

MEETINGS SCHEDULE Tuscany Falls Clubhouse, Ballroom, 7 PM

SEPT '17	OCT '17	NOV '17	DEC '17	JAN '18	FEB '18	MAR '18	APR '18
Th 21st	Th 19th	Th 16 <sup>th</sup>	Th 21st	Th 18 <sup>th</sup>	Th 15th	Th 15th Elections	Th 19 <sup>th</sup>

**FRIDAY “B” HIKE SCHEDULE**

2017-18 FRI	RT DRIVE MILES	LOCATION	AREA	TRAIL	LENGTH & TOTAL ASCENT	DESCRIPTION	RATING
29-Sep	124	Apache Junction	Superstitions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Water-Black Mesa-Dutchman Loop	9.2 mi, 1300 ft	An interesting loop through scenic Superstition terrain...all trail.	B
6-Oct	110	I-17 North	Black Canyon Trail	Glorianna Trailhead South	7 mi, 700 ft	A winding trail across the upper part of the Black Canyon area south of Sunset Point.	B-
<b>13-Oct</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>Wickenburg</b>	<b>Hwy 93</b>	<b>Joshua Tree - Central</b>	<b>8.5 mi, 800 ft</b>	<b>An easy bushwhack loop through impressive Joshua Tree groves; opportunity for some easy rock scrambling.</b>	<b>B-</b>
20-Oct	26	West Valley	Estrella Mountain Regional Park	Competitive Track Technical Loop	10 mi, 1200 ft	This is the long version of a hike on a bike trail that overlooks “Grandpa,” the 4 <sup>th</sup> largest saguaro.	B
27-Oct	90	Lake Pleasant	Hwy 74	BLM A+LP8+LP7	6.5 mi, 1000 ft	A nice desert hike past the wreckage of a 1953 Buick.	B-
3-Nov	64	Dove Valley	Apache Wash (Phoenix Sonoran Preserve)	Ocotillo/Ridgeback/Sidewinder Loop	9.9 mi, 1500 ft	An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.	B
10-Nov	60	Phoenix	South Mountain	Holbert-National-Kiwanis Loop	7.9 mi, 1650 ft	A somewhat strenuous loop with great views of Phoenix...good practice for Zion.	B
17-Nov		TBD				Most “B” hikers are in Zion.	
24-Nov	106	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Marcus Landslide-Tom’s Thumb Loop	10.6 mi, 2150 ft	A strenuous workout with close-up views of Tom’s Thumb after a climb up the steep East End trail.	B+
<b>1-Dec</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>Sedona</b>	<b>Wilson Mountain (Encinosa Picnic Area)</b>	<b>North trail to the top of Wilson Mountain, the highest point around Sedona</b>	<b>10.2 mi, 2600 ft</b>	<b>A challenging hike up the north side to outstanding views of Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon.</b>	<b>B+</b>

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8-Dec	124	Apache Junction	Superstitions	Hackberry Springs Loop	8 mi, 900 ft	An interesting hike from Needle Vista trailhead to a spring at the base of a high cliff, including a short scramble to an arch along the way.	B-
15-Dec	18	West Valley	Verrado	SOB + Skyline Crest + Quartz Mine Loop	9.5 mi, 1500 ft	A good nearby challenging hike with great views of the west valley.	B-
22-Dec	98	Tonopah	Saddle Mountain	Saddle Mountain Loop	7 mi, 1300 ft	A short but scenic loop through very impressive terrain...mostly bushwhacking with a steep descent from the saddle.	B-
<b>29-Dec</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>Cave Creek</b>	<b>Spur Cross Ranch</b>	<b>Skull Mesa</b>	<b>14 mi, 3000 ft</b>	<b>A long, in-and-out hike to an interesting mesa which can be identified by “skull” white rock outcroppings.</b>	<b>B+</b>
5-Jan	70	I-17 North	Anthem	Daisy Mountain Loop	7.2 mi, 1600 ft	An interesting hike to two rounded peaks just east of the outlet mall...the first peak requires a strenuous climb and has an American flag on top...all trail but a steep descent from peak 2.	B
12-Jan	26	West Valley	Skyline Regional Park	Quartz Mine, Skyline, Turnbuckle, etc.	10.9 mi, 2350 ft	A nearby hike with lots of distance and elevation...a grand tour.	B
19-Jan	102	Wickenburg	Sophie’s Flat	Red Top Trail A Loop	8+ mi, 900 ft	This will be an extended version of the “C” hike around one of the peaks in Wickenburg.	B-
<b>26-Jan</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>Tonopah</b>	<b>Saddle Mountain</b>	<b>“Gary’s Canyon”...Inner Canyon of Saddle Mountain</b>	<b>7.5 mi, 1000 ft</b>	<b>A conventional northwest loop with a spur in-and-out into an interesting canyon with high cliffs of “conglomerate”.</b>	<b>B-</b>
2-Feb	120	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Hawksnest...Coyote Canyon Loop	8 mi, 700ft	An interesting hike through excellent rock formation with a double crested saguaro and an impressive twin of Michelin Man.	B-
9-Feb	30	West Valley	White Tanks	Waddell-Ford-Mesquite-Willow Springs Loop	9.7 mi, 1600 ft	A scenic hike through rugged terrain with a tiny amount of scrambling.	B
16-Feb	80	Lake Pleasant	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	Pipeline + Yavapai Point trails	6.8 mi, 1000 ft	An easy hike across a floating bridge up to a high point overlooking Lake Pleasant...might see wild burros.	B-
23-Feb	130	I-10 West	Eagletail Mountains	Ben Avery trail	10.7 mi, 1150 ft	A variation of a lollipop which includes Natural Arch (double arch) and petroglyphs near Indian Spring (dry).	B
2-Mar	114	Apache Junction	Goldfield Mountains	Hackamore Trailhead to Large Arch	9.7 mi, 1800 ft	A hike to an interesting arch overlooking the scenic Goldfields...mostly trail with easy bushwhacking to the arch.	B
9-Mar	94	Cave Creek	Cave Creek Regional Park	Go John-Quartz-Flat Rock-Slate-Jasper Loop	9.6 mi, 1450 ft	An interesting loop through a variety of terrain...lots of brittlebush so might have color.	B

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16-Mar	26	West Valley	Estrella Foothills Park	SR-PA-RR-GR-UT-PC-JL Loop	8 mi, 1100 ft	An interesting loop at a nearby area with plenty of steep terrain and an interesting “cairn canyon”.	B-
<b>23-Mar</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Hwy 93-Hwy 89A</b>	<b>Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park</b>	<b>Memorial Trail</b>	<b>7.5 mi, 1825 ft</b>	<b>A strenuous in-and-out hike up and down through rugged terrain to the hotshots memorial site.</b>	<b>B</b>
30-Mar	100	Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Brown Mountain-Cathedral Rock-Balanced Rock Loop	10.9 mi, 1825 ft	An interesting loop through the impressive terrain of Brown’s Ranch, including a short spur hike to the top of Brown Mountain.	B
<b>6-Apr</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Castle Hot Springs Rd.</b>	<b>Governors Peak-Spring Valley</b>	<b>Governors Peak-Garfias Wash-Spring Valley Loop</b>	<b>10.2 mi, 2000 ft</b>	<b>A chance to practice route-finding skills on this interesting and scenic loop which is 2/3 trail and 1/3 bushwhacking.</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>13-Apr</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>Sedona</b>	<b>Sedona</b>	<b>Bear Mountain + Doe Mesa</b>	<b>7.8 mi, 2800 ft</b>	<b>A challenging but beautiful hike to the top of one of the highest peaks around Sedona, followed by a short hike to the top of the flat-topped Doe Mesa.</b>	<b>B+</b>
20-Apr	18	West Valley	Verrado	Verrado Walkabout	6.8 mi, 1100 ft	A nice, nearby loop hike along various Verrado trails...might have wildflowers.	B-
27-Apr	20	West Valley	Estrella Mountain Regional Park	Baseline-RB-Dysart-Toothaker Loop	7.7 mi, 900 ft	An interesting loop hike going from the picnic area with views of the west valley.	B-
4-May	70	Phoenix	Piestewa Peak	Trails 200-202-8A-100-1A-304	6 mi, 1100 ft	A nice hike with views of Paradise Valley and a different angle of Piestewa Peak itself.	B-

**New hikes are in bold.**