

D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - Thursdays

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 6:30 AM, depart at 6:45 AM.

April 5 - Go John/Overton Loop/Slate Trails (Cave Creek Rec. Area).

Rating D. This is a 4.5 mile loop hike on a combined trail with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. The trail is marked, and is in good condition. After completing the loop on Go John and Overton Trails About 1 mile addition will be added on Slate to the Michelin Man. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is 93 miles RT. [SCG=3.5/600/2.2].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/organize/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>

April 12 - Coachwhip/Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park - Glendale). Rating D.

This is a lollipop loop of 4.7 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. It offers a 360 degree view of the surrounding areas. Trail H-2 provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead, Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). Trail surface - rough bare rock on portions of trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 50 miles RT - on paved roads.

April 19 - Coldwater/Butterfield/Gladsen Trails (Estrella

Mountains). Rating D. A 4.8 mile hike with an elevation change of 450 ft. This is an in and out hike starting at the at the Coldwater Trailhead to Butterfield on the Gadsden and return The trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Gadsden Trail. We will loop back on the Butterfield Trail. Porta-John at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT. [SCG=6.7/600/2.9].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>

April 26 - Ford Canyon View (White Tank Mountains). Rating D - This is a 4 mi out & back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the white rocks in Ford Canyon. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

May 3 – Season Final D Hike to be determined by the group

For those interested the Tuesday and Thursday will continue throughout the summer with a monthly summary and week schedule continuing.