

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - SATURDAYS

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

March 2 - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating C+. This is a 7.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 ft on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - overall, this is a good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

March 9 - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (White Tank Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft. This is the old orientation hike. This is a one-way competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes plus one climb near the midpoint of the hike. On top of the hill is a good place to stop for a snack. Along the second half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Competitive-Loop>

March 16 - Toothaker/Coldwater Trails (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 770 ft. The Toothaker (TH) trailhead is on the west side of the Rodeo Arena. This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail (RB). Very soon after starting on the path Toothaker Trail (TH) will split off to the south (left). In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail (DS) junction. Stay on Toothaker, in .9 miles you will cross the Rainbow Valley (RB) junction. Continue on Toothaker (TH) trail for another 1.6 miles to the Pederson Trail (PD) junction. Take the Pederson Trail to the left for .7 miles to the Coldwater Trail (CW) junction. Turn left on to the Coldwater Trail and follow it back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn left and follow it back to the parking lot. Trail condition - good hiking trail. There are restrooms on this side with running water. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield>

March 23 - Verrado Walkabout (White Tank Mountains). Rating C.

This is a 7-mile loop hike with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. This hike wanders around the trails in Verrado. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in Spring. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

March 30 - Verrado/South of the Border figure-eight Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating C.

This is a 7-mile figure eight loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft. The hike goes from the Lost Creek Trailhead in Verrado and turns on the SOB trail to Lost Creek trail. It then goes along the Quartz Mine trail before looping back on an old road into Verrado. It then crosses over the Lost Creek trail to finish the SOB trail before returning to the trailhead. Lots of great views of Buckeye and points east. Trail condition - an average hiking trail. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.