

Friday Hikes - Winter 2024

Date	Destination	Meet	Description
Jan 5	Phoneline Trail, Sabino Canyon	<p>Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30am.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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. After the hike, you can either take the Sabino Crawler back to the Visitor Center for \$8 by credit card or walk an extra 4 miles down the road. No water available along the trail.</p>
Jan 19	Pima Canyon Trail to the Dam	<p>Meet at Pima Canyon trailhead at 8:30am, east end of Magee road.</p>	<p>This is a medium difficulty hike of 6 miles RT, with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Allow at least 3 to 3.5 hours.</p>
Feb 2	Hutch's Pool	<p>Requires purchasing a \$15.00 tram ticket (unless you want to walk the 7.4 miles on the Tram road in addition to the 8.2 miles from stop 9). This hike will leave on the 9am tram from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center. Tram tickets can be purchased on-line ahead of time at sabinocrawler.com (recommended, as tickets sell out).</p>	<p>We will hike from the end of the tram road to Hutch's Pool and return and ride the tram back to the Visitor Center. This medium difficulty hike has an elevation gain of 800 feet. Allow at least 6 hours, and bring a lunch.</p>
Feb 16	Babad Do'ag	<p>Meet by McDonald's at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:30am and caravan to the trail head.</p>	<p>This is a 4.7-mile round trip trail with a 1204-foot elevation gain and a starting elevation of 3,568 feet. Moderately difficult hike; allow 3 to 3.5 hours for hike. The trail starts near the first parking lot on Mt. Lemmon Highway.</p>
Mar 1	Blackett's Ridge	<p>Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30am.</p>	<p>We will take the Phoneline Trail to the Blackett's Ridge Trail. This is a 6.2-mile RT difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Steep sections with beautiful views. Allow at least 3.5 to 4 hours.</p>

Mar 15	Sutherland Trail, Catalina State Park	To carpool, meet at 8:20 a.m. at the east side 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 8:30 a.m. Entrance fee \$7 for 1-4 people per car required.	This is a moderate hike of approximately 5 miles round trip, with an elevation gain of approximately 750 feet. Good wildflowers, depending on temperatures and rainfall. Allow at least 3.5 hours.
Mar 29	Douglas Springs Trail to Bridal Wreath Falls	Meet at Douglas Springs trailhead at the east end of Speedway at 8:00am.	A 6-mile hike round trip of medium difficulty, with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours.

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. 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 at fridayhikes@sabinonaturalists.org.

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)