



Arizona Hiking & Travel Club

June 2017

Saturday, June 3 – Groom Creek Loop Trail #307 Hike (Prescott area)

RATING: B LENGTH: 10 mi ELEV GAIN: ~1,400 ft PACE: Medium

LEADER: Don Mowry - dgmowry@gmail.com - (480) 209-7963

Meet at 6:30 am (depart at 6:45) at the Park and Ride, SW corner of Bell Road and I-17. This very scenic trail offers panoramic views from Spruce Ridge of Mingus Mountain, the Prescott area, Crown King and the San Francisco Peaks. We'll pass through numerous stands of Ponderosa Pine on the way to the Spruce Mountain Lookout area. There we'll take a break before continuing down the other side of the loop back to the trailhead. Our moving average pace will be 2 to 2.5 mph. Spruce Mountain is misnamed because the trees at the top are Douglas Fir. Bring at least 3 liters of water, electrolytes, high energy food and raingear. No dogs or children please. Non-members \$5 fee and call the hike leader before the hike.

Saturday, June 10 - Bootlegger/Granite Mt and possible So and No Diablo Trails (McDowell Sonoran Preserve)

Rating: B LENGTH: 7.4-11.4 mi (with add on) ELEV GAIN: 200 ft PACE: Medium

CO-LEADERS: Dennis Weist - dgweist@aol.com - 480-251-5965 and Barbara Weist - weistb@aol.com - 480-529-4142

Since it's getting hot, please contact one of the hike leaders for meet-up time, but it will be very early! We will meet at the Granite Mt Trailhead in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve at 31042 No. 136th St., Scottsdale, just north of Dynamite Road. [City of Scottsdale - Trailheads](#) . This gorgeous hike has very little elevation gain and perfect for a warm morning; no long, uphill grind. With stunning mountain views to the east and great rock formations along the hike and the best cactus display around, this trail just slides by. This is an in and out hike, but if it's not too hot that morning, and we all agree to go on, we can make this a lollipop hike. The add-on miles (close to an additional 4) lead us through the new Black Diamond bike trails on the South and North Diablo Trails. These are easy for hikers, but you can see why they warn those on bikes. So if you're in town this

summer and want to get in an early morning hike with fabulous scenery, come on and join us! Good bragging rights....

We will make this a safe and fun hike: Please bring plenty of water, electrolytes, salty snacks and don't forget to wear a hat. No water or toilets at the trailhead. Please, no children or dogs on this hike. Cost to non-members is \$5.00

Wednesday, June 14 – Early Morning South Mountain Fun Hike

RATING: C LENGTH: 3.3 mi ELEV GAIN: 1140 ft PACE: Medium

LEADER: Jim D - hikingstickjim@yahoo.com - [602-639-2702](tel:602-639-2702)

Meet at 7:00 am (depart at 7:15) at the Beverly Canyon Trailhead. From I-10, turn west on Baseline Rd. and drive 0.9 miles to 46th St. Turn south on 46th St. and the trailhead parking lot is 0.2 miles at the end of the road. We'll hike west along the ridgeline above Javelina Canyon and return below on the Javelina Canyon Trail. We'll enjoy a good morning workout with lots of elevation gain, keeping an easy or medium pace, and we'll finish around 9 am. Bring water and sunscreen. Cost to non-members is \$5. Only guests and new members need to contact the hike leader prior to the event.

Saturday, June 17 – Drew from See Canyon Hike (Payson)

RATING: B- LENGTH: 7 mi ELEV. GAIN: ~1600 ft PACE: Moderate

LEADERS: Susan Sands - [602-291-1298](tel:602-291-1298) - sands.moon@aol.com

Grace Chen - [858-663-5173](tel:858-663-5173) (cell) - chenia@aol.com

Meet at 7 am (depart at 7:15) at Wendy's in Fountain Hills, on Shea Blvd. just west of Highway 87 (Beeline Hwy). Join us for an in-and-out hike to the rim. Starting at the See Canyon trailhead, we will hike east on the Highline trail then take the Drew trail up to the rim. We might spend some time at the top for additional exploring, enjoying the coolness and taking in the vista. Please note that the Drew trail is a steep one-mile with 800 ft in elevation gain. This is a beautiful hike with intermittent creek, triple trunk juniper, patches of yellow columbine and many horny toads spotted in the past. So let's see what nature has installed for us. Bring sunscreen, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, camera and \$ for carpool. No dog or children please. Cost to non-members is \$5.

Saturday, June 24, 2017 -High country hike to Agassiz Saddle, (San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff)

RATING: B+ LENGTH: 6-1/2 mi ELEV GAIN: 2400 ft PACE: Slow

Leader: Les Cherow - [602 826-1843](tel:602-826-1843) - lescherow@yahoo.com

Contact Les in advance to arrange car-pooling arrangements.

Meet 7:00 A.M. Park N Ride on Bell Rd. just West of I-17. We will ascend the Humphries Summit trail from the Arizona Snow Bowl (9400') and take a break at

Agassiz Saddle (11,800') with spectacular views. This will be our turn around point. Those that wish to continue on to Humphries summit (12,633') can do so. Please bring 3 liters of fluid, wind-breaker and warm clothing. No dogs please. This is a classic high altitude outing and we, hopefully, will not encounter rain in June but one can never be sure...

Tuesday, June 27 – Horton Springs/Babe Haught Loop Hike, Mogollon Rim

RATING: A LENGTH: 11 mi ELEV GAIN: 2700 PACE: Medium

LEADER: Dan Rothman - dwr12@gmail.com - 480-773-5197

Meet at 6:45 am in Fountain Hills – call leader for details of meeting place. We'll start at the Fish Hatchery Trailhead near Kohl's Ranch and hike east on the Highline Trail to the beautiful Horton Springs, where we'll take a short break for snacks and photos. From there we'll proceed up the very steep, seldom used but scenic Horton Springs Trail to the top of the Mogollon Rim, then hike westward along the top of the Rim and descend to the starting point via the Babe Haught Trail. Cost to non-members is \$5.

June 20 to June 23, 2017

Lynx/Watson Lake Camp, Bike, Hike and Kayak

Leader: Catherine Schuyler – 480-984-4709 – cschuyler@q.com

Co-leader(s) needed for help with various activities

We will drive up to Prescott on the morning of the 20th and set up camp at Lynx Lake (36 sites). Hotels, motels and B&B's available in Prescott for those not wishing to camp. Make your own reservations for camping and other accommodations. A "C" rated hike and/or bike ride will be offered on the afternoon of the 20th. On the 21st, you have your choice of hiking, biking, kayaking and/or birding. The 22nd we will hike the circumference of Watson Lake (5.8 mi round-trip, 767' accumulated elevation gain, rated B- due to some scrambling). On the 23rd we will relax with a paddle or short hike and then pack up and leave for home. Optional dinner each evening in Prescott. Please contact Leader listed above for additional information on this activity.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, July 13 through Sunday, July 16 - Camp and/or Hike near Flagstaff

Rating: A to F (for "fun") - whatever you want to make of it as long as you have fun.

Leaders: Mark Miller - [623-640-5375](tel:623-640-5375) - MarkM50@yahoo.com

Co-leader Nancy Dawn Spence - Cell: [480-213-2003](tel:480-213-2003) - NancyActPar@cox.net

Call or email one of the leaders for RSVP for camping and more details.

For hiking – no RSVP necessary -arrive at the trailhead before specified time.

Dispersed camping on FR 222 (Coconino National Forest)

From Flagstaff, take US 180 approximately 8 miles, then turn left onto FR 222. Go about 1 or 2 miles until you reach a fork in the road at Wing Mountain. Take the right-hand fork and we'll be camping in the forest somewhere in the next mile or two. Look for a yellow sign that says "Infinite Possibilities". There are no facilities or bathrooms here. Bring your own table, chairs, etc. and take care of your own trash. Temperatures will probably range from 50 to 80 degrees so bring layers of clothing. Most of us usually go to bed shortly after dark, so please arrive by then. Happy hour usually starts around 5 p.m. so bring whatever drinks you would like. It is great if you can bring a snack or something to share in our potlucks for both nights.

Hiking on Friday, July 14 – Slate Mountain Trail # 128 and/or Red Mountain (Kaibab National Forest)

Arrive at the Slate Mountain trailhead before 10:00 a.m.

Directions: Drive 35 miles north of Flagstaff on US 180 to FR 191. Turn west 2 miles to the trailhead on the right side of the road. US 180 is paved. FR 191 is graveled and suitable for passenger cars in most weather. This is an up and back hike on the same trail with an elevation gain of 850 feet. Mixed reports say it is either 5 or 8 miles round trip. The gradual ascent and panoramic views make this an exceptional hike. Red Mountain Trail is only about 3 miles round trip so we may do that afterwards if people want to or some might want to do this instead of Kendrick on Saturday.

Hiking on Saturday, July 15 – Kendrick Mountain Trail #22 (Kaibab National Forest)

Arrive at Kendrick Trailhead before 10:00 a.m.

Directions: From Flagstaff take US 180 about 20 miles to FR 193. At MM 233 turn left (west) onto FR 193 and go 3 miles to FR 171. Turn right onto FR 190, then right again in just over one mile which takes you directly to the trailhead. This is a total of 9 miles straight up and straight down with an elevation gain of 2,700 feet. Some people may choose to only go part way or choose a different hike in the area.

Wednesday, September 6 – General Membership Meeting (6:45 pm)

Location: Granite Reef Senior Center, located in Scottsdale on Granite Reef Road just north of McDowell Road.

Come join us at our September General Membership Meeting, as we look forward to the cooler weather just around the corner and kick off a wonderful series of fall speaker programs. Mark your calendars now for this meeting and the happy hour to precede it.

The Superstition Area Land Trust is a very important player in conserving the natural Sonoran Desert open spaces throughout our beautiful Superstition

wilderness. As our metropolitan area spreads and becomes more densely populated there is more pressure on these natural resources. Charles Goff, president of SALT, has been very involved with efforts to keep this precious area available for our enjoyment. Come to our September meeting and learn about enjoying this area, how it is maintained and financed to remain viable, and how you may very well be able to help the cause.

You'll also hear details about the club's new Adopt-A-Trail project (Black Mesa Trail in the Superstitions), including specifics regarding our scheduled November trail maintenance day and related activities.

Saturday, September 15th to Friday, September 28th, 2017

Bike and Barge along the Danube

RATING: Moderate Activities: Bike Riding, sightseeing, eating, and having fun!

LEADERS: Bev 480 415-7147, blkoslow@yahoo.com and Ray

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Sept 15, 2017-Sept 23, 2017 Bike and Barge along the Danube

Sept 24, 2017-Sept 28, 2017 Sightsee in Berlin, Germany

The first portion of our trip is a 4 country self-guided bike ride along the Danube River - which is the most popular European bike and barge trip being offered by our outfitter. Our hotel and restaurant for 7 nights and 8 days is our barge called the MS Normandy. Our days will be spent riding on well-marked bike paths along the Danube River through Austria, Germany, Slovakia, and Hungary. The bike paths will take us past castles, Danube National Park, the Hungarian Danube Bend, and the capital cities of Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest. Along the way, we will stop to see some local sights, perhaps do a little shopping, grab a snack, etc. before meeting our barge in the late afternoon/evening where we can unwind and socialize with other passengers before retiring to our double occupancy cabins on the barge. Where will we get our meals, you ask? The Barge is also our restaurant where we will get three great meals a day (breakfast and dinners will be served on the barge, and we will have sack lunches while riding).

After the bike and barge, we're off to Berlin for an additional 4 nights and 5 days sightseeing, bike riding, taking a river cruise, visiting museum island, Checkpoint Charlie, The Holocaust Museum., The Brandenburg Gate, etc. Meals for this portion of the trip are NOT included in the overall cost.

Cost for Bike and Barge = \$1975 double occupancy. (Single Supplements are available for an additional \$400) Cost for Berlin portion of the trip is \$527. Airfare to/from the United States is additional. You are welcome to join us on either portion of the trip, or the whole thing.

The bike and barge is currently full, buy please contact Bev to put your name on the waiting list as cancellations do happen.

Thursday, November 9, 2017 - Tour of Tovrea Castle at Carraro Heights

RATING: Fun

LEADER: Regina Marie Miskewitz 602-448-0684 regina_miskewitz@yahoo.com

Meet at Tovrea Castle Visitor Center/Gift Shop at 8:45 AM. Address: 5025 East Van Buren, Phoenix, Arizona 85008. There is good parking. Tour starts at 9 AM and will be ~ 2-hours.

COST: \$15.00 a person. Contact the leader to reserve a place on this tour (limited to 12 individuals, first-come basis.) Payment is due as you reserve your spot, make checks payable to AzOTC.

Due to popular demand (the February 9, 2017 filled-up almost immediately after it was announced) we have added another tour date for this historic site visit here in the valley.

Have you ever wondered about the wedding-cake-like structure one sees when driving along the 202?? Then join us for a tour of Tovrea Castle and Cactus Gardens and get a first-hand look at the Castle and surrounding Cactus Gardens and Outbuildings as we learn about this unique and historic Phoenix landmark. Tovrea Carraro Society Docents will guide us back in time as they introduce us to the three families that homesteaded the land, designed and constructed the Castle and Cactus Gardens, and made the Castle their home while sharing interesting, fact-filled stories about the property and its history. We are able to bring water on the tour as long as it is in a closed container. Photography is allowed; Flash photography is not permitted within the Castle.

For those interested, after the Tour, we will enjoy an early-lunch at Gertrude's at the Desert Botanical Garden.

There are 24 spots, so please reserve early!!

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Coordinators

The following are Volunteer Activity Coordinators. Contact them if you need information or help arranging your activity. Please coordinate your activity schedule through the appropriate Volunteer Activity Coordinator.

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Social: **TBD**

All activity write-ups MUST be submitted to the proper Activity Coordinator for review and approval before they are sanctioned events. Activities can be submitted to Activity Coordinators by e-mail. They are submitted to an Activity Coordinator, not to the Webmaster.

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www.azotc.com

Activity Rating Guide

AzOTC activities are gauged by the following chart. Please consider the rating below and also the pace prior to signing up for an activity. "MEDIUM" (or unlisted) hikes have a pace of 2.0 - 2.5 mph. A "FAST" pace is greater than 2.5 mph. A "SLOW" pace is less than 2.0 mph.

Hike Ratings

Rating	Miles	Elevation Gain
A+	20+	4,000+ ft.
A	16-20	3,000-4,000 ft.
A-	14-16	2,500-3,500 ft.
B+	12-14	2,000-2,500 ft.
B	10-12	1,500-2,000 ft.
B-	8-10	1,100-1,500 ft.
C+	6- 8	800-1,100 ft.
C/D	2- 6	400-800 ft.

Bicycle Ride Ratings

- A** 30-50 miles on flat terrain or 20-35 miles with hills. Road may have heavy traffic.
- B** 15-30 miles on flat terrain or 10-20 miles with hills. Roads may have traffic.
- C** 10-15 miles on flat terrain, or 10 miles with hills. Quiet streets or bike paths.

Equipment for A & B rides consists of a lightweight bicycle with multiple gearing, water bottle, tire pump, extra tube, repair kit, helmet and riding gloves. We also suggest bike shorts. Riders will not be left by the wayside, but are expected to be self-sufficient. A buddy system is in effect for the last two riders. Equipment for C rides consists of a bicycle in good, safe repair, water bottle, tire pump, extra tube, repair kit, and helmet. C rides will have a leader and a "sweep".

Members, please pay attention to the activity rating given a hike or bike ride. The ratings were designed to give participants an indication of the difficulty of an activity in advance. Some hikes and bike rides sponsored by AzOTC are arduous and can be dangerous for less experienced members. It is extremely important that members wear suggested clothing and carry required equipment (hiking boots, helmets, gloves, etc.). If you have any questions or doubts about the difficulty of the activity or your ability to participate safely, please contact the activity leader. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe time on AzOTC sponsored activities.

Consumption of alcohol during an AzOTC bike or hike activity is prohibited.

REMEMBER! A free membership can be earned by leading 8 activities per calendar year. Sign up 3 new members in a calendar year and earn a free AzOTC tee-shirt.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – ARIZONA OUTDOOR AND TRAVEL CLUB

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you find out about AzOTC? _____

The annual membership fee is due on December 31st each year, good through December 31st the following year.

New Member

The prorated amounts listed below are for new members only

<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Prior to 3/31	\$20.00	\$30.00
4/1 to 6/30	\$15.00	\$22.50
7/1 to 9/30	\$10.00	\$15.00
10/1 to 12/31	\$5.00	\$7.50

Renewal Member

Individual Membership — \$20/year Family Membership — \$30/year

Change of Address

I would like to lead/co-lead an activity: Yes

Interests: Hiking Biking Backpacking Camping Canoeing Travel 4x4

Other

I/We, intending to be legally-bound members of the Arizona Outdoor & Travel Club™ (AzOTC), do hereby, for myself, my family, and my heirs, release all rights and claims for personal injuries or damages I/we incur while participating in AzOTC-sponsored activities.

Applicant: _____ Other family member: _____

Date: _____

Mail to: AzOTC, PO Box 21951, Mesa, AZ 85277

Guest Policy

We welcome guests! Please give us a try! We encourage guests to participate in activities (rules and space permitting). Non-members are charged \$5 for all activities that are free to members. Selected activities are open to members only. For paid activities, non-members will be assessed an additional fee based on the cost of the activity. Guests must always call activity leader in advance, sign a liability release and be aware of the ACTIVITY RATING.