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**December 2007 HIKES AND PROGRAMS – rev. 0**

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.

\*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply.



We would like to warmly thank our volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the monthly Red Rock Canyon hikes and programs.

### Hikes

**Sat. 1st, Euro-cultural impacts of Red Rock Canyon:** Ranger Jim will present a power point talk and discussion on the history (sorted and otherwise) of Red Rock Canyon, and a field trip to historical sites. Easy. Limited space.

**Sun. 2nd, Canadian Canyon to Red Rock Valley Overlook:** Join George where he'll boulder from Willow Spring up North Peak Canyon going up "Canadian Canyon" to the ridge line near North Peak. When you trek down the ridge line, you'll feel richer than any king hoarding his gold. The 1200 foot elevation gain is worth all the sweat for the majestic view. 4-5 miles, strenuous.

**Sun. 2nd, Arnright Trail:** Join Carleton and Carol for a one way hike from Oak Creek to Pine Creek along the base of the escarpment on the Arnright Trail. (Carpooling required.) 3 miles, moderate.

**Mon. 3rd, Mondays at the Rock:** Join Jen on this hike around Potato Knoll and up to the top. 3-4 miles, moderate.

**Mon. 3rd, North Peak (Limestone):** Rocky Gap road may have been built to haul potatoes to Las Vegas, but on this day with Chris, you will use your leg power to haul yourself to the top of the mountain. Total of 12 miles and 3,000 foot elevation gain. Strenuous.

**Sat. 8th, Bouldering Series #1 of 2:** Join Peppe and explore Lost Creek while bouldering in the area. 6 miles, strenuous.

**Sat. 8th, Late Fall Hike:** Look for whatever is left of fall with Pat, and also keep an eye out for flowers and water on the First Creek trail. 3 miles, moderate.

**Sat. 8th, Red Rock Sunset:** Hike with Aaron to the Las Vegas Overlook in Blue Diamond Knoll to see the winter sun shining over the city. 4-5 miles, moderate

**Sun. 9th, Little Zion:** Little Zion sits on top of the escarpment at Red Rock Canyon. This 6 mile round trip hike with George starts at Rainbow spring to a place filled with majestic color sandstone with an overlook of Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas Valley and Lake Mead.. Moderate-strenuous.

**Mon 10th, Mondays at the Rock:** Join Jen for a hike that will go past Pine Creek to the canyon on the left side of Mescalito Peak. There is some rock scrambling. 3-4 miles, moderate.

**Tues. 11th, Cave Canyon:** Climb a few dry waterfalls and do some bouldering with Chris as you explore the depths of Blue Diamond Hill. This loop hike totals 6 miles with 1,000 feet of gain. Strenuous.

**Sat. 15th, Bouldering Series #2 of 2:** Join Peppe and explore First Creek while bouldering in the area. 6 miles, strenuous.

**Sat. 15th, Red Rock Sunrise:** Hike with Aaron through the Calico Hills to Calico Tanks to watch the sun rise over Red Rock, Moderate, 4-5 miles.

**Sun. 16th, White Rock Jr.:** Join Carleton and Carol as we go up the road towards La Madre Springs, but turn off on the White Rock trail where we'll hike to the ridge and down to the parking lot. (Carpooling required.)

**Tues. 18th, Black Velvet Canyon:** This 7 mile loop hike with Chris goes over relatively level terrain including about one mile of boulder scrambling in the canyon as far as the dry waterfall with a rope. Moderate-strenuous.

**Fri. 21st, Wilson Tank:** Hike the Badger Pass trail with Chris to the saddle and the Deadhorse trail to the overlook, returning via the gravel road over Cottonwood Pass. Total of 7 miles and 800 feet of gain. Moderate-strenuous.

**Sat. 22nd, Fossil Hunt:** Loop around Fossil Ridge with Pat looking for remains of ocean life in the form of fossils. Moderate 3 + miles.

**Sun. 23rd, Home for the Holidays:** Come celebrate the holidays with Carleton and Carol on this hike to the Wilson homestead where we'll discuss its history, look at some old photos and follow the trail beyond. 3 miles, moderate.

**Sat. 29th, Christmas Bird Count:** Come join Ranger Jim during the Red Rock Christmas Bird Count. We will be starting early and finishing around mid-day. We are looking for twenty people to break into five teams to cover as much of the Conservation Area as possible. Moderate.

**Sun. 30th, Dale's Trail:** Let's end the year with a great hike with Carleton and Carol! We'll hike the trail from Pine Creek over to Ice Box. (Car pooling required.) 4.5 miles, moderate.

**Visitor Center programs : Tues. 25th, Visitor Center Closed for holiday.**

**Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> , 21<sup>st</sup> , and 28<sup>th</sup> Red Rock Up Close:** Take a close look at the flora, fauna or geology of Red Rock and the surrounding Mojave Desert with Carleton and Carol during this presentation at the Visitor Center. On-going from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. No sign-up required.

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup>, Living Symbols of the West:** Have you ever wanted to go back in time? Now you can experience the living West today. The National Wild Horse Association, in conjunction with the BLM, will have a wild horse or burro on display for public interaction at the Visitor Center from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please come and learn more about these beautiful animals. No sign-up needed.

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>, Bats in Our Belfry:** Go batty with Ranger Jim and learn about the mammal man has tried to emulate. On-going program at Visitor Center 9:00-12:00. No sign up required.

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> Features and Fun:** Start your hiking day off with a powerpoint overview of a number of the plant, animal and scenic highlights and fun to do things at Red Rock Canyon with Bob. Sessions 10:00-11:00, 11:30-12:30 at the Visitor Center. No sign up required.

**Kid programs**

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup>, Jr. Naturalists:** The little ones are invited to visit Red Rock for a special program “just for kids”! We’ll be learning about other “kids” that live in the desert, making a special craft and hearing stories about young life in the Mojave Desert. Siblings welcome! Less than 1 mile, easy. Ages 2-5.

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>, Jr. Hikers:** Depending on the child’s hiking ability, we’ll journey to the bottom of the sea in search of fossils and clues that tell us all about the history of Red Rock long before there were even rocks here. Kids will be engaged in stories, a fossil hunt, activities and more that are sure to keep them going. Less than 2 miles, easy. Ages 6-12.

**Other programs**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> , 29<sup>th</sup>, Blue Sky Yoga:** Tune up your mind, body and spirit with Cheryl, a certified yoga instructor, while enjoying the peace and serenity of Red Rock.

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>: Mountain Bike Madness:** No experience is necessary for this introductory mountain bike ride with Jen and John starting from the North Cottonwood parking lot. The 6 miler will be a great way to start new to the sport or dust off an old frame. **Helmets are required.** Beginner/intermediate.

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>, Best Hikes with Dogs-White Rock Loop:** Looking for a fun hike for you AND YOUR DOG? This is a moderate hike that loops around the White Rock hills. The trail is suitable for dogs that can hike the distance. There isn’t much rock scrambling, but there is about 1200 feet of elevation change. 5.9 miles.

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nature Journaling for All!:** Come out to Red Rock and start your very own nature journal with Jen, or keep moving with one you’ve already started. No experience is required, and all supplies will be provided! Less than 2 miles, easy.

**Other Area Hikes and programs presented by the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association**

**These locations are not on Bureau of Land Management land\*.**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>; Corn Creek Spring Walk:** Corn Creek Spring feeds three ponds at this headquarters of the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#). It is a major bird watching area and is prime habitat for aquatic and land plants and animals. Join Bob during the morning to observe all these creatures in a surprising setting, and learn about the history and future of the area. 1/2 mile, easy.

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>, Ringbolt Rapids: Lake Mead National Recreation Area** Join Carleton and Carol on a hike down to the Colorado River where we’ll see a ringbolt used to pull steamboats up-river in the late 1800’s. There is an elevation gain of 885 feet when climbing out of the canyon. 5 miles, moderate.

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Minimize Campfire impact  
Respect Wildlife  
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