

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - WEDNESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15.

February 6 - Hackberry Springs Loop from Needle Vista Trailhead (Superstitions). Rating C. This is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. We will start at the Needle Vista Trailhead and do a lollipop loop. We work our way up to the top of a ridge, giving us great views of the mesa where Hackberry Spring originates. We'll go through a tight canyon past an old ranch. We'll then loop around past an arch before going down to Hackberry Springs. Finally, we'll follow the trail back to the trailhead. There are lots of views of great rock formations for which the Superstitions are well known. Trail condition – mostly a good hiking trail with some rough spots. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance to the trailhead is 120 mi RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Hackberry-Spring-Loop>

February 13 - Whiskey Bottle/Turpentine/Black Hill Loop (McDowell Sonoran Preserve). Rating C. Is an easy loop hike of 7.4 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. It goes through a typical Scottsdale desert with nice views of the distant mountains. A highlight is a pair of Saguaros, one a perfect specimen and one with lots of curved arms - A Felix & Oscar pair. Trail Condition – good hiking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 105 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Fraesfield-Trailhead-Loop>

February 20 - Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye). Rating C. This is about a 5.8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. in the western part of Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail on the west side of the park. The trails meander through several areas with minimal elevation gain. Trail Condition – average hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park>

February 26-March 1 - overnight hiking trip to Death Valley.