

## JULY 2019 HIKES

**Monday, July 01, 2019 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 06:30 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest. Email address is [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, July 02, 2019 Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [New, 05:30 AM, \$10].** We ascend via the Vault Mine Trail from Madera Canyon. This trail is the steepest maintained trail in the Santa Rita Mountains where we go up 1720' in 1.3 miles (WOW!!!). Along the way we will stop at Treasure Vault Mine (to catch our breath). Next, we hike 4.3 miles along rolling terrain between 7000 & 7661 feet, utilizing user trails and the Agua Caliente Trail. Along this stretch, we will pass Agua Caliente Saddle, then take a seldom used route to Pete's Peak (high point of the hike 7,661 feet) passing Bearpaw Rock, along the way. Pete's Peak and the Agua Caliente Trail offer many panorama views of Madera Canyon, Tucson and the Santa Catalina's to the north. We also will climb to the summit of Jack Mountain. Due to shade and the higher elevation, this is a good cooler hike for the summer. Lastly to complete the loop, we descend the Carrie Nation Trail steeply back to the Mt. Wrightson Trailhead. Towards the end of this descent we pass the Carrie Nation mine with an interesting history. Sometimes called the "No Name Mine," this flooded cavity is tucked away in a shady part of Madera Canyon of the Santa Rita Mountains. At the site are remnants of machinery used over a century ago at the mine. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 5440 feet; net elevation change 2221 feet; accumulated gain 3200 feet; RTD 134 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: (845) 987-4893; [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)].

**Thursday, July 04, 2019 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [172, 600: AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail. Much of the trail is sandy and there may be several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area, the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon, which can be visited later. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 468 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Monday, July 08, 2019 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 07:00 AM, \$9].** Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 7770 feet; net elevation change -1360 feet; accumulated gain 1403 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [499, 6:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. After starting on the Fifty-Year Trail hikers will turn left onto an unmarked trail and hike along a rugged, scenic ridge line trail for about 2 miles. At the junction with the Fifty-Year Trail we return to the Equestrian Center via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike is 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 386 feet; total ascent 446 feet. RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Thursday, July 11, 2019 Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [261, 06:30 AM, \$10].** We begin by driving to the top of Mt. Lemmon and parking by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA (also known as Radio Ridge). We hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail, which leads to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin. There are spectacular views along the way. We then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and the parking area. Hike 3 miles; trailhead elevation 9157 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 500 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com).]

**Monday, July 15, 2019 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 06:30 AM, \$9].** The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest. Email address is [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Thursday, July 18, 2019 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 06:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 433 feet; accumulated gain 499 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Monday, July 22, 2019 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Aspen Trail and Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019 Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW-moderate [136, 6:30AM, \$2 + \$2].** Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We first hike the Nature Trail, which has panoramic views, and then continue onto the Canyon Loop Trail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If the group is really ambitious, we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 370 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Monday, July 29, 2019 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction, which tends to be steeper and arriving at the lunch spot takes longer. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 631 feet; accumulated gain 856 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

## AUGUST 2019 HIKES

**Thursday, August 8, 2019 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: SLOW [6, 6:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return on a loop trail. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Thursday, August 08, 2019 Josephine Saddle via Super Trail and Vault Mine Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [239, 6:30AM, \$10].** The hike begins in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the gentle Super Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then take the Agua Caliente Trail across and return via Vault Mine Trail. The Vault Mine Trail is very steep going down. The hike will likely be done in reverse. Hike 7.9 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 2000 feet; accumulated gain ?? feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Randy Park [rparktucson@gmail.com](mailto:rparktucson@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, August 15, 2019 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [89, 7:00 AM, \$10].** We will have lunch at one of the restaurants in Summerhaven. The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will have a snack at a scenic spot near the Saddle, and then follow the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 7420 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1090 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide:Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Monday, August 19, 2019 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 06:30 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. Although the hike can be done in reverse, the most popular route would follow Mount Lemmon Trail # 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn SW (right). After 2.3 miles, this trail intersects the Mount Lemmon Trail, which is followed back up to the top. As an alternative, the Meadow Trail (#5A) could be followed for the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead. Hike 9.1 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2550 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest. Email address is [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Thursday, August 22, 2019 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 06:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area at Golder Ranch. The trail starts on the Fifty-Year Trail and follows social trails toward the Sutherland Wash. The trail then loops back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 335 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, August 29, 2019 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop with Lunch. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [257, 06:30 AM, \$10].** The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction, which tends to be steeper. We'll stop for lunch in Summerhaven so bring lunch money. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 480 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]