

FRIENDS

Oct - Dec 2017



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 25 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: Oct 2nd, Nov 6th (1st Quarter 2018 planning meeting) and Dec 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.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN PRE-PICNIC DAY HIKE

Leader: Garth Newby (GarthKevin@hotmail.com)
Phone: 623-451-8023

MEET at the Beverly trailhead located at 46th St and Baseline, 9:00 AM

This in-city hike will provide a wonderful opportunity to work up an appetite prior to the picnic. We'll hike south on the Javelina trail, then head east on the Ridge Line trail then turn north on to Beverly Canyon. There will be options to extend the hike if you are feeling a little energetic. **After the hike, there will be a picnic hosted by the club for paying club members. The location of the picnic will be provided before the hike. Please RSVP by October 1st for the hike and picnic.**

Sat, Oct 7

Length: Approx. 5 miles
Rating: Easy
Elev. Change: +/- 350'

PINE CANYON TRAIL #26 - Mogollon Rim

Leader: Denise Osborne (deniseosborne196@gmail.com)
Phone: 480-241-9297

MEET in north end Target Parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd, 7:00 AM

Depending on my pre hike, I will determine if we begin at Pine Trailhead and head up the rim, or start at the trailhead at MP 279 on Rte 87 and go south down the rim. If we start at the Pine TH, after about 1/4 mile we will reach the intersection of the Highline Trail, but will continue on to Pine Canyon. The terrain is steep and rocky, but the views become magnificent as you climb. The trail gains 2000 ft in elevation through maples, boxelders and gambel oaks which will hopefully be changing color at the time of this hike.

No RSVP required, Show & Go.**Sat, Oct 14**

Length: 9.2 miles Shuttle
Rating: Strenuous
Elev. Change: 2,569'

POWERS CABIN & MINE BACKPACK - Galiuro Wilderness

Leader: Garth Newby (GarthKevin@hotmail.com)
Phone: 623-451-8023

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

Come take a walk back in time to the Powers Cabin and Mine located in the Galiuro Wilderness. This cabin and mine area was famous for the shootout between the Powers family and law enforcement. The Powers were wanted for dodging the draft. On Friday, we will begin our hike on the High Creek trail located in the Bonita area. The High Creek (#290) trail is only 1.7 miles long and easy going. From there, we'll drop in to Rattlesnake Canyon via Rattlesnake trail (#285) for 3.5 miles. Then, we will reach Hold Out Springs trail (#285A) which will be our destination for the evening and the weekend. The Hold Out Springs is active and a reliable water source. The descent into and out of the canyon will account for all of the elevation gain and loss. This is the shortest way to see and enjoy the cabin. Saturday, we'll saunter up to the original Powers Cabin and Mine, plus we will have plenty of time to explore the surrounding area. For those who have unspent energy, you can hike the ~7 miles to Powers Garden to explore. Sunday, we'll hike back out the way we went in. Lunch will probably be in order after our climb out of the canyon. If you want more information regarding the trails, here is an informative link:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coronado/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=25460&actid=50>

***Length:** Approximately 11 miles RT to the Hold Out Springs, plus an optional day hike on Saturday to Powers Cabin/Mine with approximately 6 miles RT. **RSVP to hike leader by Friday, Oct 1st, 2017**

Fri - Sun, Oct 20 - 22

Length: *See Below
Rating: Moderate +
Elev. Change: +/- 1,900'

WOODCHUTE HIKE 'N HALLOWEEN BALL - Jerome

Leader: 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

Beginning at the Potato Patch Campground we will hike north and climb onto the main crest of Woodchute Mountain. It crosses several dips in the ridge into the head of Mescal Gulch, and then climbs to the south rim of Woodchute Mountain. The trail crosses the flat summit area until it reaches the north rim of Woodchute. This is the turnaround point. From here you have a panoramic view of the Verde River, the western Mogollon Rim and the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.

After hiking and setting up camp, Saturday evening we will adorn costumes (optional for members who are naturally ghoulish) and ramble down to the Ghost Town Jerome for a Halloween Ball and street party. For more than three decades, the costume ball has been a fundraiser for the town's fire department. The Halloween Dance Party begins at 9 PM and ends at 2 AM in Spook Hall. It includes a full cash bar and A costume contest with different categories that vary from year to year. Some costumes are amazing! Jerome businesses donate prizes for the winners, including dinners, overnights and gift certificates. Tickets are \$10 at the door. **Please RSVP by Oct 23 if you are only day hiking on Saturday, car camping on Saturday, and/or haunting! Come join us for this very popular state event.**

Sat - Sun, Oct 28 - 29

Length: +/- 6 miles
Rating: Moderately Spooky!
Elevation: 640'

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

REAVIS RANCH BACKPACK - Superstition MountainsLeader: Craig Barnett (cbarnett5@cox.net)

Phone: 480-216-2166

Fri - Sun, Nov 3 -5

Length: 18.6 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

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

From the trailhead you are afforded an excellent view. The Reavis Ranch Trail ascends at moderate grade through grassy rolling hills. The trail passes on the east side of Castle Dome, through Windy Pass. The trail continues on to the east passing Frog Tanks trail junction before descending into a wooded area where it follows an old fence line. There are a couple of breaks in the fence with trails which presumably go to the creek. Continuing along the fence, you will pass an apple orchard before arriving at Reavis Ranch. Saturday we take a day hike to Circlestone a remarkably well-preserved large circular ruin. **No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

OAK TRAIL - PineLeader: Kim Hemmersbach (Hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-343-4509

Sat, Nov 11

Length: 6 - 7 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

MEET in Target Parking lot, 16825 E Shea Blvd, 7:30 AM

The Oak trail is a section of the Arizona Trail and the Arizona white oaks are the main attraction. They rank as one of the largest oaks in the Southwest and they thrive in deep moist canyons. We will begin at Pine trailhead and trek a half-mile to where the Oak Trail officially kicks off with the sign reading Oak Spring Trail 16. So you guessed it, this trail leads to Oak Spring which doesn't make a lot of noise but it's quietly powerful serving as a lifeline to the massive Arizona white oaks we will encounter. But getting there we'll switchback downhill nearly 700 feet to the canyon bottom. We will enjoy refreshments and food in Pine before heading back. **No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

HOG LOOP - SedonaLeader: Dave Kinzer (dkinz@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-612-5323

Sat, Nov 18

Length: about 5 miles

Rating: Moderate -

Elev. Change: 300' estimate

Self organize carpooling in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd. 7:00AM**MEET HIKE LEADER at Morgan Road trailhead, 8:45AM**

Go hog wild as we hike the Twin Peaks area of Sedona. We start by hiking south on the Broken Arrow trail, ascending slowly to Chicken Point, with views of Bell Rock and the Chapel area of Sedona. We then backtrack to the High on the Hog trail, which parallels Broken Arrow, but at a slightly higher elevation. We then cut west over a small pass on the Hog Heaven trail until it meets the Hog Wash trail, which we follow north past the cemetery and back to the trailhead.

Bring your refreshments and something to BBQ at the hike leader's Sedona home at the conclusion of the hike.

Please maximize carpooling as the Morgan Road trailhead is small and free, and therefore always crowded. Take I-17 north to SR-179 (the Sedona turnoff.) Proceed 13 miles to Morgan Road, turn right and proceed to the end. Follow the short dirt road to the trailhead parking area. Most cars can negotiate this. **No RSVP required, Show & Go (Hike leader will not be at the north Phoenix meeting point.)**

BARNHARDT TRAIL Day Hike - Mazatzal MountainLeader: Stephenie Russey (coyote.howls@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-390-9972

Sat, Dec 2

Length: 6.25 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1,600'

MEET in north end of Target parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd, 7:00 AM

Walk the Barnhardt Trail up to the waterfall and back. Along the way their will be towering cliffs, waterfalls and picturesque canyon vistas. We will be going as far as the Big Kahuna Falls for an out and back hike, although the trail continues on and eventually connects with the 29 mile long Mazatzal Divide Trail #23. I will find a place to eat and drink at after the hike. Trailhead is approximately 55 miles from Target. **No RSVP required, Show & Go.**

MINERS NEEDLE LOOP - Superstition MountainsLeader: Chris Magalenes (az2all@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-7221

Sat, Dec 9

Length: 9 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Gain: 1,200'

MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 8:00 AM

From the Peralta trailhead we will go East following Dutchman Trail 104 into Barkley Basin. It is a scenic hike passing the junction of Coffee Flat Trail 108. Soon we will pass the right side of Miners Needle, continue around the North end. Looking up we will have a great view of the 'Eye of the Needle'. Shortly you will come to the junction with Whiskey Spring Trail, continue on Dutchman 104 down to its intersection with Bluff Springs Trail 235. To complete this hike, continue on Bluff Spring Trail to trailhead start and parking lot.

No RSVP required, Show & Go.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY HIKE CHANGES...<http://www.friendshiking.com>

GOLDFIELDS BACKPACK - Superstition Mountains

Leader: Kurt Sedler
Phone: 602-339-8780

Sat - Sun, Dec 16 - 17
Length: 14 mi. +/- over both days
Rating: Moderate

MEET at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot, US-60 & Superstition Spring Blvd, 7:30 AM

This trip will be into the beautiful reaches of the Goldfields, west of the Superstitions. Although often overshadowed by their famous aforementioned neighbor the equally interesting Goldfield Mountains also offer outstanding hiking opportunities, but without the snowbirds! Some of this hike will be on old roads, some on-trail and some off trail. The route will be worked out as we go to fit the hike to the group's inclination – we have the option of picking a camp somewhere appropriate and day-hiking on from there, returning later to camp.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HIKE AND BBQ - In Town

Leader: Garth Newby (GarthKevin@hotmail.com)
Phone: 623-451-8023

Sat, Dec 30
Length: Approx 5 miles
Rating: Easy/Moderate
Elev Change: +/- 700'

We will meet at 9:00 AM near Coral Gables and 7th Street. Location provided at RSVP

This in-city hike will provide a wonderful opportunity to see panoramic views of the city of Phoenix, courtesy of Lookout Mountain. Specifically, we will be following the Circumference Trail (#308). We will also be following the trail (#150) that goes to the summit of Lookout Mountain, which has a pretty steep elevation change – hence the Moderate hike rating. There will be options to extend the hike length, for those who are interested, e.g. hiking the false peaks.

After the hike, we will be holding a BBQ at the hike leader's house. Please bring something to BBQ and something to share with your fellow hikers. This hike will be a fun chance to end 2017 and start 2018 with some variety and lots of pretty scenery, so we look forward to seeing you there. **Please RSVP!**

Help keep the Club on its feet! Pay your dues!

**Attend the next planning meeting on November 6th
with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit**

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

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