

"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

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

January 4 – Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla/Pyrite Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye) Rating B. This is about a 9.3-mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of approximately 1850 ft. in the southwestern part of Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. The trails meander through typical desert terrain. Pyrite is one of the newer trails in Skyline and goes up to the ridgeline in the southwestern corner of the White Tank Mountains. There is an optional summit trail that goes .3 miles with 170 ft. of elevation gain. Trail condition – average to good trail but steep up Pyrite to the top. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-SummitLynnW2018-2019/>

January 11 - Daisy Mountain (Anthem Area). Rating B. This is a 7.2-mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 ft. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail - the first one has a US flag on it, while the second, slightly higher summit is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain>

January 18 – Go John, Quartz. Overton, Slate Trails Loop (Cave Creek Regional Park). Rating B. This is a 10.8-mile loop hike on combined trails with an elevation gain of about 1500 ft. The trail is marked and is in good condition. On the Lime Kiln trail (on the right as you hike from the trailhead) about .3 miles from the Quartz trail intersection is a strange looking saguaro named the Michelin Man saguaro. The Quartz trail has quite a bit of quartz rock along it. About .5 miles from the trailhead on the Go John trail (on the left as you hike away from the trailhead, near the junction of the Jasper trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like the hiking club logo. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 93 miles RT. [SCG=3.5/600/2.2].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/organize/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>

January 25 – Saddle Mountain Adventure (Tonopah). Rating B. This is a 7+ mile “adventure” with an elevation gain of 1000+ ft. The objective of this hike is to start at the NW corner and hike into what we are calling “Gary’s Canyon,” an interesting box canyon with impressive walls of conglomerate. We turned too soon on the last attempt but should be able to find the correct turn on this attempt. Trail condition – no real trail but relatively easy hiking along a rocky jeep road and rocky washes. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah/Saddle-Mountain-NW-Side/B-HikeSaddle-Mt-AdventureLynnW2017-2018/>