

Hiking Club Trip to Sedona, AZ March 14-16, 2012

Interested in a ROAD TRIP? Want to see lots of red rocks, buttes, pinnacles, and more rock formations.

The Heritage Highlands Hiking Club is going to Sedona, AZ. **The Club will lead hikes the afternoon of Wednesday March 14, morning and afternoon on Thursday March 15, and the morning of Friday March 16.** Most of the hikes will be our “B” and “C” levels. Their hike guides describe them as “easy to moderate”, and “moderate”. Our target is to do the most scenic hikes, and have lots of photo ops. Specifics will be determined when we see how many hike leaders are going, and how many participants we have.

There are many things to do in Sedona besides hiking. You may hike as much or as little with us as you like. Your non hiking spouse/partner will have lots of options.

Check out www.visitsedona.com or Google “Sedona” for more info.

The Hiking Club has reserved a block of rooms at the Sedona Real Inn (a 4 star hotel) in West Sedona. We got a special rate - \$109 + 13.325% tax double occupancy, which includes hot deluxe continental breakfast. (\$15 charge for 3rd person).

To reserve your room, phone **800-353-1239**, and tell them you are with the “Heritage Highlands Hiking Club”. You will need to give a credit card. The hotel will charge you for 1 night to hold your reservation. You may reserve 1, 2, or 3 nights (or arrive earlier, or stay later- the hotel may give you the same rate). If your plans change, you must cancel 48 hours prior or you will be charged for one day. First-come first-served on getting the rooms. Of course, you can find your own place to stay, and still hike with us. The hotel is holding the rooms for us until **Feb 18, 2012**. **You must reserve by this date** to get the special rate.

If you are going, in addition to reserving your hotel room, the Hiking Club wants to know who is going. It is most convenient for you to send an email to charlesfish01@yahoo.com with names of hikers, phone number, dates of participation, whether or not you have made accommodation reservation, whether or not you want to attend the group dinner and whether or not you want carpool assistance. You can also call our Sedona coordinators Chuck Fish 651-815-3895 or Pat Fish 651-483-9707.

Participants will be responsible for their own meal expenses. There are several nearby restaurants.

We will plan a group dinner for Thursday night March 15th. If we can get 50 diners, the Relics Restaurant can do a real nice (\$25 + tax/gratuity) Mexican buffet that includes *Beef & Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Southwestern Beans, Fresh Tortilla Chips, Homemade Salsa, Homemade Guacamole, Mixed Field Greens, Tres Leches Dessert, and beverage*. We also have an option if we have fewer people.

We ask you to work out your own transportation to and from Sedona. We encourage everyone to carpool. If you are looking for someone to carpool with, contact Chuck or

Pat Fish to see if anyone else has the same need. We suggest that the riders pay for the gas of the person providing the car. We plan to depart from the Hotel parking lot to organize carpooling to the hiking trails.

All current hiking club members and non-hiking spouses are welcome. If you are not a current hiking club member; join the club by taking an orientation hike before the trip and come along!!

Google says it's a 220 mile drive to the Sedona hotel, and takes 4 hours, not counting traffic jams on I-10 nor congestion in Phoenix.

We hope for perfect weather. The average March high is 66 degrees; average low 38 degrees- a bit cooler than Tucson.

Our hiking survey last April told us that many of our members are interested in overnight hiking trips. Our last out of town event was 8 years ago- how time flies. Hope you'll take advantage.