

SDS 'Thursday Hikes – 2024-2025 season

Thursday hikes are more difficult than Tuesday hikes,

As with Tuesday hikes, meet at 8:30 by 4th street mailboxes

Note: These hikes can be modified to more or less at anytime. Schedule can be changed if anyone has good suggestions. We can switch hikes around if you have visitors that would like to do another hike. We are very flexible.

Any questions please call Alice Walton (417-766-1765)

Nov. 25th Broken Bone trail (named after a famous hiking member) Near Tortilla Flats.

Goes steep down to 1st water creek. Has lots of small boulders to get over. Will walk the creek bed. Its an in and out trail. Its a beautiful and not well known.

Dec. 5th Bulldog Saddle Trail/Pass Mountain Trail Loop – Park at end of Meridian.

Either go clockwise with the start north on Pass Mountain trail up to saddle of the east side of Pass mountain, then east down into Bulldog Canyon and then climb to Bulldog Saddle and back down to Meridian. Other option is to go counter-clockwise by climbing to Bulldog Saddle first. Moderate to difficult hike with a distance of 4.5 -5 miles and 2 climbs of about 600 feet each going either direction.

Dec. 12th Black Mesa Loop – Start at 1st water Trailhead, take Dutchman's trail to 2nd water trail, to Black Mesa trail, to Dutchman's Trail and back to trailhead. 8.7 miles, 1070 elevation change.

Dec. 19th Carney Springs to Fremont Saddle to Peralta Trail head - Very difficult 7.5 miles 1.750 foot elevation -will need GPS to help us stay on the trail. This is a loop hike with a little walk back to the car.

Dec. 26th Picket Post Mountain Loop in Arnet Canyon - 8.5 miles - 6 hours - Beautiful canyon scenery - not much elevation. This is a loop trail.

Jan. 2th Boulder Canyon trail from Canyon Lake Marina to First Water Trail head- 8.4 miles difficult hike with 1,600 foot elevation change. This is a one way hike.

Jan. 9th Turk Cap Summit 5.3 mile out and back, 1089 ft. elevation gain. Starts at Hieroglyphics Trailhead in Gold Canyon. We go east on Lost Goldmine trail out about 2 miles and then begin climb to Turk Cap.

Jan. 16th Pass Mountain Loop 7.8 mile loop, 731 ft. elevation gain. Park at the end of Meridian.

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Jan. 23th Carney Springs By Shaka Cave 4.2 mile out and back. 633 ft. elevation gain. Moderately challenging, Has a 240 ft. waterfall during/after heavy rain. Park at Lost Goldmine Trailhead off Peralta Road in Gold Canyon.

Jan. 30th Fragile Rock Trail - start near Tortilla Flats – Difficult, About 4 miles. Out and back hike.

Feb, 6th - Apache Gap area - Difficult- possible to hike up to a spot to be able to see Saguaro Lake and Canyon Lake at the same time. Butch will guide us. It is an in and out hike. Will park along the road to Tortilla Flats.

Feb. 13th - Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle to Bluffs Springs -Difficult loop hike with a 2,000 feet elevation change. 7 miles 4.5 hours. Return via Geronimo's cave and Bluffs Springs. Those that want to just go to the saddle and turn around sure can. This a loop trail.

Feb. 20th South Mountain Mormon Trail – Start at 24th st. trail-head. 6.5 miles, 1200 ft. elevation change.

Feb. 27th - Barnhart Trail - Very scenic hike with numerous waterfalls and running water in creeks. It is off State Road 87 (Beeline Highway) near Payson. 1.5 hours drive. 6 mile hike, 1660 feet elevation change.

Mar. 6th - Climb to top of Picketpost Mountain 4.25 mile difficult climb and descent. 2,070 ft. climb. Drive east on Hwy. 60. Park at Picketpost Trailhead out near Superior.

Mar 13th Four Peaks - 5 miles, difficult hike with evergreen trees and lake views. 4 hours with around 1.5 miles to get to trail head. Trail head is on the east side of Four Peaks. This is an out and back trail.

Mar. 20th Needle Canyon Loop/Fremont Saddle – From Peralta trailhead, we take the Bluff Springs Trail to Terrapin Trail to Needle Crosscut trail (which is on the south side of Weavers Needle) to Peralta Trail and back to Fremont Saddle and back to Trail-head via Peralta Canyon Trail. Difficult hike, 9.5 miles, almost 9 hrs., with significant climbing. 2000+ feet of accumulated climbing.

Mar. 27th Wedding Cake hill and Turks Cap loop trail. Takes you to the summit of both hills. 7.9 miles, 1545 ft. elevation gain, 4 hours

Other Possible hikes are South Mountain trails, Piestewa Peak near Tuscan, Pass Mountain Loop, Superstition Ridge and Coffee Flats.