

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 5 – 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 12 – 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 19 - Wave Cave & Lost Goldmine Trails (Superstitions). Rating B-. This is a 7-mile two fingered in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starting at the Carney Springs Trailhead, the Wave Cave trail goes up very steeply on a loose pebble/dirt trail to a cave that has a wave-like rock formation in it. From the top of the wave you get great views towards the east side of the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Lost Goldmine trail and go south (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead. No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some a mile further along the road) and no park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Wave-Cave>

April 26 - Holbert/National/Kiwanis/Los Lomitas/Box Canyon Trails (South Mountain). Rating B. This hike starts with a climb up Holbert Trail

past Dobbins Lookout and on to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and then follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomas trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot. Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>

May 3 - 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>