

March D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 6:45 AM, depart at 7:00AM.

March 5 – Walking Jim Trail (Hells Canyon Wilderness). Rating D. An 4-4.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 400 ft. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek and offers a wide variety of vegetation (from cottonwood trees to Saguaro cactus) and wildlife (wild burros, etc). No restrooms. No park Fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>

March 12 – Brethren North – SR/JL/BL/GS/UT Loop (Estrella Foothills Park). Rating D. This is a 4.8 mile Lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with minimal elevation gain. Nice pleasant hike to get some of the holiday cheer off the waistline. Helps begin the post-holiday conditioning program to get back in the groove. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance 13 miles. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

March 19 – Verrado/Skyline Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating D+. This is a 5 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The hike goes from the Lost Creek Trailhead in Verrado and does a loop of trails in Skyline Regional Park – Lost Creek, Quartz Mine and Tortuga trails with a section of old road with a couple of rocky sections connecting back to lost Creek Trail. Trail condition - average hiking trail. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeLynnW2016-2017/>

March 26 – Ford Canyon View (White Tank Mountains). Rating D+, This is a 5 mile, in and out hike from the Ford Canyon Trailhead at the Staging Area off White Tank Mountain Road with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the white rocks in Ford Canyon. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6]. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>