

Friday Hikes - Fall 2023

Date	Destination	Meet	Description
Oct 6	Turkey Run, Mt. Lemmon	Meet by McDonald's at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:30am and caravan to the trail head. If you prefer to meet at the trailhead near Summerhaven, meet at 9:00am at the southwest corner of East Turkey Run Rd and North Sabino Parkway.	This is a 5.6-mile round trip hike with a 1,350 ft elevation gain. The trail starts at 7,800 feet and ascends to 9,050 feet.
Oct 20	Phoneline Trail, Sabino Canyon	Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 7:00am . Plan to take the Sabino Crawler from shuttle stop #9 to the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center. Buy your ticket ahead for \$15 at sabinocrawler.com or pay \$8 by credit card to onboard from shuttle stop #9.	This is a 5.5-mile hike one way, with approximately a 700-foot elevation gain. Medium difficulty hike on clear, but narrow exposed trail. The hike ends at shuttle stop #9. Allow 3-4 hours for the hike and additional time to catch the shuttle back to the Visitor Center. No water available along the trail.
Nov 3	Romero Pools, Catalina State Park	To carpool, meet at 8:00 a.m. at the northeast corner of the Home Depot parking lot (10855 N Oracle Road, just south of the park entrance). Or meet at the trailhead at the east end of the main paved road into the park at 8:00 a.m. Entrance fee \$7 for 1-4 people per car required.	This is a strenuous hike of approximately 6 miles round trip, with an elevation gain of approximately 1,300 feet above the state park. Allow at least 3.5-4 hours.
Nov 17	Seven Falls	Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. USFS pass required in Sabino Canyon lot.	Bear 29 trail from Visitor Center to trail to Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. Moderate difficulty hike of approximately 8.5 miles out and back, with an elevation gain of about 750 feet. Plan on at least 4-4.5 hours. There is some rock hopping if water is high..

Dec 1	Ventana Canyon trail to Maiden Pools	Meet at Ventana trailhead parking lot (just north of Loews Ventana Canyon Restort) on Kolb Road at 8:30 a.m.	This is an approximately 5.6-mile, medium difficulty hike, with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet. Allow at least 3.5 to 4 hours.
Dec 15	Lime Kilns	Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the trailhead for Mica View Trail near the end of Broadway Boulevard. Parking is available in the median. No fee to park at the trailhead.	This is an easy hike of 5.7 miles on flat or rolling hill terrain through cactus forest, with some interesting historical sites along the way. Plan on 3-4 hours for this hike.

About the Friday hikes:

- All hikes are free, guided, and open to the public, with no reservations required. (Forest Service fees at parking lots will apply.)
- Start times are not the same for all hikes, due to varying starting locations. The first three hikes have different start times. The last three hikes start at 8:30am. All mileages are round trip numbers, unless otherwise noted.
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, hiking poles, sunscreen, and rain gear are recommended.
- Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch for longer hikes.
- No pets allowed. No smoking. No vaping. No guns. Silence the cell phones. Please!!
- Cell phones for emergency only.
- Please remember many of these hikes are in National Parks or National Recreation Areas. Do not remove any plants, rocks, or artifacts.
- Children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent.
- Hikes will be cancelled for stormy weather conditions.
- If you have questions or want to know if the hike is canceled, contact Peggy Cobey at peggy.cobey@gmail.com.

Parking fees:

- United States Forest Service pass is \$8/day, \$10/week, \$40 annual. Also accepted: Interagency Senior Pass, Interagency Access Pass; Interagency Annual Pass \$80/year
- Shuttle tickets for return from Phoneline Trail hike are \$15. Last shuttle from Stop #9 at 4:30 p.m.
- Catalina State Park Pass \$7/day, \$75/annual
- (Veterans and active-duty military may be free or discounted. Check with locations)