

HIKING CLUB PLACE NAMES

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There are numerous locations in the Hiking Club's areas of interest that are not identified on topographic maps. As a result, the hiking club has assigned names to these locations so they can be used as reference points when discussing these areas. Also, a few of these locations have been named in honor of Hiking Club Members. Some of these place names and their locations are listed below.

- **AMIGO BASIN** – Amigo basin is the hiking club's name for the portion of Bartolo Canyon that is included in a club hike. It is accessed from Ruby Road and is located north of Frog and Bolsa Tanks and south of Bartolo Mountain. It was named by Bud Boysen.
- **ANDY'S OVERLOOK** - Andy's Overlook is located on a saddle on the Florida Trail about 2 miles from the Florida Work Station. Andy's Overlook was named for Andy Juhasz and is the destination point for the Hiking Club hike titled "Andy's Overlook. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Andy.
- **BURNT STUMP TRAIL** – The Burnt Stump Trail is a trail of use that connects the Carrie Nation Mine to the Agua Caliente Trail. The trail intersects the Agua Caliente Trail at the first saddle to the west of Jack Mountain. The trail got its name from a burnt stump that was located upslope of the Agua Caliente Trail near the intersection of the two trails. After many years, the burnt stump deteriorated and disappeared.
- **CRYSTAL RIDGE** – Crystal Ridge is a ridgeline that is located above and to the north of the Granite Door Mine in the Tumacacori Mountains. The ridgeline was given the name Crystal Ridge by Wally Morrell because it contained numerous pieces of quartz crystals and flowstones. Hikers have removed many of the loose crystals over the years but if you look closely when you traverse the ridge you can still find a significant amount. To access the ridge, take the Tumacacori exit off of I-19 follow FR-4145 past the Rock Corral, through the canyon and up the side of the mountains until you come to the point where the road turns sharply to the left toward the Granite Door Mine. At that point, there will be a trail of use that continues up the side of the mountain to the ridgeline. The portion of the ridgeline that the hiking club considers to be Crystal Ridge extends from the point of accession to a small knoll about ½ mile to the north.



Crystal Ridge is the flat ridgeline to the right of the center notch on the skyline.

Photo by Jim Chisholm

- **EL GRANDE PILAR** - This is a large Rock Column in the upstream portion of Ramanote Canyon in the Atascosa Mountains. It is identified on the Geodetic Survey Pena Blanca Lake Quadrangle Map by the 4761-foot elevation marker on the western portion of the map. El Grande Pilar should not be confused with El Pilar which is located in the Santa Rita Mountains



- **ERNIE’S BENCH** – Ernie’s Bench is a stone retaining wall located on the west side of the Old Baldy Trail about a third of the way between the Roundup Trailhead and Josephine Saddle and was used by many hikers as a rest stop on their hikes up the trail. Wally Morrell named the bench as a memorial to Ernie Wicki who always used the bench on his hikes. Ernie was born in Stein, a small village in Switzerland. He took up hiking and skiing at an early age. He and his wife moved to Green Valley in October of 1986 and immediately joined the hiking club. Not only was he an avid hiker, but also participated with the entertainment at hiking club potlucks with his accordion and yodeling. Many times, when we were taking a break on a hike he would yodel for the group.



Ernie’s Bench - 2014
Photo by Rich Shimanek

He was also an accomplished pastry chef and many times brought desserts to be enjoyed. He was a major contributor to the hiking club. He hiked with the club until his death in 1993. As of May 2021, the bench is no longer there. The rocks that had formed the bench were used to build up and reinforce a segment of the trail that had begun to erode.

- **FERN VALLEY** – Fern Valley is the location of the stream that extends north from the Old Madera Mine to the point where it intersects the Kent Springs Road and the Pipeline coming from Sylvester Spring. The valley is named for the abundance of bracken found in the valley.
- **FIRST CAMPGROUND (CAMPING SPOT), OLD BALDY TRAIL** - The First Campground is a relatively level area on the Old Baldy Trail above Josephine Saddle at the point where the Super Trail separates from the Baldy Trail. Wally Morrell named the location.

- **HELEN’S FALLS** – Helen’s Falls is named for Helen Zaukas who, on an exploratory hike with Bob Porterfield, discovered the waterfall. Helen has been a Hike Leader since 1996 and has developed a number of new hikes. She has served as an Assistant Hikemaster and as Hikemaster. The waterfall is located on a tributary stream on the east side of the Kent Springs Road a short distance from where the road from the Kent Springs Center (Forest Road 4075) intersects the Old Kent Springs Road. A trail of use emanating from the Kent Springs Road provides access to the falls area. A tremendous spot to take a hiking break, especially during a rainy season.

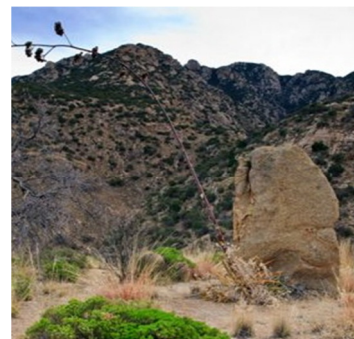


Helen’s Falls - 2016
Photo by Barbara Powell

- **HIDDEN RIDGE** – Hidden Ridge is part of a ridgeline that extends down the slope of Mt. Wrightson in a northwesterly direction. It intersects the Old Baldy Trail about 0.1 miles above the “Second Camping Spot”. There is a large pyramid shaped rock located on the left side of the trail that marks the starting point for the descent portion of the hiking club’s Hidden Ridge hike. The Baldy Trail in this area is long and straight and is located just before the series of switchbacks below Bellows Spring. Fire crews working the Florida Fire in July 2005 cut a firebreak down most of Hidden Ridge.

- **JILL MOUNTAIN** – Jill Mountain is the first hill to the west of Josephine Saddle (the high point between Josephine Saddle and Jack Mountain. Named by Wally Morrell with the rationale that if you have a Jack Mountain, you have to have a Jill Mountain.

- **LILLIAN’S ROCK** - Lillian’s Rock is named for Lillian Monson and is located on a flat area on the ridgeline that runs between the Channel 11 Access Road and the Quantrell Mine. It serves as a waypoint on the Quantrell Mine Loop Hike. The rock was named by Chuck Rogers. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Lillian.



Lillian’s Rock
Photo by Dick Paige

- **LUND’S PEAK** – Lund’s Peak is the second highest un-named peak (6224 feet) of the Santa Rita Mountains north of the Box Canyon Road. It is located just north of Forest Road 4053. It is represented on the Geodetic Survey Helvetia Quadrangle Map by the 6224-foot elevation marker located north of Sycamore Canyon and north of the Box Canyon Road. The peak is named for Bob Lund. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Bob.

- **MAC ISAAC’S FORTRESS** - MacIsaac’s Fortress is named for Joe MacIsaac, a hike leader with the Green Valley Hiking Club. It is located in the Catalina Mountains and is accessed via the Bug Spring Trail. When hiking the Bug Spring Trail from the Lower Bug Spring Trailhead there will be a large rock formation in the form of a fortress on a ridge to the right. Just before the Bug Spring Trail starts to descend into a canyon there is a trail of use that leads to the fortress.



MacIsaac’s Fortress
Photo by Neil Bashore



MacIsaac’s Fortress
View from Bug Spring Trail
Photo by Neil Bashore

- **MOLLIE’S KNOB** – Mollie’s Knob is a small knoll a short distance to the north of a rocky ridge line that the hiking club refers to as “El Zorino”. The knoll is named for Mollie, Freddie Carter’s little dog who always accompanied her when she was scouting or developing a hike. Mollie was an adventurous little dog who liked to explore areas away from the rest of the group. When Freddie was developing the El Zorino hike and had stopped at what she had considered to be the logical stopping point for the hike, Mollie thought otherwise and continued exploring with the rest of the group following and trying to catch her. She eventually led Freddie and the “Tuesday Group” down a side ridge to a knoll that she considered to be a better spot. The “Group” concurred that it made an ideal lunch spot and officially named the knoll “Mollie’s Knob” in appreciation of Mollie’s effort to improve the hike.



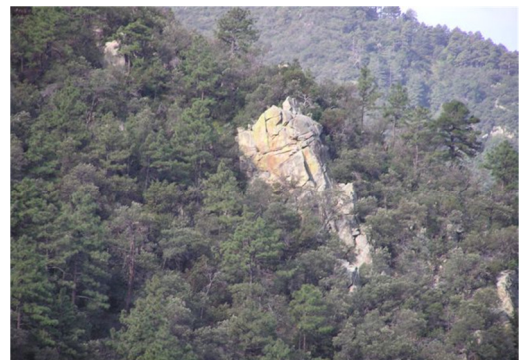
Mollie’s Knob
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **MOSHIER SPRING** – Moshier Spring is the spring that provided water to the Madera Mining Camp that was located a short distance to the east of Rogers Rock. The spring was found by Wayne Moshier during one of his “wanderings” (explorations) into the east fork of Madera Canyon. He had been searching for a good route to descend into the canyon when he noticed water seepage and a brushy area on the slope above a trail of use. His subsequent “wanderings” with the Saturday Lady Hikers led to the discovery of the spring. Since Wayne had a reputation within the GVRHC for his “wandering ways” in the development of new hikes, the ladies wanted to name the spring Wandering Wayne’s Water Wonder but in the interest of brevity it will simply be called Moshier Spring. The spring has been incorporated into the route of a new (2020) GVRHC hike titled “Lucky Ledge Mine” that was developed by Jim Chisholm and Wayne Moshier.



Moshier Spring
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **OLD BALDY HELICOPTER PAD** – The Helicopter Pad is a relatively flat area on the Old Baldy Trail approximately two thirds of the way between the Roundup Trailhead and Josephine Saddle. It was never actually used as a helicopter pad.
- **PAIGE’S PINNACLE** – Paige’s Pinnacle is a large rock outcropping located on the lower portion of the ridge that extends from the top of Jack Mountain to Madera Canyon. The pinnacle is named for Dick Paige, the hike leader who developed a club hike that descends Jack Mountain Ridge and makes a way stop at the pinnacle. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Dick.



Paige’s Pinnacle
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **PALFREY POINT** -- Palfrey Point is a ledge about 100 yards up the Old Baldy Trail past Bellows Spring. It's about 15 feet to the left of the trail, and it offers a lot of room for hikers to have snack or lunch, and to enjoy the view. It is named after Sue Palfrey, a long-time club member, board member and records facilitator who "found" the ledge in 2024.

- **PEGGY'S PERCH** - Peggy's Perch is a unique rock formation located in the Atascosa Mountains in a large "basin" area of Bartolo Canyon. This rock formation has sort of a tricky route to reach the top of the formation but once you gain the summit, it is not only a great place for lunch but provides a great view of the basin. The formation is named for Peggy Smith, the Hike Leader who first ascended the formation and selected it as an ideal lunch spot for club hikes into Bartolo Canyon. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Peggy.



Peggy's Perch
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **PEGGY'S POOL** - Peggy's Pool is located on the Wilderness of Rocks Trail in the Catalina Mountains. When going west from Marshall Saddle on the Wilderness of Rocks Trail, the pool is located at the seventh wash crossing. The pool is named for Peggy Smith who managed to practically completely immerse herself there during a hot hike on 17 August 2002. This area also has special significance since at this location on that date, Ron Barry agreed to become the Assistant Hike-master under Dick Paige and Peggy Smith agreed to be Ron's Assistant the following year. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Peggy.
- **PIPELINE TRAIL** - The Pipeline Trail is a trail that connects the Super Trail to the Kent Springs Road and follows the route of the pipeline from Sylvester Springs. The trail was originally used to provide maintenance access to the pipeline but is now routinely used by the club as a connector trail.

- **ROGERS' ROCK** – Rogers' Rock is a huge boulder that is located on a spur trail off of the Super Trail in the Santa Rita Mountains. It is situated at the base of a ridge to the east of the Old Madera Mine. The top of the rock is large enough to comfortably accommodate 15 to 20 hikers. Rogers' Rock is named for Charles B. (Chuck) Rogers. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Chuck.



Rogers' Rock
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **ROGERS' RIDGE** - Rogers' Ridge is the portion of the ridge that extends uphill from Rogers' Rock to where it intersects the "Trail to Nowhere" (currently part of the Four Springs Trail). Rogers' Ridge is named for Charles B. (Chuck) Rogers. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Chuck.
- **RICHARD SHIMANEK'S WINDOW** – Richard's Window is located in the northeastern foothills of the Tumacacori Mountains on the western most slope of the area on topographic maps identified as Cerro Leon. This area is to the east of Forest Road 4141 and south of the Sopori Single Track (SST) Bike Trails. Figure 1 shows the location of the window on the right slope of the ridge line and Figure 2 presents a close up view of the window. The window was first noticed by Rich Shimanek while hiking along FR-4141. You can also get an excellent view of the window on the GVRHC SST Hill & Dale Loop hike from which these two pictures were taken. Rich was a long time hike leader and sweep.



Figure 1. Cerro Leon



Figure 2 – Rich Shimanek's Window

- **RICHARD SHIMANEK CONNECTION** - The Richard Shimanek Connection Trail is a trail-of-use located in Madera Canyon. It connects the Four Springs Trail at the top of Rogers' Ridge, down the wash just to the west of Rogers' Ridge, eventually connecting to the Madera Mine Trail. The trail was originally scouted by a few hikers looking for an alternative to going down Rogers Ridge's slippery trail of use. Richard Shimanek, a longtime Hike Leader and Sweep, liked the trail and built many cairns down the trail on the scout which the other two hikers, Wayne Moshier and Jim Chisholm found amusing. Little did we know how popular this trail would become to hikers in this area.
- **SECOND CAMPGROUND (CAMPING SPOT), OLD BALDY TRAIL** – The Second Campground is the next relatively level spot on the Old Baldy Trail above the First Campground. The Baldy Trail makes a 90-degree turn at this point. Wally Morrell named the location.
- **TISH'S SADDLE** – Tish's Saddle is the first saddle to the west of Jack Mountain on the Agua Caliente Trail. The saddle was named for Fred Tschirley who hiked with the club in the 1990s.
- **TRACY'S PEAK** – Tracy's Peak is the highest un-named peak of the Santa Rita Mountains north of the Box Canyon Road. It is located just north of Forest Road 4053. It is represented on the Geodetic Survey Helvetia Quadrangle Map by the 6290-foot elevation marker located north of Sycamore

Canyon and west of Wasp Canyon. The peak was named for Tracy Ackerman. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Tracy.

- **TRAIL TO NOWHERE** – The “Trail to Nowhere” was a well-defined trail that commenced at Kent Springs and eventually disappeared after it crossed the wash above Kent Springs. During the winter of 2003/2004, the Forest Service constructed the Four Springs Trail and the “Trail to Nowhere” was incorporated into the new trail.
- **VICKI’S VIEW** – Vicki’s View is accessed by hiking up the Carr Peak Trail (Trail No. 107) in the Huachuca Mountains. After hiking through a series of switchbacks the trail will level out and pass through a long sloping meadow. The viewpoint is located at the west end of the meadow where the trail curves to the left and is about 1.6 miles from the trailhead. During the late summer months, the area is covered with wildflowers (primarily the Many Flowered Golden Eye) and was a favorite resting spot for Vicki Mattox. At a brief memorial service on 22 August 2013, it became a final resting spot for Vicki. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Vicki.



Looking West from Vicki’s View
Photo by Tom Johnson

- **WALLY’S SADDLE** - Wally’s Saddle is located on the Agua Caliente Trail. It is the third saddle to the west of Jack Mountain. Wally’s Saddle is named after Wally Morrell. After Wally passed on, hiking club members had a bronze plaque made up and installed it on a large Juniper Tree located on the saddle. The Juniper was located some distance from the Agua Caliente Trail and the plaque was mounted so it was visible only from a trail of use leading to Mount Hopkins. Someone, however,



Wally Morrell’s Memorial Plaque
Photo by Tom Johnson

took objection to the plaque and forcibly removed it (the rivets that secured it are still embedded in the tree). Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Wally.

- **WINNIE’S POINT** - Winnie’s Point is accessed by a trail of use located about 1 mile south of Marshal Saddle on the Aspen Trail where the trail bends sharply to the left. The location is used as either a snack or lunch spot for several of the club hikes that incorporate the Aspen Trail. It is named for Winnie Kruper who first established the location as an



Winnie’s Point
Photo by Tom Johnson

integral part of the Aspen Grove hike. It provides a great viewpoint for the central portion of the Catalina Mountains. Refer to the Hall of Fame area of the Hiking Club Home Page for a biographical sketch of Winnie.