

October 2024 Hiking Schedule

Updates & changes in RED

NEW HIKES in GREEN

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.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 Lost Coyote and Honey Bee Canyon Loop [C/5mi/380'/\$0/7am]

Meet at Mountain View Plaza parking lot (across from Copper Center). Take Lost Coyote (Powerline) trail South to a newer subdivision, then Oro Valley trail to the Southern border of Honey Bee Canyon Park. Follow Honey Bee Canyon Loop trail to restrooms and picnic area, then South through the dam and return on Lost Coyote trail. Shade in places. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 3, 2024, Orientation Hike (D/3mi/350'/\$2/6:30am) 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 to reserve a spot.

Friday October 4, 2024, Tortolita Flats "Warm up hike" [D/4-5 mi/150'/\$0/6:30am]. Meet at Desert Oasis before 6:30. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, enter State Trust Land. We'll walk the trail out to the phone lines, and circle back, making a loop. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Monday, October 7, 2024, Walk to Denny's for Breakfast [D/3mi/>50'/\$0/7:00 am]. We will meet in front of Walmart at the Oro Valley Marketplace (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

Friday, October 11, 2024, Walk to Denny's for Breakfast [D/3mi/>50'/\$0/7:00 am] We will meet in front of Walmart at the Oro Valley Marketplace (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

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 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

Wednesday October 16, 2024, Tortolito Scenic Stroll [C-/6 mi/<400'/\$0/7:00] Meet at Desert Oasis. Enter the bike trail at Summerstar, then enter State Trust Land. We will walk the bike trail paths to the Grove, and head back towards the power line, making a loop. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Wednesday October 16, 2024, Walk in the Park 50 Year Trail [D/4mi/400'/\$2/7:30am] Meet at the Equestrian Center Parking Lot CSP. Hike from the parking lot along the 50 Year Trail for about 2 miles and return the same way. Al Schmidt alschmidt45@gmail.com

Thursday, October 17, 2024 Tortolita Loop [C/6mi/300'/\$0/7am] Meet at Desert Oasis parking lot, hike bicycle trails in Tortolita flats and foothills, pass a mysterious concrete triangular pillar on return. This hike is on State Trust land. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Friday, October 18, Oracle State Park Wildlife Trail (C/6 mi/ 800'/ \$5/7:00am) Hike the Oracle State Park Wildlife Trail to the windmill and back. Meet at Welcome Center before 7:00 to share rides. The Patio will be open for those who wish to stop after the hike. Jorgy launiebob@gmail.com

Friday, October 18, 2024, Canyon Loop/Birding Trail CSP [D/4mi/250'/\$2/8am] At CSP, we'll hike the Birding Trail and then the Canyon Loop Trail. Meet behind the Welcome Center at 8am. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 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 Parks 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 or Cary Roper at carybayley@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 22, 50 Year Trail2024, (C/6 mi/600'/\$2/8:00am) We will leave from the equestrian center in Catalina State Park and hike to the park gate and return. Jorgy launiebob@gmail.com

HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday October 23, 2024, Dorothy's Wash over to Romero Canyon overlook [D+/5miles/400'/\$2/7:00am]. Meet at the main trailhead in CSP hike the Sutherland trail to a turn off bridle trail over to Dorothy's Wash. Have a short break and proceed to Sutherland trail, taking the 2nd bench exit toward Green Rock. Return on the Sutherland trail. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Thursday, October 24, 2024 Pontatoc Ridge Trail [C/4-5mi/1500'/\$3/7am] From the end of Alvernon Way, hike for good views of Tucson and Finger Rock. Destination will be likely be the saddle for great views of the city, but if the bodies are willing we could carry on to the amphitheater. Make sure you are aware of and have some recent hike experience with the elevation gain of this hike when you sign up - the distance is short but the up is a heart rate check. Depending upon temperatures, we may meet at Welcome Center or at the TH if it is going to be warm. Decision will be made a couple of days prior to this hike. Jo Eaton roadrunnerjo7@gmail.com

Thursday, October 24, 2024 Tortolita Preserve East Loop [C/6mi/315'/\$2/7am] Meet at the Welcome Center for carpooling, then proceed to the new parking lot at Tortolita Preserve. Hike the shorter loop of the Preserve trail. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com.

Friday, October 25, 2024, Walter's Cascade [C/4+mi/800'/\$2/8am] Meet at Parking lot behind Welcome Center. At CSP, drive to the first parking lot after crossing CDO wash. We will follow the trail up the SW side of Alamo Canyon for 1.0 miles then take a side trail on the right that goes to the stock tank. After 0.8 mi (before the stock tank) take a side trail to a special place for a nice view of Oro Valley. Sigrid and Dave Flatness sigrid.daveflatness@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 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

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 50 Year Trail Loop [D/4mi/320'/\$2/7am] Meet at Catalina State Park Equestrian area or arrange carpool among yourselves. Take the 50 Year Trail to the Powerline, and the newly marked loop back to the trailhead. Byron Wolffing, wolffing5@gmail.com

Wednesday October 30, 2024, Dripping Springs/Green Rock Overlook [D/5mi/500'/\$2/7:00am]. Meet at CSP before 7 at the main trailhead. Hike to Dripping Springs waterfall via Sutherland Trail, with a short jaunt to Green Rock overlook. Return by the same route. Ken Percival knmdsunchasers72@gmail.com

Thursday, October 31, 2024, Bear Wallow to Palisades [C/5 mi/1200'/\$9/7:30am] Park at the west end of the Butterfly Trail. Hike through Bear Wallow. Hopefully we will see some great fall colors. Take a good, unofficial trail through a Douglas fir forest to FS 34, then walk to Palisade Rock for lunch. Return by a similar route. Doug Higgins dahiggins@comcast.net