

Celebrating 50 Years of Hiking in Southern Arizona

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THE FIRST ANGLO CONQUEST OF THE CATALINAS

Shortly after Isaac Goldberg arrived in Tucson in 1863, still a young man, he heard Indians talking about vast amounts of gold lying about the summit area of the Santa Catalina Mountains. He quickly organized a party of 12, including himself, and set about to climb the mountains. The trip was to take two or three days. They went up the Canada del Oro drainage to the summit, found that the "gold" was actually nothing but mica, then returned to Tucson directly down the rugged ridges from what is now Mt. Lemmon. They ended up taking eight days for the journey, and found alarmed citizens in Tucson organizing a search party when they finally stumbled back into town. Here is Isaac Goldberg's account of their experience:

"Almost incredible hardships attended, encumbered our progress - narrow, steep trails between dreadful abysses, exhausting tracts of rocky sterility, and patches of brush so thick and thorny that our wearied bodies lost their coverings, and our blistered feet their leather protectors. We were nearly naked, barefoot, and on the very brink of starvation, for we had no food except a small quantity of pinole and some wild grapes. During this dangerous expedition, I found a mine, the rock from which assayed richly, but the contents yet remain undisturbed, owing to its uncommon inaccessibility. We had, however, attained the distinction of being the first explorers of the terribly precipitous heights known as the Santa Catalina Mountains".

Please, if anybody knows where Goldberg's mine is, let me know immediately!

Ed Heylmun

USGS MAP ORDER TIME

Marcille Lynn is planning to place another order for U. S. Geological Survey maps this coming fall. There are both 7.5' and 15' quadrangles and they are now \$1.25 each. If she can get a \$300 order together, we can still get the maps at a 30% discount. Marcille will not be in town much until after September 20th and doesn't want any orders until then. So begin thinking about your map needs and get your list to her by the end of September. 825 W. Golf View Drive, 85704.

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Here's the Gallumping Gourmet again! Need something else to jazz up your backpack feasts? For a 5-6 day trip, a bunch of celery in your long side pocket is a pleasant crunchy tidbit for your lunch, especially towards the end of the trip when something fresh is very welcome. Just peel off a stalk at a time for each lunch, cut it up and soak it in a cup of water for a few minutes and it'll top off your lunch very nicely. Not very heavy either. Carrots work well too but are a bit heavier to carry.

Anybody else got any ideas?

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Button Pusher sez: Yes !