

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:30 am, depart at 6:45.

April 5 - * NEW HIKE *** Lake Pleasant Northwest Meander (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating C.**

This is a 7 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 600 ft. This is in the northwest sector of the lake – where fingers of land stick into the lake. This is a very scenic hike in the Lake Pleasant area. And we saw 30+ wild burros on the exploratory hike in June 2018. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/B-Exploratory-HikeCow-Creek-RoadLynnW2017-2018/>

April 12 - Big Horn Mountain Wash (Big Horn Mountain Wilderness). Rating C.

This is a 7-8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. While there are no formal trails in the area, the brush is scattered so hiking is easy until you start going up the mountainside. You head towards a finger of rock and then turn left up the mainwash. Shortly after turning left up the wash, look back to your right to see the Moon Arch, a nice round arch on a ridge. You can get to the arch by going up the ridge at the beginning of the wash, though you can't see the arch from this position. On the return, you simply head towards Black Mountain (in front of you as you park). There are lots of interesting rock formations along the wash including a 10 foot dry waterfall made of red rock. You can either climb up it or go around. From the ridgeline, you have great views of the surrounding region. No rest rooms and no park fee. Driving distance is 93 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BigHornMountainWilderness/Arch-Wash-Ridge>

April 19 - Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Park) Rating C.

This is about a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1100 ft. in the Western part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park with the new Granite Falls Trail and an even newer Chuckwalla trail on the west side of the park. This is one of the trail loops in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park>

April 26 - Siphon Draw Trail, Lost Dutchman State Park

(Superstition Mountains). Rating C+. This is an in/out hike from the Jacob's Crosscut trailhead up to Siphon Draw. The round trip distance

is approx. 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 1,300 ft. The first part is rolling hills and then goes up fairly steadily, with the last part getting pretty steep. A very pretty hike especially for the last 1/3rd as you approach Siphon Draw. It is an outstanding hike if the winter rains bring spring wildflowers. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is approx 120 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Siphon-Draw>

May 3 - Dinosaur Wash/Box Canyon (Wickenburg), Rating C. This is a 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 500 feet. This is actually three short in and out hikes in a 3 bladed fan shape. At least 2 miles of it is on soft sand along the Hassayampa river and in Dinosaur Wash so don't be deceived by the lack of elevation change. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and possible water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but it's not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash and two areas called narrows along the river. The box in Box Canyon is a short canyon, somewhat hidden behind a stand of large Salt Cedar trees. We'll approach it from both above and below the falls area. Trail condition – the first third is in a rough rocky slot canyon, the last 2/3 is along a sandy wash with likely some creek sized crossings of the river. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but we usually stop at the McDonalds in Wickenburg on our way to the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 105 miles RT (7 miles of dirt each way).

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Dinosaur-WashBox-Canyon>