

**January 2020**  
( Updates and special dates are in **RED** )

**Friday, January 03, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am]** A prerequisite hike for joining Vistoso Hiking Club. Hike a short distance up the 50-Year Trail from the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park and return. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Meg Gerken, 520-638-7204.

**Friday, January 03, 2020 Cargodera Canyon via Canyon Loop [C/6mi/700'/\$2/8am]** 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. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**NEW - Friday January 3rd - Sutherland Trail to X-Stream View [B/10mi/1500'/\$2/8:30am]** We hike the Sutherland Trail either from C.S.P. or the end of Golder Ranch dirt road. We go one mile past the Baby Jesus trail junction; then take a short bushwhack to the stream carving through large rock formations with a waterfall. We lunch there and return by same route. Darrel Cornelius [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com) or 608-320-9175

**Saturday, January 04, 2020 Fifty Year Trail to Middlegate [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Park cars at the Corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Hike jeep trail and bike trails to Middlegate Trail. Cross Sutherland Wash and return south. This hike is on State Trust Land. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com).

**Monday, January 06, 2020 Signal Hill [C/6mi/600'/\$6/8am]** Carpool to park at Sus Picnic Area, Saguaro West National Park, Tucson Mountains, follow Bajada Trail in a wash and over one large boulder to Overlook Trail back to Wild Dog Trail to gravel road to Signal Hill, have a snack, look at petroglyphs and return via Wild Dog and Bajada Trails. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com).

**Tuesday, January 07, 2020 University of Arizona [E/3mi/50'/\$6/8am]** We will be going to the University of Arizona where we will do a walk around the campus (through the eyes of two alumni) and then have a tour of the tree ring lab. We will meet behind the library and leave at 8:00 am. \$6 to the driver which will include the parking fee. There will be a limit of 20 people. Call Bob and Leslie Esparza at 825-8271 to sign up. The Esparza car will be going to lunch at Micha's Mexican restaurant.

**Tuesday, January 07, 2020 Vision Seeker's Gorge [C/6mi/900'/\$3/8am]** Park at the Crow windmill 5.2 miles in on Rail-X Ranch Road. NOTE: Rail-X (Edwin) road west is very rough & unimproved which requires high clearance vehicles (pick-up, SUV). Hike dependent on drivers with proper vehicles which may limit number of hikers. Follow a bike trail south for 2 miles past the base of Tortolita Peak and then follow animal trails south over a ridge with some light bushwhacking and light scrambling to the Gorge. We lunch at the top of a large gorge; there may be seasonal water crossings and waterfall. There are petroglyphs nearby. This hike is on State Trust Land. Doug Higgins, [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Wednesday, January 08, 2020 Gould Mine/Esperanza/Hugh Norris [C/5mi./860'/\$6/8am]**

We leave a car at the Hugh Norris Trailhead for a car shuttle. The Gould Mine Trail starts at the same place as the King Canyon Trail. We hike north one mile on the Gould Mine Trail to the Esperanza Trail, then another mile to the Hugh Norris Trail, then continue west to the Hugh Norris Trailhead for the car shuttle. National Park limit of 18 hikers. Bob Eschrich, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com) 825-1482.

**Wednesday, January 08, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park[D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from a CSP 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. Judy Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com).

**New Date!! FULL - Thursday, January 09 Friday, January 10, 2020 Sutherland History Hike [C/6mi/350'/\$2/8am]** Hike several trails in Catalina State Park to three locations: the Sutherland "cabin," the ruins of the Sutherland home, and a family well. Return the same way. Wear hiking boots and pants. Hear about the Sutherland family, early settlers of this area. Limit: 15. Jim Williams [jaswilliams128@msn.com](mailto:jaswilliams128@msn.com).

**Friday, January 10, 2020 Soldier Trail [B/6mi/2300'/\$6/8am]** If adequate parking is available, park at lower end of trail, hike up to GHRA, and return. If not, park at GHRA, hike down to trailhead, and return. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296.

**Friday, January 10, 2020 Hike Rillito River trail and watch the moon rise over the mountain, [D/4mi/100'/\$3/4pm]** Dine at Sweet Tomatoes and hit the trail at 5:30 to see the sun set and the moon rise. Water and boots not critical on this walk. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com)

**FULL - NEW TIME & DATE - Friday, January 17-10, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail "In and out" [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am 7:30 am]** Carpool to the Equestrian Center. Hike along an old jeep road leaving from the Equestrian Center to Park gate and return. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Monday, January 13, 2020 Baby Jesus Trail Key Exchange [B/11mi/1500'/\$2/8am]** Drive out Golder Ranch Road to the horse corral. Hike northerly to the BabyJesus Trail; hike the B.J. to the Sutherland Trail; continue to Catalina State Park. Other group hikes this in reverse for key exchange. Max Haegele 520-818-9178 and Darrel Cornelius [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com) or 608-320-9175. Sign-up deadline is Friday, Jan.10th, 4:00pm.

**NEW DATE – Monday January 13, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Sweetwater Preserve Left Loop [C/7mi/600'/\$4/8am]** This is NOT the WW treatment plant! Carpool to this Pima County Park in the Tucson Mountains, just past I-10 and hike through saguaros/desert landscape with occasional suburban views. From Tortolita TH, take Saguaro Vista, Black Rock Loop, Sun Circle Loop, Lost Arrow, Homestead, Ocotillo Hill, The Spine, Wildflower Ridge, and Roller Coaster Trail back to cars. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com) Limit 16.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from the main trailhead parking lot for an hour in some direction and return the same way. Meet at Golf Course parking lot at 7:45. Dean Chapman, 825-2954 or [dchapma6@msn.com](mailto:dchapma6@msn.com).

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Deer Camp, Rattlesnake, Around the Mountain, 50 YR Trail loop [B/9mi/1300'/\$2/8am]** Park at the corral on the Equestrian Trail off Golder Ranch Road. Follow the jeep trail down to Sutherland Wash and start on the Deer Camp Trail, head NE on Rattlesnake Trail, then Around the Mountain to the N end of the 50YR trail and return. Wonderful views and rock formations. This hike is on State Trust Land. Doug Higgins [dahiggins@comcast.net](mailto:dahiggins@comcast.net).

**Thursday, January 16, 2020 New Member Orientation Hike [D/3mi/300'/\$2/8am]** 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. There is an orientation talk. Meet at the golf course parking lot. Doug Higgins, 630-369-2896.

**FULL - Thursday, January 16, 2020 Cargodera Canyon via Sutherland [C/6mi/700'/\$2/8am]** Hike Canyon Loop Trail, then take the Sutherland Cutoff Trail to Sutherland Trail, brunch on the flat rocks in Cargodera Canyon, and return by the same route. Limit 12 Guide: Rob Simms, [Spartan7375@gmail.com](mailto:Spartan7375@gmail.com).

**MOVED TO 10<sup>th</sup> Friday, January 17, 2020 Fifty-Year Trail "In and out" [C/6mi/600'/\$2/8am]** Carpool to the Equestrian Center. Hike along an old jeep road leaving from the Equestrian Center to Park gate and return. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Monday, January 20, 2020 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. Max Haegele, 818-9178 or [43avocet@gmail.com](mailto:43avocet@gmail.com).

**FULL - Tuesday, January 21, 2020 Crested Saguaros [C/5mi/400'/\$0/8am]** Meet at Desert Oasis, hike on various trails to two crested saguaros. Look for more and possibly petroglyphs in area. This hike is on State Trust land. Millie Sparling, 520-850-6211, [milliesparling79@gmail.com](mailto:milliesparling79@gmail.com)

**FULL - Wednesday, January 22, 2020 Lower Javalina Trail Loop [C/4mi/600'/\$3/8am]** From the Wild Burro Trailhead at Dove Mountain, hike up Wild Burro Trail to the Lower Javalina Trail. Circle Wild Burro Canyon on both sides and return. We will have snack time along the way but should be home for lunch. Bob Eschrich, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com), 825-1482.

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from a CSP 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. Judy Maisch, [jam4930@yahoo.com](mailto:jam4930@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 Guides Meeting 3:00 - 5:00 Desert Oasis.**

**FULL - Thursday, January 23, 2020 Rail-X Ranch corral to Ritz-Carlton Hotel trailhead, [B/10mi/1100ft SB, 1950ft NB/\$3/7:30am]** Great views from the ridge as we hike from the corral to the hotel. Jack Evert, [jackevert439@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert439@gmail.com), Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com)

**FULL - Friday, January 24, 2020 Pima Canyon Short Hike [C-/4mi/665'/\$2/8am]** From the Pima Canyon trailhead, hike 2 miles, to a major drainage coming out of a saddle between Pusch Peak and Table Mountain, and return. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).

**Friday, January 24, 2020 Bridal veil Falls via Esperero Trail [B/13mi/2500'/\$4/7am]** Hike 0.7 miles up paved road to trailhead, and begin to climb (steeply in places), past Cardiac Gap and Geronimo Meadow to Bridalveil Falls, and return. Dennis Potter, [sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296.

**Monday, January 27, 2020 Sycamore Canyon to Hutch's Pool and return [B/15mi/2600'/\$6/6am]** From old Prison Camp, to Sycamore Canyon, to East Fork, down to Sabino Basin, on to Hutch's Pool for lunch, and return to parking lot. Dennis Potter, [Sweetliberty@comcast.net](mailto:Sweetliberty@comcast.net) or 253-722-4296.

**FULL - Tuesday, January 28, 2020 Hike Big Wash from Catalina Vista to Catalina, see "Stonehenge". [C/6mi/250'/\$0/8am]** Jack Evert, [jackevert4339@gmail.com](mailto:jackevert4339@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Hike-in-the-Park [D/4mi/200'/\$2/8am]** Hike from the main trailhead parking lot for an hour in some direction and return the same way. Meet at Golf Course parking lot at 7:45. Dean Chapman, 825-2954 or [dchapma6@msn.com](mailto:dchapma6@msn.com).

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Middle Gate and Cherry Tank Trails [C/5mi./500'/\$2/8am]** We will park 1/2 mile past the corral. (I will shuttle hikers the 1/2 mile if some drivers don't like the road.) We will hike clockwise on the Middle Gate Trail. In the middle of the hike we will be on the Cherry Tank Trail for a little less than a mile, where we will find a nice rock for a snack break. State Trust Land permit needed. Bob Eschrich, [HikerBobE@aol.com](mailto:HikerBobE@aol.com) , 825-1482.

**NEW - Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 Four Falls [B-/6mi/1300'/\$2/9am]** The "B" rating is for climbing up and over some boulders and walking on the ledge of a boulder. From the end of the Golder Ranch dirt road, we hike a horse trail to the Sutherland Trail; then up the rocky road and past the Baby Jesus connection for 2/3 mile; then a short bushwhack down to Four Falls. We need one additional high-clearance vehicle for over five hikers. If not available, then add 2 1/2 miles for starting from C.S.P. Darrel Cornelius 608-320-9175 or [darrelcornelius@q.com](mailto:darrelcornelius@q.com)

**FULL = Thursday, January 30, 2020 B Hike at Slower C Pace! Wasson Peak via Esperanza Trail [B/8mi/1800'/\$6/7am]** Carpool to Saguaro National Park West in the Tucson Mountains and park at trailhead on Golden Gate Road, hike up Esperanza Trail to Hugh Norris Trail, to the highest peak in the Tucson Mountains for lunch and return. Spectacular views. Georgene Porter, [gvporter@live.com](mailto:gvporter@live.com) Limit 18.

**FULL - Friday, January 31, 2020 Cabin–Cargodera–Sutherland Loop [C/7mi/900’/\$2/8am]**

Meet behind the welcome center. Park at main trailhead. Take a side trail off the Canyon Loop following Sutherland Wash to the stone cabin at the N end of the Park. This spot is the location of the original Sutherland Ranch. Take the Sutherland Link trail (parallel to the rocky jeep road) SE to the Sutherland Trail and Cargodera canyon rocks. Return on the Sutherland Trail. Limit 16. Mike Duellman, [kmduellman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduellman@yahoo.com).