

DECEMBER D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 7:00 AM, depart at 7:15 AM.

December 4 – Bootlegger/Granite Mountain/Turpentine Loop (McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Scottsdale). Rating D. This is a 4.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of approximately 400 ft. It passes through a large boulder of interesting shapes. It finishes by going through a small area of turpentine bushes. There are 3 rock formations that look like camels along the final section of the trail. There are excellent views of the surrounding mountains as well as numerous granite rock formations. This is one of the most scenic trails within an hour of Pebble Creek. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance

December 11 – Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa Trailhead to River (I-17 Exit 236) Rating D. This is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 300 ft. The hike goes to the Agua Fria river and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. There is a small stand of wild palm trees along the trail. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No rest rooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Table-Mesa-Loop>

December 18 – P.A. Seitts Preserve Hike (Cave Creek). Rating D. This is a 4.5 mile multi-finger in & out hike with an elevation change of 450 ft. There are several short trails branching out from the trailhead. The hikers will simply select some of them to hike. This is a preserve to protect the assorted vegetation along this portion of Cave Creek. There is a wide variety of desert vegetation. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No restrooms and no park fee. Driving distance is approx 110 miles RT.
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other/B-Exploratory-HikeSeitts-Preserve-Cave-Creek-ParkLynnW2017/>

December 25 – No Hike