

Mt. Lemmon Hikes - Summer 2022

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Date	Destination	Description
June 3	Old Ski Run from Sunset Trailhead, milepost 22.9	3.0-mile hike through beautiful old growth trees leading to the original Mt. Lemmon ski run. Elevation gain about 800 feet.
June 10	Aspen Loop (in reverse) from Marshall Gulch Trailhead, milepost 25.5	4.4-mile hike along the beautiful Aspen Loop, starting on the Aspen Trail. A fairly steep climb near the beginning, with lots of shade and flowers along the way. Elevation gain of 900 feet.
June 17	Turkey Run, Aspen Draw from Summerhaven, milepost 25.0	5.2-mile hike up the paved Turkey Run Road past cabins, then up the Aspen Draw Trail to the top of the ski lift. Elevation gain of 1100 feet makes this great exercise.
June 24	Incinerator Ridge Trail from Bigelow Trailhead, milepost 19.8	3.9-mile hike to Leopold Point, a rocky outcrop overlooking the San Pedro Valley. Steep in a few spots; includes a mild rock scramble near the vista point. Views are worth it. Elevation gain is about 800 feet.
July 1	Palisades Trail from Bigelow Trailhead, milepost 19.8	3.0-mile hike. This will be a short ramble along Organization Ridge Road to the Palisades Trail, then along Palisades Trail until we feel like returning, with a detour to a beautiful spot along a creek on the return trip.
July 8	Marshall Saddle from Sunset Trailhead, milepost 22.9	5.6-mile hike up to Marshall Saddle, crossing Sabino Creek along the way before heading up the Marshall Gulch Trail. We hope there will be flowers along the way. Elevation gain of 900 feet.
July 15	Wilderness of Rocks from Marshall Gulch Trailhead, milepost 25.5	6.6-mile hike into the Wilderness of Rocks area leading to Lemmon Creek. Elevation gain of 1000 feet with a good climb on the way out.
July 22	Sunset Trail from Sunset Trailhead, milepost 22.9	2.5-mile easy ramble along the Sunset Trail to the Sunset Rock overlook, then a stopover at the Soldier Camp lake and dam on the return trip.
July 29	Aspen Loop from Marshall Gulch Trailhead, milepost 25.5	4.4-mile hike along the popular Aspen Loop. Usually lots of shade and flowers along the way, as well as some good climbs. Elevation gain of 900 feet.

Aug 5	Upper Sabino Creek Overlook from Sunset Trailhead, milepost 22.9	4.0-mile hike along the Sunset Trail, crossing Sabino Creek at Marshall Gulch, then climbing a short distance up the Aspen Trail to a rocky outcrop overlooking the creek below for a nice lunch stop. Elevation gain of 500 feet.
Aug 12	Sunset Trail from Marshall Gulch Trailhead, milepost 25.5	3.5-mile hike along the Sunset Trail to the Soldier Camp lake and dam, with return to Marshall Gulch. Elevation gain of about 400 feet.
Aug 19	Aspen Loop from Marshall Gulch Trailhead, milepost 25.5	4.4-mile hike along the popular Aspen Loop. Usually lots of shade and flowers along the way, as well as some good climbs. Elevation gain of 900 feet.
Aug 26	Rocky Overlook from Box Camp Trailhead, milepost 21.9	5.1-mile hike on the Box Camp Trail to a rocky overlook point below the Box Spring trail junction. Lunch will be along the creek on the return trip, which is all uphill. Elevation gain of 1200 feet makes this a good exercise hike.

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- Hikes are not "nature walks"; rough and often steep terrain can be expected.
- Higher elevation demands that participants be in good physical condition
- Hikes are free and guided, with no reservations required. (Forest Service fees at parking lots will apply.)
- Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch for longer hikes. We will stop for a short lunch break.
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, hiking poles, and rain gear are recommended.
- No pets allowed. No smoking.
- Appropriate for older children with hiking experience who are accompanied by a parent.
- No guaranteed return time. Allow 1 hour driving time to reach some trailheads.
- Cell phones for emergency only.
- Bad weather may change or cancel the hike.
- For questions, call or text 520-488-8007.

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