

The undersigned (“Hiker”) understands that he or she has voluntarily joined this group hike where he or she will be exposed to non-paved, non-settled wilderness where there may be uncertain footing, loose rock and soil, elevated trails, steep inclines, sharp stone, running water, and similar potential dangers. These areas have plants and animals which may be harmful to humans. Hiker also understands that the hike may include areas subject to flash floods, extreme temperatures, inclement weather, lack of water, food, shelter, medical assistance, and communication access to summon assistance. Hiker agrees that the cost for any medical assistance or transport for Hiker shall be borne by Hiker exclusively. **Hiker agrees to hold harmless the Coachella Valley Hiking Club and the Desert Trails Hiking Club, their officers, and hiking leaders from any claim whatsoever which arises directly or indirectly due to Hiker’s participation in the hike today,** whether or not he or she completes the hike, including travel to and from the group meeting point and the trailhead. Hiker states that his or her physical condition, equipment, clothing, food, water, and medication are his or her sole responsibility, and that Hiker has determined them to be suitable for this hike whether or not the hike follows the route, covers the distance, or incurs the elevation gain stated by the clubs or the hike leader prior to commencing the hike.