

### Friday Hikes - October - December 2022

Date	Destination	Meet	Description
October 7	Federal Prison Camp to Sycamore Reservoir	We will meet at the McDonald's at Tanque Verde & Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the trailhead. You may also go directly to the trailhead. Hike will start no later than 8:45.	The trail starts at the abandoned Federal Prison Camp site 7.2 miles up the Catalina Highway. Parking is to the left and right just inside the entrance. This hike will head from the Federal Prison Camp site toward Sycamore Reservoir. Length is about 5 miles.
October 14	Bug Springs	We will meet at the McDonald's at Tanque Verde & Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the trailhead. You may also go directly to the trailhead. Hike will start no later than 8:45.	4.5-mile hike with 600-foot elevation gain. Extreme 1/2-mile uphill climb in the beginning. This is a two-car shuttle beginning at General Hitchcock, MP 12 Catalina Highway, ending at the lower trail head near Prison Camp. We will organize car shuttles before we head up the mountain. Extreme 1/2-mile uphill climb in the beginning, then trail levels out into a downhill back to the lower trailhead, where we will shuttle back to the upper trailhead.
October 21	Guthrie Peak from General Hitchcock trailhead. Hike starts at MP 12 Catalina Highway.	Meet at the McDonald's at Tanque Verde & Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. and caravan to the trailhead near mile post 11. You may also go directly to the trailhead. The hike will start no later than 8:45 from the trailhead.	5.6-mile hike starting at 6000 feet with an overall gain of 1300 feet. Trail is moderately difficult, with a good climb 20 minutes into it and a rock face scramble 10 minutes before reaching the peak. Good physical condition required.
October 28	Seven Falls	Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m.	Bear 29 trail from Visitor Center to trail to Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. Medium difficulty with an elevation gain of 750 feet. Allow at least 4 to 4.5 hours. Some rock hopping if water is high.
November 4	Esperero trail to the Ridge	Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m.	This is a 7-mile difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. Allow at least 4 to 4.5 hours.

November 11 - <b>CANCELLED</b>	Agua Caliente/ Milagrosa Loop	<b>This hike has been cancelled.</b> Meet at McDonald's at Catalina Highway and Tanque Verde at 8:30 a.m. to caravan to the trailhead (short drive and limited parking).	This is a loop, 6.6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Allow at least 4 to 5 hours.
November 18	Hutch's Pool	Will require purchasing a \$15.00 shuttle ticket unless you want to walk the 7.4 miles on the shuttle road, in addition to the 8.2 miles from stop 9 (these are round trip numbers). Shuttle tickets can be purchased on-line ahead of time at <a href="http://www.sabinocanyoncrawler.com">www.sabinocanyoncrawler.com</a> (Recommended). This hike will leave on the 9 a.m. tram from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center.	We will hike from the end of the shuttle road to Hutch's Pool and return and ride the shuttle 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.
November 25	Blackett's Ridge	Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m.	Phoneline trail to Blackett's Ridge trail. A 6.2-mile difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Beautiful views. Allow at least 3.5 to 4 hours.
December 2	Romero Pools, Catalina State Park	Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the east side of the Home Depot parking lot (10855 N Oracle Road, just south of the park entrance) to caravan into the park. 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.	Strenuous hike of approximately 6 miles round trip to pools. Elevation gain of approximately 1,300 feet above the state park. Allow at least 3.5 to 4 hours.
December 9	Pima Canyon trail to the Dam	Meet at the trailhead at the east end of Magee Road at 8:30 a.m.	This is a medium difficulty hike of 6 miles with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Allow at least 3 to 3.5 hours.
December 16	Ventana Canyon trail to Maiden Pools	Meet at Ventana trailhead at Ventana Resort on Kolb Road at 8:30 a.m.	This is an approximately 5.6-mile, medium difficulty hike, with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Allow at least 3.5 to 4 hours.

December 23	Douglas Spring trail to Garwood Dam loop via new Carillo trail	Meet at Douglas Springs trailhead at the east end of Speedway at 8:30 a.m.	Douglas Springs east to new Carillo trail, southwest to the steel tank, continuing to Carillo to Garwood Dam; return via Garwood trail to the Douglas Spring trail, .2 miles from parking lot. A 7-mile hike with an elevation gain of about 1120 feet. Medium difficulty. With luck, there will be some water.
December 30	Happy New Year!		We will take a break and start hiking again January 6, 2023.

### About the Friday hikes:

- Hikes are free and guided, with no reservations required. (Forest Service fees at parking lots will apply.)
- The first three hikes will be part way up the Catalina Highway, starting at 8:45 a.m. Most of the other hikes leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, unless otherwise indicated. All mileages are round trip numbers.
- Higher elevation demands that participants be in good physical condition
- Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch for longer hikes.
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, hiking poles, and rain gear are recommended. Many of our hikes could require crossing creek beds with water.
- No pets allowed. No smoking.
- Children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent.
- No guaranteed return time. Allow 1 hour driving time to reach some trailheads.
- If you have not yet been vaccinated, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- Cell phones for emergency only.
- Bad weather may change or cancel the hike.
- If you have questions or want to know if the hike is canceled, call Adora-Marie at 520-444-4838.

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