

FEBRUARY D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

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

February 5 – Competitive Track Technical Loop. (Estrella Mountains).

Rating D+ This is a 4.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 560 ft. The trail loops around the mountain with nice views of the surrounding area. With the recent rain the spring flowers are beginning for an early spring. It passes through typical desert terrain with many bushes and Saguaro cacti. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>

February 12 – Desert Park/Horseshoe/Gateway/Saguaro Loop

(McDowell Sonoran Preserve South) D+ This is a 5.0 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of approximately 600 ft. This is a loop hike beginning from the Gateway Trailhead through typical desert scenery with many very nice Saguaro Cacti. The trail climbs to the Gateway Saddle with views of the north edge of Scottsdale before returning back to the trailhead. There are restrooms at the trailhead with no park fee. Driving distance is 88 miles RT.

February 19 – Dog Bone Central Loop (Dog Bone Wilderness Area) D/D+

This is a 4.7 to 5.4 hike with that is a modified in and out hike with the Coyote and Infinity loops on the back of the hike. This is a typical desert hike that is 5.4 mile including in the Infinity portion and 4.7 mile hike with just the Coyote loop. Maximum elevation gain is 350'. This hike includes portions of several trails is Dog Bone that was developed as part of bicycle trail system just southwest of Buc There are no restrooms at the trailhead with no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles RT.

February 26 – No Hike – Death Valley Trip