September 2015 Hike Schedule

Please remember to notify the “Hike Contact” via the contact information listed with each hike. Do not hit “reply” as your message likely will not reach the correct person.

RESCHEDULED HIKE
Tuesday, September 1
Level B 5.12 miles 1775’ Elevation Hike
Contact: Suzi Manthorpe manthuzi@gmail.com
Depart 7:00 AM DMP Return 4:00 PM
This scenic hike takes you from the top of the ski hill down to Wilderness of Rocks. We then go up to Marshall Saddle (rest) then upwards to Radio Towers and our cars. With flowers in bloom and Suzi being a naturalist, I am sure you may learn something on this hike. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. $5 carpool fee

Thursday, September 10
Hike A - Super Trail/Old Baldy Loop - Santa Rita Mountains
Level: B - 6.2 miles Elevation gain: 1,780 feet
Hike Contact: Melba Cope, 744-5095 or nolimitsgranny@comcast.net
Depart: 7:00 AM DMP Return: 4:00 PM
We will take the Super Trail up to Josephine Saddle which represents an elevation gain of about 1,780 feet in 3.7 miles. This is a beautiful trail, with both exposure to the sun and shade from the trees. We will have lunch at the shady and cool saddle. From there we will descend 2.5 miles on Old Baldy Trail - mostly in the shade - back to the parking lot. Bring snacks, lunch, and plenty of water. Driver donation: $5.00

Hike B - Santa Rita Mtns - Super Trail to Rogers Rock for lunch then back along Pipeline Trail
Level C, approx. 4.3 miles, Elevation gain: 1100 feet, leisurely pace
Hike Contact: Helen Daniels 520.449.3375 or helenwilsond@aol.com
Depart 7:00 AM DMP Return 4:00 PM
This hike is a loop which starts on the Super Trail, then takes a spur trail to a nice rock outcropping overlooking Madera Canyon where we will stop for an early lunch. Roger's Rock is a huge boulder named for Charles B. (Chuck) Rogers who hiked in the Santa Ritas for 15 years
and summited 9,456' Mt Wrightson 115 times. In 1994, he celebrated his 80th birthday sharing cake with the Green Valley Hiking Club on top of Mt Wrightson. We will return via the Pipeline which has lots of ferns and trees and will probably have water running down the canyon bottom with beautiful little cascades and falls. This is a beautiful hike well known and loved by birders all over the world who come to Madera Canyon to see if they can spot the Elegant Trogan as well as the other multitude of birds who live here. Car Pool Fee is $5.00 and bring lunch, snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, and plenty of water.

Monday, September 14
Four Springs Trail (Madera Canyon)
Pace - Moderate/Steady Level: A, 9.7 miles, 3,000ft
Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585 or drogers5190@gmail.com
Depart: 7:00 AM DMP Est. time of return: 4:00 PM
This is one of the best hikes in Madera Canyon. Most of the trail is through the forest, with a section of large sycamore trees, and the typical great views. There are some steep sections, but we will stop for breathers, so that some new people can explore the upper parts of this trail. We will hike the Bog Spring/Kent Spring trails, and continue on the Four Spring Trail. Our destination is a saddle just below the Crest Trail. We will return via the same route. Golden Age Passport or fee required for Madera Canyon.
$5 per person carpool fee suggested. (116 Miles)

September 17th, Thursday
Take a Hike” Summer Picnic
ALDER PICNIC AREA Catalina Mountains estimated elevation at 8,000 FEET. Located on the right hand side at you go up to Summerhaven, offering the shade of the trees and outstanding views.
Our first 2015 picnic for hikers, spouses, friends and/or significant others. We invite all to attend a fun filled picnic to finish off our 2015 summer hiking season. Our chefs will barbecue, hamburgers, brats and portabella mushrooms. Please plan on bringing either an appetizer, salad, or dessert. We are asking for $3.00 each to help with the costs of meats and fixings. Please bring your own choice of drinks (beer and wine are allowed within the picnic area ) and chairs. A few Picnic tables and benches are within this area, but we have found many enjoy a more comfortable chair. The picnic will begin around 11 AM through.......Please contact Chris Reis (desertreis@gmail.com) with your preference of a shared appetizer, salad or dessert dish, and how many will be in your party. Also, to avoid waste, please indicate your choice and number of burgers, brats and/or mushrooms.
Thursday, September 17
Bigelow Trail/Bigelow Road/Trail 1918 to Sunset Trailhead Parking Lot
Pace: Slow (up) Moderate (down)
Level: C, 3.3 miles Approx. 700' elevation gain
Hike Contact: Melba Cope 744-5095 or nolimitsgranny@comcast.net
Depart 7:00 AM DMP Estimated time of return 11:00 AM and time for the picnic!
This will be a great way to burn off the "calories to be" from our summer picnic! We will begin
at the Palisades Restroom Parking Lot, aka the Bigelow Trailhead. We will climb to the top of
Mt. Bigelow and then take Bigelow Road down to Trail 1918 which will take us down to and
through Bear Wallow, and up to the Sunset Trailhead Parking Area. Our main source of
climbing will be at the beginning while we are fresh and ready to go! We will take it as slow as
necessary during this part of our hike. We will be walking through the forest, with great views
at various times. If we are lucky maybe a few leaves will be showing some signs of color. While
a lot of this hike is in the forest, we will also be out in the open on the Bigelow Road, and in the
sun for part of the hike as well.
Car Pool Fee is $5.00 and please bring snacks and plenty of water!
When you sign up with me, please let me know if you are able to drive and how many
persons (including yourself) you can take comfortably. Thanks!! Melba

Tuesday, September 22
Catalina Mountains - Prison Camp to Sycamore Reservoir
Level C+, 4.6 miles RT 1100' accumulated elevation gain
Hike Contact: Ray Kuhn
Depart 7:00 AM DMP Return 3:00 PM
We will travel to the eastern slopes of the Catalina Mountains where prison camp was located
which housed the unfortunate souls who constructed much of the Catalina Highway. From the
prison camp, we'll hike down the Sycamore Reservoir Trail to the Sycamore Reservoir at the
junction of Bear Canyon. We can rest at the dam and explore the surrounding area before
heading uphill back to the prison site.
Car Pool Fee $5 Bring lunch, snacks, and water.

Thursday, September 24
Catalina Mountains Key Swap
Hike A - Crystal Spring TH off Control Road to Butterfly TH off the Catalina Highway
Level B+ 4.75 miles 1900 ft. elevation gain
Hike B - Upper Butterfly TH to Crystal Spring TH
Level B 4.75 miles 950 ft. elevation gain
Hike Contacts Gary Borax & Ray Kuhn gcborax@yahoo.com 520.744.5991
Depart: 7:00AM DMP Return: 4:00PM
One group will depart from the Upper Butterfly TH and hike down the Butterfly Trail to the Crystal Spring TH. The other group will drive 3 miles down the Control Road to the Crystal Spring TH. The two groups will meet in the middle, have lunch together and swap keys. Please bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. Carpool Fee $5

Tuesday, September 29:
Wild Burro/Lower Javelina (west side) Loop
Pace: Very Moderate
Level: C, 3 miles Approx. 350' elevation gain
Hike Contact: Joel Tormoen joeltormoen@gmail.com
Depart 7:30 AM Return 10:00 AM
We'll meet at the Wild Burro Trailhead parking area and hike past the hotel up the Wild Burro Trail to the upper junction of the Lower Javelina, take that back to the hotel and parking area. This is a fairly easy trail with the climb at the beginning of the Lower Javelina trail the only real steep part, and it is not difficult. Could still be warm, but we will finish early before things have a chance to REALLY heat up. It’s time to get reintroduced to the Tortolitas. I doubt if we will see many or any flowers, but birds and maybe a desert tortoise are possible. Bring plenty of water. No carpool fee.

Additional Information Pertaining to Summer Hikes

Hike Ratings -
Level - Miles Round Trip / Elevation Gain (low - high)
Elevation accumulated with GPS
A - 10 miles or more and greater than 2000 feet
B - 6 to 10 miles and 1000 to 2000 feet
C - 3 to 5 miles or less than 1000 feet
D - less than 3 miles and less than 500 feet

Sign-up for Hikes -
Email the respective Hike Contact