

# November 2024 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.

**NEW HIKE.** Friday, November 1, 2024 Walk to Denny's for Breakfast [D/3/>50'/\$0/7:00 am]  
Meet in front of the Walmart at the Oro Valley Market Place (at Oracle and Tangerine) and walk on the Huckelberry loop trail to Denny's located next to Basis Charter School. After breakfast we return by the same trail. Bob and Leslie Esparza [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com).

**NEW HIKE.** Friday, November 1, 2024, It's Coffee Time Hike [D/4mi/50'/\$0/8:00 am] The hike will meet in Oro Valley Hospital medical buildings parking lot. The hike will follow a paved bicycle path to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. Outdoor seating is usually available. The hike is limited to 10. Contact: Judith Maisch [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com)

**NEW HIKE.** Monday, November 4, 2024 Walk to Denny's for Breakfast [D/3/>50'/\$0/7:00 am] Meet in front of the Walmart at the Oro Valley Market Place (at Oracle and Tangerine) and walk on the Huckelberry loop trail to Denny's located next to Basis Charter School. After breakfast we return by the same trail. Bob and Leslie Esparza [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com).

**NEW HIKE.** Monday, November 4, 2024 Golf Course Bird Walk [D/3 miles/100'/6:30 am]  
Meet at the grassy area behind The Views Restaurant. I'm looking for early risers who'd like to explore the birds on the golf course 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 start off toward the ponds on hole 10 and keep going from there. We'll let the birds set our pace so our distance may vary. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, [debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Fall Picnic Hike: Bridle Trail [D/3mi/50'/\$2/9am]** We will leave from the Sun City Welcome Center at 9am. We will start the hike from the picnic area at Catalina State Park, going to the equestrian center on the bridle trail, back past the picnic area on the bridle trail to the main trailhead, and then return to the picnic area for a total of 3 miles. Very little elevation gain. Bob and Leslie Esparza, [rlsuncity@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsuncity@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Picnic hike, Nature Trail [D/1mi/\$2/9:30]** meet at Welcome center to carpool to Catalina State Park and start hike at 10am, Picnic starts at 11:30. Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com) or 520-253-4296

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Canada Del Wash Loop Picnic Hike [D/4mi/120'/\$2/9am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (or arrange carpools among yourselves). Hike the CDO Wash to Rancho de los Ceros meeting center then return. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday November 6, 2024 [D/4 mi/350'/\$2/9:30].** Hike up the Sutherland Trail over to Canyon Loop trail with a short jaunt up to Romero Pools trailhead. Then we'll go back down and do the birding trail loop. If there is any water in the wash by then we will readjust the hike! Meet at the main trailhead in CSP at 9:30. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Picnic Hike Hole in the Rock Loop[D/4mi/350'/\$2/9am]** Meet at the group picnic area. Hike to the Hole in the Rock via trails and washes and return to the picnic area. Millie Sparling, [milliesparling79@gmail.com](mailto:milliesparling79@gmail.com)

**Friday, November 8th, 2024 Seven Falls [C+/9mi/1100'/\$4/7:30am]** Hike to lower Bear Canyon, take Bear Canyon trail to Seven Falls and return. There are seven wash crossings which may involve water. Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com) or 253-722-4296.

**Friday, November 8, 2024 Middlegate Loop [C/5mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Meet behind Welcome Center for carpool and directions. Hike 50yr trail, hike Middlegate trail and return. View crested saguaro. Snack along the way at a selected viewpoint. This is partly on State Trust Land. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**Monday, November 11, 2024 Wildflower Ridge Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D+/4mi/400'/\$4/7:30am]** This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Carpool from Welcome Center to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Note: "Wildflower Ridge" is the actual name of the trail - do not expect to see

any in November! Hike Roller Coaster up to Wildflower Ridge, Spine, down Octillo Hill to Homestead, Lost Arrow, and Saguaro Vista trails back to cars. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**NEW HIKE. Monday, November 11, 2024 Alamo Canyon Loop Bird Hike**

**[D/4+miles/300'/7:00am]** Meet at the Romero Ruins parking lot at Catalina State Park. Everyone from experienced birders to those who'd like to learn a bit about the birds around the park are welcome to join the hike! We'll do a counterclockwise hike, starting on the side of the canyon with more trees to watch and listen for wintering birds. 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 make our way to the amphitheater area where there's a seasonal stream for a short snack and return to the parking lot coming down the more open, grassy area. Poles may be helpful in a few rocky, steeper areas. We'll let the birds set our pace so the total hike time may be a bit longer than a typical hike. Limit 10 hikers. I have a spare pair of binoculars if anyone needs them. Debbie Carr-Taylor, [debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024 It's Coffee Time Hike [D/4mi/50'/\$0/8:00am]** The hike will meet in Oro Valley hospital medical buildings parking lot. The hike will follow a paved bicycle path to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. Outdoor seating is usually available. The hike is limited to 10. Contact: Judith Maisch [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Desperado Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/270'/\$4/7am]** Meet behind Welcome Center at 7 am for carpooling/caravan to Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead and hike this Pima County park. Byron Wolffig, [wolffig5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffig5@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE. Thursday, November 14, 2024 Exploratory Hike around Green Rock [D+/4 miles/400'/\$2/7:30am]** This hike is limited to 6 hikers. We'll explore the trail off of Canyon Loop toward Green Rock. And head up toward the Romero Canyon overlook, being able to get a back side view of Green Rock. Some probable bushwhacking. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 Walk In The Park 50 Year Trail Loop Hike [D/4mi./400'/\$2/7:30AM].** Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot CSP. Hike from the Parking Lot along the 50 Yr. Trail to a side trail for some distance and return to the 50 Year Trail for return to the parking lot. Al Schmidt [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com)

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 Orientation Hike (D/3mi/350'/\$2/7:30am)** 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) to reserve a spot.

**Thursday November 14, 2024 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/\$0/8am]** Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash / Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele , [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**Friday, November 15, 2024 High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/\$5/7am]** Hike from American Flag trailhead in Oracle, south on Arizona Trail to High Jinks Ranch house. Be aware of the elevation even though it is only 4 miles. Previously owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a national Historic Site. Meet behind the Welcome Center. We will leave at 7:00 am. Drive to the trailhead is about 30 minutes. Sigrid and Dave Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**Monday, November 18, 2024 Alamo & Dead Horse Canyons [C/7mi/1000'/\$2/8am]** Hike from parking lot near Romero Ruins. Continue on trail to amphitheater in Alamo Canyon. Then continue on the back side of this trail to the Dead Horse Canyon Trail link. Continue on this to unique and scenic overlook. Trail has some areas of steady climbing going to Dead Horse. Phil Weinberg, [phweinb@gmail.com](mailto:phweinb@gmail.com)

**Monday, November 18, 2024 Cactus Wren to Signal Hill [D/4mi/300'/\$5/7:30am]** Carpool to park near the corner of Sandario and Rudasill Roads and take the easiest trail hike to Signal Hill Picnic area in Saguaro National Park West. Eat snacks at pictographs and return via the same trail. All elevation gain is on the rock stairs by the pictographs! Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**NEW HIKE. Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Tortolita Flats Sausalito Creek Loop [C/6 mi/370'/\$0/8:00 am]** Meet at Desert Oasis. From there, we will hike trails crossing over Phone Line Trail to follow ridge line trails along Sausalito Creek to a highpoint. Great hike to get the "lay of the land" upstream from Honeybee Canyon. This hike is on [State Trust Land](#). Tom Meyer, [tmeyer80@msn.com](mailto:tmeyer80@msn.com)

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024 Big Wash Scenic Trail / Honey Bee Canyon Access Loop**

**[C/6mi/<400'/\$0/7am]** From Desert Oasis enter the trail at Summerstar. Hike out to the Scenic Trail, heading down to appreciate the quiet wilderness in our own backyard, take a cookie break in The Grove and return up Honey Bee Canyon Access Trail. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com)

**Wednesday November 20 Alamo Canyon Loop [D/4 miles/300'/\$2/7:30am].** Hike on the north side trail from Romero Ruins start point to canyon precipice and cross over to the south side. Continue on East to flat rock amphitheater area with seasonal stream. Have a short snack and return on the backside trail with some short rocky sections descending out to the wash. Meet at the Romero Ruins trailhead. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**Thursday, November 21, 2024 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. Sign up will begin November 1st. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE. Thursday, November 21, 2024 Blenheim Elm History Hike [D/4 mi/100'/\$5/8:30 am]** Meet at Himmel Park (Tucson Blvd near Speedway), walk a historic neighborhood in Midtown, and hear about its past and architecture. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com)

**NEW HIKE. Friday November 22, 2024 Tortilita Scenic Stroll [C/6 miles/<400'/\$0/7:30]** Meet at the Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land toward the Power lines. Wind down to the Grove for a short snack, and head back on the Honeybee access trail making a loop. Ken Percival [knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com](mailto:knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com)

**Friday November 22, 2024 Cochie Trail [B/9mi/1500'/\$3/7am]** Carpool from Welcome center at 7:00 am, start hiking by 7:30 am from Dove Mtn. parking lot. Take the hotel spur to upper Javelina trail to Wild Mustang trail to Cochie trail. Follow the Cochie trail to the windmill and return by the same route. Dennis Potter [potterdennis49@gmail.com](mailto:potterdennis49@gmail.com) or 253-722-4296

**Friday, November 22, 2024 Big Wash with Ridge View [C/6mi/200'/\$0/8am]** Leave from Catalina Vista and connect to Big Wash trail. Head north for 2.5 mi, turn left at junction onto a ridge trail and head south to SCOV property boundary. May use an alternate return route or turn around and return by the same route. Sigrid Flatness, [sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com](mailto:sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com)

**Saturday, November 23, 2024 Big Wash South Loop [D/4mi/150'/\$0/7:30am]** Meet at the new Big Wash Trailhead just South of Del Webb Blvd. on Rancho Vistoso Blvd (enter Vistoso Canyon Estates and take dirt road on left to trailhead). Follow Big Wash and bicycle trails to ruins of old homestead and view construction of new subdivision. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**Monday, November 25, 2024, Linda Vista Outer Loop [D+++/3mi/400'/\$2/8am]** Carpool from behind Welcome Center or meet at Linda Vista trailhead. A loop hike on rocky hiking trails at the foot of Pusch Ridge with views of Oro Valley. Don't let low mileage/elevation fool you! This hike involves climbing up and down large rocks for over half the loop! Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**Monday, November 25, 2024 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/\$4/7am]** Hike Phoneline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual, persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Deb Wehrung, [debwehrung@gmail.com](mailto:debwehrung@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Tortolita Preserve West Loop [C/7mi/340'/\$2/7:30am]** Meet at the Welcome Center for carpooling, then proceed to new parking lot at Tortolita Preserve. Hike the longer loop of the Preserve trail. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Baby Jesus/Deer Camp Loop [B/9mi/1100'/\$2/8am]** 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 , [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE. Wednesday, November 27, 2024 Oracle Hill High Point [B-/4mi/900'/\$4/7:30am]** Meet behind Welcome Center for carpooling. We will drive to Charouleau Gap Rd N Trailhead in Oracle. Hike jeep road halfway up Oracle Hill. Then hike up the steep section to ATV trail that leads to foot path thru grassy area to the Oracle Hill high point at 5300 feet. Rewarding views of the Catalinas from the North. Return via the same route. Optional stop at the Oracle Patio for Brunch...yum. Tom Meyer, [tmeyer80@msn.com](mailto:tmeyer80@msn.com)

**Friday, November 29, 2024 OSP "In and Out" with Overlook (C/6mi/1000'/\$5/7:30am)** Drive about 35 minutes to Oracle State Park auxiliary parking lot on the north end of American Avenue in Oracle. Hike Mariposa Trail to steep Granite Overlook Trail (with highest point in OSP at 4622') to Bellota Trail (with geologic sites) to Kannally Ranch House for a snack, then return to cars. State Parks pass required. Limit 12 hikers. Meg Gerken, [meg\\_stuff3@icloud.com](mailto:meg_stuff3@icloud.com)