

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - MONDAYS

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

March 4 - Munds Wagon Trail (Sedona). Rating C+. This is an 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 1500 ft. There are lots of great views of Sedona and red rock formations including Snoopy Rock, the Cow Pies, and the Merry-Go-Round. Trail condition – average Sedona hiking trail. Park fee is \$5.00. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 250 miles RT.

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

March 11 - Blue Wash/Camp Creek Falls Trail (Cave Creek) Rating C. This is a 7-8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900-1000 ft. It goes down a series of dry waterfalls to an intersection with Camp Creek. Just past the intersection going up the ridgeline is a section of the Maricopa Trail. We take that up to the road. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, which comes out at Camp Creek. Then we go up Camp Creek about a third of a mile to a wet waterfall of about 15 feet. Beyond that the creek stays above ground and meanders through a lush riparian area to a campground. The return goes up the ridge running parallel to Blue Wash, providing views of the whole area. Trail condition – part is in a sandy wash and part is an average trail with one steep section going out of the main wash. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 122 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other>

March 18 - Dinosaur Wash/Box Canyon (Wickenburg), Rating C. This is a 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. This is actually three short in and out hikes in a 3 bladed fan shape. At least 2 miles of it is on soft sand along the Hassayampa river and in Dinosaur Wash so don't be deceived by the lack of elevation change. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and possible water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but it's not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash and two areas called narrows along the river. The box in Box Canyon is a short canyon, somewhat hidden behind a stand of large Salt Cedar trees. We'll approach it from both above and below the falls area. Trail condition – the first third is in a rocky slot canyon, the last 2/3 are along a sandy wash with likely some creek sized crossings of the river. There are no restrooms at the

trailhead, but we usually stop at the McDonalds in Wickenburg on our way to the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 105 miles RT (7 miles of dirt each way).

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Dinosaur-WashBox-Canyon>

March 25 - Dog Bone Batman Rock (Buckeye). Rating C. This is an in and out hike of 8-10 miles with an elevation gain of 600-700 ft. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails on the far eastern side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Our goal for this hike is to see a rock formation that looks like Batman's head. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. There is an optional extension to Chloe's Charisma – a ghost bike memorial. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>