

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:45 am, depart at 7:00.

March 1 - Rainbow Valley/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mountains).

Rating C. This is a 6.7 mile loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo. It has an elevation gain of 700 ft. The trail goes through typical desert terrain. The Rainbow Valley trail is wide and relatively flat. It ends at the Toothaker Trail. Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail to return to the rodeo. Trail condition - very good hiking trail. Restrooms & water are at the trailhead. Park entrance is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker>

March 8 - Goldfield Mountains #8 - Horns of a Dilemma trail (Goldfield Mountains). Rating C/B.

This is a 6-7 mile hike with an elevation gain of 900-1200 ft. The C version (6 mi/900 ft) goes up a narrow canyon below the horns and then up to a saddle opposite the horns before returning to the trailhead. The saddle offers great views of the horns and two lakes. The B version adds a hike up to the Horns of a Dilemma with expansive views of both Saguaro Lake and Canyon Lake as well as the area between them. Trail condition – no real trail, just a rough, semi-bushwhack hike. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/Horns-of-a-Dilemma>

March 15 - Goldwater Lakes Loop (Prescott). Rating C+. This is an 8-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. The hike goes through a pine forest and then skirts the two Goldwater lakes. After a break at picnic tables at the lake, the hike continues around and through a wooded section with groups of granite boulders. Trail condition – good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. More restrooms and soda machines are at the lake where we will take our break. Park Fee is \$2.00. Driving distance is 200 miles RT

March 22 - Marcus Landslide/Rock Knob Loop (McDowell

Sonoran Preserve) Rating C. This is a 7.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 740 ft. There are lots of great views to the east and north including the Superstitions and Four Peaks areas. Plus there are views of great granite boulders. Trail condition - very good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 108 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Marcus-LandslideRock-Knob-Loop>

March 29 - Library to Waterfall Trail (White Tanks). Rating C. This is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail. This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions at the nature center in the library. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. Restrooms are in the library. Park Fee is \$2.00 per hiker (county park pass is good for 5 hikers). Driving distance is 24 miles RT.