

**C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:15 am, depart at 7:30.**

**January 5 - Daisy Mountain ( Anthem Area)** Rating C. This is a 6 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. The turnaround point is a saddle slightly below the summit of Daisy Mountain itself. Trail condition – mostly a good hiking trail, but the last part is very steep. 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 12 - Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Park)** Rating C. This is about a 6.7 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/Skyline-Regional-Park/>

**January 19 - Red Top Mountain Loop Trail A (Wickenburg). Rating C.** This is a 7.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 970 ft. This hike offers 360 degree views of Red Top Mountain. There are many species of cactus as well as numerous interesting rock formations. The hike starts at the Sophie Flat trailhead and follows trail A signs around Precious Peak and Red Top Mountain in a counterclockwise direction. Trail condition - this is a horse trail of loose soil and sandy washes with some rocky places. No park Fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 102 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Redtop-Mountain>

**January 26 - Cholla/Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park - Glendale). Rating C.** This 6.6 mile, 1140 ft elevation gain hike goes up to two summits Both offer 360 degree views of the surrounding areas and have different primary vegetation from each other. The Arrowhead Point trail provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead Lake including this

development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). Trail H-3 includes views of some large custom homes. Trail condition - This was a rough hiking trail the last time we hiked it, but they were doing some maintenance on it. There are restrooms at the trailheads. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 50 miles RT - on paved roads.