NDB-FIT Hike Report Cave Creek - Pecos Wednesday, 06/19/19

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Hike Miles 5.4
Elevation Gain 571
Hike Time 4:00

Report 11 Hikers left NDB-FIT at 8:15 heading for the beautiful Pecos Wilderness and the Cave Creek Hike. We arrived safely and were on the trail by 10:30. The morning was cool and sunny. We were prepared for rain, but it "wasn't supposed to rain" and it didn't. The temps were mid 60's to 70's, which is really perfect hiking weather! The forest was lush with springs running and Panchuela Creek Really Running! You'll see when you look at the photo albums that there were many wild flowers, including the yellow Lady Slipper Orchid which is a rare view, only certain places and at certain times. Also note, two of Paul's pictures are actually videos with the lovely sound of the river. Our crossing was brave and worth it! At the caves, we had lunch and some hikers played in the water! We encountered a young couple on the trail who were from OK, here in NM to support mom from AR, who is here to compete in the Senior Games! Far reaching is this active and supportive community!! After lunch, we headed home, crossing the rapid's once again and arriving at the van about 2:30. We stopped at DQ in Pecos for soft serve and were safely back at NDB by 5:00. Thank you to our talented photographers: Dr. Paul, Vivian and one Joyce who also was Sweep!

Hike Leader Cindy McConnell

Photo Album 1 <u>Joyce's album</u> Photo Album 2 <u>Paul's album</u> Photo Album 3 Vivian's album