

FRIENDS

July - Sept 2018



Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club

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Thanks for the support from all our FRIENDS for making this club a success!

Welcome to Friends Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club. For over TWENTY years, we have been adventuring into some of Arizona's most beautiful wilderness areas. In fact, we would like to think that we offer the most comprehensive selection of outdoor activities in Arizona. Our hope is to be the catalyst that gives people that "boost" that we all need to get out there and really SEE Arizona; meeting some new friends in the process. Each newsletter outlines hikes for a wide range of abilities from easy to strenuous. If you would like more detailed information on a hike, give the hike leader a call. If you are currently a Friends member, or interested in learning more about the club, please join us on a hike or at one of the monthly meetings.

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Monthly Meetings

Friend's Outdoor, Hiking and Camping Club Meetings are held at Boulders on Broadway (530 W. Broadway Road, Tempe, AZ 85282). Anyone interested in finding out more about the club is welcome to join us for our monthly meeting.

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

Dates are: July 9th, August 6th (4th Quarter 2018 planning meeting) and September 10th

Membership

An annual membership in Friend's Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club is only \$15.00 per person. Non-members are always welcome on hikes (\$5.00 charge) or at the monthly meetings (free). The current club membership is about 60, made up of people from 26 to 50+, married and single, ranging from artists to engineers. Children are welcome on most hikes, please bear in mind to match the hike & youngster appropriately. Well behaved dogs are also welcome, again, please match the hike & dog appropriately. To join by mail: please send your membership check to: Friend's Hiking Club c/o Kurt Sedler – 50 East Myrna – Tempe, AZ 85284; including your name, address, and email address.

Hikers Responsibilities

Please know your limits and be sure you are capable of doing the hike that you attend. If you commit to attend a hike, please keep your commitment. Please ask the Hike Leader any question you may have prior to the hike. Please be prepared physically and gear-wise whenever you hike. Water, sunscreen, hat and jacket are a good starting point for your gear list.

Website

From time to time, details of a particular hike may change after the newsletter has been printed. e.g. Forest closures due to drought / fire danger. We will make every effort to alert club members via email, however, prior to attending a hike please check our website, www.friendshiking.com, for updates.

GROOM CREEK OUTER LOOP TRAILS #383 & #384 Day Hike – PrescottLeader: Rich Flammang (twoseatter@att.net)

Phone: 623-980-9614

MEET in PetSmart parking lot, Walker Road and SR 69, in Prescott, 8:30 AM**RSVP by July 1st**

Groom Creek Inner Loop Trail #383, also known as Horse Camp Loop is a pleasant 2.5 mile hike in the cool pines of Groom Creek Recreation Area. This trail follows a roller-coaster circular route through granite boulders and open pine forest. The Wolf Creek Loop Trail #384 is a scenic 5.5 mile loop among pines, oaks, and granite boulders, can be traveled either clockwise or counter-clockwise from the trailhead. Maverick Mountain and Mount Tritle provide a beautiful backdrop to this trail that winds through lush, riparian vegetation along the Hassayampa River's Upper Basin.

Sat, July 7

Length: 8 miles

Rating: Easy

Elev. Change: 700 ft

HORTON CREEK Day Hike – PaysonLeader: Fyunung Mon (fym2429@cox.net)

Phone: 602-526-2762

MEET in Target parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd, 7:00 AM**No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

Starting near the base of the Mogollon Rim, at the Upper Tonto Creek campground, the Horton Creek Hiking Trail ascends gently northwards towards the rim, under the shade of ancient trees. The relaxing babble of water flowing over rocks, and bouncing down small waterfalls accompany the hike from the start. The trail ends at Horton Springs, like Mother Nature's "water cooler", Horton Spring gushes cold, crystal-clear water and chilly air year-round. The easy Horton Creek Hiking Trail follows the banks of beautiful, spring-fed Horton Creek (to its fresh water source). It is a touch of bliss – especially in the midst of Arizona's hot Summers.

Sat, July 14

Length: 7 miles

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1,060 ft

SALT RIVER TUBING FUN IN THE SUN!Leader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

MEET in Target parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd., 7:45 AM. Show & Float!

The Valley is HOT! But the cool forests are CLOSED! Want to cool off? Let's relax and float on the cool and refreshing mountain-stream waters in the Tonto National Forest (the lower Salt River is still open). A mere \$17 includes tube rental, shuttle bus service, and free parking. Shared ice chest tubes are an addition \$17. So, bring plenty of water, refreshments, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, tennis shoes, and a towel to cover your legs. Glass containers are prohibited, and Styrofoam ice chests are not recommended. First bus leaves at 9:00 and we should finish around 1:00. For more information go to <http://www.saltrivertubing.com>.

Sat July 21

Length: 4-hour float

Rating: Easy

ORACLE RIDGE-RED RIDGE LOOP Day Hike and Car Camp – Mt. LemmonLeader: Kim Hemmersbach (hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-343-4509

MEET in I HOP parking lot NE corner of 50th Street & Ray Road, west of I-10, on Friday, 9:00 AM**RSVP by Monday July 23rd**

Both ridges involved in this great loop hike on the North side of Mt. Lemmon offer great views of one of the mountain's overlooked gems: the Reef of Rocks. Combining Oracle Ridge Tr. #1 and Red Ridge Tr. #2 in a loop fashion affords great views, good workouts and some history of the mountain's past mining activity. We will encounter some areas of steepness on Red Ridge trail and hike a section of the AZT trail as well. There will be a section with those pesky thorny plants, so pants are recommended. At Catalina camp, we are afforded the remains of a past mining operation, and a cabin still stands. Get ready for a work out and views to die for. Saturday camp, please bring a dish to pass. We will find dispersed camping on Bigelow road

Fri – Sun, July 27 – 29

Length: 8.5 mile loop

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Gain: 2,600 ft accumulated

BONANZA BILL – TIGE RIM LOOP Day Hike and Car Camp – Eastern ArizonaLeader: Norm Frasier (nfrasier1969@icloud.com)

Phone: 480-493-8429

MEET in Home Depot parking lot, Superstitions Springs and Power Rd, on Friday, 9:00 AM**RSVP by Friday, July 20**

This loop hike explores some of the more remote reaches of the Blue Range. Trailside vegetation starts out as ponderosa pine mixed with Gambel oak and mature juniper near the trailhead. The overstory varies with elevation and exposure through a broad range of trees and shrubs, from scrub oak and pinyon-juniper communities on the steep slopes and cliffs to the east, to ponderosa pine and mixed conifers such as white fir and Douglas-fir in Steeple Creek Basin. Tige Canyon and Bonanza Bill Trails join about 1.3 miles south of Hinkle Spring, virtually on the Arizona/New Mexico line.

Fri – Sun, Aug 3 – 5

Length: 10 mile loop

Rating: Moderate

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY HIKE CHANGES...www.friendshiking.com

MT. ELDEN LOOKOUT TRAIL – FlagstaffLeader: Chris Horan (chrishoran@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-515-6764

MEET at Trailhead in Flagstaff, 9:30am. Email hike leader for directions.**No RSVP required**

What a trail! - Short and strenuous ascending 2000ft in about 2 miles, Great views of city of Flagstaff and surrounding Coconino plateau, a forest on the mend from a 1977 fire and some interesting terrain described as "Corduroy cast in stone" and "Staircase of petrified lava" (not sure about the correctness of "petrified"), make this a must do. Trail begins deceptively flat for the first - mile as it winds its way through fragrant stands of juniper, pinyon pine and ponderosa. You soon reach the sign for FatMan's Loop and Pipeline Trail. Reaching the base of the mountain, the trail begins to climb in earnest with several switchbacks. This steep & rocky trail has a lot of work into it, stone stairs, cribbing to support the trail as it hangs out over space and fair amount of stabilization to limit erosion. Sparse forest allows for great views to the north and east into East Flagstaff, Doney Park, Sunset Crater area and the painted desert is on the horizon.

Sat, Aug 11

Length: 4-5 miles

Rating: Moderate +

KEET SEEL RUINS Backpack – Northeast ArizonaLeader: Dave Kinzer (dkinz@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-612-5323

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 8:00 AM**RSVP hike leader via email, by July 15**

Designated the Navajo National Monument in 1909, Keet Seel is a well preserved 13th century ancestral pueblo village, the largest in Arizona. Come enjoy a car camp Friday night, followed by a backpacking trip Saturday & Sunday. The hike in and out is 9 miles each direction, and largely follows (and crosses many times) Keet Seel creek. A ranger guided tour of the ruins will be your reward. A permit for 8 people has been secured, sign up early. ** 400 ft gradual climb going in, 1000 ft steep climb coming out.

Fri – Sun, Aug 17 – 19

Length: 18 miles

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Change: See note **

WOODCHUTE/MARTIN CANYON LOOP Day Hike – Mingus MountainLeader: Garth Newby (garthkevin@hotmail.com)

Phone: 623-451-8023

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:30 AM**RSVP not required, Show and go**

This loop hike around upper Martin Canyon travels through some beautiful, quiet, mountain country on the south side of Woodchute Mountain, located in the Mingus Mountain area. This hike offers some amazing views along the way. Martin Canyon Trail may have numerous crossings of the seasonal creek that runs through it. The Woodchute-Martin Canyon Loop follows the Woodchute #102 for 2 miles. The trail then turns left on to Rick Tank Cutoff #104 for 1.5 miles and then goes up Martin Canyon #103 trail for 1.3 miles. After climbing out of the canyon, the last 1.5 miles follows some primitive two tracks back to the trailhead. Access to the Woodchute Trailhead itself requires a high clearance vehicle. However, those with cars can park at the large parking area along Forest Road 106. As always during monsoon season, be prepared for possible rain. After the hike, we will head to Prescott Valley for some much needed refreshments.

Sat, Aug 25

Length: 7.5 miles

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Change +/- 1,300 ft

CHIRICAHUA PEAK FROM RUSTLERS PARK Backpack – SE ArizonaLeader: Brian Carson (bacarson333@gmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-9349

MEET in I HOP NORTH parking lot NE corner of 50th Street & Ray Road, west of I-10, on Friday, 2:00 PM**RSVP by Friday, September 7**

NOTE: Car camp the Friday night then backpack on Saturday night

Rustler Park is a wildflower-carpeted meadow high in the Chiricahuas. Around the turn of the century, rustlers concealed stolen stock there while altered brands healed and pursuit cooled. Today, the meadow provides a cool mountain respite from the deserts below. Rimmed with Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine, the meadow is sprinkled with seasonal wildflowers. Campsites at Rustler Park are scattered along access roads that have been purposefully kept out of the meadow to avoid damaging fragile plants and soils. There may be a fee for camping. Saturday, from Rustler Park follow a short spur from the parking area up to the Crest Trail and follow it south to the peak. There are a lot of switchbacks from the start and the trail meanders for 4.9 miles to Anita Park, where we will make camp, then hike to the Chiricahua Peak turn off which is approximately .5 miles further.

Fri – Sun, Sept 14 – 16

Length: 12 miles

Rating: Moderate

Remember to carpool when possible and share the cost of the drive!**Thanks to all hikers who are willing to drive!****Remember summer monsoons are around the corner...hike prepared...bring raingear!**

SEGMENT 34 (PARTIAL) OF THE ARIZONA TRAIL and Kendrick Cabin Stay – FlagstaffLeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt@ibmmonitors.com)

Phone: 602-339-8780

Sat – Sun, Sept 22 – 23

Length: 8.5 miles +/- **

Rating: Easy to Moderate -

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:00 AM**RSVP via phone. Cost of cabin rental to be divided among participants- Space is limited**

This- easy stretch of trail rolls across high meadows with knock-out views, through towering groves of aspen, crosses Hart Prairie and is loomed over by the ever-present hulk of Humphreys Peak. We can take a short side-trip to Bismark Lake AND... maybe see if we can find the remnants of the Michelbach Potato Ranch (circa 1917). ** shuttle hike, no backtracking. **Then....**

It's off to our not-so humble abode for the evening..... **Kendrick Cabin**

Robert Tillman homesteaded the 160-acre parcel encompassing Kendrick Cabin in 1918. The Arkansas native grew oats, wheat and potatoes on the land, but he mainly made his living as a brick mason in Flagstaff. Tillman built a cabin where he and his wife, Ida, raised eight children. Following Tillman's death in 1949, the cabin caught fire, and all that was left was the homesteader's expert stonework. The property was sold and a new house **built on the original foundation**, incorporating Tillman's masonry walls and fireplace. The property was transferred in 1971 to the Forest Service, which now manages much of the public land in Kendrick Park.

Details: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/kendrick-cabin/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=75333>**SOUTH MOUNTAIN FULL MOON HIKE**Leader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

Sat, Sept 29

Length: +/- 7.3 miles

Rating: Easy ++

Elev. Change: +/-1,000 ft

MEET at Beverly Canyon TH, 8800 S. 46th St (south of Baseline Rd), 6:45 PM**Please RSVP with the hike leader before Sept 27. Space may be limited on this popular annual hike.**

The cold hearted orb that rules the night will remove the colors from our sight. Red is gray and yellow white, but we'll decide which trail is right... and which one is an illusion.

From the Beverly Canyon Trailhead, we will loop through the isolated valleys of South Mountain Park, the largest municipal park in the country, at 16,500 acres and 14 miles across. Afterwards, for those interested, we will enjoy food and refreshments at Gallagher's Sports Grill. Note: Be sure to bring plenty of water, and a good flashlight or headlight, as we are starting a bit later this year so to enjoy the serenade of the moonlight.

Help keep the Club on its feet!

Attend the next planning meeting on August 6th with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit. Interested in leading a hike?

Your participation is welcomed!*Friends Hiking, Camping, and Outdoor Club*

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