

THURSDAY “B” – April and May 2019

April 4

Hiline Trail in Sedona

April 11

**Saddle Mountain Loop Trail (Tonopah). Rating B.** This is a 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. It then goes down a steep incline and around Saddle Mountain to complete the loop. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition - the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile to the saddle is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow; over the saddle it is very steep with lots of loose rocks; the last part is an easy trek along an old jeep road. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles.

April 18

**Dog Bone Batman Rock (Buckeye). Rating B** 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>

April 25

The Forth annual “Bill Halte 20 Mile Challenge.” Trails to be determined.

May 4

**Pederson Long Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating B.** This is a 15 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 ft. The trail goes through typical desert terrain with distance views of the west side of the Estrella Mountains. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 20 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>