



TREKABOUT HIKING CLUB –June 2025

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

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PLEASE NOTE SUMMER HOURS
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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

Tuesday, June 3

“Watson Lake-Northshore” –The trail starts at old boat ramp (north boat entrance) at Watson Lake. The destination of this hike is the base of Watson Lake Dam. This hike involves some technical hiking on steep granite outcrops in spots so stout hiking boots/shoes are recommended.

Level: 4

Directions: Go into Watson Lake Park from the roundabout on Highway 89; continue straight past the large field on the left-hand side. Park on the east side of the field and we will walk to the boat ramp. **C.O.P Fee Area** (1+ hour)

Sponsoring Organization: City of Prescott

Leader: Sam

Thursday, June 5

“Flume Trail to Watson Dam”- The Flume Trail leaves the trailhead on Granite Dells Road and heads toward the base of the Watson Lake Dam. There is some overland hiking eventually leading to Granite Creek and up to the base of the Dam. This can be an out and back hike or a “lollipop hike” involving some connecting trails that climb out of the creek bottom.

Level: 3

Directions: From the Watson Lake roundabout on Hwy 89, drive North on Hwy 89 to Granite Dells Road. Turn right on Granite Dells Road and watch for the parking area to the right. There is limited parking at the trailhead. Carpool from Watson Lake Park off Hwy 89 if possible. There is no fee for parking at the trailhead, however, if you carpool from Watson Lake Park you will be in a **C.O.P Fee Area** (2 hours)

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Leader: Sam

Tuesday, June 10

“Salida Gulch #95 to Petroglyphs” – This is a very nice hike up to the petroglyph panel in Salida Gulch. There is a possibility of one water crossing if the creek is running. It would be advisable to bring trekking poles if there have been recent rains or snowmelt.

Level: 2.5

Directions: Turn on Walker Road towards Lynx Lake. Turn left at the Lynx Creek Ruins sign. Continue past the Lynx Creek Ruins parking lot and park at the end of the road by the gate. **USES FEE AREA** (pay at Lynx Creek Ruin pay station). To carpool, meet on the east side of PetSmart parking lot. (1 hour)

Sponsoring Organization: YCCHS

Leader: Sharmel

Thursday, June 12 – CHAMBER HIKE – HIKE STARTS AT 8:00

“Willow Lake to Peninsula Trails” – Embark on a scenic hike along the shores of **Willow Lake**, immersing yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Prescott’s natural landscape. Follow the trail down to the Cottonwood Peninsula, where towering trees and serene waters create a peaceful oasis. Take a tour of the “Pit Houses.”

Level: 1.5

Directions: Take Willow Creek Road to Heritage Park Road (across from ERAU). Once on Heritage Park Road take the first right turn toward the Heritage Park Zoo and proceed past the payment kiosk, follow signs to the Hilltop Ramada.

Sponsoring Organization: Natural History Institute

Leader: Joe/Jennie/Sam

Tuesday, June 17

"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:

Leader: Carl

Thursday, June 19

"Wood chute Mt. Trail" - Gradual incline and beautiful views to the east of the Verde Valley and to the west of Lonesome Valley and Bradshaw's.

Level: 3

Directions: Meet at the North Peavine Trailhead (take overpass exit "Granite Dells Parkway" to "Centerpointe East) at least 30 minutes before the hike. We will carpool to the trailhead. The trailhead is near Potato Patch campground on Mingus Mountain. (2 hours or more)

Sponsoring Organization: YCCHS

Leader: Sharmel

Tuesday, June 24

"Horse Camp #383" – Pretty Views. Dirt trail through timber below horse camp. A nice loop hike dropping down into Groom Creek and then looping back up to the parking area. This can be a rather dusty trail because of the heavy use by horses.

Level: 2.5 - 3

Directions: Turn south on Senator Highway and go approximately 6.5 miles to Groom Creek Horse Camp. Park at the #307 trailhead on the left. (1 hour)

Sponsoring Organization: Natural History Institute

Leader: Jennie

Thursday, June 26

"West Ranch Trail #62" – Senator Highway Trailhead. A beautiful hike with great views of Prescott. This hike can be extended beyond two hours for the adventurous.

Level: 4

Directions: Turn south on Senator Highway and go approximately ½ mile past Goldwater Lake. Turn left across the highway and park at #299 Watershed parking lot. (1 or 2 hours)

Sponsoring Organization:

Leader: Carl

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

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