

New Frontiers Life Long Learning Trailblazers Fridays Hikes

Trailblazers' hikes are for the more experienced hikers. Hikes are usually between 4.5 and 6.5 miles in length but could be up to 8 miles or more. The hikes are rated easy to moderately difficult and may include elevation gains over 1,000 feet. The trails were chosen based on temperature during the hike, exploring Arizona's diverse natural beauty, climate zones, and landscapes. After the hike, the group often gets together for lunch.

Register for the Trailblazers class and sign Maricopa Community Colleges Risk Form #1. If you signed this form in the past, you're good to go. Hikes are on Fridays, with an occasional non-Friday special event. You will get weekly emails with details about the hike, meeting location, and time.

The schedule is subject to change, so watch for weekly emails.

- Sept-27 **Woods Canyon Lake Loop**, Trailhead elevation 7,538 feet, Length 3.5 miles, Elevation gain 137 feet & **Box Canyon Trail**, Trailhead elevation 5,676 feet, Length 0.8 mile, Elevation gain 170 feet.
- Oct 4 **Watson Lake and Flume Trail, Prescott, Arizona**, Trailhead elevation 5,250, Length 4.8 feet, Elevation gain 426 feet.
- Oct 11 **Parsons Trail Sycamore Canyon Wilderness, Clarkdale**, Trailhead elevation 3,740 feet, Length 7.3 miles, Elevation change 810 feet.
- Oct 18 **West Fork Trail of Oak Creek**, Trailhead elevation 5,315 feet, Length 7.0 miles, Elevation change 564 feet.
- Oct 25 **Cypress-Boulders Loop Trail, Payson**, Trailhead elevation 2,370 feet, Length 5.6 miles, Elevation gain 400 feet.
- Nov 1 **Desperado, North Star, & Saguara Loop Trails, Peralta Regional Park, Pinal County**, Trailhead Elevation 2,100 feet, Length 5.7 miles, Elevation change 495 Feet.
- Nov 8 **Tom's Thumb, Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve**, Trailhead elevation 2,724 feet, Length 4.0 miles, Elevation change 1,217 feet,
- Nov 13 **Wolverine Pass Loop Trail, Gold Field Mountains, Tonto National Forest**, Trailhead elevation 2,045 feet, Length 6.5 miles, Elevation change 580 feet.
- Nov 22 **Second Water and Hackberry Spring Loop, Superstition Wilderness** Trailhead elevation 2,290 feet, Length 5 miles, Elevation gain 579 feet.
- Nov 29 **Hawes Trail to Granite Trail Loop, Tonto National Forest**, Trailhead elevation 1,378 feet, Length 5.3 Miles, Elevation gain 610 feet.
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**For additional information contact the facilitator, Ron Schueman, at
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**The schedule will be posted to the New Frontiers website as it is updated throughout
the season.**

Trailblazers

Meeting locations for Carpooling

Due to the limited parking spaces at many trailheads, carpooling is preferred. Donations to help pay for gas are recommended and greatly appreciated by our drivers.

Country Club and Brown (1025 N. Country Club)

The Mesa Schools Student Services Center is located on east side of Country Club just south of Brown Rd. Meet at the south end of the parking lot at the corner of 9th Place and Country Club.

Dobson and Southern Campus (Main MCC Campus)

The Southwest corner of the Southwest Parking Lot (Dobson Rd. & US 60).

Superstition Springs Mall

Power Rd. & US 60. Meet in the southeast corner of the Superstition Springs Mall parking lot inside the outer circumference drive across from the late "Toy's R Us".

MCC Red Mountain Campus

The Red Mountain Campus is located at Power Rd. and McKellips. Meet in parking lot #3 across the street from the main campus buildings.

Gilbert and McKellips

Southeast side of the intersection east of Starbucks.

Disclaimer: You should be well prepared for the hike. including being medically fit; have completed similar hikes in the past; included enough food and water; have proper footwear; wearing sun-protective clothes and carrying additional clothes for possible adverse weather conditions.