

"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 a.m., depart at 7:15 (early meet/depart is 6:15/6:30...always check the weekly e-mail).

February 1 – Black Canyon Trail – Little Pan Loop/Table Mesa Trailhead (I-17 Exit 236). Rating B. This is a 10-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1300 ft. It covers three segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Table Top Mesa, Little Pan, and Williams Mesa segments. The hike crosses the Agua Fria river twice, so be prepared for water depending on the season. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No rest rooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT. [SCG=9.4/1400/4.0].

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Little-Pan-Segment>

February 8 - Waddell/Ford Canyon/Willow Springs/Mesquite Canyon Trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. 9.6 mi loop hike starting on the Waddell trail with an elevation gain of 1820 ft. The Ford Canyon Trail begins the rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Willow Springs trail that connects with the Mesquite Canyon Trail and return near our starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approximately 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

February 15 – Estrella Foothills Park Elliott TH Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating B-. This is a 9-mile figure loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails, making loops along the way. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly a good hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-Exploratory-Hike-5-14-18Elliot-Rd-MappingLynnW2017-2018/>

February 22 – Ben Avery & Double Arch Loop (Eagletail Mountains). Rating B. This is 10.7-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1150 ft. There are views of Courthouse Rock for most of the hike. From the trailhead, it is

3.6 miles along an old jeep trail and in a wash to over 100 Native American petroglyphs. The trail to the petroglyphs is relatively easy hiking. To get to the arches, you follow an old road, then go through a wash before bushwhacking up a steep hill of loose rock and stones to reach the arch. Trail condition - good hiking trail to the petroglyphs then a semi-bushwhack to the arch and back. There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Ben-Avery-Trail-Courthouse>