

Heritage Highlands Hikers

March 2010 Hike Schedule

Reminders:

- **Hiking Club Spring Picnic: Wednesday March 3 - Catalina State Park. 5 levels of hikes. See Below.**
- **SPEAKER – Arizona Trail - Monday March 15 - 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Details below.**
- **New Trailhead in Wild Burro Canyon- only able to use by special arrangements. Ready next fall.**
- **You must be a member of the club, or guest of a member, to join a hike (except for "Orientation" hikes).**
- **For your safety & to facilitate enjoyable group hiking, we require that everyone do an "Orientation Hike" before signing for hikes.**
- **Phone the assigned Hike Leader to sign up or for questions. Always bring water and energy bars.**
- **Departure is from the Clubhouse parking lot at time listed. Please be there 10 minutes early to check-in (15 for Orientation Hikes).**

Monday March 1 Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs via the Baby Jesus Trail **Level: C+, 7 miles, 800 ft.**

Hike Leader: Dan Hill 990-9132

Depart: 8:00am

Est. time of return: 4:00pm

This is two hikes for the price of one. The Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs is one of the premier petroglyph sites in southern Arizona. The Baby Jesus Trail traverses the foothills and runs between Baby Jesus Ridge and the Catalina Mountains. These are usually done as two separate hikes. This hike will combine the two, but there will be at least a 1.5 mile bushwhack between the Baby Jesus Trail and the large mesa that contains one of the three fields of petroglyphs. Long pants are suggested. Bring water, lunch and snacks. \$2 per person carpool fee. (33 miles)

Monday March 1 Phonline Trail (Sabino Canyon)

Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104

Depart: 8:00am

Level B, 8.5 miles, 1,100ft

Est. time of return: 3:00pm

This is one of the more special hikes in the Catalinas with superb, up-close views of towering Sabino Canyon. We will do the Phonline Trail in a counter-clockwise direction starting at the Visitor Center, pass the Blackett's Ridge trailhead, and continue on the Phonline Trail to the point where it drops down to Tram Stop #9. We will vote on whether to return via the same route, or hike the tram road downhill returning to the Visitor Center. We hope to have enough hikers to have split into two groups. Golden Age Passport or fee required, plus a \$3 per person carpool fee. (50 miles)

Tuesday March 2 Ventana Canyon to Maiden Pools

Hike Leader: Dan Nestor 744-4090 RNDN5020@gmail.com

Depart: 8:00am

Level: B-, 4.6 miles, 1,290ft

Est. time of return: 2:00pm

We'll park at the trailhead located at Lowe's Ventana Resort, then hike a little over 2 miles along the canyon floor before heading up a short steep rocky climb to an area known as Maiden Pools. You'll enjoy the vistas of Tucson as we make the ascent. We'll have our lunch break at the Pools and have time to explore the surroundings before heading back. Bring at 2 liters of water and lunch. \$3 per person carpool fee. (49 miles)

Wednesday March 3 Annual Hiking Club Pot-Luck Picnic Outing - Catalina State Park **Level: B/C/D**

Coordinator: Barb Farr 572-7174

Depart: 8:00am Level B, 7.6 miles, 900ft Romero Pools plus 1 mile (Medium Pace) Leader: Stan Clark

Depart: 8:00am Level C+, 5 miles, 600ft to top of ridge on Romero Pools (Relaxed Pace) Leader: Dan Nestor

Depart: 9:00am Level C, 4 miles, 400ft Alamo Canyon Leader: Barb Farr

Depart: 9:00am Level C-, 4 miles, 300ft, Canyon Loop Leader: George Hammond

Depart: 9:30am Level D, 2 miles, 100ft, Birding and Nature Trails Leader: Bert Nestor

We have reserved a large Ramada with restrooms for this most popular event. The departure times are different for each hike group in an attempt to get everyone back for the pitch-in picnic lunch, at approximately the same time. There are 3 "C" level hikes to choose from- Romero is a bit steeper and has the traditional Tucson rocks to step thru. Alamo Canyon will be new for most hikers. The Canyon Loop has fewer rocks, and more story telling. Non-hiking spouses and others guests can enjoy an easy D level hike with desert scenery, photo ops, and without any significant elevations gain. We will enjoy a "potluck" picnic beginning at NOON (some of the hikes will return a little later, but there will be plenty of food) and lasting until the food is gone. The hiking club will provide brats.

Phone the coordinator to sign up for hike and discuss what food/drink to bring. There's a \$6 per car entrance fee at Catalina State Park (Golden Age Passport does not apply). To simplify things, we are foregoing our normal carpool fees. We suggest that the passengers in each car split the entrance fee, and the driver contributes his vehicle only. (24 miles).

Thursday March 4 Pusch Peak via Linda Vista (Santa Catalina Mtns)

Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585

Depart: 8:00

Level: A+, 5 miles, 2,660 ft

Est. time of return: 3:00pm

This is a very demanding hike. The trail is rugged and very steep. Extra caution and gloves are required. The rewards are a great workout in a short time, and tremendous views of Tucson. It may be windy and cold on top- bring extra layers. Bring at least 3 liters of water, power bars, and a light lunch. \$2 per person carpool fee. (25 miles).

Friday March 5 Tortolita Preserve Loop

Hike Leader: Dennis Davidson 744-9506

Depart: 8:00am

Level: B+, 9.0 miles, 500ft

Est. time of return: 11:30am

We will do the ultimate "desert" hike in the preserve adjacent to Heritage Highlands. The preserve is an excellent place to see all our desert flora. Bring 1.5 liters of water and a snack. No carpool fee.

- Saturday March 6 Catalina State Park Sutherland Trail** **Level: A, 10.8 miles, 2100 ft.**
Hike Leader: Stan Clark 816-213-2972 standclark@hotmail.com Depart 7:00am **Est. time of return: 4:00pm**
 We will take the Sutherland trail 2.6 miles to the park boundary, then continue another 2.8 miles to the Sutherland Ridge, then retrace our steps back to the Catalina State park trailhead. This hike may require some moderate bushwhacking. \$2 per person carpool fee. (24 miles).
- Monday March 8 Sabino Canyon Loop NEW HIKE** **Level: C+, 3.9 miles, 900 ft**
Hike Leader: Dan Hill 990-9132 Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: 2:00pm**
 This is a new hike that starts at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center and heads east to pick up the Phoneline Trail as it heads north. We will hike about one mile to the point where a trail descends to Sabino Creek. We will cross the bridge and pick up the Rattlesnake and Esperero Trails back to the Visitor Center. The hike is designed to be an introductory hike of Sabino Canyon for C-level hikers. This will be a quick hike so the hike leader will propose stopping for a restaurant lunch on return for those that wish. There is a park fee and a \$3 per person for carpooling. (50 miles)
- Monday March 8 Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to the Peak** **Level: A+, 18 miles, 3,940ft**
Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585 Depart: 7:00am **Est time of return: 5:30pm**
 We travel to Saguaro National Park- East, in the southeast corner of the Rincon Mountains. Leaving the trailhead located at the Javelina picnic area, we'll follow the ridge gaining 3,000ft to the Juniper Basin Camp. The trail encounters at least seven peaks along the way; bypassing some while climbing over others. It's all in upper desert terrain with views of the entire Tucson basin to the north. The last two miles winds its way through a more shady and forested area with many alligator juniper trees, and very nice rock formations at the peak. Bring at least 3 liters of water, power bars and a hearty lunch for this long hike. \$7 per person carpool fee (96 miles).
- Monday March 8 Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to Juniper Basin Camp** **Level: A, 13.8 miles, 3,000ft**
Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104 Depart: 7:00am **Est. time of return: 5:30pm**
 Slower paced version of hike described above, with fewer miles. When the group has had enough, we will return.
- Tuesday March 9 Lower Javelina Trail (Orientation)** **Level: D, 2.8 miles, 280ft**
Hike Leader: George Hammond 579-3296 Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: 12 noon**
 With any luck the new trailhead at the Ritz will be open for our departure for a new location to have an orientation hike. We'll take the west portion of Lower Javelina trail gaining a little under three hundred feet, then drop back into Wild Burro Wash to return using the Wild Burro trail. This is a neat trail for an orientation made possible because of the new trailhead. Bring water and a snack. No carpool fee.
- Tuesday March 9 Panther Peak (Tucson Mtns)** **Level: B+, 6 miles, 1300ft**
Hike Leader: Frank Price 579-8013 Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: 3:00pm**
 This will be our third annual scramble to Panther Peak. Be sure to bring gloves! It's not long but it is steep in places occasionally requiring both hands and feet to climb! This is a hike for more adventurous hikers. Panther Peak is the right-most peak of the Tucson Mtns as you look across the valley. We'll start from the Sanctuary Cove trailhead, do part of the loop taking the spur trail up onto the ridge overlooking Twin Peaks. From there we drop back down into the desert basin and hike on over to the base of Panther. This is where the work begins!! Bring 2.5 ltrs of water, snacks & lunch. \$3 per person carpool fee. (45 Miles).
- Wednesday March 10 Alamo Springs Trail (Tortolita Mtns)** **Level: C, 4.5 miles, 700ft**
Hike Leader: Jim Yarsevich 579-0389 Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: Noon**
 This will be a relaxed paced hike allowing everyone to take breathers and enjoy the views, in nearby Wild Burro Canyon. The trail goes to the top of the ridge providing great views of the Gallery Golf course, the new hotel construction, and the Tucson Mountains. We will go 2.25 miles and then retrace our steps. Bring 2 liters of water, energy bars, and a snack. No carpool fee.
- Wednesday March 10 Brown Mountain** **Level: C, 4.8 miles, 400ft**
Hike Leader: Dewey Fitch 579-5337 Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: 2:00pm**
 You will enjoy great views of the Tucson and Roskrige Mountains and Avra Valley while hiking through desert pink and ochre rocks. The trail is well established with one short rocky climb. Our turn around point overlooks the backside of the Desert Museum. (Some may want to stop at the Red Rock Visitor Center in the Saguaro National Park after the hike. There is now an entrance fee for the Park, but your *Golden Age Passport* can be used.). Brown Mountain and the hike are actually in Tucson Mountain Park where no fee is required. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. \$3 per person carpool fee. (52 Miles)
- Thursday March 11 Upper Javelina Trail (Tortolita Mts.)** **Level: C, 4.8 miles, 600ft**
Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104 Depart: 8:30am **Est. time of return: 1:30pm**
 This will be a relaxed paced hike allowing everyone to take breathers and enjoy the views. If we can get access to the new trailhead, by the Ritz, we will hike the entire Upper Javelina Trail- South to North, with a extra hike up the Wild Mustang to the Cochie Trail junction. If the new trailhead is not available, we will do a similar hike from the old trailhead. Bring 2 liters of water, energy snacks, and a lite lunch. No carpool fee.
- Thursday March 11 Blackett's Ridge (Sabino Canyon)** **Level: B, 6.2 miles, 1,635ft**
Hike Leader: Dan Nestor 744-4090 RNDN5020@gmail.com Depart: 8:00am **Est. time of return: 2:00pm**
 Our most frequently repeated hike. A very good workout, in a relatively short time and distance, with great views of Tucson, and the Catalina's. If we have enough hikers, we plan to split into a faster group and a moderate pace group. There are few finer places to have your lunch than at end of the trail and turn around point. Bring a nice lunch, snacks, and water. Golden Age Passport or fee required, plus a \$3 per person carpool fee. (50 miles)

Friday March 12 Canyon Pass Trail (Tortolita Mtns) Level: C+, 3 miles, 900ft
Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585 drogers5190@gmail.com Depart: 9:00am Est. time of return: 1:00pm

We've regained permission to hike this private trail in the Canyon Pass Community of Dove Mt- across from our North Gate. The trail winds around a ridge and then ascends 900ft to the highest point where the entire Dove Mt. Development can be viewed. Prospective hikers need to be aware that there is a somewhat steep ascent, and there are loose rocks to deal with on the descent. We take a leisurely pace, for infrequent hikers and for photo ops. There is a maximum of 20 hikers allowed, so sign up early (and please cancel out if your plans change). We will keep a standby list. Bring at least a liter of water and snacks, and of course a camera. No carpool fee.

Friday March 12 Alamo Spring/Lower Javelina Loop (Tortolita Mtns.) Level: B, 7.7 miles, 1,500ft
Hike Leader: Dennis Davidson 744-9506 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 1:30pm

This hike is a "best of the Tortolitas". It combines views of the new Ritz Carlton with all natural canyons and desert flora. The elevation gain is out over the course of the hike, making this a do-able hike for those wanting to move up a level. We hike up the Alamo Spring Trail to a spur trail that takes us back to the wash and an abandoned rock shed. Next we hike 2.5 miles back to the trailhead, using the Wild Burro and Lower Javelina. Bring 2 liters of water, snacks, and a light lunch. There is no carpool fee.

Saturday March 13 Wild Burro Ridge Circle (Tortolita Mtns) Level: A-, 12 miles, 1,980ft
Hike Leader: Stan Clark 816-213-2972 standclark@hotmail.com Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 1:00pm

We'll do this nearby hike clockwise via the Upper Javelina, Wild Mustang, and Alamo Springs trails. This hike is targeted for fitness building, and will be done at a good pace. No carpool fee.

Monday March 15 SPEAKER – Arizona Trail 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse

Sirena Dufault, a veteran hiker of the Arizona Trail is coming to Heritage Highlands on Monday, March 15th at 6:00pm to share with us her pictures and adventures on the trail. She recently gave this entertaining and uplifting talk at Summit Hut detailing not only her travels but how she overcame fibromyalgia through hiking! Come and enjoy an evening in the Clubhouse with Sirena. There is no charge but she does accept donations for the National Fibromyalgia Foundation and/or the Wildlife Rehabilitation Northwest Tucson.

Monday March 15 Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail (Madera Canyon) Level: A+/A-, 10.8/9 miles, 4,053ft
Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585 drogers5190@gmail.com Depart: 7:00am Est. time of return: 6:00pm
Dan Nestor 744-4090 RNDN5020@gmail.com

This will be a direct ascent of Mount Wrightson using the Old Baldy Trail both ways. If enough hikers, we will have 2 groups of hikers- fast and steady, with 2 leaders- specify which you want when sign up. Some in the 2nd group may decide to shorten the trek by stopping at Baldy Saddle- .9 miles less each way, and 600 feet less elevation gain. The 9,543ft Old Baldy is the tallest peak in the Santa Rita's. It might still get cool as you gain elevation so be prepared. Bring plenty of water, power bars and lunch. Golden Age Passport or fee required in Madera Canyon. \$7 per person carpool fee (110 miles).

Tuesday March 16 Josephine Saddle Loop Santa Rita Mtns) Level: B, 6.5 miles, 1,680ft
Hike Leader: George Hammond 579-3296 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 4:00pm

We'll travel to Madera Canyon where we'll take the Super Trail and gently gain 1,680 feet over four miles to our turn around point at Josephine Saddle. For those who haven't been to the Santa Rita Mtns., this hike is entirely in a forested area. After a restful lunch break, we'll return to the parking area using the quick decent Old Baldy Trail. Pack a nice lunch, trail snacks, and at least two liters of water. Golden Age Passport or fee required, plus a \$7 per person carpool fee. (110 Miles)

Tuesday March 16 Picacho Peak Level: B+, 4.0 miles, 1,600ft
Hike Leader: Frank Price 579-8013 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 1:00pm

This park is closing soon, so this may be your last chance to do this hike. We will take the short and steep Hunter Trail on the front (east) side, and return the same way. Good leather or non-slip gloves are a must. Bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and a camera. There's a \$6 per car entrance fee. Golden Age Passport doesn't apply. \$4 per person carpool fee. (56 Miles)

Wednesday March 17 Cactus Garden Loop (Catalina Mtns) Level: C+, 7 miles, 600 ft
Hike Leader: Dewey Fitch 579-5337 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 2:30pm

From Golder Ranch Rd we hike to the Cottonwoods and then up the Deer Camp trail, bypassing Deer Camp, and into the Cactus Gardens and around Hidden Peak, Lunch in there somewhere and out through the north gate and back on the 50 year trail. You will enjoy the best of cacti and rock formations with a crested saguaro thrown in. Bring lots of water and a heart healthy lunch. \$2 per person carpool fee. (33 Miles).

Wednesday March 17 Alamo Springs/ Wild Burro Loop (Tortolita Mtns) Level: B-, 7.1 miles, 1,065ft
Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 2:00pm

We hike at a relaxed pace up the wonderful Alamo Springs trail all the way to the Spring. We rest and have lunch, and the return via the Wild Burro Trail. Bring 1.5 liters of water, and energy snacks. No carpool fee.

Thursday March 18 Hutch's Pool (Sabino Canyon) Level: B-, 8.2 miles, 550ft
Hike Leader: Dan Nestor 744-4090 Depart: 8:00am Est. time of return: 3:30pm

Hutch's Pool is by far the largest pool in the Catalinas and will contain water all of the year. We will depart the Visitor Center on the first tram and start the climb from Tram Stop #9. Most of the 550 elevation gain occurs just above the tram stop. We'll then descend into Upper Sabino Basin and proceed up the West Fork of Sabino Canyon Creek to Hutch's Pools. Bring a lunch, snacks and at plenty of liquid. If it is hot you may want to either swim or wade. A beautiful setting. Bring your Golden Age Passport to cover parking fee. There's an \$8 Tram fee plus a \$3 per person carpool fee. (50 Miles)

Thursday March 18 Wild Burro Ridge Circle (Tortolita Mtns) **Level: A-, 12 miles, 1,980ft**
Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 2:00pm**
We'll do this nearby hike clockwise via the Upper Javelina, Wild Mustang, and Alamo Springs trails. This hike is targeted for stronger hikers, and will be done at a good pace. No carpool fee.

Friday March 19 Gates Pass Exploration NEW HIKE **Level: C, 3.7 miles, -400ft**
Hike Leader: Dan Hill 990-9132 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 1:00pm**
This is a new hike that basically starts at Gates Pass and heads west toward the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum. The hike leader will arrange car shuttles since the hike will end about three miles from the start point. We will descend from the Gates Pass Overlook and then hike the Gates Pass, Orcutt, and Cougar Trails to parking area K16 on Kinney Road. The hike is designed to be an introductory hike of the Tucson Mountain Park for C-level hikers. This will be a quick hike so the hike leader will propose stopping for a restaurant lunch on return for those that wish. There is no park fee and a \$3 per person for carpooling. (52 Miles)

Monday March 22 Ventana Canyon to Maiden Pools and Beyond (Catalina's) **Level: B+, 8.6 miles, 1,800 ft**
Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104 **Depart: 7:30am** **Est. time of return: 5:00pm**
With our winter snow and rain, the sound of water crashing over the rocks will accompany us most of the way to Maiden Pools. There will be excitement as we cross the creek 13 times. And vistas too! We'll get some great exercise, but at a reasonable pace. To challenge ourselves we are going an hour past the pools, and hopefully get a view of the "window". Bring at least 2 liters of water, energy bars, and lunch. \$3 per person carpool fee. (49 miles)

Monday March 22 Ventana Canyon to Window **Level: A+, 12.8 miles, 4,050ft**
Hike Leader: Stan Clark 816-213-2972 standclark@hotmail.com **Depart: 7:00am** **Est. time of return: 5:30pm**
In Spanish, 'ventana' means window. It's also the destination of this very difficult hike. We'll take the Ventana Canyon Trail with its fabulous rock formations and great vistas. There are sections of very steep climbing with high step-ups. Long pants suggested for the bushy vegetation. Bring plenty of water (you might want to stash some on the way up), energy snacks, extra layers, and lunch. \$3 per person carpool fee. (49 miles).

Tuesday March 23 Garwood Dam (Rincon Mtns) **Level: C+, 5.3 miles, 730ft**
Hike Leader: Darrell Steed 784-3690 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 4:00pm**
If you like cactus this is your hike! We will explore the Cactus Forest area in a loop at the base of the western Rincon Mountains. We will start at the Douglas Spring trailhead and thread our way through the Cactus Forest to the most interesting destination in the Rincon foothills: Wild Horse Canyon. The trail showcases a treasure trove of saguaro, cholla and ocotillo including two "crested" saguaros and offers great vistas of the Tucson basin and Catalina Mountains. At Wild Horse Canyon, we will explore the rim and basin then check out the remains of Garwood Dam built in the 1920's. On our way back we take a different route where you may see fish! Bring water and a good lunch. \$6 per person carpool fee (84 Miles).

Tuesday March 23 Trans Tortolitas Hikes - Dove Mountain to Catalina or Catalina to Dove Mountain **Levels: A and C+**
Hike Coordinator: Frank Price 579-8013 / Dennis Davidson 744-9506 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 4:00pm**
Level: C+, 6.8 miles, 185 ft or Level: A, 9.7 miles, 2000 ft
Level A hike - Dove Mountain to Catalina: Wild Burro Wash to Upper Javelina to Wild Mustang to Alamo Spring and on to Catalina.
Level C+ hike - Catalina to Dove Mountain: to Alamo Spring, and Wild Burro to parking.
Groups will meet at Alamo Spring to have lunch, and swap car keys and stories. The new part of the hike for most is the Alamo Spring to Catalina segment which is three miles up to or down from a saddle. Hikers will pass a working windmill and water tank with solar panels attached. Be sure to bring plenty of water, snacks and lunch. The drive to the Catalina trailhead is approximately 21 miles and takes about one hour and requires high clearance vehicles (preferably 4X4's). **Can you drive?** Carpool fee of \$2 per person will be collected from all hikers and will be given to drivers of vehicles driven to Catalina. No car pool fee is required for the cars driven to the Wild Burro Trail Head. We will have two hike leaders. The hike coordinator will coordinate car pool fees at meeting time. All hikers will meet at the normal meeting spot at 8:00am.

Wednesday March 24 Pima Canyon to 1st Dam (Santa Catalina Mtns) **Level: C+, 6.4 miles, 800ft**
Hike Leader: Jim Yarsevich 579-0389 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 2:30pm**
The pace for this hike will be C-level (relaxed) with rest stops. You'll have a view of the entire Tucson area before entering the Canyon where you lose view of everything but nature. Lunch will be at a spot where Hohokam Indians rested and ground their grain in rock mortars. Bring two liters of water, snacks and lunch for this pleasant hike. \$2 per person carpool fee (30 miles).

Wednesday March 24 Wasson Peak via King Canyon **Level: B, 7.0 miles, 1,700ft**
Hike Leader: Dewey Fitch 579-5337 **Depart: 8:00am** **Est. time of return: 3:30pm**
The King Canyon Trail is the shortest route to Wasson Peak, the high point of the Tucson Mountains. From the trailhead we travel up an old mine road for a mile to the Mam-A-Gah picnic area spur trail. The next mile and a half follows up the west wall of King Canyon to a saddle where it meets the end of the Sweetwater Trail. The final mile climbs steeply to Wasson Peak. This short route is worth every step. Bring at least 2 lts. of water, snacks and a lunch to have on the top to take in the great view of Heritage Highlands. Parking is actually in Tucson Mt. Park, so no fee required. \$3 per person carpool fee (52 miles).

Thursday March 25 Middlemarch Trail, Dragoon Mts.**Hike Leader: George Hammond 579-3296****Depart: 7:00am****Level: C+, 5.8 miles, 890ft****Est. time of return: 7:00pm**

It's a hundred mile drive to the trailhead located at the East Cochise Stronghold Campground for this **NEW HIKE**. The Middlemarch Trail offers solitude among mountainous woodlands, views of Cochise Stronghold, and the chance to visit a historic mining area and ghost town. We may want to stop in Benson for dinner on the way home. Please express your interest when signing up. Golden Age Passport or fee required to park at the campground. Bring water and a light lunch and perhaps pack a cooler for the trunk. \$8 per person carpool fee. (200 miles).

Thursday March 25 Wild Burro Trail past Alamo Spring to Dan's Crested Saguaro**Hike Leader: Dan Hill 990-9132****Depart: 8:00am****Level: C+, 8.6 miles, 760 ft****Est. time of return: 2:00pm**

This hike will be at a C-level relaxed pace. We will follow the Wild Burro Trail on the west side of the canyon up to Alamo Spring, then continue on the Wild Mustang Trail to a connector trail that will take us past Dan's Crested Saguaro to the Saddle that overlooks both Cochise and Wild Burro Canyons. We return by the same routes. This route takes us up to the best viewpoint in the Tortolita's and it's only a C+ Hike – bring your camera. No carpool fee.

Saturday March 27 Wild Burro Circle using Cochise Canyon Loop & NEW Connector Trail Level A, 15 miles, 2327 ft.**Hike Leader: Stan Clark 816-213-2972 standclark@hotmail.com Depart 8:00****Est. time of return: 2:30pm**

We take advantage of our wonderful trails just up the street, for this aggressive pace hike. We'll hike the Upper Javelina, Cochise Canyon Loop. Then we do the very recently cut "connector" trail over the ridge ending up at Alamo Springs. Be advised: this section is not a professional trail, like the rest of Wild Burro, but adequately gets us to some new scenery, including another crested saguaro. We'll finish on the Alamo Springs trail. Bring lots of water, lunch, and energy snacks. No carpool fee.

Monday March 29 Bug Spring (Santa Catalina Mtns- Mt Lemmon)**Hike Leader: Kathy Stillman 744-8104****Depart: 8:00am****Level: B-, 4.6 miles, 905ft****Est. time of return: 4:00pm**

Our club just discovered this great hike last year. By the time of this hike, all the snow will have melted. The Heritage hiker with the most miles hiked describes this hike as "awesome", and one of the most scenic hikes we've ever been on around Tucson- long vistas, rock formations, creeks surrounded by big trees. The trail has recently been reworked. We need enough hikers for 2 cars. We will do a key swap and have a group going each way, or we will spot a car at the end and hike together, depending on the wishes of those who sign up. To go up hill- the total climb is 1,245 feet, with a 340 foot descent at the end. By taking time to enjoy the views, and resting as needed, anyone who can do "B-" or higher level hikes, will enjoy. We need "golden age" passes, or we can pay the Mt Lemmon highway access fee, if needed in addition to the carpool fee. Please bring plenty of water, energy bars, and a nice lunch. \$6 carpool fee (94 miles with 1-way spotting).

Monday March 29 Pima Canyon to Saddle (Catalina Mtns)**Hike Leader: David Rogers 579-2585****Depart: 7:30am****Level: A+, 11.7 miles, 3,300ft****Est. time of return: 5:30pm**

This hike rewards us with spectacular views of Tucson, almost as good as from Mt. Kimball but with two hours less hiking. We warm up with a moderate trek up Pima Canyon before starting to climb. The last mile, referred to as "The Wall" is quite steep. There will be loose rocks and possibly snow on this section of the trail. You'll get a great workout. Bring gloves, power snacks, lunch and 3 liters of water. \$2 per person carpool fee (30 miles).

Tuesday March 30 Lower Sabino to Phonline Loop**Hike Leader: George Hammond 579-3296****Depart: 8:00am****Level: C-, 4.3 miles, 410ft****Est. time of return: 2:00pm**

We'll follow the dirt road leaving the visitor center to Lower Sabino. From here we'll take the trail leading from Sabino Dam to a junction with the spur trail that switchbacks up to Phonline Trail. All our elevation gain will be on this spur. This will be a good appetite builder for lunch at New York Pizza on the way home. Bring water and trail snacks. Golden Age Passport or fee required at Sabino Canyon. \$3 per person carpool fee. (50 Miles)

Tuesday March 30 Bog Spring / Kent Spring Loop Trail (Madera Canyon)**Hike Leader: Frank Price 579-8013****Depart: 8:00am****Level: B+, 6 miles, 1,900ft****Est. time of return: 4:00pm**

This loop is one of the prettiest hikes in the Santa Rita Mountains. A series of springs creates an unusually lush area for birds and wildlife as well as large Arizona sycamore trees. There are great views of Madera canyon, Green Valley and Mt Wrightson. Bring 1.5 – 2 liters of water, power bars, and lunch. Golden Age Passport or fee required for Madera Canyon. A \$7 per person carpool fee suggested. (110 Miles)

Wednesday March 31 Josephine Saddle Loop & Rogers Rock (Santa Rita Mtns)**Hike Leader: Dewey Fitch 579-5337****Depart: 8:00am****Level: B, 7.5 miles, 1,680ft****Est. time of return: 3:00pm**

We'll travel to Madera Canyon where we'll take the Super Trail and gently gain 1,680 feet over four miles to our turn around point at Josephine Saddle. On the way, we'll take a side trip over to the Bog Spring/Ken Spring Trail. Then we hike out to a ledge that is not on any trail maps, but the Green Valley Hikers affectionately call it Rogers Rock. For those who haven't been to the Santa Rita Mts., this hike is entirely in a forested area. After a restful lunch break, we'll return to the parking area using the quick decent Old Baldy Trail. Pack a nice lunch, trail snacks, and at least two liters of water. Golden Age Passport or fee required, plus a \$7 per person carpool fee. (110 Miles)