

FRIENDS

July - Sept 2019



Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club

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upcoming events



Thanks for the support from all our FRIENDS for making this club a success!

Welcome to Friends Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club. For over fifteen years, we have been adventuring into some of Arizona's most beautiful wilderness areas. In fact, we would like to think that we offer the most comprehensive selection of outdoor activities in Arizona. Our hope is to be the catalyst that gives people that "boost" that we all need to get out there and really SEE Arizona; meeting some new friends in the process. Each newsletter outlines hikes for a wide range of abilities from easy to strenuous. If you would like more detailed information on a hike, give the hike leader a call. If you are currently a Friends member, or interested in learning more about the club, please join us on a hike or at one of the monthly meetings.

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Monthly Meetings

Friend's Outdoor, Hiking and Camping Club Meetings are held at Boulders on Broadway (530 W. Broadway Road, Tempe, AZ 85282). Anyone interested in finding out more about the club is welcome to join us for our monthly meeting.

MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

Dates are: July 8th, August 5th (4th Quarter 2019 planning meeting) and September 9th

Membership

An annual membership in Friend's Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club is only \$15.00 per person. Non-members are always welcome on hikes (\$5.00 charge) or at the monthly meetings (free). The current club membership is about 60, made up of people from 26 to 50+, married and single, ranging from artists to engineers. Children are welcome on most hikes, please bear in mind to match the hike & youngster appropriately. Well behaved dogs are also welcome, again, please match the hike & dog appropriately. To join by mail: please send your membership check to: Friend's Hiking Club c/o Kurt Sedler – 50 East Myrna – Tempe, AZ 85284; including your name, address, and email address.

Hikers Responsibilities

Please know your limits and be sure you are capable of doing the hike that you attend. If you commit to attend a hike, please keep your commitment. Please ask the Hike Leader any question you may have prior to the hike. Please be prepared physically and gear-wise whenever you hike. Water, sunscreen, hat and jacket are a good starting point for your gear list.

Website

From time to time, details of a particular hike may change after the newsletter has been printed. e.g. Forest closures due to drought / fire danger. We will make every effort to alert club members via email, however, prior to attending a hike please check our website, www.friendshiking.com, for updates.

BILL WILLIAMS MOUNTAIN - Day Hike and Car Camp – WilliamsLeader: Dave Kinzer (dkinz@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-612-5323

RSVP by July 12th for day hike and/or car camping**MEET in the Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd. 6:30AM**

Escape the heat to the 9,259 foot summit of Bill Williams Mountain. The trail climbs the north face of the mountain through pine and aspen forest, with amazing panoramic views of the surrounding area and peaks. Possible visit up the fire tower. After the hike, day hikers can return, but the cool kids will car camp nearby in the Kaibab National Forest. Average high 80, low 52 with thunderstorms a possibility. Round Trip Distance: 326 miles.

Sat – Sun, July 13 - 14

Length: 7.6 miles out & back

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Gain: 2,474 ft.

KENDRICK PEAK - Day Hike - North of FlagstaffLeader: Chris Maglanes (az2all@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-7221

Show & Go**MEET in the Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Road, 7:00 AM**

The trail starts at over 7700' and climbs gradually to 10,400'. A fire did sweep the mountain back in 2017 but the views of Humphrey's Peak and the surrounding area will still be spectacular. They did manage to save the old cabin close to the top built back in the early nineteen hundreds. The road back to the trailhead is dirt but passable by car in dry weather. We can stop in Flagstaff for some food. Round Trip Distance: 152 miles from Phoenix.

Sat, July 27

Length: 9 miles out & back

Rating: Moderate +

Elev. Gain: 2,600 ft

SAN JACINTO - Backpack – Palm Springs – Pending PermitsLeader: Dave Simon (david.simon@cox.net)

Phone: 480-220-8419

Availability pending number of permits obtained. Contact hike leader for more information

Friday's itinerary: Camp at Round Valley which is 2 miles from the tram terminal.

Saturday: Camp at Strawberry Junction, 8.5 miles

Sunday: 7 miles back to the tram terminal.

Fri – Sun, Aug 2 - 4

Length: 17.5 miles

Rating: Difficult

Elev. Gain: 2,300 ft

SAN JACINTO - Day Hike – Palm Springs – TBD

Leader: See below

Phone: See below

Dave Simon and fellow club members will be backpacking and it has been suggested that a day hike option would be a good idea. As of the printing of the newsletter, a day hike leader has yet to be determined. The day hike length would be as far as you care to walk from the tram terminal. To the summit from the tram terminal is 5.5 miles, 11 miles round trip with 2,300 foot elevation gain. The tram terminal is at 8,516 feet. Palm Springs has limited camping that will be very warm in August. For the day hike, a hotel stay Friday and Saturday nights is recommended. Here's a glimpse of what the hike has to offer: The deeply weathered summit of Mount San Jacinto stands 10,834 feet above sea level, and is the second highest mountain range in Southern California. The mountain's magnificent granite peaks, subalpine forests, and fern-bordered mountain meadows offer a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy a scenic, high-country wilderness area. John Muir said about the view from Mount San Jacinto "...the most sublime spectacle to found anywhere on this earth." Stay tuned for further details or if you are willing to lead the day hikers, please get in touch with Dave and Kurt. Round Trip Distance: 540 miles from Phoenix

Sat, Aug 3

Length: See below

Rating: See below

MOONSHINE PARK – Backpack – Apache SitgravesLeader: Brian Carson (bacarson333@gmail.com)

Phone: 602-818-9349

RSVP by July 10th**MEET in Target parking lot at 16825 E Shea Blvd Fountain Hills, on Friday, 2:00 PM or at the trailhead on Saturday, 9:00 AM.**

We will car camp Friday night and backpack Saturday night. Moonshine Park is 2.8 miles north of Hannagan Meadows. Hiking will be from P Bar Lake Trailhead #326, across a forested and high meadow area, down the Grant Creek Trail to the lower elevation loop. Hiking through Paradise Park, to Grant Creek and Moonshine Parks. Then proceed to Grants Cabin and return on initial trail and trailhead. It is rated as strenuous at 7,100 to 8,400 foot elevation. Should be a great time of year. There are comments about this being Mexican Grey Wolf territory. Hopefully we'll have a wolf sighting. Round Trip Distance: 540 miles from Phoenix.

Fri – Sat, Aug 9 – 11

Length: 10.3 miles R/T

Rating: Difficult

Backpack or Day Hike and Car Camp – TBDLeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt.sedler@cox.net)

Phone: 602-339-8780

Stay tuned for updates on what and where is being planned on the Friends web sites!

Sat, Aug 17

Length: Wait and See!

Rating: An Adventure!

PIVOT ROCK CANYON & WILDCAT SPRING - Day Hike and Car Camp - PaysonLeader: Kim Hemmerbach (hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-343-4509

RSVP by August 20th (via email or phone)**MEET in Target parking lot at 16825 E Shea Blvd Fountain Hills, 7:00 AM Sharp**

Enjoy a nice stroll in Pivot Rock Canyon where we will encounter Pivot Rock, a cabin, Pivot Rock Spring, and lush areas full of ferns. We will then find a place to set up camp for Saturday night. **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.** On Sunday, before we head back to the heat, we will explore our way through more ferns and sunlit meadows to Wildcat Spring.

Sat – Sun, Aug 24 - 25

Length: See below

Rating: Easy +

KELLY CANYON Day Hike with JAMES CANYON Rappelling Option – Munds ParkLeader: Garth Newby (GarthKevin@hotmail.com)

Phone: 623-451-8023

RSVP by August 23 with your choice of option

Option #1: Kelly Canyon is a pleasant hike through one of Northern Arizona's unique canyon environments. Enjoy the bounty of oaks, elms, ferns, spring wildflowers, and other lush flora that you may never expect to find in Arizona. 5.5 miles round trip with elevation gain of 330 foot. Everyone who signs up will hike up Kelly Canyon to the dirt road that parallels I-17. For those choosing, *Option 1*, they will then head back down Kelly Canyon and explore Pumphouse Wash.

Option #2: James Canyon is one of many secluded retreats that carve through Northern Arizona's ponderosa forests. This ecological microcosm is a pleasant retreat from the heat, featuring permanent pools and plentiful shade. For those choosing *Option 2*, we continue one mile to James Canyon. For the James Canyon descent, there will be boulder hopping, scrambling and 2 rappels (1 @ 12 feet; 1 @ 40 feet). Both rappels are short and simple and suitable for beginners. If desired, there are "escape routes" along the canyon. Hike leader will be providing equipment for the rappelling. *Option #2* will be combined with Kelly Canyon for a total of 9 miles with an elevation loss of 570 foot. Additional details will be provided at RSVP.

Sat, Sept 7

Length: See below

Rating: See below

Elev. Change: See below

CABIN LOOP MODIFIED - Day Hike and Car Camp – Mogollon RimLeader: Craig Barnett (craigbhikin@cox.net)

Phone: 602-509-7532

RSVP by Sept 9 to participate, and if you are camping or day hiking.**Meeting place & time - TBD**

This terrific 2 day loop will take us into and through the tall pines, aspens and fern glens of the Mogollon Rim. The hike follows some of the original trails constructed by the forest service and local pioneer ranchers that linked a network of forest service cabins in the early 1900s. **We will depart the Valley sometime late on Friday (or Saturday A.M. for early risers).** On Saturday morning we will drive to the trailhead to start the hike of approximately 9 miles, and return to our car campsite for Saturday night. On Sunday we will hike approximately 9 miles, completing the loop. There will likely be some off trail exploration as well; last year we completed a shortcut up the seldom hiked Dane Canyon. **Non-campers are welcome to hike EITHER Saturday or Sunday; why stay home?** For more information see: <http://www.hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=797>

Sat - Sun, Sept 14 - 15**+ Optional Friday night**

Length: +/- 18 miles total

Rating: Moderate

NORTH PEAK TRAIL - Day Hike – Payson/Mazatzal WildernessLeader: Denise Osborne (deniseosborne196@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-241-9297

RSVP required by September 13th**MEET in Target parking lot at 16825 E Shea Blvd Fountain Hills, 7:00 AM**

The big surprise here is that we are heading west of Payson, instead of East. The trailhead is 10 miles west of Payson along a dirt road. The beginning of the trail is along a nicely shaded riparian area by Mineral Springs. However, the shade soon ends and the trail will begin to climb as you approach the Mazatzal Wilderness boundary. From here the trail heads up a ridge that descends from the NE face of North Peak. At this point, you will get expansive views of the Tonto Basin on your left and, to the right and behind you, the Mogollon Rim.

After 2 miles, the trail reaches approx. 6000 ft. and starts to level off as it enters the pine forest. At 2.5 miles you will turn left (south) and head off trail to ascend the summit as the trail does not go to the summit. As you head through the forest towards the summit, it immediately becomes a relatively steep climb until you reach the top. Bushwhacking may be required. The views are expansive from the summit with Mazatzal Peak and Mt. Peeley to the south and the Rim to the Northeast.

We will head back the way we came until we hit the trail again.

Sat, Sept 21

Length: 7.2 miles

Rating: Difficult

Elev. Gain: 3,400 ft

ARIZONA TRAIL 31 - 32, MARSHALL LAKE TO FLAGSTAFF - Day Hike & Car CampLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoaz@friendshiking.com)

Phone: 602-616-9491

Please RSVP by Sept 25th if hiking or camping.**MEET Saturday in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Road, 7:00 AM**

This hike follows two passages of the 800-mile Arizona Trail. From the Marshall Lake Trailhead we will head north-west on the **AZT #31** across flat forest land, and then descend steeply into Lower Walnut Canyon. Here we will find Grand Canyon style cliffs with pronounced cross-bedding and deep red hue petrified Permian Age sand dunes. Passing the Sandy's Canyon Trail #137 junction, we will continue toward Fisher Point, then continue north on **AZT #32** to our waiting vehicles near Rio de Flag in Flagstaff. To finish the trip in grand style we will visit to a local brew pub. **If there's enough interest we will car camp nearby.**

For more information on the area see <http://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=2443>

Sat - Sun, Sept 28 - 29

Length: +/- 12 miles

Rating: Moderate

Help keep the Club on its feet!

**Attend the next planning meeting on August 5th with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit. Interested in leading a hike?
Your participation is welcomed!**

Remember to carpool when possible and share the cost of the drive!

Thanks to all hikers who are willing to drive!

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY HIKE CHANGES...www.friendshiking.com

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