

## **D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - Thursdays**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 6:30AM, depart at 6:45AM.**

**September 28 - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) South Loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating D.** This is about a 3.7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 ft on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles

[RT.http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North](http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North)

**October 5 - Library North Trail (White Tanks). Rating D.** This is a 4+ mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. 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 (safely behind glass). Restrooms are in the library and Ramada #4. Park Fee is \$6.00. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

**October 12 - Rainbow/Baseline /Quail Loop (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating D** This is a loop hike in Estrella Regional Park that incorporates Baseline Quail and Rainbow Trail for a total of approximately 4 miles and less than 400' of elevation with typical desert scenery. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

**October 19 - Mule Deer/Black Rock/Waterfall Trails (White Tanks).**

**Rating D** This is a 4+ mile hike with an elevation gain of 400 ft. The hike starts on the Mule Deer trail at Ramada 3 and goes through typical desert along a good trail to a hidden waterfall (usually dry). Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [[SCG=4.5/600/2.4](#)]

**October 26 - Mountain Wash/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park) Rating D+** This is a 3.8 mile loop hike that can be extended by .6 to the Valle Vista Crest. This has a total elevation gain of approximately 600 feet. The hike climbs up mountain wash and follows Lost Creek Trail for a short distance to the Turnbuckle Trail and loops back down to the trailhead. The hike can be extended by .6 mile in and out the Valle Vista Trail. . This is 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.

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