

## FEBRUARY 2019 THURSDAY "B" HIKES

February 7

### Harquahala Peak

This is a solid B+ hike. It will be an exploratory hike. There is not a lot of information about the hike. It will be 10-13 miles with an estimated 3000 feet of elevation gain. It could have some bushwhacking old jeep roads and hopefully some trail. Harquahala Peak is 5681 feet. There is an old weather observatory at the top.

February 14

### **Holbert/National/Kiwanis/Los Lomitas/Box Canyon Trails (South Mountain). Rating**

**B.** Distance 9.0 miles round trip loop, with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. We carpool on I-10E to I-17S, Exit at 7th Ave, straight ahead to Central Ave. Turn Rt onto Central which goes into So. Mountain Park. There are no park fees. There is a restroom near the Holbert trailhead. This starts with a climb up Holbert Trail past Dobbins Lookout and on to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and then follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomitas trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot. Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>

February 21

**Goat Camp/South Trail/Cell Towers (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** This is a 8.5 mile round trip, out and back hike with an elevation change of 2450 ft. Trailhead elevation: 1500 ft; Highest elevation: 3950 ft. The trailhead marker is at picnic unit number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat mile. Turn

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left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 ft elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. Turn left at this point and continue climbing for about .8 mile and 800 ft of elevation change to the cell phone towers. Turnaround at that point and enjoy the downhill hike. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp>

February 28

**Mesquite Trail + Ford + Willow Springs Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** This is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 ft. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the

Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About .3 mile into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank – Willow Springs. This is a good place for a lunch stop. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the Mesquite Trail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot.. Trail condition - average

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hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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