

# November 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, 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 Wolff, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**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)

**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 Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@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)

**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)

**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 Wolff, [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)

**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)

**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)

**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)