

# FRIENDS

July - Sept 2017



## 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 twenty-two 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.

### Club Contacts

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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 10<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017 planning meeting) and September 11<sup>th</sup>

## 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](http://www.friendshiking.com), for updates.

**ARIZONA TRAIL, MARSHALL LAKE TO FLAGSTAFF Backpack**Leader: Randy Baker ([moovyoaz@friendshiking.com](mailto:moovyoaz@friendshiking.com))

Phone: 602-616-9491

**Sat - Sun, July 1-2**

Length: +/- 12 miles

Rating: Moderate

**Please RSVP by June 28 if backpacking or day hiking.****MEET Saturday in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Road, 7:00 AM**

This hike follows two passages of the 790-mile Arizona Trail. From the Marshall Lake Trailhead we will head north-west on the AZT #31 across flat forest land, and then descend steeply into Lower Walnut Canyon. Here we will find Grand Canyon style cliffs with pronounced cross-bedding and deep red hue petrified Permian Age sand dunes. Passing the Sandy's Canyon Trail #137 junction, we will continue north toward Fisher Point, where we will camp for the night. From here we can explore east into Walnut Canyon toward the Sinagua cliff dwellings built under the natural limestone overhangs.

On Sunday we will continue north on AZT #32 to our waiting vehicles near Rio de Flag in Flagstaff. To finish the trip in grand style we will visit to a local brew pub.

Day hikers are welcome to join us on Saturday by starting from the Sandy's Canyon Trailhead near the Vista Canyon Campground (4.5 miles R/T). For more information on the area see <http://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=2443>

**TRAMWAY TRAIL Day Hike - Mogollon Rim**Leader: Chris Horan ([chrishoran@hotmail.com](mailto:chrishoran@hotmail.com))

Phone: 602-515-6764

**Sat, July 8**

Length: 6-7 mile Loop

Rating: Difficult

**Contact Hike leader to save a spot and additional informational about meet up location**

This hike starts from the Tramway trailhead. Forge up West Clear Creek to Maxwell Trail. Out on Maxwell Trail and follow 3.5 miles of roads back to Tramway trailhead. The Tramway Trail starts at the south side of the parking area. Portions of West Clear Creek may be seen from the trail as the creek winds its way through the sinuous canyon. Good views of the various rock strata that make up the steep-walled canyon of West Clear Creek are afforded in the upper stretch of the trail. Growing along the creek are wild sunflowers, cattails, locust, wild grape, willows, and box elder. The trail ends at the creek but we will be hiking along the creek to Maxwell Trail #37 and back out.

**O'LEARY PEAK Day Hike - Flagstaff**Leader: Dave Kinzer ([dkinz@hotmail.com](mailto:dkinz@hotmail.com))

Phone: 480-612-5323

**Sat, July 15**

Length: 9.7 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Accum Elev. Change: 1,966'

**MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd, 7:00 AM Show-n-Go**

A simple walk up a fire tower service road to a peak on the east side of Flagstaff. This hike is about the view, and you'll get a view into the Painted Desert, the bowl of the San Francisco Peaks, and down into Sunset Crater. We can say hi to the ranger in the fire tower as well. We'll stop in Flagstaff on our return for refreshments. Beat the heat and enjoy the high country.

**GADDES CANYON TWO Trail /COLEMAN TRAIL Loop Day hike - Prescott**Leader: Rich Flammang ([modelacoupe@att.net](mailto:modelacoupe@att.net))

Phone: 623-878-6237

**Sat, July 22**

Length: 5.5 miles loop

Rating: Moderate -

**MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd, 7:00 AM Show-n-Go**

Three trail segments are combined to provide access to Mingus Mountain Wilderness and a pleasant loop hike. Beginning on the south end of Gaddes Two Trail # 9037 off of FR 413, we will follow The Gaddes Canyon drainage trail to reach a fork in the trail, which will take us up to the Mingus Rim and eventually to FR 104A. We will follow 104a about 400 yds to a "heliport site" and the junction for Trail #108, the Coleman trail. We follow the Coleman trail generally west to the edge of the rim and descend switchbacks back to FR 413. We follow FR 413 a short distance back to the start of our hike.

**MT. GRAHAM HIKING AND CAMPING WEEKEND - Southern Arizona**Leader: Don Mantell ([dirkbag@aol.com](mailto:dirkbag@aol.com))

Phone: 516-810-8024

**Thurs - Sun, July 27 - 30**

Length: Varies

Rating: Easy to Challenging

Elevation: 7,000 to 9,500'

**RSVP via text, or email, by July 26****MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 and Superstition Spring Blvd, 9:00 AM**

We will leave the valley Thursday morning and drive east to Safford, stopping for lunch and then proceeding to a campground on Mt. Graham. This schedule is flexible so anyone wanting to leave later can do so. You can come for two, three, or four days. The road up to our camping area at 9,000 ft. has incredible, breathtaking views. Our camp will be in a heavily forested, COOL site. We will spend Thursday night through Sunday morning, camping, barbecuing, berry picking, relaxing, enjoying the scenery and, of course, hiking. There are a number of hikes to choose from ranging from short and easy, to steep and demanding. You choose. Please be prepared for the possibility of rain and low temperatures at night.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY HIKE CHANGES...[www.friendshiking.com](http://www.friendshiking.com)**

**KENDRICK PEAK TRAIL #22 - North of Flagstaff**Leader: Chris Maglanes ([az2all@hotmail.com](mailto:az2all@hotmail.com))

Phone: 602-818-7221 cell, 480-775-3828 home

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

No RSVP required

We will start at the trailhead off 171A around 17 miles north of Flagstaff. This scenic trail gradually climbs in elevation through the woods. Great views of Humphreys Peak and even the Grand Canyon are visible at the top.

**Sat, Aug 12**

Length: 9 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Gain: 2,600'

**SEE CANYON TRAIL Day hike - Mogollon Rim**Leader: Rich Flammang ([modelacoupe@att.net](mailto:modelacoupe@att.net))

Phone: 623-980-9614

**MEET in north end Target Parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd, 6:30 AM sharp!****No RSVP required. Show and Go!**

This will be a one way shuttle hike starting out at the Two Sixty Trailhead, following the Highline trail east to west for approx. 6.1 miles to the See Canyon trailhead #184. From The 260 Trailhead the trail ascends and descends through mixed forest while crossing many unnamed drainages. Majestic views of the Mogollon Rim and towering cliffs are offered throughout this hike. We will end the hike at trailhead #184 and waiting shuttle vehicles. \*An added adventure for those wishing to "see" more is a ½ mile jaunt to See Springs which rivals the clear water flows of Horton Spring! Who wouldn't want a cool splash in a clear creek after 6 miles on the Highline trail in August?

**Sat, Aug 19**

Length: 6.1 mile Shuttle + 1 mile\*

Rating: Moderate Plus

Elev. Change: +/- 1,300'

**SIERRA ANCHA RIM HIKE 139 - Sierra Ancha Mountains**Leader: Sally McGavock ([smcgavock@hotmail.com](mailto:smcgavock@hotmail.com))

Phone: 480-612-2679

**MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 6:30 AM**

This Sierra Ancha lollipop hike begins at 6,200 feet. As if that is not high enough, we start with a steep 1.6 mile ascent hiking past Workman Creek Waterfall to the Carr Trailhead. We then descend to the source spring for Coon Creek. From there we will continue along the north side of Coon Creek into tall Ponderosa Pines, maybe sighting a few deer. We will have great views of Moody Point and the Cherry Creek Valley. A series of switchbacks takes us back up to the stem of our lollipop and back to our vehicles. There is a plan for an overnight camp Saturday evening for those that want to spend the evening in the cool pines. MAP: HAZ Route Scout – search 'Rim Trail #139 Loop'

**Sat - Sun, Aug 26 - 27**

Length: 9.78 miles

Rating: Moderate +

Accum Elev. Gain: 1,029'

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN FULL MOON HIKE - South Phoenix**Leader: Randy Baker ([moovyoz@friendshiking.com](mailto:moovyoz@friendshiking.com))

Phone: 602-616-9491

**MEET at the Mormon Trailhead, 8610 S. 24th St, 6:45 PM****Please RSVP with the hike leader before Sept 7.**

Cold hearted orb that rules the night, removes the colors from our sight. Red is gray and yellow white, but we hope we find which trail is right, and which is an illusion..

From the Mormon Trailhead, we will climb to the National Trail. We will then detour through Hidden Valley (the 'Wonder Rift') and squeeze through Fat Man Pass. Back on the National, we will head west to the Buena Vista Lookout, and descend on the Geronimo Trail. After a .7 mile shuttle back to our vehicles, we will enjoy food and refreshments at the nearby Casa de Randall. Note: Be sure to bring a good flashlight or headlight, plenty of water, a chair and something to drink afterward.

**Sat, Sept 9**

Length: +/- 7 miles

Rating: Moderate –

Elev. Change: 1,000'

**BARBERSHOP CANYON Day Hike and Car Camp - Mogollon Rim**Leader: Phil Newell ([philnewell@yahoo.com](mailto:philnewell@yahoo.com))

Phone: 602-689-4950

**MEET in Target Parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd, 6:00 AM sharp!****RSVP if Camping and/or Day hiking**

We will be heading up to the cooler temps of the Coconino NF for a camping and hiking weekend. Some of us will be heading up on Friday to establish camp and maybe enjoy a shorter hike down Merritt Draw, which will also be our camp location. On Saturday, we will go down Merritt Draw and cut off, using disused and overgrown forest roads to easily reach the end of Barbershop Canyon - then following Barbershop Canyon south towards the Barbershop Spring and a little bushwhacking back to camp. You will be rewarded with pristine forest, wild flowers and wildlife as we follow our route. Not much elevation gain and plenty of daylight, off-trail hiking along a stream for half the hike. High possibility of rains at this time of year, so come prepared. This hike is the continuation of the previous Merritt Draw, Barbershop loop hike, where we did not complete the Barbershop portion. We will essentially bypass the beautiful, but tough going through Merritt Draw this time.

**Sat, Sept 16**

Length: 8 miles loop

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 500'

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

**BABE HAUGHT Day Hike - Payson**Leader: Kim Hemmersbach ([hemmersbachkim@gmail.com](mailto:hemmersbachkim@gmail.com))

Phone: 480-343-4509

**MEET in Target Parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd, 7:00 AM sharp! Show-n-Go**

We will start our trek at the Fish Hatchery and make our 2 mile steep climb up to the Mogollon Rim. After reaching the Rim, we will be afforded views of the green valley below that we just climbed through. After we cross FR 300, we descend down to the creek and eventually end at Knoll Lake. We will take in the sights of beautiful Knoll Lake and make our return via the same route. We will enjoy food and refreshments after the hike in Payson.

**Sat, Sept 23**

Length: 8 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Accum Elev. Gain: 1,500'

**JUNIPER MESA LOOP Day hike & Car Camp - Prescott National Forest**Leader: Randy Baker ([moovyoaz@friendshiking.com](mailto:moovyoaz@friendshiking.com))

Phone: 602-616-9491

**Fri - Sun, Sept 29 - Oct 1**

Length: 10 mile loop

Rating: Moderate +

Elevation: 7,180'

**MEET at Denny's parking lot, SW corner of 1-17 and Bell Road on Friday (time TBD, confirm with hike leader by phone)**

Juniper Mesa Trail #20 is the main thoroughfare serving Juniper Mesa Wilderness, located in the northwest corner of the Prescott National Forest. Nearby is Walnut Creek Station and the site of Camp Hualapai, which the U.S. Army used between 1869 and 1873 as a base of operations in the Hualapai Apache War. The area includes some of the largest ranches in the state.

This trail loop traverses the top of the mesa and remains relatively level as it passes through open stands of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, and alligator juniper. The views from the ridges in this high country are remarkable. Trails in our loop will include segments of Oaks and Willow Trail 3, Juniper Mesa Trail 20, and Trail 9124.

We will leave sometime mid-day on Friday to allow travel time to set up camp on FR-7, 40 miles north of Prescott. After hiking on Saturday, we will return to our base camp. On Sunday AM we will optionally explore the area before returning to Phoenix.

**Help keep the Club on its feet!**

**Attend the next planning meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>  
with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit**

**Interested in leading a hike?  
Your participation is welcomed!**

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