrightson Trailhead. Towards the end of this descent we pass the Carrie Nation mine with an interesting history. Sometimes called the "No Name Mine," this flooded cavity is tucked away in a shady part of Madera Canyon of the Santa Rita Mountains. At the site are remnants of machinery used over a century old at the mine. Due to shade and the higher elevation, this is a good cooler hike for the summer. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 5440 feet; net elevation change 2221 feet; accumulated gain 3250 feet; RTD 130 miles. Maximum participant quota: 6 [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg, askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, August 10, 2020 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [172, 06:00 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: Karen Gray, 520-351-2058, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Saturday, August 15, 2020 Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [387, 06:30 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and continues to lower Bear Canyon, then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls. The return is via the same route. The falls, which constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, usually have some water flowing over them but may be dry if there has been inadequate rain. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times in each direction and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Ask the guide about current conditions. Hike 8.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 06:00 AM, \$13]. 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. Hikers will need to drive to the trailhead and observe social distancing during the hike and breaks. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Saturday, August 29, 2020 Esperero Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [178, 06:30 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; 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]