

FRIENDS

Jan - Mar 2018



Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club

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upcoming events



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

Welcome to Friends Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club. For over fifteen 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: Jan 8th (note special date), Feb 5th (2nd Quarter 2018 planning meeting) and Mar 5th

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.

MALPAIS LOOP Day Hike - San Tan Regional Park, Queen CreekLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoaz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

MEET in the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Power Road, 8 AM**Please RSVP with the hike leader by January 5.**

Join us on the first hike of 2018! This most excellent loop is in the San Tan Mountain Regional Park, just outside of Queen Creek, in Pinal County. The 3 trails in the loop (SanTan, Malpais, and Hedgehog) have great expansive valley views, towering rock wall cliffs and amazingly huge ancient saguaro cacti. The trails are extremely well marked, making route finding a breeze. The San Tan's are new to most of us, so let's get it off our bucket list. After the hike, we will enjoy the park's facilities to BBQ. Bring something to burn, your favorite beverage, and a dish to share. Note: There is a \$6 park entrance fee per vehicle.

Sat, Jan 6

Length: 9.3 mile loop

Rating: Moderate -

Elevation: 1,670 ft

BOULDER CANYON Day Hike - SuperstitionsLeader: Don Mantell (django677@gmail.com)

Phone: 516-810-8024

RSVP with hike leader by January 11th**MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 8:00 AM**

This beautiful hike starts off of the Apache Trail, RT 88 across from the marina at Canyon Lake. It has some of the nicest scenery in the Superstition Wilderness and an incredible view of Canyon Lake.

Sat, Jan 13

Length: 6 miles

Rating: Moderate -

Elev change: 1,500 ft

GRANITE MOUNTAIN Loop and Scenic Day Hike - McDowell Sonoran PreserveLeader: Denise Osborne (deniseosborne196@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-241-9297

No RSVP required, Show & Go**MEET at trailhead, Granite Mountain Trailhead, 31402 North 136th St, 8:00 AM**

This hike is a combination of the Long Look Hike a short scenic view hike which starts on the Bootlegger Trail for 0.7 miles, then turns onto the Saddlehorn Trail for 0.2 miles. We then meet the Granite Mountain Loop trail which at 0.2 miles meets the Scenic View. We will check out the views across the Verde River Valley to the Mazatzal Mountains and then return to the Loop trail and continue around Granite Mountain. We will see some incredible rock formations, a canyon and saguaros and return to the trailhead via the Saddlehorn and Bootlegger Trails. We will partake of refreshments at a local establishment after the hike.

Sat, Jan. 20

Length: Approx. 6-7 miles

Rating: Easy - moderate

Elev change: 330 ft.

REAVIS FALLS Day Hike - SuperstitionsLeader: Curtis Rollins (Curtisml62@yahoo.com)

Phone: 520-431-3019

MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 7:00 AM

We will take the Reavis Ranch trail 3.5 miles. This part of the hike is moderate. We will then peel off the trail and head down a hill and at the bottom go over and across Lime Mountain Spring then hike until we hit Reavis Creek. We will lose 1600' of elevation during this part of the hike and coming out will be strenuous. We will then follow Reavis Creek up to the falls. The creek is about 1/2 mile of scrambling on the sides of the creek and over boulders to weave back and forth across the creek. At the end we will end up at a 196' waterfall in the heart of the superstitions!! At this time of the year the waterfall should be great! Afterwards we stop at Tortilla Flats or At the Handlebar Grill in Apache Junction for some calorie and liquid replenishment! Trucks and SUV's preferred, road past Canyon Lake is gravel and dirt. Cars can make it if is dry.

Sat, Jan 27

Length: 13.8 miles RT

Rating: Strenuous

Elev gain: 1,637 ft

FLAT IRON Day Hike - Superstition MountainsLeader: Chris Horan (chrishoran@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-515-6764

MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 7:00 AM

The appropriately named formation called the Flatiron — it looks, for all the world, like an iron — rests haughtily at 4,800 feet, at the pinnacle of the Superstition Mountains. The elevation at the jumping-off point, the Siphon Draw trailhead, is about 2,000. The trek starts near the campground at Lost Dutchman with the part of the hike we call the Tedious Trudge — 1.6 miles of rocky, irritating going on a gradual rise that leads up to and over the base of the Supes and into the maw of the Basin, a humongous natural amphitheater. This part of the hike accounts for about 1,020 feet of the total elevation gain. The heartaches begin at the 1,021st foot. There, you're greeted by a vertical view of what's in store for the next, oh, mile and 1,800 vertical feet or so. Now, 1,800 feet in one puny mile is pretty vertical — in fact, it doesn't get much straighter up than that. More daunting still, the path (loosely termed) follows a natural drainage littered with giant boulders and prickly flora. It's hard to believe you actually hiked to the top!

Sat, Feb 3

Length: 6 miles

Rating: Difficult

**Remember to carpool when possible and share the cost of the drive!
Thanks to all hikers who are willing to drive!**

BLACK MESA LOOP Day Hike - SuperstitionsLeader: Dave Kinzer (dkinz@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-612-5323

No RSVP required, Show & Go**MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 7:00 AM**

Enjoy a nice hike in the Superstitions on a cool February morning. Starting at First Water trailhead, we proceed on the Second Water trail to Garden Valley. We then turn south on Black Mesa Trail hiking up to views of Four Peaks, then descending to Little Boulder Canyon for a look at Weaver's Needle. From here, we return on the Dutchman's trail. We'll stop somewhere following the hike for a bite in Apache Junction.

Sat, Feb 10

Length: 9 miles

Rating: Moderate

Elev change: 1,125 ft

GOAT CAMP/MESQUITE LOOP Day Hike - White Tank Regional ParkLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

Please contact the hike leader prior to the hike if planning to participate**MEET in Fry's Electronics parking lot, Baseline Rd west of I-10 at 8:00 AM. Westsiders meet us at the park entrance at 8:45 AM**

Join us as we meander through the beautiful White Tank Mountains west of Phoenix. The hike will start at the Goat Camp Trailhead and follow the Goat Camp Trail, passing under several radio towers. The trail continues into the Mesquite Valley along slopes covered with saguaros and views of the Valley of the Sun, and return to the Mesquite/Waddell Trailhead.

After the hike, we'll take advantage of the park facilities and barbeque, so bring some food to burn and your favorite beverage.

Sat, Feb 17

Length: +/- 10 mile loop

Rating: Moderate

Elev change: 1,660 ft

PICKETPOST CIRCUMFERENCE Day Hike - Near GlobeLeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt@ibmmonitors.com)

Phone 602-339-8780

MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 7:00 AM

This mostly on-trail hike is packed with history, great views and a modicum of good exercise. We will traverse a portion of the new L.O.S.T. Trail and see the old Pinal townsite, Apache Tears Mine, Arnett Creek and even a portion of the Arizona Trail. Rated Easy to Moderate but note length.

Sat, Feb 24

Length: 11 Miles (400' of gain)

Rating: Easy to Moderate

WEAVER'S NEEDLE CROSSCUT Day Hike - SuperstitionsLeader: Chris Magalenes (az2all@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-7221

No RSVP required, Show & Go**MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 8:00 AM**

Starting at the Peralta Trailhead we will follow the Bluff Springs trail to the Terrapin trail and then take the unmarked Crosscut trail. The Crosscut trail provides great views of Weaver's Needle(s) and is a good resting place. We head down the canyon till we find the opening in the rocks and make a steep decent to the Peralta Trail.

Sat, Mar 3

Length: 8 mile loop

Rating: Moderate

Elev gain: 1,300 ft

BLUES BLAST 2018 - Downtown PhoenixLeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt@ibmmonitors.com)

Phone: 602 339 8780

If you plan to attend please RSVP with the leader who will provide you with a map of where we will be gathering at the site**Meet at: Margaret T. Hance Park - 1202 N 3rd St - Phoenix, AZ**

Get tickets online at eventbrite.com (\$20 until December 31st - \$25 thereafter, \$30 at the gate)

Gate opens at 10AM, concert starts about 11 and runs until 6 or so. Bring: blanket(s), chair, hat, sunscreen, sealed bottled water and a camera

The Phoenix Blues Society **Blues Blast** is a daylong blues festival featuring the best blues musicians from around the country. The festival presents live performances in a great outdoor venue and a vast array of cuisine from local soul food and barbecue restaurants as well as a plethora of ales from local breweries. Past festival performers include: Canned Heat, Steve Rush, Sugaray Rayford, Big Nick, the Mike Eldred Trio, Big Daddy D and many others. * from the parking lot!

Sat, Mar 10

Length: 200 Yards *

Rated: Fun!

SALIDA GULCH TRAIL #95 Day Hike - PrescottLeader: Rich Flammang (modelacoupe@att.net)

Phone: 623-980-9614

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:00 AM

Salida Gulch Trail #95 is a pretty hike through an intermittent stream area. In just over 4 miles, this trail showcases everything from prickly pear cactus to ponderosa pine, and from lush riparian willows and walnuts to grey-green hillsides of chaparral. There are wonderful sweeping views of the Bradshaw Mountains as the trail leaves the creek bed and gains elevation and loops back to its beginning. An alternate route adds several miles by extending the original loop on trail #94 which leads to Lynx Lake Dam area and connects to several other trails which will bring us to the gold panning area on Lynx Creek. A short walk on the road will bring us back to the parking lot and the start of our hike. **NOTE: This is a SUNDAY hike! Please RSVP with Hike Leader by March 5th**

Sun, Mar 11

Length: 4 – 6 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Elev change: > 500 ft

GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS MEMORIAL TRAIL Day Hike - YarnellLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:00 AM

The Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park was dedicated in 2016 as a place to remember the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshot Firefighters who were lost on June 30, 2013, while fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire. The 7.2 mile single-loop round-trip trail ventures through the Weaver Mountains and down to the fatality site, which now serves as a memorial to the men. Along the trail, there's 19 granite memorial plaques fixed to rocks placed about 600 feet apart. Each one has a photo of the fallen hotshot and his story. There are two trails: The Hotshots Trail is 2.5 miles, and 1200 AEG, from AZ-89 to the observation deck, which overlooks the deployment site. The Journey Trail descends 450 ft. in a mile, from the observation deck to the deployment site.

Sat, Mar 17

Length: 7.2 miles

Rating: Moderate +

Elev gain: 1,800 ft

TULE CANYON TRAIL #122 Day Hike - Eastern SuperstitionsLeader: Kim Hemmersbach (Hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-343-4509

No RSVP required, Show & Go**MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 8:00 AM**

Come and enjoy this canyon hike in the eastern sups. We will be hiking and exploring Tule canyon and once we climb to Two Bar Ridge, we will be afforded views of Apache lake and Four peaks mountain. After the hike, we will enjoy food and refreshments more than likely in Superior at Los Hermanos.

Sat, Mar 24

Length: 10 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Accumulated gain: 2,100 ft

SYCAMORE CANYON Backpack - Near SedonaLeader: Tatiana Shaternik (shaternik@outlook.com)

Phone: 480-966-9383

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, Friday March 30th, 7:00 AM

This is a great trail to experience the beauty of the Red Rock country without the crowds. This hike offers primitive rugged beauty, solitude and unspoiled Red Rock Wilderness. Our destination is Taylor Cabin built in 1930's and a National Historic Site. Experience the red rock formations, expansive views, juniper, pinyon pine, Arizona cypress, sycamore and cottonwood. Friday we will hike approximately 5-6 miles via Dogie Trail and find a place to camp near Sycamore Creek. Saturday we will do a day hike to the Historical Taylor Cabin and back to the camp approximately 9 miles totally in and out. Sunday we will hike back to the Sycamore Pass Trail head. Trailhead parking lot is small, carpooling is recommended, 4WD is not required, but low profile cars and low profile tires should not be considered.

Fri - Sun, Mar 30 - Apr 1

Length: 19 miles total

Rating: Moderate

Accumulate gain: 3,350 ft

SAVE THE DATE – Week of April 9th – Grand Canyon Backpack – Led by Kurt Sedler

Help keep the Club on its feet!

Attend the next planning meeting on February 5th with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit. Interested in leading a hike?

Your participation is welcomed!

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

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