

B LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:30 am, depart at 6:45. Early hikes will meet/depart at 5:30/5:45.

April 6 – Governor’s Peak-Spring Valley Loop (Lake Pleasant/Hell’s Canyon Wilderness). Rating B+. This is an 11-mile adventure with an elevation gain of 2,200 feet, combining a climb to the summit of Governor’s Peak (lunch with views of Castle Hot Springs Resort) with a descent and return via Garfias Wash/Spring Valley, a popular “C” hike area. Trail condition – roughly half trail and half relatively easy bushwhacking. A good opportunity to experience a variety of challenging but scenic terrain and practice route-finding skills. No restrooms at the trailhead. No Park Fee. Driving distance is 97 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Spring-Valley-Loop>

April 13 – Bear Mountain+Doe Mesa (Sedona). Rating B. A challenging but beautiful top-ten Sedona hike to the top of one of the highest peaks around Sedona, followed by a short hike to the top of the flat-topped Doe Mesa. The hike is approximately 7.5 miles with an elevation gain of 2600 feet. Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee with Senior Pass. Driving distance is 270 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bear-Mountain-Doe-Mountain>

April 20 - Verrado Walkabout (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is a 10.7-mile super loop hike with about 1900 ft of elevation gain. This hike wanders around SOB and other trails in Verrado. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in Spring. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-SOB-South-of-the-Borde/B-HikeVerrado-Super-LoopLynnW2017-2018/>

April 27 - Baseline/Rainbow/Dysart/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mtn Regional Park). Rating B-. This is an 8-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The trail wanders through the front portion of EMRP with distant views to the north. It then goes south into more typical desert areas. Trail condition - a very good hiking trail. There’s a Porta-John at trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>

May 4 - 200/202/8A/100/1A/304 Loop (Piestewa Peak). Rating B-

. This is a 6+ mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. This hike goes up and around the peaks to the East of Piestewa Peak in that park. It provides views of Piestewa Peak as well as Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and downtown Phoenix. It passes through an interesting quartz field. Trail 202 gives you an option of going around a mountain or up through a saddle. No park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 66 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit>