

# March 2021 Hiking Schedule

## (Updates & changes in RED)

Hikers, please be reminded:

Strict 6' social distancing is required at all times.

All hikers are required to have face masks or face coverings available on all hikes. They should be used at the guide's direction in case of accident, emergency, or when social distancing on the trail is not possible.

There is no carpooling. Hikers must find their own way to the trailhead.

Unless otherwise noted by the guide, there is a 10 hiker maximum.

### **HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 01, 2021 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop**

**[C/6mi/700'/8am]** Meet at the main trailhead at Catalina State Park, hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. Peg Rocklin, 720-206-8217.

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Oracle Ridge Trails [D/3mi/250'/7:30am]** This is a D hike, but note that the elevation gain is 250' when you consider joining this hike. Gather at the Welcome Center at 7:30am. Drive to the main entrance to Oracle State Park (\$7 or pass required) on Mount Lemmon Rd. About 0.7 miles from the entrance, park in the large Oak Woodland Area parking lot, where the hike begins. We will hike on five different trails, including the entire Windy Ridge Loop. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Contact Darrel to be placed on the waiting list. Tuesday, March 02, 2021 Mines in Bonito Canyon [B/4mi/700'/8am]** Rated "B" for degree of difficulty. A hike to view the numerous mine shafts in the southern mountainside of Bonito Canyon which is located south of Oracle. Includes a brief history presentation. Details will be provided upon sign-up or inquiry. Darrel Cornelius, [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**Wednesday, March 03, 2021 Walk In The Park [D/4mi/200'/8am]** Meet at the Main Trail head parking lot at Catalina State Park. Hike from parking lot to Sutherland Trail for 2 miles, stop for a snack and return same way. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, March 03, 2021 1 pm. Mileage Awards.**

**Wednesday, March 03, 2021 3 pm. Board of Directors Meeting, Desert Oasis – Saguaro Room.**

**Thursday, March 04, 2021 Slavin Gulch [B/8mi/1900'/7am]** Meet at the Welcome Center. In the Dragoon Mountains east of Tombstone this trail begins at 4800 feet and connects two 4-wheel drive mining roads and works its way up to 6600 feet through boxes and hidden valleys to the elaborate ruins of the Abril Mine. A steep .2 miles past the mine connects to the eastern trailhead with great views where we will lunch then return the same way. The diverse habitat on this trail includes Sonoran desert grassland, riparian, and dense pinyon pierced with jagged hoodoos. Exploratory for the guide. Limit 6 hikers. High clearance 4WD suggested. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Thursday, March 04, 2021 Seven Falls [C+/8mi/1000'/7:30am]** Hike to lower Bear Canyon from Bear Canyon parking, hike to Seven Falls and return. There are seven wash crossings which may involve water. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 5, 2021 Seven Falls to Last Crossing [B/13mi/1650'/8am]** Meet @Sabino Canyon T.H. Hike past Seven Falls to the last crossing before ascending trail up top of Bear Canyon Trail and return. Dennis Potter [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net). 253-722-4296

**Friday, March 05, 2021 Buffalo Bill Cody's High Jinks Ranch [C/4mi/800'/8am]** Meet at the American Flag trailhead on American Flag road off the Mount Lemmon Hwy. Hike from the American Flag Trailhead, south on the Arizona Trail, to the High Jinks Ranch house. The High Jinks Ranch was originally owned by Buffalo Bill Cody and is a National Historic Site. Limit 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 5, 2021 Oracle Ridge Trails [D/3mi/250'/7:30am]** This is the same hike as March 2. Priority will be given to hikers on the wait list for the March 2 hike, but five openings are now available. This is a D hike but note that the elevation gain is 250' when you consider joining this hike. Gather at the Welcome Center at 7:30am. Drive to the main entrance to Oracle State Park (\$7 or pass required) on Mount Lemmon Rd. About 0.7 miles from the entrance, park in the large Oak Woodland Area parking lot, where the hike begins. We will hike on five different trails, including the entire Windy Ridge Loop. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Saturday, March 06, 2021 Alamo Springs [C+/8mi/1400'/7:30am]** From Welcome Center at 7:00am or Wild Burro Dove Mt. trailhead at 7:30, take Alamo Springs Trail to Alamo Springs for snack. Return via Wild Burro to trailhead. Must like going up and down large rocks! Meet at Dove Mountain trailhead. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Monday, March 08, 2021 Oracle Ridge to the View [B/9mi/2000'/7:30am]** Meet at Welcome Center to Caravan to Bonita Springs Road in Oracle. Hike up road 1 mile to trailhead, then follow along ridge to scenic lunch spot. Outstanding views through most of the trail. LIMIT 6 because of parking space. Phil Weinberg, [phweinb@gmail.com](mailto:phweinb@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 08, 2021 Trails East from Equestrian Center [C/5-6 mi/500'/7:30am]** Drive directly to the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (\$7 or pass required) to gather at 7:30. We will be entirely on unofficial trails, all in fairly good shape. Our route will include the somewhat rocky Belle Trail, which climbs about 250' in 0.4 miles. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Tuesday, March 09, 2021 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/8am]** Reservation required. A prerequisite hike for joining SCOV Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. State Parks pass required or a \$7 entry fee at gate. There is an orientation talk. This hike meets behind the Welcome Center. Bring water and a face mask. We hike at a social distance of 6'. Contact Peg Rocklin at 720-206-8217 to make a reservation.

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 09, 2021 Big Wash Ramble [D/4mi/200'/8am]** Hike Big Wash to the north from Catalina Vista and loop back. This hike is on state trust land. COVID procedures will apply. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Bridal Wreath Falls Loop [C+/8mi/1400'/6:30am]** Caravan at 6:30am or meet at trailhead the east end of Speedway Blvd at 7:30am. In Saguaro National Park East take Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls, eat snack/lunch and return via Three Tank, Wildhorse and Garwood Trails. Need National Park Pass. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Walk In The Park [D/4mi/334'/7:30am]** Meet at Romero Ruins parking lot and hike the Alamo Canyon Loop. Al Schmidt, [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Canada Del Oro Wash Loop [D/4mi/120'/8am]** Meet at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. Hike CDO Wash following horse trails to Rancho De Los Cerros resort/meeting center, then return. Byron Wolffing, [wolffing5@gmail.com](mailto:wolffing5@gmail.com)

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Trails East from Equestrian Center [C/5-6 mi/500'/7:30am]** This is the same hike as March 8. Priority will be given to hikers on the wait list for that hike, but five openings are now available. Drive directly to the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park (\$7 or pass required) to gather at 7:30. We will be entirely on unofficial trails, all in fairly good shape. Our route will include the somewhat rocky Belle Trail, which climbs about 250' in 0.4 miles. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**Thursday, March 11, 2021 Bear Canyon via Sycamore Canyon Key Exchange [B/12mi/1000'up/3000'down; leave SCOV at 6:30am]** Down hikers start at G.H. trailhead (old prison camp) take Sycamore Canyon Trail to top of Bear Canyon; hike down past Seven Falls to the Bear Canyon shuttle stop. Take shuttle @ \$4(exact cash only) to the Sabino parking lot. The

upper Bear Canyon has magnificent views. Up hikers start from Sabino parking lot (no shuttle). Key Exchange has additional virus safety procedures (to be provided upon sign-up). Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 7th. Darrel Cornelius [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Thursday March 11, 2021, Coffee Run [D/4mi/50'/8am]** Enter the Oro Valley Hospital parking entrance and drive to the far west end of the parking lot near the medical buildings where the hike will meet. We will hike on mostly paved paths to the coffee shop located in the Encantada apartment complex. The shop offers an variety of coffee creations as well as a selection of teas. There are also pastries available. There is some seating just outside the shop, but another option may be available. The hike is limited to 10. Masks will be required as well as adherence to other COVID procedures. Contact: Judith Maisch [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Thursday, March 11, 2021 Oro Valley Estates History Hike [C/5mi/200'/7:30am]** Hike in a neighborhood that predates Oro Valley and hear about its history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Fairfield Inn on Oracle Rd. Jim Williams. [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**Friday, March 12, 2021 Big Wash to Oasis [C-/6mi/300'/8am]** Park at Admin building and hike 6 miles in loop via Big Wash/Oasis back to admin building. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com) or 818-9178.

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 12, 2021 Blackett's Ridge [B/6mi/1800'/8am]** Meet at Sabino Canyon Trailhead. Hike Phoneline Trail to Blackett's Ridge Trail which is very steep, then a gradual- persistent climb to one of Tucson's premier views. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) 253-722-4296

**Friday, March 12, 2021 Dorothy's Wash [D/4mi/300'/7:30am]** Meet at the main trailhead in CSP. Take the Sutherland trail and loop to a spot in Sutherland wash and loop back to the parking area. LIMIT 10. COVID procedures will apply. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE ADDED. Saturday, March 13, 2021 Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp [C/6mi/400'/7am 8am]** Caravan at 7am to park at trailhead by 8am on Camino Loma Alta off Old Spanish Trail to hike on a former ranch in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Lollipop hike on old road, down wash, and up trail with sweeping views and ranch artifacts to return on old road. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Contact Darrel to be placed on the waiting list. Monday, March 15, 2021 Sutherland + Horse Trails [D/4mi/200'/9am]** Meet at the Catalina State Park trailhead parking lot at 9am (not at Welcome Center; no caravan). Hike the Sutherland Trail for ¾ mile; then north on a horse trail close to the Sutherland Wash. Circle back to the Sutherland Trail on another horse trail and return to the parking lot. Includes a few short rough uphill and downhill. Darrel Cornelius, [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. NEW HIKE ADDED. Contact Max to be added to the waiting list. Monday, March 15, 2021 Brandenburg Mtn./Aravaipa Overlook [C/6mi/1500'/7am]** Park along Aravaipa Rd just before the BLM station and hike up wash to cairn marked trail. Follow marked trail up to road that traverses flat area around Brandenburg Mtn. Follow this road to wonderful overlooks of the Aravaipa canyon. Meet behind the admin building. Max Haegele 818-9178, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 16, 2021 50yr trail/trail link/Sutherland/bluff loop [C+/8mi/700'/8am]** Meet at Equestrian Center, hike 50yr trail past park gate, follow trail link to Sutherland wash and then follow bluff back to Equestrian Center. Parts of the hike are on state trust land. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp [C/6mi/400'/7am 8am]** Caravan at 7am to park at trailhead by 8am on Camino Loma Alta off Old Spanish Trail to hike on a former ranch in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Lollipop hike on old road, down wash, and up trail with sweeping views and ranch artifacts to return on old road. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 Baby Jesus/Deer Camp Loop [B/9mi/1100'/\$2/8am]** Drive out Golder Ranch Rd to corrals. Hike Baby Jesus trail to cutoff to Deer Camp trail. Take cutoff to Deer Camp and return via Deer Camp trail and fifty year trail. Meet at the corrals left of Golder Ranch Rd. Max Haegele, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**Friday, March 19, 2021 Tortolita Preserve Medium Loop [C-/6mi/300'/7:30am]** Meet at the end of the Moore Road segment west of Dove Mountain Blvd. Hike a short 6 mile loop of the established trail, and return. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Friday, March 19, 2021 Soldier Trail #2 [B/11mi/3150'/8am]** Meet at Molino Basin/AZT Trailhead, hike AZT past Old Prison Camp to upper Soldier Trail. Hike Soldier Trail to a beautiful view of the valley below and return the same way. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) 253-722-4296

**Saturday, March 20, 2021 Fifty-Year Trail "In and out" [C/6mi/600'/8am]** An easy hike along an old jeep road leaving from the Equestrian Center to Park gate and return. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Saturday, March 20 Highland Golf Course [D/3mi/300'/7:30am]** Walk through the golf cart paths of the defunct Highlands golf course for nine holes. Interesting view how the desert overtakes a golf course when it is not watered or cared for. We will meet at the Welcome Center and drive the short distance to the course. Doug Higgins  
[dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net)

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Saturday, March 20, 2021 Coyote Wash/Ruiz/Hope Camp [C/6mi/400'/7am]** Meet behind Welcome Center at 7am and drive to Rincon Visitor Center on Old Spanish Trail. This is a former ranch in part of Saguaro National Park East added by Congress in 1990s. Lollipop hike on old road, down wash, and up trail with sweeping views and ranch artifacts to return on old road. Need National Park Pass. Georgene Porter,  
[gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 22, 2021 Brandenburg Mtn./Aravaipa Overlook [C/6mi/1500'/7am]** Park along Aravaipa Rd just before the BLM station and hike up wash to cairn marked trail. Follow marked trail up to road that traverses flat area around Brandenburg Mtn. Follow this road to wonderful overlooks of the Aravaipa canyon. Meet behind the admin building. Max Haegele 818-9178, [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 22, 2021 Black Rock Loop Sweetwater Preserve [D/4mi/400'/6:45am]** This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to caravan over at 6:45 am or meet at Tortolita TH at 7:30 to hike this Pima County Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Saguaro Vista to Black Rock Loop and back to cars. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Oro Valley Estates History Hike. [C/5mi/200'/7:30am]** Hike in a neighborhood that predates Oro Valley and hear about its history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Fairfield Inn on Oracle Rd. Jim Williams.  
[jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Walk In The Park [D/4mi/200'/7:30am]** Meet at the Main Trail Head parking lot at Catalina State Park. Hike from parking lot to Sutherland Trail for 2 miles, stop for a snack and return same way. Al Schmidt [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Fern Canyon and Rogers Rock [C/5mi/1000'/8am]** Leave Sun City on your own at 8am and drive to the Mt Wrightson Picnic Area in Madera Canyon where the hike starts. After two miles on the Super Trail we take a heavily used though unofficial trail to Rogers Rock, a good snack or early lunch spot. Then we descend through Fern Canyon, which is especially pretty if water is running. The Pipeline Trail takes us back to the Super Trail then on to the cars. Bob Eschrich, 825-1482,  
[HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Contact Kurt to be placed on the waiting list. Thursday, March 25, 2021 Honey Bee Canyon [C/7mi/350'/6:30am]** Meet at Desert Oasis. Hike along Sun City Blvd., Rancho Vistoso Blvd., and Powerline Trail to Honey Bee Canyon Park. Continue on dry wash past petroglyphs and upper dam to State Trust Land. Take trails across flats and re-enter subdivision at Chalk Creek. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 Walk-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/8am]** Hike from a Catalina State Park trail head for about two miles on a designated trail either as a loop or return the same way. Trail may contain rocky sections and short but steep inclines/declines. Meet behind the Welcome Center at 8am for instructions on where the hike will start. Catalina State Park pass or 7\$ entry fee required. Peg Rocklin, [pegrocklin@gmail.com](mailto:pegrocklin@gmail.com). 720-206-8217.

**Friday, March 26, 2021 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop [C/6mi/700'/7am]** Meet at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park. Hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Cutoff Trail to Sutherland Trail, snack on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. COVID Procedures apply. Limit 10. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@gmail.com](mailto:kmduellman@gmail.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. March 26, 2021 Thimble Peak [B/11mi/2300'/8am]** Meet at Old Prison Camp, hike in to Sycamore Canyon and take link trail to Upper Bear Canyon Trail, follow a seldom used trail to base of Thimble Peak and return. Several ups and downs. Dennis Potter [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) 253-722-4296

**Saturday, March 27, 2021 2pm speaker followed by a short meeting and "Wine and Cheese"**

**Both March 29 and April 1 are FULL. Wait List is full for both dates. Monday, March 29, 2021 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness West [C+/8mi/200'/7:30am]** After hiking through a lush riparian section, we enter a narrow canyon with towering cliffs and unsurpassed scenery. Paths sometimes disappear thus hiking in the stream and stream crossings are frequently necessary (shoes on). A steady pace will be maintained with photo stops and breaks. We have lunch at the turn-around point and return via the same route. All virus safety protocols will be followed. The Aravaipa Canyon is located about one hour's drive north of SCOV. Darrel Cornelius, [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com).

**HIKE IS FULL. Monday, March 29, 2021 Big Wash to Desert Oasis [D/4mi/200'/8am]** Hike Big Wash to the north from Catalina Vista on bike trail looping around to conclude at Desert Oasis. This is an open ended hike requiring transportation at both ends. It will be conducted on state trust land. COVID procedures will apply. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Walk-in-the-Park [D/4mi/250'/7am]** Meet at Catalina State Park main trailhead parking lot. Hike Birding Trail, then do Canyon Loop. At Sutherland Wash, hike undesignated trail up to Sutherland Trail, then return. Kurt Schulz, [kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.james.schulz@gmail.com).



**HIKE IS FULL. Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Red Tail Ridge Sweetwater [C/5mi/400'/6:45am]**

This is NOT the WW Treatment Plant! Meet behind Welcome Center to Caravan over at 6:45am or meet at Tortolita Trailhead at 7am to hike this Tucson Mountain Park through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. Desperado Loop to Night Hawk Trail, Red Tail Ridge, Ocotillo Hill, The Spine, Lost Arrow and Saguaro Vista back to cars. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**NEW HIKE ADDED. Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Oro Valley Estates History Hike**

**[D/4 mi/200'/7:30 am]** Hike a neighborhood that predates Oro Valley and hear about its history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Fairfield Inn on Oracle Rd.

Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com)

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Honey Bee Petroglyphs [D/4mi/223'/7:30am]** Meet at the Mountain View Plaza parking lot at 7:30am and walk to Honey Bee Park, then take the north trail toward the petroglyphs, hike 0.1 mile to the second dam, have a snack and return same way. A 4 mile hike with gentle elevation change but a sandy hike part way in a wash. Al Schmidt [alschmidt45@gmail.com](mailto:alschmidt45@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Mount Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail [A/12mi/4000'/7am]** Meet at welcome center and caravan down. Park at MWPA parking lot and hike shortest route to top [9453']. Start, 5400'. Laurie Payne, [PinkLaurie360@gmail.com](mailto:PinkLaurie360@gmail.com).

**DATE CHANGED TO MARCH 30. NEW HIKE ADDED. Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Oro Valley Estates History Hike [ D/4 mi/200'/7:30 am]** Hike a neighborhood that predates Oro Valley and hear about its history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Fairfield Inn on Oracle Rd. Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com)