

# NFLL Trailblazers

## Hiking on Fridays for Recreational Exercise Spring 2024 Hikes



(Hikes & meeting places may change. Updates will be emailed each week)

- Trailblazers' hikes are intended to be a bit challenging. 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 up to moderately difficult and may include elevation changes that may be over 1,000 feet.
- Trailblazers like to eat and hikes are usually followed by a lunch option.
- Register for Trailblazers class and sign Maricopa Community Colleges Risk Form. If you already signed the new form, you're good to go.
- We try to accommodate the wishes of the Trailblazers (i.e. keeping most of the hikes in the Valley, keeping the length and elevation within reasonable limits)

<b>Jan 26</b>	<b><u>First Water to Parker Pass, Superstition Wilderness:</u></b> 4.6 miles, 465 feet elevation gain
<b>Feb 2</b>	<b>Weather Cancellation</b>
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b><u>Granite Mountain Loop, SMSP:</u></b> 5.5 miles, 404 feet elevation gain
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b><u>Marco de Niza, Midlife Crisis and Young Man Trails Loop, South Mountain Park:</u></b> 3.4 miles, 921 feet elevation gain
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b><u>Pass Mountain to the Overlook, Usery Mountain Regional Park:</u></b> 4.0 miles, 280 feet elevation gain
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b><u>Full Moon Hike, Ruidoso, Meridian and County Line Trails Loop, South of Usery Regional Park:</u></b> 3.4 miles long, 121 feet elevation gain
<b>Mar 1</b>	<b><u>Pinnacle Peak Trail, Pinnacle Peak Park:</u></b> 3.8 miles, 1,023 feet elevation gain
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Break – No hike scheduled</b>
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b><u>Wave Cave Trail, Superstition Wilderness:</u></b> 3.0 miles, 869 feet elevation gain
<b>Mar 22</b>	<b><u>Twisted Sister / Wild Horse Trails, Tonto National Forest:</u></b> 3.2 miles, 461 feet elevation gain
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b><u>Lost Dog Wash Trail, SMSP:</u></b> 4.2 miles, 413 feet elevation gain
<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Break – No hike scheduled (ECLIPSE APRIL 8)</b>
<b>Apr 12</b>	<b><u>Adero Canyon Ridgeline Trail, Fountain Hills:</u></b> 3.7 miles, 675 feet elevation gain
<b>Apr 19</b>	<b><u>Horton Creek Trail, Tonto National Forest:</u></b> 7.0 miles, 1,060 feet elevation gain
<b>Apr 26</b>	<b><u>Parsons Trail, Sycamore Canyon Wilderness:</u></b> 7.3 miles, 810 feet elevation gain

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The schedule will be posted to the New Frontiers website as it is updated throughout the season

**Trailblazers  
Meeting Place's for Carpooling**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**Disclaimer:** Hiking is a personal choice and involves personal responsibility. Prepare for the hike, dress for current and unexpected weather changes, and bring plenty of water. Hiking and associated trail activities are dangerous and may expose you to risks. Risks can be reduced by preparation and training, but risks cannot be eliminated.

**Strongly Suggested:** water, hat, hiking boots or sturdy shoes, walking stick, snack, sunscreen and insect repellent.

**Required:** All hikers must carry an ID.