



# Arizona Hiking & Travel Club

December 2018

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**Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – General Membership Meeting (4:30 pm)**  
**Location: Yard House Restaurant in the Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall.**

This will be the last meeting ever of the Arizona Hiking and Travel Club. Rather than our usual general membership meeting, we've decided to have a happy hour at the Yard House Restaurant in the Fashion Square Mall.

For those of you who've been there, Yard House has a great happy hour menu. Furthermore, the club will be providing a \$10 voucher to all club members (\$20 to family members) to be used for food and/or beverages. This will be a great way to kick off the holidays while sharing stories and catching up with old and new acquaintances.

The happy hour will start at 4:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Thursday, December 6 – AZT Passage 15 to Big Hill (Kearney)**

RATING: B+ LENGTH: 11.6 mi ELEV GAIN: 2400 ft PACE: Medium

LEADER: Bud Tasch – [arizbunzer@msn.com](mailto:arizbunzer@msn.com) – 303-868-0216

We will meet at the Burger King at Power Road and Highway 60 at 8:00 AM (leave 8:15 AM). The trail meanders through rolling desert before climbing and following a ridgeline to Big Hill (3,594 feet). The final 0.1 miles is an easy bushwack to the summit. There are great 360-degree views from the top.

**Tuesday, December 11 – Camp Creek Falls and Sears Kay Ruins Hike**

RATING: C+ LENGTH: 6 mi ELEV GAIN: 1000 ft PACE: Medium

LEADER: Dan Rothman - [dwrr12@gmail.com](mailto:dwrr12@gmail.com) - 480-773-5197

Meet at 7:00 am (depart 7:15) in the AJ's parking lot located at the intersection of Pima and Legacy Roads in north Scottsdale. We'll carpool to a wide pull-off from Cave Creek Road and from there hike along Camp Creek to a pretty 12-foot waterfall that flows for most of the year. After returning to our starting point, we'll head north and hike to the Sears Kay Ruins, an interesting, fortified Hohokam site located atop a mesa with a commanding view across the entire area. Bring snacks, plenty of water, and wear sturdy hiking boots.

## 2018 AHTC Officers

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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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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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## Activity Rating Guide

AHTC 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 AHTC 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 AHTC sponsored activities.

**Consumption of alcohol during an AHTC bike or hike activity is prohibited**