

# 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.

**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](mailto:cactigal50@gmail.com) or Cary Roper at [carybayley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Wolffong, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net)