

**C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - WEDNESDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:30 am, depart at 6:45.**

**April 3 - Black Canyon Trail – Bob Bentley Segment (Emory Henderson Trailhead - New River). Rating C.** This is an 8 mile hike, with an elevation gain of 800 ft. There is lots of vegetation with numerous types of cactus. Wildflowers would be abundant after good winter rains. Trail condition - a good biking trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 74 miles RT.

**April 9/10 - Prescott overnight trip**

**Day 1 - Willow Lake Dells Trails (Prescott). Rating D/C+/B.** There are 3 versions of this hike ranging from 3+ miles to 9+ miles. The C+ version is a 7.2 mile multi-loop hike with an elevation change of 300 feet (but elevation gain is about 1500 ft). They used white dots on the rocks to mark the complete trails system. The main trail loop goes for 3.1 miles (with only a 100 ft elevation change) through interesting slick rock formations. A second loop trail branches off the main one for another 2.5 miles providing excellent views of the rock formations and Willow Lake in the background. The Granite Dells are not slick at all but rather very rough rock, which is easy to hike. The Ron James trail is a short side trail taking you up above the dells with more great views and connects to the Constellation Trails. A third trail, called Apex, goes up the side of a very large rock formation, providing 360 degree views of the Dells and Willow Lake. All the rock formations are very interesting. There is a Dairy Queen about 1 mile from the trailhead. There are restrooms and covered tables about a quarter of a mile along the trail from the trailhead. There is a \$2.00 park fee for day campers/hikers (free on Wednesdays). Driving distance is approx 220 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Willow-Lake>

**Day 2 - Wolf Creek Falls Trail (Prescott). Rating C.** This is a 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft. This is an in and out hike that goes through a typical pine forest down to the top of Wolf Creek Falls. The falls, which are dry most of the year, are actually a quarter mile long series of falls, including one of 30 feet and one over 60 ft. While the dry falls rocks are excellent, in the spring after a wet winter the falls would be spectacular.

Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 227 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Wolf-Creek-Falls>

**April 17 - \*\*\* NEW HIKE \*\*\* Dreamy Draw Loop 2 (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating C.** This is a loop hike of 6.5 mi. with an elevation change of 800 ft. We start out heading south and go up over a ridge and down into a valley. The route then heads north and goes to several viewpoints of the Phoenix area. There are also some quartz outcroppings and many interesting rock formations. Trail condition - an average hiking trail. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles RT.  
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Dreamy-Draw>

**April 24 - Estrella Foothills Park Queen Anne's Revenge Loop SR/PA/QAR/GR/SU/JL/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C.** This is a 7 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 710 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle. The trail crosses a gravel area that covers up an old tunnel. The trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly a very good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are t the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.  
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-Exploratory-Hike-7-05-2018Queen-Annes-RevengeLynnW2017/>

**May 1 - Hawknest/Divide/High Desert/Renegade/Soapberry/Desperado/Coyote Canyon/Dove/Barb/136<sup>th</sup> Express (McDowell Sonoran Preserve) Rating C.** This is an 8 mile hike with an elevation gain of 500 ft. The highlights of this hike include a double Crested Saguaro, Michelin Man II Saguaro, many rock formations, and distant views of Four Peaks, the Superstitions and other mountains. Trail condition - a very good hiking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.  
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Northwest-Loop-Trails>