

**SABINO CANYON VOLUNTEER NATURALISTS
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
5700 N. SABINO CANYON RD
TUCSON, AZ 85750
2012 SPRING HIKES**

All hikes are on Friday at 8:30 leaving from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated.

- Jan 6th** Pima Canyon trail to the Dam. This is a medium difficulty hike of 6 miles with an elev. Gain of 700 ft. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours. Meet at the trailhead. East end of Magee Road, at 8:30. Call 429-4492 or 907-9868 for directions.
- Jan 13th** Esperero trail to the Ridge. Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30. This is a 7 mile difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. Allow 4 to 4.5 hrs.
- Jan 20th** PhoneLine to Historic Trail, down to Sabino Creek. Take the road back to Bluff trail leading through riparian area back to Bear 29 and to the visitor center. Return route may be adjusted. This is approx 7.0 miles but mileage may vary depending on route back to visitor center. Allow at least 4 hrs.
- Jan 27th** Seven Falls - Bear 29 trail from Visitor Center to Trail to Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. Medium difficulty with an elevation gain of 750 feet. Allow 4 to 4.5 hours. Some rock hopping if water is high.
- Feb 3rd** Dove Mt –Wild Burrow Canyon to Alamo Springs - 6.2 miles and 1200 ft. elevation change. For those of you wishing to carpool from the East Side meet at the intersection of Sunrise and Swan, NE side in front of Ace Hardware by 8:00. If you wish to carpool from the North West area meet at the Basha's at Cortaro Farms Rd and Thornydale SE corner by 8:30. If you would rather go to the trailhead on your own, that's fine. To get to the trailhead, you would drive West on Ina to Thornydale and turn North, then follow Thornydale to Tangerine and turn West. Follow Tangerine to Dove Mountain where you turn North. It's another 5 miles on that road to the gatehouse. The attendant will direct you to the trailhead parking. We plan on starting the hike no later than 9:00. Questions call MaryBeth -615-2652 or Ann at 429-4492.
- Feb 10th** Ventana Canyon trail to Maiden Pools. This is an approx. 5 mile, medium difficulty hike, with an elv. gain of 1000 ft. Meet at Ventana trailhead at Ventana resort on Kolb Road at 8:30. Call 429-4492 or 907-9868 for directions. Allow 3.5 to 4 hours.
- Feb 17th** Romero Pools Catalina State Park, 5 miles north of Ina Road on the Tucson - Oracle Hwy. 11570 North Oracle. Meet at 8:30 at the east side of the Home Depot Parking Lot on North Oracle to carpool into the Park. Or meet at the trailhead at the east end of the main paved road into the park. Entrance Fee \$7.00 for 1 to 4 people per car required. Strenuous hike approx 6 miles round trip to pools. Elevation gain of approx 1,000 feet above the state park. Allow 3.5 to 4 hours. Questions, call 429-4492 or 907-9868
- Feb 24th** Esperero trail to the Ridge. Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30. This is a 7 mile difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. Allow 4 to 4.5 hrs.

Please bring plenty of water, a snack or lunch on the longer hikes. Hiking boots or comfortable footwear. No pets. No smoking. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Cell phones are for emergencies only. We try to accommodate all levels of hikers. Feel free to call Ann 429-4492 or Judy 907-9868.

ALL HIKES AFTER MARCH 1ST WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED ON THE SCHEDULE

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- Mar 2nd** Agua Caliente Hill-8:00. A medium difficulty, 5 mile hike with an 1100 ft elevation gain. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours. Meet at trailhead. From Tanque Verde Rd Go east to Houghton Rd. After a short distance, turn right on to Ft Lowell Rd. Follow this until the end into a development.(here Ft Lowell Rd becomes Camino Ancho) after a short distance make a left on Camino Remuda...Stay left on this as smaller roads go right. Eventually it ends at a paved parking lot on the right. The trailhead is at the east end. Questions call 546-7521
- Mar 9th** Blacketts Ridge – Meet at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 8:00. Phoneline trail to Blacketts Ridge trail. A 6.2 difficult hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Beautiful views. Allow 3.5 to 4 hours.
- Mar 16th** Douglas Spring trail to Bridal Wreath Falls. A 6 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 ft. Medium difficulty. An extra mile will be added to do visit Ernies falls for those who would like an extra adventure. With luck there will be some water. Meet at Douglas Springs trailhead at the end of Speedway at 8:00. Call 429-4492 or 907-9868 for directions.
- Mar 23rd** Sutherland Trail Catalina State Park, 5 miles north of Ina Road on the Tucson - Oracle Hwy. 11570 North Oracle. Meet at 8:00 at the east side of the Home Depot Parking Lot on North Oracle to carpool into the Park. Or meet at the trailhead at the east end of the main paved road into the park. Entrance Fee \$7.00 for 1 to 4 people per car required. Moderate hike approx 5 miles round trip to Waterfall. Elevation gain of approx 750 feet above the state park. Good wildflowers depending on temperatures. Allow 3.5 hours. Questions, call 429-4492 or 907-9868
- Mar 30th** King Canyon Trail (3.5 miles, one way) This is a popular trail for wildflower viewing. The trailhead and parking area for this hike are directly across Kinney Road from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. The final destination will be the top of Wasson Peak, elevation 4,687 feet), Those hikers not up to that long of a hike, may form a separate group and hike down early. For those of you wishing to carpool from the East Side meet at the intersection of Sunrise and Swan, NE side in front of Ace Hardware by 7:30. If you wish to carpool from the North West area meet at the Basha's at Cortaro Farms Rd and Thornydale SE corner by 7:45. We will try and be on the trail by 8:30. If you would rather go to the trailhead on your own, that's fine. Questions, call 429-4492 or 907-9868.
- April 6th** Hutches Pool. Will require purchasing an \$8.00 tram ticket unless you want to walk the 7.4 miles on the Tram road in addition to the 8.2 miles from stop 9. These are round trip numbers. This hike will leave on the 9 am tram from the visitor's center. We will hike from the end of the tram road to Hutch's Pool and return and ride the tram back to the visitor's center. This medium difficulty hike has an elevation gain of 800 ft. Allow 6 hrs and bring a lunch. Please call 429-4492 or 907-9868 with questions.
- April 13th** Pontatoc Ridge trail. A medium hike of 5 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. Allow 3 to 3.5 hrs. Meet at trailhead at the north end of Alvernon at 8:00. Call 429-4492 or 907-9868 for directions.
- April 20th** Seven Falls -8:00. Bear 29 trail from Visitor Center to Trail to Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. Medium difficulty with an elevation gain of 750 feet. Allow 4 to 4.5 hours. Some rock hopping if water is high.
- April 27th** Bog Spring – Kent Springs - in Madera Canyon – Approx 5 miles with elevation gain of 1400 feet. Go down I-19 about 20 minutes and take the Continental Road exit 63. There is a big brown sign for this exit that says "Madera Canyon Recreation Area." Follow the signs to Madera Canyon. Drive up the canyon a number of miles and park at the Madera Trailhead Picnic Area, which is on the left just after the Bog Spring Campground. Hike will begin at 8:00 at the trailhead. Questions call Mary Beth 615-2652 or Ann 429-4492.

THIS ENDS OUR SPRING HIKING SEASON – IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, WE WILL DO TWO MORE HIKES IN MAY, UP ON MT LEMON. TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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