

D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - Thursdays

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 7:00AM, depart at 7:15AM.

February 1 Toothaker/Dysart/Butterfield Loop (Estrella

Mountains).Rating D. This is a 4.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 ft. The Toothaker (TH) trailhead is on the west side of the Rodeo Arena. This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail (RB). Very soon after starting on the path Toothaker Trail (TH) will split off to the south (left). In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail (DS) junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead. Park on the west side of the Rodeo Arena. There are restrooms on this side with running water. There is a \$6.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield>

February 8 – Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Short Version (White Tank Mountains).

Rating D. This is a 4.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 ft. This is a one-way competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to a Crested Saguaro. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. There is a \$6.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 30 miles

RT.<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

February 15 – Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Mountain Wash Loop

(Skyline Park) Rating D+ This is a 4.5-5.0 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 550 ft. in Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park. The trail gradually climbs the first part of the hike to Lost Creek Trail, which connects to Mountain Wash for the descent back to the trailhead. This is one of the trails in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/Skyline-Regional-Park/>

February 22 – Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) South loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating D. This is about a 4.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 350 ft on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles

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