

# December 2020 Hiking Schedule

## (Updates & changes in RED)

Hikers, please be reminded:

Strict 6' social distancing is required at all times.

All hikers are required to have face masks or face coverings available on all hikes. They should be used at the guide's direction in case of accident, emergency, or when social distancing on the trail is not possible.

There is no carpooling. Hikers must find their own way to the trailhead.

Unless otherwise noted by guide, there is a 10 hiker maximum.

**Tuesday, December 01, 2020 Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp [C/6mi/400'/8am]** Caravan from the Welcome Center at 7:00am or meet at trailhead on Camino Loma Alta off Old Spanish Trail to hike in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Loop hike on old road, down wash, and up trail with sweeping views. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

### **NEW HIKE ADDED - December 01, 2020 Wasson Peak via Sweetwater Trail**

**[B/10mi/1800'/7am]** Park at trailhead on east end of El Camino del Cerro, hike a new portion of trail to old portion, continue up east side to a saddle, then take Hugh Norris Trail to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains. Crested Saguaro and old mining shafts on trail. Harry Niese, 520-730-6293 or [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, December 02, 2020 Sausalito Wash loop [C/7mi/500'/8am]** Meet at Desert Oasis, hike into Tortolita Flats following bike and hike trails to windmill. After lunch at the windmill we will return via a loop route. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Thursday, December 03, 2020 Tina Larga Tank [B/8 mi/1650'/8am]** Meet at the Welcome Center and caravan to the east end of Speedway to the Rincon Mountains, hike Douglas Spring Trail to Tina Larga Tank, and return. We will have lunch at the pools of Tina Large Tank. Doug Higgins. [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Friday, December 04, 2020 Granite Overlook in Oracle State Park [D+/4mi/700'/8am]** Meet at Kannally Ranch House parking lot, hike interior nature trail to Granite Overlook. Take Belotta Trail back to cars. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - December 04, 2020. Cherry Tank [B/11mi/1500'/7:00am]** Park at the corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Follow the jeep trail down to Sutherland Wash and start on the Deer Camp Trail, head NE on Rattlesnake Trail, then SE to Cherry Tank, a watering hole. Return via Fossil Trail to north end of 50YR trail to Middle Gate. Wonderful

views and a Crested Saguaro on route. This hike is on State Trust Land. Harry Niese, 520-730-6293 or [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, December 05, 2020 Big Wash South of Rancho Vistoso [C/6mi/250'/8am]** Meet at the Posse Shack (miniature golf) walk north on Rancho Vistoso to Powerline entrance and head south. Follow the Sausalito Creek area to a stone foundation with the fireplace still standing. From there follow a bike trail to an old corral and power line. The power line crosses the Big Wash to the trail that parallels Innovation Park Drive and ends at Rancho Vistoso at the Vistoso Village Gate. Return using Rancho Vistoso. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL - Monday, December 07, 2020 Monday, December 7th, 2020 Granddaddy Saguaro/Petroglyphs [B/9mi/900'/7:30am]** From Catalina State Park, hike up the Sutherland for about 1 1/2 miles and then a series of horse trails leading to the Every-Which-Way Saguaro, Petroglyphs (south set) and Granddaddy Saguaro. Return to C.S.P. by horse trails and the Sutherland. Please note: there are several rough boulder sections both uphill and downhill. Darrel Cornelius, [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com). (this is a repeat of the Nov.30 hike).

**Monday, December 07, 2020 Lost Coyote South Loop [D/4mi/300'/8am]** Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot. Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to new housing development, then a new Oro Valley trail to the Southern border of Honeybee Canyon park, then East to the Lost Coyote trail and return. This hike is on State Trust Land. Byron Wolfing, [wolfing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolfing5@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, December 08, 2020 South of the Border. [C-/5mi/400'/8am]** South of the Sun City border that is. Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot. Hike Nature Trailings to Honeybee Canyon, return through the lower dam for 5 miles. This hike is on State Trust Land. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Tuesday December 08, 2020. Pusch Peak [B+/5mi/2700'/7am]** First mile is mostly level; then a steep difficult climb. In places you may want to use your hands. Gloves and a hiking stick are recommended. Fantastic views of Oro Valley and Tucson. A short but strenuous hike. Harry Niese 520-730-6293 [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, December 09, 2020 McDougal Ridge [C/5mi/1300'/7:30am]** We will caravan from the Welcome Center. In the Santa Catalina Mountains off of Mt Lemmon Highway park at Babad Duag Overlook, hike Babad Duag Trail on southern slope to about 4800', generally paralleling Soldier Canyon. We continue past "End of Trail" sign about 1/3 mile to a series of waterfalls and have lunch. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Wednesday, December 09, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail South End [D/4mi/400'/8am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. Hike from Equestrian Center about 2 miles and return. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**Thursday, December 10, 2020 Ridgeline/Alamo Springs/Wild Burro Loop [A- /14mi/1900'/7:45am]** Park at Dove Mt. Trailhead and take Wild Burro trail to Alamo Springs Spur to end of Ridgeline trail down to Goat Corral and return via Wild Burro trail. Max Haegele, 818-9178.

**Thursday, December 10, 2020 Big Wash [D/4mi/200'/8am]** We will gather at the Catalina Vista early enough to leave at 8. We will enter the wash, hike north and loop back. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL, but see below - Thursday, December 10, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/9am]** Reservation required. A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Call Doug Higgins (630) 369-2896.

**Friday, December 11, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/9am]** Reservation required. A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Call Doug Higgins (630) 369-2896.

**HIKE IS FULL - Friday, December 11, 2020 Campo Bello History Hike [ D/4mi/100'/8am]** Meet at Jim Kriegh Park( 23 Calle Condordia) and walk the Campo Bello and Shadow Mt. Estates neighborhoods and hear about the area and the founding of the Town of Oro Valley. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Jim Williams, [Jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:Jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Saturday December 12th/2020. Baby Jesus/Petroglyphs Loop [B/9mi/1100'/7am]** Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to corrals. Hike Baby Jesus trail to cutoff to Petroglyphs trail. Hundreds of Petroglyphs and a few ancient grinding holes called "Batates - Batata" Harry Niese 520-730-6293 [han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**HIKE IS FULL - Monday, December 14, 2020 Baby Jesus/Deer Camp Loop [B/9mi/1100'/8am]** Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to corrals. Hike Baby Jesus trail to cutoff to Deer Camp trail. Take cutoff to Deer Camp and return via Deer Camp trail and fifty year trail. Max Haegele, 818-9178.

**Monday, December 14, 2020 Yetman Trail [C/7mi/600'/8am]** Meet at Camino de Oeste trailhead in Tucson Mountains. Hike past Bowen House (abandoned stone house) 3.5 miles, return to Bowen House for lunch and return to cars. This arrangement is different from the normal one way hike due to Covid-related transportation issues which also dictates that the maximum number of hikers will be 8. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Big Wash South of Rancho Vistoso [C/6mi/250'/8am]** Meet at the Posse Shack (miniature golf) walk north on Rancho Vistoso to Powerline entrance and head south. Follow the Sausalito Creek area to a stone foundation with the fireplace still standing. From there follow a bike trail to an old corral and power line. The power line crosses the Big Wash to the trail that parallels Innovation Park Drive and ends at Rancho Vistoso at the Vistoso Village Gate. Return using Rancho Vistoso. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Tuesday December 15, 2020. Christmas lights hike (walk)**  
**[D/2miles/200'/6 PM]** Meet behind the Welcome Center. Drive 7-10 minutes to the Xmas lights and displays South of Moore Rd. Walk a loop through the 2 streets having numerous lights. Must wear a mask for entire walk. Max Haegele, 818-9178 [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Big Wash South loop [D/4mi/150'/8am]** Meet at new Big Wash trailhead just South of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. Follow Big Wash and animal trails at the whim of the group South for 2 miles, then return. This hike is on State Trust Land. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Gould Mine Trail [B/8mi/1800'/8am]** Caravan at 7:00am or meet to park at trailhead just past Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum entrance, In the Tucson Mountains of Saguaro National Park West, hike up Gould Mine Trail to Hugh Norris Trail past old mines to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Wednesday December 16, 2020. Wasson Peak via Sweetwater Trail [B/10mi/1800'/7am]** Park at trailhead on west end of El Camino del Cerro, hike a new portion of trail to old portion, continue up east side of peak to a saddle, take Hugh Norris Trail to the highest peak in Tucson. Fantastic Views in all directions. Harry Niese, 520-730-6293  
[han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com)

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 Honey Bee Canyon [D/3mi/70'/8am]** Meet at parking lot of Honey Bee Canyon Park. Hike Honey Bee Canyon for 1.5 miles to wire cattle fence, passing petroglyphs and old dams along the way, and then return. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 Wild Mustang /Wild Burro Trail Loop [B/10 mi/1600'/8am]**  
Meet at the Dove Mt. Trailhead in the Tortolita Mountains hike Wild Burro Trail to Upper Javelina to Mustang Trail to Wild Burro. We'll snack/lunch at Alamo Springs and return by Wild Burro Trail. The views from Wild Mustang Trail are very pleasant. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Friday, December 18, 2020 Tortolita Preserve Medium Loop [C/6mi/300'/8am]** Meet at the end of the Moore Road segment west of Dove Mountain Blvd, or convoy from behind the Welcome Center. Hike a short 6 mile loop of the established trail, and return. LI MIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**CANCELLED - Friday December 18, 2020 Bear Canyon via Sycamore Canyon**

**[B/12mi/1000' up/3000' down; leave SCOV at 6:30am]** From Gordon Hirabayashi trailhead (old prison camp) take Sycamore Canyon Trail to top of Bear Canyon; hike down past Seven Falls to the Bear Canyon shuttle stop. Take shuttle (\$4 exact cash only) to the Sabino parking lot. The upper Bear Canyon has magnificent views. Each hiker is responsible for their transportation from SCOV to the Gordon Hirabayashi trailhead and for the return from Sabino parking lot to SCOV. Darrel Cornelius. [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com)

**Saturday, December 19, 2020 Upper Javelina/Lower Javelina Loop [C+/6mi/900'/8am]** Park at Dove Mt. Trailhead and take Street Southwest to Upper Javelina Trail and take it to Lower Javelina trail. Complete lower Javelina loop and return to vehicles via Wild Burro trail. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com). 818-9178.

**Monday, December 21, 2020 50 yr trail in and out [D/4mi/400'/8am]** Meet at Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park in time to start hike at 8AM. We will hike the 50 yr trail 2 miles and return. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020 B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Esperanza Trail [B/8mi/1800'/8am]** Caravan from the Welcome Center at 7:15 am or meet at Saguaro National Park West in the Tucson Mountains and park at trailhead on Golden Gate Road, hike up Esperanza Trail to Hugh Norris Trail, to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/8am]** Meet at Catalina Vista and hike the Big Wash for 4 miles at the whim of the guide. The guide's whim will lead us to the corral. Technically a bushwhack. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Email Jim Williams if you wish to be contacted in case of a cancellation.**

**Sunday, December 23, 2020 Campo Bello History Hike [D/4mi/100'/8am]** Meet at Jim Krieger Park (23 Calle Condordia) and walk the Campo Bello and Shadow Mt. Estates neighborhoods and hear about the area and the founding of the Town of Oro Valley. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Jim Williams, [Jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:Jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED -Wednesday December 23, 2020. Pusch Peak. [B+/5mi/2700'/7am]** Meet behind the Welcome Center. First mile is mostly level; then a steep difficult climb. In places you may want to use your hands. Gloves and a hiking stick are recommended. Fantastic

views of Oro Valley and Tucson. A short but strenuous hike. Harry Niese 520-730-6293  
[han2500@yahoo.com](mailto:han2500@yahoo.com). Note: Same hike offered on 12/30.

**Saturday, December 26, 2020 Tortolita Flats [B/10mi/300'/8am]** Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike mostly on dirt roads and trails through the flats and foothills of Tortolita Mountains. This hike is on State Trust Land. You do not have to sign up for this hike in advance. Just show up at the Desert Oasis by 8 AM sign the hike sheet and off we go into the local flats. Will be back by 12:30 PM. Max Haegele, 818-9178.

**Monday, December 28, 2020 Oracle Ridge / High Jinks Loop [C/4mi/600'/8am]** Hike starts southeast of Oracle at the intersection of Rd. #639 and the High Jinks Rd. Hike up Rd.#639 to Oracle Ridge, north on OracleRidge Trail (great views), east on Cody Trail to High Jinks Ranch (bring lunch); then down High Jinks Rd. to vehicles. There is one very steep uphill section. Exact driving directions will be provided. Darrel Cornelius, [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020 Bridal Wreath Falls Loop [C+/8mi/1200'/8am]** Caravan at 7:00am from the Welcome Center or meet at trailhead the east end of Speedway Blvd. In Saguaro National Park East take Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls, eat snack/lunch and return via Three Tank, Wildhorse and Garwood Trails. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Tuesday, December 29 Full Moon Golf Course [D/3mi/200'/6pm]** Meet at the golf course parking lot. Walk one of the two nines under the full moon. COVID procedures apply. LIMIT 10. If more people want to go, we will split into two hikes one on each nine. Contact Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED - Tuesday, December 29, 2020 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/8am]** Meet at new Big Wash Trailhead just South of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd. Follow the Big Wash and animal trails at the whim of the group South for 2 miles, then return. This hike is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 Sutherland Trail [D/4mi/300'/8am]** Meet at CSP main trailhead in time to start hike at 8AM. We will hike the Sutherland Trail a short distance and then loop around to return to the trailhead. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

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**Thursday, December 31, 2020 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/8am]** Park at Big Wash trailhead and hike 4 1/2 miles in loop back to Sun City Oasis. Take Sun City streets 1 1/2 miles back to Big Wash Trailhead. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com), or 818-9178.