



TREKABOUT HIKING CLUB –May 2025

Tuesday hikes 7:00am – 8:00am ● Thursday hikes 7:00am – 9:00am

PLEASE NOTE SUMMER HOURS

Walks are graded on a scale of 1-4 (with 4 being the most difficult)

HIKING BOOTS RECOMENDED ● CARRY WATER ● DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

Thursday, May 1

“Trail #393 to Trail #327” - Forest hike with some steep hills.

Level: 3

Directions: Take South Montezuma to Copper Basin Road. Turn right on Copper Basin and continue for 4.8 miles to the Aspen Creek Trailhead. Give yourself about 20 minutes from town to reach the trailhead. (2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization: Natural History Institute

Leader: Jennie

Tuesday, May 6

“Thumb Butte Trail Loop – trails 33 and 314” – Steep grades on gravel, dirt and paved trail. We will begin at the Thumb Butte parking area on trail 33 and then hike up to trail 314. We will follow trail 314 to the top of Thumb Butte and then descend back to the parking area. This hike starts on a moderately steep dirt trail and ends on an asphalt trail.

Level: 3

Directions: Go west on Gurley Street (turns into Thumb Butte Road) until you enter Thumb Butte Park. Parking on the right. USFS FEE AREA. To carpool, park at the bowling alley, and meet at least 15 minutes prior to the hike. (1 hour)

Sponsoring Organization: Natural History Institute

Leader: Jennie

Thursday, May 8

“John’s Tank trail 94” – This pleasant walk has lots of variety: by the lakeshore, across the dam, into the woods and beside creeks. There are some ups and downs. This trail may be closed during the Balk Eagle nesting season (summer).

Level: 3

Directions: Take Walker Rd. towards Lynx Lake. Turn left at the road to the Marina Store. Park in USES FEE AREA beyond store. To carpool, meet on the east side of PetSmart parking lot. (2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization: ALL

Leader: Carl

Saturday, May 10 - SPECIAL HIKE

“Wolverton-Quartz Loop” – Explore this 4.5-mile scenic loop, offering a mix of rocky terrain, rolling hills and shaded stretches with rewarding views along the way. Expect a moderate challenge with some elevation change.

Level: 2.5

Directions: Take White Spar to Copper Basin Road. Continue for 2.3 miles to Sheriff’s Posse Trail and take a left. The Wolverton Trail parking area is .9 miles. (2 hour)

Sponsoring Organization: PUSD

Leader: Danielle

Tuesday, May 13

“Spence Basin Area Trails” – A beautiful system of trails in the Spence Creek area accessed from the Javelina trail (trail 332) where it crosses Iron Springs Road. Trails include Javelina, West Side Story, BLM, Tunnel Vision, Juniper Gate, Waterline, Tatanka and many more. Exact route will be determined by the hike leader on the day of the hike.

Level: 2.5

Directions: Drive Northwest out of Prescott on Iron Springs Rd to trail head at milepost 4.4. Turn left onto dirt road and cross cattle guard. Park along either side of this road. (1 hour)

Sponsoring Organization:

Leader: Carl

Thursday, May 15

“Centennial Trail 2-hour hike to petroglyphs”– This out and back trail starts at the Westridge trailhead and finishes at the Dalke Petroglyphs. A beautiful and challenging hike with lots of ups and downs. You are in the middle of town but feel like you could be in the country.

Level: 2.5

Directions: From the corner of Iron Springs Road and Gail Gardner way, travel South on Gail Gardner Way to Westridge Drive. Turn right onto Westridge Drive. Drive approximately 200 yards and just before you start up the hill you will see a large parking area to the right. (2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization: City of Prescott

Leader: Joe

Tuesday, May 20

“Watson Lake” – Trail goes from the boat dock at the South end of the park, along the lake, and then into the Watson Wood

Level: 1

Directions: Go into Watson Lake Park. After the pay station turn right and go down to the boat dock. **C.O.P Fee Area** (1 hour)

Sponsoring Organization: City of Prescott

Leader: Sam

Thursday, May 22

“Butte Creek/FS 321 trail”– Trail winds by the side of the new Hassayampa golf course and development area and Forest Service trails. Rolling trail offers nice views of golf course. The hike continues FS trail 321 and a possible visit to “The Cowboy Prayer” rock.

Level: 3

Directions: Go west on Gurley Street to Sherwood Drive, one block past the entrance to Hassayampa Village. Turn left on Sherwood and follow it until you see Stricklin Park on your left. Park along road and walk across the creek to the trailhead. (2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization: City of Prescott

Leader: Joe

Tuesday, May 27

“Garden Party Trail” – Beautiful forest trail parallel to the Miller Creek. Fresh air and refreshing, wooded scenery. Trails 324, 332, and 318 which loops back to the Painted Rock parking area.

Level: 3

Directions: Go west on Gurley Street approximately 1-mile past Thumb Butte Recreation area. Park at the Painted Rock parking area.

Sponsoring Organization: YCCHS

Leader: Sharmel

Thursday, May 29

“Mount Francis Trail 48” – This is an out and back hike on the slopes of Mount Francis. Expect some steep and rocky areas.

Level: 3.5

Directions: Take Copper Basin Road to the Aspen Creek trailhead. It takes about 25 minutes to drive from the White Spar Safeway, to carpool meet at the White Spar Safeway. (2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization: City of Prescott

Leader: Jessica

Please call Recreation Services at 928-777-1121 ext 4502 if you have any questions.

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