

## HIKER HISTORY DATABASE

The primary goal of our Hiking Club has always been the safety of our hikers. With that in mind, the Club's board in September 2020, approved the creation of a database in the guides portion of our web site where our guides are able to view the hikes that our members have participated in. This information has been available for many years but in a format which was difficult and cumbersome to access.

With the recent exponential growth of the Club and the number of new guides now leading hikes, it is of paramount importance that hikers are appropriately matched for their hikes both for their safety and the safety of the group. It is impossible for the guides to personally know each of the members that have signed up for a hike. The database allows each guide to easily see which hikes their hikers have been on, how recently they have hiked and with which guides. This avoids the need to call or email those hikers unfamiliar to the guide which can be a very time consuming process.

The database also lists any medical or accident related issues with a hiker on a given hike. The guide may then follow up with the hiker or previous guide or both if needed to gain more information. The database is not a rating system for hikers. It is merely an expedient way that guides can evaluate the appropriateness of their planned hike for each hiker to ensure that it will be a safe and enjoyable experience for all.