

**C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - MONDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:15 am, depart at 7:30.**

**December 4 - Joshua Tree North Monolith (Highway 93). Rating C.** This is a 6.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 850 ft. It utilizes old jeep roads, regular trails, sandy wash, and an optional short climb to the top of a beautiful monolith. This area is part of the Tres Alamos Wilderness. There are good examples of Saguaros and Joshua trees living side by side in the desert. The rock outcroppings are very scenic as are the Joshua Trees. Trail condition - mostly on old roads with a couple of sections following animal trails. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-North>

**December 11 - Boulders BLM Trails A+LP8+LP7. (Hwy 74, MM 11.5). Rating C.** This is a 6 mi in-and-out hike on BLM land with an elevation change of 900 ft. Overall the hike goes through typical desert terrain. The highlight of the hike is the wreckage of an early 1950s Buick - the chrome is still shiny, though the rest of the car has heavy rust. Trail condition - the trail is on off-road roads. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Boulders-BLM-LPA-LP8-LP7>

**December 18 - Walking Jim North (Hells Canyon Wilderness). Rating C.** This is a 7.4 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek before heading north on an old dirt road. It offers a wide variety of vegetation (from cottonwood trees to Saguaro cactus) and wildlife (lots of wild burros have been seen). Trail condition - most of the trail is a good hiking trail with one section of loose stones on an old jeep road. No restrooms. No park Fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim-North>

**December 25 - CHRISTMAS - no hike.**