

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15.

November 2 - Sunrise Mountain Trail (Peoria). Rating C+. This is a 5+ mile multi-loop hike with an elevation gain of 1230 ft, going up and down three mountain peaks. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. The trail itself is well maintained with three main hills to climb. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom. Trail condition – average hiking trail, but the climbs are fairly steep. There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 56 miles RT. [SCG=4.9/1100/2.9].

This hike can be combined with the West Wing Mountain trail for a good B hike of 9.0 miles with an elevation gain of 2200 ft. It goes up and down over 5 short peaks.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain>

November 9 - Black Canyon Trail - Government Springs South (I-17 Exit 248). Rating C. This is a 7.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 600 ft. It starts near a spring and goes south. There are lots of expansive views with typical desert vegetation. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No park fee. No rest rooms (Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return). Driving distance is 110 miles RT.

November 13-16 - Overnight hiking trip to Palm Springs

November 23 - * NEW HIKE *** Broadway Cave & Jacob's Crosscut Trails (Superstitions). Rating C+/B.** This is a 7-10 mile two fingered in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1100-1400 feet. Starting at the Broadway Trailhead, you take Jacob's Crosscut to the Monument Canyon trail. The Broadway Cave trail goes off to the right and is a rough steep trail to a cave that was an old mine. From the top of the cave you get great views towards the south, away from the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Jacob's Crosscut trail and go west (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead. No restrooms at the trailhead and no park fee. Driving distance is 130 miles

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

November 30 - Butterfield/Gadsden Loop Trail (Estrella Mountains).

Rating C. Approx 7.6 miles, with an elevation gain of 900 ft. Take Coldwater .2 miles to Butterfield, turn left on Gadsden, then turn right back onto Butterfield at the far end. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the East & West. There is a small arch in one of the washes next to the trail. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Trail condition – good hiking trail. A Porta-John is located at trailheads. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles

RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>