

## **D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS**

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

**February 6 - Petroglyphs/South of Border (SOB) Loop (Verrado). Rating D+.** This is a 4.7 mile loop hike with elevation change of 500ft. Turn left .1 miles past the trailhead sign. Then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the road about 1.3 miles to see a large rock with petroglyphs. Just past the petroglyphs turn left and go up to the saddle. Turn right at the intersection at the saddle and follow the SOB trail for 2.8 miles. The trail will intersect the old road at this point. Turn right and go .4 miles back to the trailhead. There are nice rock formations as well a short hike through a steep sided wash. Trail condition - A very good hiking surface. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Petroglyphs>

**February 13 – Black Canyon Trail – Skyline Segment (Rock Springs Trailhead - I-17 Exit 242) Rating D.** This is a 3.7 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of about 430 feet. You hike to the Agua Fria River at about the 1.5 mile point. This section has great views of the river valley as you descend down to the river. You can walk along the river in both directions. The main climb is on the way back as you ascend from the river to the top of the ridge. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail with one steep section just before getting to the river. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 100 miles RT - the last .25 miles are on a gravel road. The Rock Springs Café (great pies) is .8 miles from the trailhead and you will pass it to get back on I-17.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Skyline-Segment>

**February 20 – Wild Burro/Pipeline trails to floating Bridge (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D.** This is 4.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 ft. The hike starts out at the Twisted Talon parking area and goes north to a floating bridge. The Wild Burro trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising up to the Pipeline Trailhead and then on to an unusual floating bridge. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Wild-Burro-Trail-DougJ-Photos>

**February 27 – Brown Ranch Road/Maverick Trail/Chollo Mt Trail (McDowell Sonoran Preserve North) Rating D +.** This is a 5.6 mile in and out hike with an estimated 450 feet of elevation to two points of interest to include Cathedral Rock and the Amphitheater. The trail is typical of the preserve and Scottsdale and provides interesting views of rock formations of the area. The elevation is considered quite easy with minimal climbs and more slightly up and down over gently rolling hills. There is a restroom at the trailhead with no park fee. Driving distance is 110 miles RT.<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain>

