

FRIENDS

Apr - June 2016



Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club

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

Welcome to Friends Outdoor, Hiking, and Camping Club. For over twenty-one 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: April 4th, May 2nd (3rd Quarter 2016 planning meeting) and June 6th

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.

BARNHARDT TRAIL Day Hike - Mazatzal MountainLeader: Stephenie Russey (coyote.howls@hotmail.com)

Phone: 480-390-9972

MEET in north end of Target parking lot, 16825 E. Shea Blvd, 7:00 AM

Walk the Barnhardt Trail up to the waterfall and back. Along the way there will be towering cliffs, waterfalls and picturesque canyon vistas. We will be going as far as the Big Kahuna Falls for an out and back hike, although the trail continues on and eventually connects with the 29 mile long Mazatzal Divide Trail #23. I will find a place to eat and drink at after the hike. Trailhead is approximately 55 miles from Target. **No RSVP necessary.**

Sat, April 2

Length: 6.25 miles R/T

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1600'

LOY CANYON Day Hike - SedonaLeader: Norm Frasier (Michele.a.frasier@intel.com)

Phone: 480-282-0195

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 8:00 AM

On this hike you will be crossing a creek bed 5 or 6 times. You will see Arizona cypress, narrow leaf banana yucca, bear grass and prickly pear cactus. After about 3.2 miles you will come to some sandstone cliffs where the trail becomes a steep climb for about a mile. (Bring lots of water). After we get to the top of the saddle, for those that want to extend the hike there is a secret cabin ruin a mile further on the Secret Mountain Trail. On the way back we'll stop somewhere for food and refreshments. **No RSVP necessary.**

Sat, April 9

Length: 9.6 miles out & back

Rating: Moderate to difficult

Elev. Change: 1700'

COON SPRING TRAIL, #124 Day Hike, optional Car Camp - near GlobeLeader: Kim Hemmersbach (hemmersbachkim@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-343-4509

MEET Home Depot parking lot, Power Rd, south of Hwy 60, 6:30 sharp

We will start out our trek in Coon Creek heading down to Coon Spring where there is a permanent water supply and soft grass growing into soft sandy ground. From there we will bushwhack out of Coon Creek Canyon climbing approximately 500 feet. This hike will afford us opportunities to hike in riparian areas and a forest of century plants. We will continue to follow the edge of Coon Creek Canyon and our final destination will be a cliff dwelling known as the Nordhoff-Hope Site. The cliff dwelling will provide us commanding views of the Coon Creek drainage. You are welcome to make this hike a day-hike or a car camp Saturday night. The choice is yours. **RSVP by April 13th**

Sat - Sun, April 16 - 17

Length: 8 - 10 miles out & back

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1300'

AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONUMENT BackpackLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.net) Phone: 602-616-9491Co-Leader: Grace Ege-Moody (moodyhd@cox.net) Phone: 602-725-2492**MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Rd, 7:00 AM****RSVP leaders before 4/15 via email for *evolving details* & carpool shuttle planning.****Space limited to 15 paid members only. No dogs please.**

Starting from the north AFNM, we will backpack 8 miles south along the riparian corridor of the Agua Fria NM. There is the 'Water of Life' we must wade across, but that's part of the adventure. The water is typically only 6 inches deep and 2-3 feet in the summer months. Think '*Aravaipa*', not '*Cold Water*', and bring dry shoes/clothes for camping Saturday night. Along the way we will pass the historic Teskey and 1891 Schoolhouse sites, 3M Ranch, and other features.

At our 8 mile half-way point, we will camp near Horseshoe Ranch on Bloody Basin Road. (On the way north Saturday am to our starting point, we can park one or two vehicles here and the end-point at Badger Springs, staging food, drinks, and heavy items. ***Details TBD.***

Think '*Aravaipa ultralight, fresh food and cold drinks!*' Time permitting, we may explore the nearby Pueblo La Plata ruins.

On Sunday our 7 mile '*Water Wanderland*' continues south where Bloody Basin Road crosses the Agua Fria River. This section of river below Perry Mesa becomes more difficult as the canyon narrows and boulder hopping increases. Near the end of our journey are numerous *petroglyphs* at the junction of *Badger Springs Wash and Agua Fria River*. A short distance away is the Badger Springs trailhead and our vehicles. **Please see the FHC website for additional links, updates, and info about the AFNM.**

Sat - Sun, April 23 - 24

Length: +/- 15 miles (8 Sat, 7 Sun)

Rating: Moderate

Elev. change: ~ -700'

NEVADA/UTAH ADVENTURELeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt.sedler@cox.net)

Phone: 602-339-8780

RSVP by telephone AFTER clearing your schedule

This promises to be a whirlwind visit into some seldom-seen areas. We will explore dirt roads, trails, canyons and ruins. I have gobs of beta on areas that we will try and see, though the actual itinerary will be an exercise in fluid dynamics, adjusting day to day to meet our varying needs and wants. Rest assured that we will be amazed at some of the areas that we will see and maybe a little less-so on others, but will arrive back home wanting to return to see all that we may have missed. But if you bring a spirit of adventure instead of a smartphone, rest assured you will have a good time. High clearance vehicles would be preferable. We will be camping off-grid, no campgrounds – please be self-contained.

Sat - Sun, Apr 30 - May 8

Length: TBD (varied)

Rating: TBD (varied)

HAUNTED CANYON TRAIL #203 Backpack (Day hike optional) - SuperiorLeader: Annie Williams (awilliams.photo@juno.com)

Phone: 602-418-2490

MEET in Home Depot parking lot, Power Rd, south of Hwy 60, 6:30 sharp

This hike is located 12 miles from Superior off of the US 60. If you want a hike in a true Wilderness Experience this is the one for you. The trail heads up and then drops down to Pinto Creek through a shady forest of Arizona Sycamore, Juniper and Cottonwood. There are numerous stream crossings as you head upstream. Eventually you will reach Toney Cabin, a nice forested area. Although you aren't allowed to camp at the cabin there are many good camping spaces in the area. The area just cries out for exploration. **RSVP by May 3rd**

Sat - Sun, May 7 - 8

Length: 12 miles out & back

Rating: Moderate

Elev. Change: 1100'

YEAGER CANYON LOOP Day Hike - Prescott/JeromeLeader: Rich Flammang (modelacoupe@att.net)

Phone: 623-980-9614

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

This will be a counterclockwise loop hike in the Mingus Mountain area. Starting at the Upper Yeager Canyon trailhead #28, followed by the Little Yeager Canyon Trail #533 and then the Yeager Cabin Trail #111. From the upper trailhead we descent a steep and rocky trail, dropping 1300 feet to the bottom of Yeager Canyon and Highway 89A. Turn left onto the Little Yeager Canyon Trail #533 and start climbing the west rim of Mingus Mountain in a series of switchbacks. Turn left and follow the trail to Yeager Cabin Trail #111. We will probably stop for a rest and snack break somewhere in this area before hitting the Yeager Cabin Trail. We will hike north through a heavy forest cover of pine and oak, gradually descending along a canyon tributary before beginning to climb to the canyon headwater, tie back into Trail #28 and return to our starting point. If we have enough time after the hike and can find the location we will explore a little known local landmark called Jeromino's Cabin. **Show and Go, no RSVP required.**

Sat, May 14

Length: 6.8 mile loop

Rating: Moderate plus

Elev. Change: 2600'

SOUTH MOUNTAIN FULL MOON *Bike Ride* - PhoenixLeader: Randy Baker (moovyoz@friendshiking.net)

Phone: 602-616-9491

MEET outside South Mtn Park, 10919 S. Central Ave, parking area across from Scorpion Gulch at 6:30 PM. No RSVP necessary, park and ride!

South Mountain is High, the Valley is Low, and you're confused on which way to go. I've come along to give you a hand, and lead you into No Man's Land.

Come on and take a Moon Ride!

As the sun fades slowly in the west, our Moonlight Cavalcade begins from Scorpion Gulch down San Juan Road (closed to traffic after 7) to its end at San Juan Point. While stopping to water our horses, we'll enjoy a cool beverage and coyote serenade. On the return trip we may further explore the parks hidden areas. So dig out the rusty bike, pump the tires, and bring a friend. Bring plenty of water and whiskey to wash it down with, plus a good flashlight or headlight, as we are riding into the moonlight. Afterward we may soak in an adult beverage!

Sat, May 21

Length: 12 - 15 miles

Rating: Easy ++

Elev. Change: +/- 150'

WOODCHUTE MOUNTAIN Day Hike - Prescott/JeromeLeader: Denise Osborne (deniseosborne196@gmail.com)

Phone: 480-241-9297

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

Beginning at the Potato Patch Campground we will hike north and climb onto the main crest of the mountain. It crosses several dips in the ridge into the head of Mescal Gulch, and then climbs to the south rim of Woodchute Mountain. The trail crosses the flat summit area until it reaches the north rim of Woodchute. This is the turnaround point. From here you have a panoramic view of the Verde River, the western Mogollon Rim and the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. **Show and Go, no RSVP required.**

Sat, June 4

Length: 7.4 RT

Rating: Easy

Elevation: 640'

MOGOLLON RIM Backpack (or car camp) - Mogollon RimLeader: Kurt Sedler (kurt.sedler@cox.net)

Phone: 602-339-8780

PHONE leader by June 5th to RSVP

Depart very early Saturday morning or head up Friday to add a cool evening of camping!

Escape the oppressive heat of the valley and get up to the cool pines of the Mogollon Rim! We will be backpacking into some terrific seldom seen areas, hopefully spotting some elk, deer and other critters. Water will be periodically available keeping our packs light. Join us for an evening under the stars in the cool pines!

Sat - Sun, June 11 - 12

Length: 12+ miles (over 2 days)

Rating: Moderate

MT. HUMPHREYS PEAK Day Hike & Car Camp - FlagstaffLeader: Chris Horan (chrishoran@hotmail.com)

Phone: 602-515-6764

POSSIBLE MEET FRIDAY at Albertson's parking lot, Carefree Highway & I-17, time TBD.**RSVP before June 11th for details.**

Beginning at Schultz Tank, we ascend via the Weatherford Trail, once a roadway for Model T Fords to take to the peak. After summiting Humphreys Peak, we will descend via Humphreys Trail and return via the Kachina Trail or utilize a car shuttle. Camping will be dispersed with no amenities. Note: Due to the elevation of Humphreys Peak, a one day turnaround is not recommended so we will be *car camping Friday night* to become acclimated. *Camping Saturday night is optional. Note the dates are corrected here from the printed newsletter.*

Fri - Sun, June 17 - 19

Length: Up to 18.2 miles

Rating: Difficult

Elev. Change: 3500'

SYCAMORE RIM TRAIL Day Hike & optional Car Camp - WilliamsLeader: Phil Newell (philnewell@yahoo.com)

Phone: 602-689-4950

MEET in Denny's parking lot, SW corner of I-17 & Bell Road, 7:30 AM sharp. no RSVP required.

The Sycamore Rim Trail is an 11 mile loop that runs along the rim of Sycamore Canyon. The trail is mostly flat with one little optional "bump" named K.A. Hill at the beginning. The trail is well maintained and will take us through nicely forested areas, past ponds of Lilly Pads, old cabins, clear streams and steep walled canyons. We may even see a rock climber or two. This is a really pretty hike with great photo opportunities. We will be leaving the valley Saturday morning and heading to the trailhead. Post hike there is an optional car camp for those who are in no hurry to head back to 100 degrees. We will be camping in the forest, enjoying the cool temps. Sycamore Canyon is located in the Kaibab National Forest south of Williams AZ.

Sat - Sun, June 25 - 26

Length: 11 miles

Rating: Moderate (for length)

Elev. Change 1000' (optional)

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY HIKE CHANGES...www.friendshiking.com**Remember to carpool when possible and share the cost of the drive!****Thanks to all hikers who are willing to drive!****Help keep the Club on its feet!**

**Attend the next planning meeting on May 2nd
with suggestions of trails to explore and areas to visit**

**Interested in leading a hike?
Your participation is welcomed!**

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