

ASU at Lake Havasu

Arizona State University



ASU@Lake Havasu Hiking Trip

ASU's Lake Havasu campus is located in an extremely beautiful Lake Havasu City, Arizona. With its breathtaking lake and hills, it is always nice to go for a walk or hike to let your mind and body rest. It is especially vital for college students at ASU@Lake Havasu to take a break from their studies and enjoy the gorgeous nature of Lake Havasu City.

To give that opportunity to its students, ASU@Lake Havasu has been organizing hiking trips for a long time now. Dr. Kerrie Anne Loyd, an ecology and biology professor, has been an initiator for that project since she started working here in 2012. At first, she used to offer her students hiking trips herself: she took her ecology students to Mount Lemmon and Sedona and her biology students to the Hualapai Mountains for breathtaking hiking adventures. Then, in 2014, ASU@Lake Havasu's Outdoor Pursuits Club was established, and Dr. Loyd started being its advisor. Now anyone from ASU is invited to participate in hiking trips through that club.

During these 9 years, the Outdoor Pursuit Club

has organized hiking trips to many trails around Lake Havasu City, which include SARA park, Hualapai Mountain Park, Cattail Cove State Park, and Buckskin Mountain State Park. This fall, Outdoor Pursuits Club and Dr. Loyd decided to hike a trail in SARA park on Veteran's Day. A group of 16 people, which included students, faculty members and friends, and their children, had a great time together exploring the beautiful nature of Arizona and taking a break from this semester.

For Dr. Loyd, the main reason to organize these trips is to help students see more of Arizona's region. She personally loves being outdoors and sharing nature with students because it is so good for physical and mental health. Most of the students in ASU@Lake Havasu come from different states or even from different countries, and that is why it is such a nice experience for them. When the club first started, hiking trips would include up to 30 people; however in the past few years, the trips include around 10 participants. The club hopes that after the pandemic, more international students will come and explore our landscapes.