

THURSDAY "B" HIKES FOR MARCH 2018

These are the Thursday B hikes for March. All hikes are subject to change so ALWAYS check Petes weekly email for hikes and departure times.

March 1

Eagletail Mountains Arches Loop (Eagletail Mountains). Rating C+. This is a 7.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The highlight of this hike is the 6+ arches you can see along the way. But there are also many great rock formations to see. Trail Condition - only the last mile or so of the hike is on a trail - it is mostly open desert crossing many washes; the main wash you ascend is boulder hopping or loose rocky soil. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches>

March 8

Holbert/ National/Kiwanis/Los Lomitas/Box Canyon Trails (South Mountain). Rating B. Distance 9.0 miles round trip loop, with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. We carpool on I-10E to I-17S, Exit at 7th Ave, straight ahead to Central Ave. Turn Rt onto Central which goes into So. Mountain Park. There are no park fees. There is a restroom near the Holbert trailhead. This starts with a climb up Holbert Trail past Dobbins Lookout and on to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and then follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomitas trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot. Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

Driving distance is 60 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>

March 15

Hiline, Made in the Shade, and Slim Shady Trails (Sedona). Rating C/B. This is a 9 mile hike with an elevation gain of 600-1000 ft. This is a very scenic hike with views of many named red rock formations. Trail Condition - Most of the trails in this area are good trails; the Hiline trail is listed on the map as ledgy and steep (for bikers). There are restrooms at the trailhead. A Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) or a Golden Age Pass is required. Driving distance is approx 240 miles RT.

March 22

Picketpost Mountain & Arizona Trail (Superior). Rating B+ This is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000. This is an interesting hike to the top of Picketpost Mountain with a lot of scrambling and route finding skills necessary. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles

RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail>

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Hiline-Trail>

March 29

Go John Trail to Maricopa Trail (Cave Creek Rec. Area). Rating B. Actual hike trails may be slightly different from this write up. This is a 10+ mile hike with an elevation change of 500 ft. The trail is marked, and is in good condition. The trail starts out with a 400 ft climb over a ridge, before descending back down to meet the Maricopa trail. On the return from the Maricopa trail you can turn left and add a mile plus to the hike passing 3 Saguaros that look a lot like the PCHC symbol. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is 93 miles RT.

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