

FRIENDS

Apr - June 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 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: April 2nd, May 7th (3rd Quarter 2018 planning meeting) and June 4th

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.

MARION SPRING Day Hike - Mazatzal WildernessLeader: Denise Osborne (deniseosborne196@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-241-9297

MEET in Target parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd., 8:00 AM**No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

This hike is an out and back hike. It starts at the Cross F Trailhead and is a section of the Arizona Trail. The Little Saddle Trail (#244) starts on the west side of the highway, crossing under the power line and heads west up a tributary of Sycamore Creek. The trail follows as it turns north and enters a canyon. The trail turns northwest, climbs a low saddle and then follows a ridge northwest. At the point where the Arizona Trail turns northeast towards the slopes south of Potato Patch; we will turn left and hike northwest to Marion Spring. We are on the south slope of Saddle Mountain, which is visible to the north. To the south is the country west of Sycamore Creek. We will have refreshments in Fountain Hills after the hike.

Sat, Apr 7

Length: approx. 6.8 miles

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1,400 ft.

LONG CANYON Day Hike - SedonaLeader: Chris Magalenes (az2all@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-7221

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 8:00 AM**No RSVP required, Show & Go.** Not much parking at the trailhead so we need to carpool.

This trail offers great views of the Red Rock - Secret Mountain Wilderness in Sedona. The first mile or so is exposed but as we near the mountain, trees provide shade while taking in a scenic view to our right. We will pick a stopping point, then head back and take an optional small jaunt to some Indian ruins for those inclined to climb up to their location. I have not been to the ruins but have a good idea where they are located.

Sat, Apr 14

Length: 8 miles out and back

Rating: Moderate –

Elev. Gain: 500'

ISABELLA LOOP / SPRUCE MOUNTAIN - PrescottLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoaz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:00 AM**No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

This trail is a little used alternate loop leading through Ponderosa pines up to the top of Spruce Mountain. The climb is not too severe to the top to the lookout tower, which will make a good place to stop and rest and catch a bite to eat. From this outcropping, you have an incredible view of Prescott and the Crown King area. On a clear day you can see the tall San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff to the north. The loop on the down sides leads you through an endless sea of pines. If you like a classic pine forest hike, this is it!

Sat, April 21

Length: 7.4 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Elev Gain: 750'

WILSON MOUNTAIN TRAIL #10 Day Hike - SedonaLeader: Norm Frasier (nfrasier1969@icloud.com)

Phone: 480-493-8429

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Road, 7:00 AM Sharp**RSVP by April 23rd.** The parking lot by the trailhead can fill up fast, carpooling will be essential.

This trail is going to take us up Wilson Mountain, but starting on the Southern side located at Midgely trailhead. It's up from the start and levels out some to afford us an opportunity to catch our breath. While climbing and climbing, we will be afforded opportunities for looking at famous Sedona Red Rock formations and will be rewarded with an impressive view atop Wilson Mountain, which is flat. You will also catch views of San Francisco Peaks along this trail. If there is enough participation we will do a shuttle that has been mentioned before.

Sat, Apr 28

Length: 11 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Accumulated Gain: 2700'

ASPEN CREEK TRAIL #48 Day Hike - Mt. Francis, PrescottLeader: Annie Williams (annwilliamsphoto@gmail.com)

Phone: 602-418-2490

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:00**No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

Aspen Creek Trail #48 climbs steeply from its trailhead on Copper Basin Road to a ridge below Mount Francis. After the initial climb, the trail evens out and provides an easy scenic hike. There are some nice view of Spruce Mountain, Mount Union and the Wilhoit area.

Sat, May 5

Length: 6.8 miles out and back

Rating - Moderate

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

BUG SPRING Day Hike - Mt Lemmon

Leader: Kim Hemmersbach (hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)
Phone: 480-343-4509

MEET in iHOP parking lot NE corner of 50th Street & Ray Road, west of I-10, 7:00 AM

No RSVP required, Show & Go.

This trail takes us hiking up to ridgelines afforded with great views of peaks towering in the distance, going through rock formations, crossing over canyons, descending into a section which is referred to as forested paradise on Hike AZ afforded with shade, pines, oak and juniper trees, and rewarded with one last view which will be Green Mountain before heading back the way we came. We will find a place in Tucson to eat before heading back.

Sat, May 12

Length: 9 miles out & back
Rating: Moderate

LEONARD CANYON Day Hike & Car Camp - Mogollon Rim

Leader: Craig Barnett (craigbhikin@cox.net)
Phone: 602-509-7532

MEET in Target parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd Fountain Hills, 7:00 AM

RSVP by May 14 for additional details

Come enjoy Arizona Mogollon Rim country, and hiking Leonard Canyon. This will be approximately 8 mile hike along the game trails through Leonard Canyon. Exact mileage and camping location TBD. I plan to head up Friday, but I will have someone to meet at Target, and lead the way. Hike leader will provide additional information regarding length and rating prior to the hike.

Sat - Sun, May 19 - 20

Length: TBD
Rating: TBD

BONITO CREEK Day Hike, Fish and Car Camp - White Mountains

Leader: Paul Hiegel (improvehomes@gmail.com)
Phone: 623-243-2009

MEET in Home Depot parking lot, Superstitions Springs and Power Rd, 8:00 AM

RSVP by May 21st

The drive to the White Mountain Apache Reservation which will take about four hours of windshield time. This trip does require a high clearance vehicle if you choose to drive. The camping permit is \$9.00 dollars a day per vehicle and \$9.00 dollars a day for a fishing permit per person. This weekend will take us into the backcountry of the White Mountains at an elevation of 6,000 to 6,500 feet where you could see elk, deer, turkey, and black bear. This year we will be hiking from our camp location down the creek, because we are creek hiking be prepared to get your feet and possibly your body wet. The length of hike is determined by you, you can turn around at any time and head back up the creek to our camp site. We will be leaving mid morning on Monday and head back through the Show Low area and treat ourselves to one of the local restaurants. We should return to the Valley that afternoon.

Sat - Mon, May 26 - 28

Length: As much as you want
Rating: Moderate

MT. WRIGHTSON Day Hike and Car Camp, Santa Rita Mountains - Southern Arizona

Leader: Dave Kinzer (dkinz@hotmail.com)
Phone: 480-612-5323

MEET in iHOP parking lot, NE corner of 50th Street & Ray Road, 8AM

RSVP via email by May 29th

Explore a slice of Southern Arizona with a trip to the centerpiece of the Santa Rita Mountains. Heading down on Friday morning leaves time to set up camp and have a short hike on a TBD trail on Friday afternoon. We will hike the Old Baldy Trail (#372) to the summit on Saturday. The trail ascends through scrub oak, ponderosa pine, and finally yields to the rocky top of Mt. Wrightson, where you will have a commanding 360 degree view of its surrounds, including views all the way into Mexico. Consider bringing a dish to share for dinner Saturday evening and enjoy the campfire camaraderie. Returning Sunday, I'm planning on visiting the Titan Missile Museum, though the Pima Air Museum may call to others. Join us for good times in Arizona's Southland playground.

Fri - Sun, June 1 - 3

Length: 10.4 miles
Rating: Moderate +
Elev. Change: 4,000'

EXPLORE WILLOW CREEK Hike 'n Camp - Mogollon Rim

Leader: Kurt Sedler (kurt.sedler@cox.net)
Phone: 602-339-8780

Phone or email hike leader to be included – Departure time and carpooling details TBD

Escape the Valley's heat and head to the pristine high country! We will be camping in the forest near the hike, for those interested. Descending down elk passages we will access Willow Creek and make our way following the Coconino- sandstone- lined canyon. There is not a developed trail, as such, but the elk do a nice job, although expect some boulder walking. You will see tall stands of Ponderosa pines along this canyon as well as the usual verdant, canyon-dwelling plants. Depending on the spring rainfall, we may have some areas that need to be waded. Camping will be in the forest at about 7000'.

Sat - Sun, June 9 - 10

Length: 8 miles +/-
Rating: Moderate +

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

EAST CHEVELON CREEK TRAIL Day Hike - Mogollon RimLeader: Fungyung Mon (fym2429@cox.net)

Phone: 602-526-2762

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

This unmarked trail starts at the base of the Woods Canyon Lake dam. The hike follows an unsigned fisherman's path and crisscrosses the creek as it extends along grassy meadows between forest lined banks. It is an easy trek at the cool high elevation of 7460'. The trickling creek and shallow pools of water in the bottom of Chevelon Canyon feed a lush forest teeming with plant and animal life. A potential add-on will be a loop trail that completely encircles Wood Canyon Lake. Bring raingear as summer storms are likely

Sat, June 16

Length: 6 miles

Rating: Easy to Moderate

MT. HUMPHREYS PEAK Day Hike & Car Camp – FlagstaffLeader: Chris Horan (chrishoran@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-515-6764

RSVP by June 11th, additional details will be available

Beginning at Schultz Tank, we ascend via the Weatherford Trail, once a roadway for Model T Fords to take to the peak. After summiting Humphreys Peak, we will descend via Humphreys Trail and return via the Kachina Trail or utilize a car shuttle. Camping will be dispersed with no amenities. Note: Due to the elevation of Humphreys Peak, a one day turnaround is not recommended so we will be car camping Friday night to become acclimated. Camping Saturday night is optional.

Fri - Sun, June 22 - 24

Length: Up to 18.2 miles

Elev change: 3500 ft.

Rating: Strenuous

MT. GRAHAM Day Hike & Car Camp - Pinaleno Mountains, southwest of SaffordLeader: Don Mantell (dirkbag@aol.com)

Phone: 516-810-8024

MEET in Target parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd Fountain Hills, 7:00 AM**RSVP by June 25th**

Our destination is a 9,100 feet high camp ground surrounded by Engelmann spruce and massive Douglas Firs, stretching along a sparkling creek. So, need a break from the heat? This is it! High temps may top out at 85 and will drop to mid-50's overnight. We will head out of the furnace on Friday and head to the hills. We will hike down the Arcadia Trail, after first topping out at 10,022 on Heliograph Peak. The trail will take us through stands of Engelmann Spruce and Douglas Fir down to Bigtooth Maple, Arizona Walnut, Gambel Oak and Ponderosa Pine. Exact details to follow, contact hike leader for more information.

Fri - Sun, June 29 - July 1

Length: 10.2 miles R/T

Rating: Strenuous

Help keep the Club on its feet!

**Attend the next planning meeting on May 7th with suggestions of trails
to explore and areas to visit. Interested in leading a hike?
Your participation is welcomed!**

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