

# February 2025 Hiking Schedule

## Updates & changes in RED

## NEW HIKES in GREEN

**The latest time to register for a hike is 4:00 pm the day before the hike.**

All hikes meet at the Welcome Center unless otherwise specified in the hike description.

Carpools can be arranged when the group meets at Welcome Center.

**\* AZ State Park entrance fees are increasing effective 2/25/25. The fee will now be based on the number of people in a vehicle, if no one has a park pass. The fee is \$10 for one person and \$20 for 2 – 4 people total. The fee should be split among those in the vehicle. A park pass allows for up to 4 people to enter without additional charge.**

**HIKE IS FULL.** Monday, February 3, 2025, Tortolita Flats [B/10mi/300'/\$0/8:00am] Meet at Desert Oasis (DO) parking lot and enter the wash by DO. Hike to Powerline to Honeybee Meadow to Rail X Ranch / Honeybee Canyon Trail to E Edwin Rd to the Petroglyphs. Take the Petroglyphs Trail to Honeybee East to Powerline and back to the DO. All trails are in the flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. This hike is on State Trust Land. Hike pace will be at approximately 3 mph. Contact Gary Hilmes at [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com)

**Monday February 3, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:00 pm]** It's Monday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Cardiac Gap via Esperero Trail [B/8mi/2000'/\$4/8am]** Hike from parking lot .2mi to Esperero Trail; take it to a saddle overlooking Esperero Canyon and distant waterfalls (if there's water) for lunch, and then return. Hike is initially steep, then gets much steeper. Phil Weinberg, [phweinb@gmail.com](mailto:phweinb@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL.** Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Downtown Murals Walk (D/4 mi./40'/\$4/9:00 am) Walk around the downtown area finding 15-20 different murals. Meet at the WC to carpool. Limit 10. Jorgy Jorgenson [launiebob@gmail.com](mailto:launiebob@gmail.com) 406-671-2152

**NEW HIKE.** Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Tortolita Scenic Stroll [C/6 miles/<400'/\$0/8:00] Meet at Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land toward

the Power lines. Wind down to the Grove, and head back on the Honey Bee access trail making a loop. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE. Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Gordon Hirabayashi-Sycamore Reservoir**

**[C+/6 miles/1000'/\$6/ 7:30am]** We will meet behind the Welcome Center to carpool to the Gordon Hirabayashi trailhead off the Mt Lemmon Hwy. We will hike out for about 3 miles, turn around & then stop for snack/lunch at the dam. This trail has some rock steps & loose rock areas but overall, a nice series of ups & downs. This area has some great history & the trail has many beautiful Manzanitas along the way. Limit 8 people. Dana Laudenbach [dlaudenbach1@gmail.com](mailto:dlaudenbach1@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve [D/3 miles/100'/8:30]** Meet at the Preserve's parking lot. I'm looking for those who'd like to explore the birds in our local area with me! I'm happy to have both experienced birders and new birders who'd like to know more about our resident birds. We'll be watching for birds and listening for their calls. If you're new to listening for birds I highly recommend you download a free app from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It's called Merlin. We'll talk about how to use it as we explore. We'll walk the paved trail on what used to be the front nine of the former golf course. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, [debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com)

**Wednesday February 5, 2025, Honeybee Park Petroglyph Hike [D/4miles/223'/\$0/7:30am]** Meet at the Mountain View Parking lot and walk to Honeybee Park. Take the north trail along the Sausalito Wash toward the petroglyphs and proceed to the second dam. Return the same route. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, February 6, 2025, Breakfast Walk to Denny's**

**[D/3mi/>50'/\$0/8:00a.m.]** We will meet in front of the Walmart at the Oro Valley Marketplace and walk on the Huckelberry loop trail to Denny's for breakfast and return on the same trail for a total of 3 miles. Bob & Leslie Esparza, [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com)

**Thursday, February 6, 2025, Tortolita Flats Hike [C-/7mi/300'/\$0/8AM]** Meet at Desert Oasis and hike 7 miles in a loop. Mainly a social exercise hike. Max Haegele [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Thursday February 6, 2025, Cherry Tank [B/10-11mi/1500'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the Welcome Center. If we have adequate high clearance vehicles will park at the jeep trail to the intersection of 50 Yr Trail. Otherwise we will be parking at the corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Starting on the Deer Camp Trail, head NE on Rattlesnake Trail, then SE to Cherry

Tank, a watering hole. This hike has several steep inclines or declines - some on only rock. Lunch at Cherry Tank and then return via Around the Mountain Trail to the north end of 50 Year trail. Wonderful views and rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land. Max of 8 hikers due to sharing with single track mountain bikers. Jo Eaton [roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com](mailto:roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Waitlist Available. Friday, February 7, 2025, AZT Thru Oracle State Park [C/7mi/800'/\$5/7:30am]** Get ready for the Super Bowl with a car shuttle hike of the Arizona Trail through Oracle State Park, from the American Flag Ranch to Tiger Mine Road. Meet behind the Welcome Center for the 35-minute drive to the trailhead. Limit 12. Meg Gerken, [meg\\_stuff3@icloud.com](mailto:meg_stuff3@icloud.com)

**Monday, February 10, 2025, Orientation Hike (D/3mi/350'/\$2/8am). Reservation required.** This is a prerequisite hike for joining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. Cary and I will give a bit of information about our club. We will then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50 Year Trail and return. A State Park Pass is required or a \$7 entry fee at the gate. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots; if you use walking poles bring them, as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Gayle Franklin at [cactigal50@gmail.com](mailto:cactigal50@gmail.com) or Cary Roper at [carybayley@gmail.com](mailto:carybayley@gmail.com)

**Monday February 10, 2025, Golf Course Full Moon Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:00 pm]** Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk the front nine of the golf course and enjoy the sunset. It's SNOW moon time. Maximum 15 hikers. Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Dove Mountain - Wild Mustang / Burro / Alamo Springs, [B/10mi/ 2200'/8:00am]** Meet-up at WC and carpool to Dove Mtn TH parking Lot. Take the Hotel Spur to Upper Javelina to Wild Mustang Trail to Wild Burro to Alamo Springs. Take Alamo Springs Trail back to Wild Burro and back to the parking lot. Will hike at a faster pace (must be a solid B Hiker). Contact Gary Hilmes at [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Walk In The Park Alamo Canyon Loop. [D/4mi/334'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the Romero Ruins Parking Lot CSP and hike the Alamo Canyon Loop. Poles would be beneficial as there are some steep ups and downs. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE. Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Romero Pools, Catalina State Park [C+/6mi/1400'/\$2/8:00am]** Meet behind Welcome Center. We'll take Canyon Loop Trail to

Romero Canyon Trail to the upper pools and return by the same route. Phil Arms  
[parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE. Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 50-Year/CDO Ridge Trail**

**[D/4mi/400'/\$2/8am]** Meet behind the Welcome Center. Drive to Catalina State Park and park in the lot at the Equestrian Center. Hike up the 50-Year Trail for about 1/4 mile and take the CDO Ridge Trail on the left. Follow that trail until it meets the 50-Year Trail and hike back to the Equestrian Center. Hiking poles will come in handy in a couple of areas. Larry Best, [lbestrun@gmail.com](mailto:lbestrun@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Coffee Break Hike [D/4mi/50'/\$0/9AM]** Meet at the back of the parking lot at the Oro Valley Hospital Medical building area. The hike will follow a paved path to the coffee shop located in The Encantada apartment complex. There is a short gravel walk from the parking lot to the paved path. Outside seating is available at the coffee shop. Hike is limited to 10. Jane Budden, [janeannabudden@gmail.com](mailto:janeannabudden@gmail.com)

**Wednesday February 12, 2025, Oracle State Park to the Windmill [C/6 mi/800'/\$5/8:00am]** Car Pool to Oracle State Park. Hike the wildlife trail to the windmill and come back via the Kannally wash trail. Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Seven Falls to Last Crossing and return**  
**[B/13mi/1650'/\$4/8am]** Hike past 7 Falls to the last crossing before ascending trail and return. Limit 10, Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Hole in the Rock/Dorothys Wash**  
**[D+/5miles/400'/\$2/8:30]**. Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Take a bridle trail off Canyon loop up to a scenic ridge and cutover to view the "hole in the rock". Then head back over to Dorothy's wash. Take a short break and snack. Hike back out to Sutherland Trail to loop back. Hopefully we can cross the wash. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, February 13, 2025, West University History [ D/4 mi/200'/\$6/8:30 am]** Meet at a U of AZ parking garage downtown. Walk through an early Tucson neighborhood and hear about its history. Includes refreshment stop. Limit 15. Jim Williams.  
[jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com)

**Thursday, February 13, 2025, Bridal Wreath Falls Loop [C+/8mi/1100'/\$5/7am]** Meet behind Welcome Center. Carpool and park at Douglas Spring Trailhead near the east end of Speedway Blvd. Take Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls, eat snack/lunch and return via Three Tank, Wildhorse and Garwood Trails. Please note elevation and be prepared for an uphill climb after the first mile. Sigrid and Dave Flatness [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE. Friday February 14, 2025, Pima Canyon to the dam**

[C+/6miles/1200'/\$3/7:30am] We will meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the trailhead off of Magee Rd. This is a somewhat rocky trail but is worth it for the many great views. We will have a snack at the dam. Starting early so you will be home in time to celebrate with your Valentine. Dana Laudenbach. [Dlaudenbach@gmail.com](mailto:Dlaudenbach@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 14, 2025, Petroglyphs from Sutherland Wash [C-/4mi/400'/\$2/8am]** This is the shortest Hike to the Petroglyphs. Drive out Golder Ranch Rd. Turn Right after Cattle Guard crossing. Higher clearance vehicles needed (SUV or Equivalent) to drive one mile down road to north Catalina State Park gate. The road is a little rough for only 1/4 mile. Hike moderate trail to hundreds of Petroglyphs and some Metates. This hike is on State Trust Land. Max Haegele [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Saturday February 15, 2025, Golf Course Full Moon Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:15 am]** Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for early risers who'd like to walk the front nine of the golf course with me. It's SNOW moon time. Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Sunday, February 16, 2025, Lower Javelina Loop/Sunset Flute Serenade**

[C/4mi/600'/\$3/2pm] From Dove Mt. Trailhead, hike up Wild Burro Canyon Trail to Lower Javelina Trail. This is a short, but challenging C hike. We will take our time circling Wild Burro Canyon on both sides and return, finishing half an hour before sunset. We will stay for the sunset flute serenade at the Ritz and enjoy a beverage before returning. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net)

**Monday February 17, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:00 pm]** It's Monday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Monday, February 17, 2025 Gabe Zimmerman to AZT North [C/6mi/630'/\$9/7:30am]** Meet at the Welcome Center to carpool to the Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead (16000 E Marsh Station Rd., Vail). Hike Passage 8 of the Arizona Trail North to the Cienega Creek riparian area with water and several train trestles with frequent trains. Continue hiking for 3 miles, then return to the trailhead. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Sutherland Trail (C/6 mi./700'/\$2/9:00 am)** Take Sutherland Trail to Cargodera Canyon where we'll stop for lunch. Return the same route. Meet at CSP trailhead. Jorgy Jorgenson [launiebob@gmail.com](mailto:launiebob@gmail.com) 406-671-2152

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Maiden Pools [C/6mi/1400'/\$4/7am]** Park at Ventana Resort employee parking lot, hike Ventana Canyon trail, a difficult and steep hike, to pools, lunch, and return. Jo Eaton [roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com](mailto:roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Wasson Peak via the Hugh Norris Trail [B/10mi/2421'/\$6/7:30 am]** Meet at the WC and carpool to the Hugh Norris Trailhead. Hike the 5 miles to the peak (elevation gain 2421 ft), have lunch and enjoy the return 5 mile hike back to the vehicles. Generally considered a challenging route on the Hugh Norris Trl. We will complete the hike itself in about 5.5 hours. Limit at 8 hikers (must be a solid B Hiker). Contact Gary Hilmes at [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday February 19, 2025, Dripping Springs/Romero Canyon Overlook [C/5miles/500'/\$2/8:30am]** Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall via Sutherland trail and hopefully see some water! Then take a short exploratory to Romero Canyon overlook. Return by the same route. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**Thursday, February 20, 2025, Orientation Hike [D/3mi/350'/\$2/7:30 am]** Reservation required. This is a prerequisite hike for joining or rejoining the SCOV Hiking Club. This hike meets behind the SCOV Welcome Center in the parking lot. After a bit of information is shared about our club, we will then drive to Catalina State Park Equestrian Center. Bring \$2 if you would like to carpool, or if you drive yourself, a State Parks pass is required or pay a \$7 entry fee at the gate. We will hike 1-1/2 miles up the 50-Year Trail and return. Bring sufficient water, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots; if you use walking poles, bring them as well as a good sun hat. Please contact Meg Gerken at (520) 638-7204 or [meg\\_stuff3@icloud.com](mailto:meg_stuff3@icloud.com) or Cecil Maxfield at [ctreez4me@yahoo.com](mailto:ctreez4me@yahoo.com)

**Thursday, February 20, 2025, Thimble Peak [B/11mi/2300'/\$6/7am]** We will carpool to Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site off the Mt. Lemmon Highway. The hike begins with a descent into Sycamore Canyon, continues to a link trail to upper Bear Canyon trail, from there we will do our best to look for and follow a trail to the base of Thimble Peak. This section is not necessarily maintained and has some steep sections with loose gravel. We return looking for the same trails. This is a special hike with water crossings in the canyon and spectacular vistas on the slopes. Deb Wehrung [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 21, 2025, MiddleGate, Cherry Tank, and Upper 50 year/Deer Camp [C+/8mi/800'/\$2/7am]** Meet behind Welcome Center. Drive Golder Ranch Rd to corral. Hike

the Middlegate/Cherry Tank trail before cutting over to Cowboy slickrock area and return on the 50 year/Deer Camp trail. Sigrid and Dave Flatness [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 21, 2025, Wildflower Ridge Sweetwater Preserve [D+/4miles/500/8 am/\$4/8:00 am]** This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to Caravan at 8:00 am or meet at Tortolita TH at 9:00 to hike this Tucson Mountain Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Hike Roller Coaster up to Wildflower Ridge, Spine, down Ocotillo Hill to Homestead, Lost Arrow, and Saguaro Vista trails back to cars. Kevin Kopp, [kkopp.eyes@comcast.net](mailto:kkopp.eyes@comcast.net)

**Monday February 24, 2025, Golf Course Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:00 pm]** It's Monday Night Footfall time! Meet by the putting green behind the pro shop. I'm looking for those who'd like to walk a three mile section of the golf course and enjoy the sunset Phil Arms [parms1950@gmail.com](mailto:parms1950@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Spring Picnic at 11:30 am at the Flycatcher Group Area, Catalina State Park.**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/\$2\*/8:30am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves). Hike the CDO wash to Rancho de los Cerros ranch then return. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4+miles/300'/\$2\*/8:30 am]** Meet behind Welcome Center. Carpool to Romero Ruins parking lot in Catalina State Park. We'll do a counterclockwise hike, starting on the south side of the canyon. Max Haegele [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Picnic Hike, Bridle trail to Equestrian Center [D/3mi/>50'/\$2\*/9:00 a.m.]** We will meet behind the Sun City Welcome Center to carpool to the large picnic area. We will hike the bridle trail to the Equestrian Center, return on the bridle trail going past the picnic area to the main trailhead and then back to the picnic area for a total of 3 miles. Bob & Leslie Esparza, [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Gardner Canyon [B/14mi/1000'/\$10/6:30am]** Hike south on AZ Trail for 7 miles to Bear Springs through extensive oak forest with a wonderful vista to the east and good looks of the back side of Mt. Wrightson. Limit 10. Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com)

**Thursday, February 27, 2025, Walk In The Park 50 Year - CDO Ridge Trail Loop.**

[D/4miles/400'/\$2\*/8:00 AM]. Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot CSP. Hike from the Parking Lot along the 50 Yr. Trail to the CDO Ridge Trail and meet the 50 Year Trail for the return to the parking lot. Al Schmidt [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, February 27, 2025, Binghampton/Rillito River History [ C/5 mi/100'/\$4/8:30 am]** Meet at Brandy Fenton Park. Walk the Rillito River Trail and hear about early settlers, including Mormons who founded the Binghampton neighborhood. Limit 15. Jim Williams. [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com)

**Thursday, February 27, 2025, Phonline Trail Out and Back [B/10mi/1400'/\$4/8am]** Hike up to Phonline Trail, which parallels tram road with outstanding views of canyon, follow it to tram stop 9, and return. Laurie Payne, [pinklaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:pinklaurie360@gmail.com)

**Thursday, February 27, 2025, Dove Mountain - Wild Burro / Wild Mustang / Upper Javelina [B/9mi/ 1500'/8:00am]** Meet-up at WC and carpool to Dove Mtn TH parking Lot. Take Wild Burro Trail to Wild Mustang Trail. Take Wild Mustang to Upper Javelina to the Hotel Spur and back to the Hotel TH parking lot. Will hike at a faster pace (must be a solid B Hiker). Contact Gary Hilmes at [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 28, 2025, Vision Seeker's Gorge [C/6mi/550'/\$3/7:30am]** Park at the Crow windmill 5.2 miles in on Rail-X Ranch Road. Hike in and out. Will look for the petroglyphs and have a snack at the gorge area before heading back. Sigrid and Dave Flatness [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**Friday, February 28, 2025, Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [C-/4mi/700'/\$5\*/8:00am]** Gather at the Welcome Center to carpool to the main entrance to Oracle State Park (\$11/\$8/\$6 or pass required) on Mount Lemmon Rd. Park at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot, where the hike begins, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Return by the same route avoiding the steep uphill trail. Kevin Kopp, [kkopp.eyes@comcast.net](mailto:kkopp.eyes@comcast.net)

## **Looking Ahead:**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Romero Pass [B+/15 miles/3300'/\$2\*/8am]** Hike Romero Canyon Trail past Romero Pools and Romero Springs to Romero Pass and return by the same route. Steep uphill section the last 2 miles. Tom Meyer, [tmeyer80@msn.com](mailto:tmeyer80@msn.com)



**Mid March, 2025 date TBD, Mount Kimball [A/14miles/4150'/\$3/7am]** Park at north end of Alvernon Way, hike Finger Rock Canyon trail to a saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball", take Pima Canyon Trail a half-mile to the top of Mt. Kimball and return. Gary Hilmes, [gary.hilmes@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hilmes@gmail.com)

**Monday, March 31, 2025, Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West [C+/8mi/200'/\$9/7:30am]** After hiking through a lush riparian section, we enter a narrow canyon with towering cliffs and unsurpassed scenery. Paths sometimes disappear thus hiking in the stream and stream crossings are frequently necessary (shoes on). A steady pace will be maintained with photo stops and breaks. We have lunch at the turn-around point and return via the same route. The Aravaipa Canyon is located about one hour's drive north of SCOV. Limited to 10 by permit. Permit cost to each individual is \$6. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com) (Deb Wehrung will also be conducting an April Aravaipa West hike).

**Late March, 2025, Window Peak [A/14 mi/4500'/\$4/7am]** Park at Ventana Resort employee parking lot, hike Ventana Canyon trail, a difficult and steep hike, to Esperero Trail, to the Window, and continue 0.4 miles and 300' higher to Window Peak, and return. Jake O'Neill, [jakemponeill@gmail.com](mailto:jakemponeill@gmail.com)

**Monday, April 7, 2025 and Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Aravaipa East Hiking Trips Spring 2025.** Two day hiking trips are planned for East Aravaipa Canyon (2 groups of 8 for each hike) utilizing the Klondyke Horsehead Lodge. East Aravaipa requires a special permit that needs to be acquired 13 weeks in advance. I now have the permits for the April 7th & April 9th hikes.

First Group - April 7th hike - First day hike Turkey Creek C approx 5 miles & 200' elevation. April 8th - Hike Aravaipa Canyon to Deadhorse/Hellhole Canyon then up to hellhole approx 10 miles & 100' elevation.

Second Group - April 9th - The second group does a repeat of the first hike, just 2 days later. We will hike Turkey Creek on April 9th and Aravaipa Canyon on April 10th.

We will be reserving the complete Klondyke Horsehead lodge for the trip. The cost of the complete lodge is \$250 per night. The lodge has 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, and 2 common lounges (great rooms). See website for additional information. We will be fixing all our own meals at the lodge.

Cost for the trip is as follows:

BLM permit is \$ 8 per person.

Each bedroom will cost \$50 per night

3 bedrooms have Queen beds

1 bedroom has 2 single beds

1 bedroom has 1 single bed

All costs for Permit and Lodging are upfront and nonrefundable.

If you are interested, notify me at [jakemponeill@gmail.com](mailto:jakemponeill@gmail.com) after February 7th and I will provide information on how to make payment upfront and guarantee your spot on the Aravaipa East hiking trips. Reservations will be on a first come first basis via the time each internet e-mail request is listed on my computer. If you are sharing a bedroom please let me know who you are sharing with. **Again, please do not sign up until February 7th - I will be out of town until then and will not be able to respond to any emails until the 7th.**