

# Save the Date! February 4, 2006 ATA Annual Meeting



News and Information on the State's border-to-border Arizona Trail project

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## ATA Receives 2005 NASPD President's Award

The Arizona Trail Association was surprised and honored to receive the prestigious 2005 President's Award from the National Association of State Parks Directors (NASPD) at their conference held in Blaine, Washington on September 8, 2005.

ATA was presented this award after being selected from a large list of national organizations nominated for their long-term dedication and contributions toward the preservation, conservation and interpretation of America's magnificent state park system.

ATA was recognized for our organization's outstanding partnership with Arizona State Parks and our volunteers' efforts around our state. The Arizona Trail was featured as the longest trail in the Arizona State Parks trails system. Jan Hancock, ATA past president, and Larry Snead, ATA executive director, were invited to attend the Awards Banquet ceremonies on behalf of ATA, and they made a brief visual presentation to the 280 conference attendees from throughout the nation to highlight some of the work of our 2,500 members and volunteers and the scenic beauty of the Arizona Trail.

*Photo: Jay Ream, right, Assistant Director of Arizona State Parks, presented the NASPD President's Award to the Arizona Trail Association. Jan Hancock, left, accepted the award on behalf of all of ATA's members and volunteers.*



## National Public Lands Day Celebrations

ATA was actively participating in many statewide events to celebrate the 2005 National Public Lands Day, held on Saturday, June 24, 2005.

Each year more than 90,000 volunteers nationwide gather together to participate in the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American's enjoy.



The Arizona Trail Association and eleven other organizations collaborated to conduct a fun day of activities at Mormon Lake Village, south of Flagstaff, where participants picked up litter, took an Audubon bird walk, or joined in on great hikes, mountain bike and horseback rides in the afternoon. One of the event sponsors, Mormon Lake Lodge, hosted a bountiful outdoor hamburger fry with all the trimmings for lunch. Plant and wildlife naturalists and public lands representatives were also on hand to provide interpretive hikes and guided rides throughout the day.

REI hosted a large Arizona Trail National Public Lands Day service project work event that had more than 60 participants. The volunteers conducted trail brushing and maintenance repairs and installed trail signage on the Four Peaks segment of the Arizona Trail from Vineyard to Granite Springs. Camping was provided for volunteers the night before the project at the Cholla Bay Campground on

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*Bob Baldwin, Arizona State Parks Grant Coordinator, graciously became a BBQ burger chef to help serve the crowd of National Public Lands Day participants on September 24, 2005. Mormon Lake Lodge donated the food for the lunch to all event volunteers. On the receiving end of the burger with plate in hand is a hungry Brian Poturski, Recreation Planner with the Peaks Ranger District, Coconino National Forest, who helped with the trail crews.*



# At The Helm

## The Arizona Trail Our Vision...

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 800 miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities, and people.

The **Arizona Trail Association** coordinates the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experiences for non-motorized trail users.

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## Message from the ATA President



*Dale Shewalter &  
Cimarron*

There is a change of season in the air in northern Arizona. When the monsoon shut off, our nights immediately cooled down. Much of the region is covered with green and yellow, with spots of lavender. It's a great time to be on the Trail.

Soon, the trail maintenance and construction season will begin in the lower elevation country. Please consider joining one or more trail work projects during the winter season. A growing list of scheduled trail work opportunities can be found on the web site.

Also, I hope you will mark February 4, 2006 on your calendar. Plans are underway for the ATA annual meeting in Phoenix. I hope to see you there and, as always, on the Arizona Trail.

## ATA 2006 - 2010 Strategic Plan Finalized

For the past twelve months ATA's Board of Directors and a committee of hard-working volunteers have been developing our organization's new 5-Year Strategic Plan, which updates our existing 2001-2005 Strategic Plan.

The committee chairman and ATA Board member, Eric Hiser, who also served as the chairman of our 2001-2005 Strategic Plan, has guided our Strategic Planning Committee of 15 people. Having Eric's previous experience and overall knowledge of the structure of ATA was a large advantage in the updating process. We all owe a big measure of appreciation for this dedicated committee's work in helping us formulate the map that will chart our future for the

next five years.

The future will be an exciting one for the Arizona Trail Association. As the new trail construction work will be drawing to completion over the next five years, ATA will be able to concentrate on many of its other missions, including trail enhancements such as added trailheads and interpretive signage, trail reroutes and maintenance, new collaborative partnerships, environmental education, membership development, and designation as a National Scenic Trail in Congress. The new 2006-2010 Strategic Plan will be highlighted at the upcoming 12th Annual Meeting being held on Saturday, February 4, 2006.

## Matt Shannon

by Dave Hicks

"It's a great trail and not crowded" is Mathew Shannon's advice for people thinking about the Arizona Trail. Mathew began hiking the Arizona Trail in March 2002. He and 7 others hiked from Freeman Road in the Tortilla Mts passage to the Gila River. He was hooked and began a series of segment hikes on the AZT. In May 2005 Mathew, accompanied by his two sons Paul and John plus several friends, completed his hike of the entire AZT. The last segment was a 2-day backpack from the North Rim of the

Grand Canyon to the South Rim. Mathew completed his hike at the age of 72 years and 8 months. He is the most senior person to hike the entire Arizona Trail. Congratulations Mathew!



*11/24/03 Antelope Peak in background  
photo by Dori Pederson*

## Editor's Apology - It is Mathew Shannon

*In the Winter 2004 edition in the "Reports From the Field" section of the newsletter we erroneously identified Mathew Shannon as Matt Salmon. Our sincere apologies, Mathew.*

# Events Around the State



## Message from our Executive Director



Larry Snead

As we get ready to launch an exciting fall/winter/ spring trail building and trail maintenance program south of the Mogollon Rim, I wanted you to know that we had a great summer in our north country. Starting in May, we had multiple work events each month with a lot of much needed maintenance work after the spring and summer rains. We had work events from the North Kaibab to the Mogollon Rim. We completed 5 more new miles of the AZT south of Mormon

Lake bringing the total unfinished miles of the entire

Arizona Trail to less than 80. We have only 2 miles of trail yet to build on this section south of Mormon Lake and we will have the Arizona Trail complete from Flagstaff to south of Superior.

We completed a major re-route of the AZT north of General Springs Trailhead including a magnificent switchback with a seven foot wall that was designed by Chuck Horner .

Coming up is a fall/winter/spring trail construction/maintenance season from the Mazatzal Mountains near Payson to the Rincon Valley south of Tucson to the Santa Rita Mountains, Canelo Hills and Huachuca Mountains. It promises to be our best trail work season ever. There will be lots of opportunities to have some fun, get some exercise, enjoy our wonderful Arizona outdoors and help us build and maintain the Arizona Trail. Check out the event calendar on the ATA website at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org).

## Copper Butte Project Ready to Launch

As the cooler weather begins to reach the desert areas of the Arizona Trail, one of ATA's largest and most challenging trail construction projects will be launched at Picketpost Trailhead, near the town of Superior.

A large number of volunteers, agencies, and collaborative partners will be gathering together to kick off the beginning of this enormous trail building project located between the U.S. 60 highway and the Gila River to the south. This area contains the extremely rugged mountainous escarpment known as "The Spine" and presents a lot of difficult trail construction parameters.

One major sponsor of the trail construction, Resolution

Copper Company, plans to invite many of its employees to volunteer to help with the project. The company has access to some of the special tools that could speed up construction and the company may even be able to helicopter supplies in to the volunteers working in this really remote, rugged terrain.

If you would like to be a part of one of the Arizona Trail's most exciting projects to make the final connection between Flagstaff and Tucson a reality, check our website for the dates of the kickoff events and trail construction activities.

## New Boy Scout Badges Now Available

The Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America has produced a large, beautifully stitched Arizona Trail patch that is designed to fit on the back of a jacket. It was designed by ATA's graphic artist, Phyllis Ralley, and features a scenic Arizona landscape with a hiker, equestrian, and mountain biker incorporated into the design. All of the 43 passages of the Arizona Trail are stitched on accompanying patches that align along the north and east borders of the state of Arizona. Each passage can have a brass or gold brad attached, designating each section of the Arizona Trail that the person wearing the jacket has experienced. ATA members and anyone else can purchase this beautiful patch from the Boy Scouts of America. Contact ATA's Scouting representative Neil Hornbeck by e-mail, [neil@hornbeck.us](mailto:neil@hornbeck.us), or call the Scout office at 602-955-7747 for more information or how to obtain the patches.





# Reports From the Field



## 15\_Tortilla Mountains

### Ripsey Segment Report

I hope you have enjoyed your summer, and also the "cooler" weather that is upon us. As weather cools down, you know what that means: Football starting!!! Well, yes, but so is Trail Construction!!! If you haven't heard, ATA has made great strides this past year in applying for and receiving grants which will fund hired crews from the American Conservation Experience (ACE) to help us complete our segment this fall.

A \$20,000 grant to complete this final three miles of the Ripsey Segment will come from the National Park Service River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). In addition, the FHWA Rivers and Trails Program awarded a grant for \$70,000 for hired crews to perform maintenance for the Arizona Trail throughout Pinal County. There is a catch though, as matching funds (20%) are required.

However, our volunteer hours worked between now and the spring will count towards this match. So not only will you contribute by working for the day, your efforts also provide funds for 4 individuals based on grant matching funds. It is extremely exciting (and almost incomprehensible), to realize that our segment will be completed later this fall, after 6 years of hard (and fun) work. Since hired crews will start later this fall, our event will only focus on clearing/brushing (and transplanting when possible), with no tread construction. We have one event planned for October 2nd (see calendar) and will look to plan others this winter/spring.

Mike Luecker

On behalf of American Society of Civil Engineers, Younger Member Group, Phoenix Branch

## 27\_Highline

### Sierra Club/VOAz – Highline Trail Project April 16-17, 2005

Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of 33 volunteers, including 10 crew leaders, the Highline Trail received some much-needed cleanup and improvement. Crew leaders were: Eric Anderson, Michael Baker, Ken Fiebelkorn, Mike Galwey, Conrad Griese, Mike Henderson, Lee Milne, Ken Ryan, Mike Snodgrass, and Marge Sparks. The other volunteers were: Barb Bruno, Dan Cline, Cathy Droll, Marilynn Greiser, Carl Golnik, Sandy Heunisch, Martha Hobbs, Nancy Hughes, Jim Knott, Gail Landry, Dick Mayo, Jeri Merritt, Pete Michaels, Shawn Redfield, Bob Royal, Anna Ryan, Nancy Spence, Deb Stevens, Sandra Stirnweis, Mary Suave, Bruce Weidenhamer, Jess Wickle, and Kelli Williamson.

A total of 362 man hours yielded: 13 cleaned water bars; four old trail/potential social trail closures; a dismantled fire ring; 300 ft. of de-bermed trail to allow cross-slope drainage; and the crowning achievement, 53 drain dips newly built or repaired! Special thanks to Ted Julius, Camp Geronimo Manager, for his cooperation over the years and use of the camp's amenities; Walt Thole, Tonto National Forest Service, for logistical support and identification with the VOAz mission; and the Sierra Club for sharing the food cost.

The third year of managing this event was quite easy due to the familiarity of the event and able crew leaders and managers. In addition to serving as crew leaders or mentors, these individuals assumed additional duties. Michael Baker (TA), Ken Fiebelkorn (TA), Mike Galwey (tools) and Marge Sparks (event manager).

The food service was coordinated by Bob Juan and his assistant, Cathy Droll. Bob purchased all the food for



*Crew assignments at the campsite prior to heading up the Highline Trail.*

Saturday's dinner and Sunday's breakfast, transported the majority of the food service gear, and prepared both meals. The dinner was barbecued chicken, potato salad and beans, and cookies for dessert.

The Boy Scouts charged an environmental impact fee of \$2 per person that helps with the cost of providing water/sanitation to the area. The parking lot that serves as the camping/staging for this event includes flush toilets and water. The manager for the campground allowed access to showers that were much appreciated.

After work on Sunday, all tools were accounted for and loaded. Leftovers from breakfast were served as refreshments.

Submitted by Marge Sparks  
Event Manager



# Reports From the Field



*Shown in photo: Merle Parmer, Arnold Scott, Anna, Pat O'Brien, Linda Coulson and Frank Dickson*

## 29\_Happy Jack

### **New tread construction near Alan Lake. (Section 29D)**

Volunteers and the Blue Ridge Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest worked together to build new tread near Alan Lake on July 3rd. This is a continuing project to construct single track tread between Maxie Tank on the south and the Alan Lake Tank on the north (4 miles)

Work on this segment will continue all summer, see the work events calendar.

Thanks to all who participated!  
Tom Coulson

## National Public Lands Day Celebrations continued from page 1

Lake Roosevelt by the Tonto National Forest. Author and teacher Tony Nester made a presentation to the campers on desert survival on Friday night.

Many ATA members and volunteers also attended National Public Lands Day events held in their communities, including large events at Coronado National Memorial at the southern Arizona/Mexico border and the Outdoor Recreation Fair at North Mountain Park held in Phoenix.

*Dale Shewalter, ATA president, and approximately 50 other volunteers donned work gloves and hard hats to help build and maintain trails in the Mormon Lake area on National Public Lands Day.*

## 20\_Alamo Canyon

### **Upcoming Events!**

It's not too early to think about the Annual REI Service Project on the Arizona Trail. This year's event will be at Picketpost Trailhead. The event will be held on November 5th and 6th. There will be camping both Friday night the 4th and Saturday night the 5th. Entertainment, dinner and a raffle will be provided on Saturday night. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning.

Volunteers should sign up at either the Phoenix or Tempe REI location.

## 37\_Grand Canyon - South Rim

Jim Stoeckman and Pat Smillie registered nationally for and hosted a National Trails Day Event at the South Rim area of the Grand Canyon in June. Participants hiked the Coconino Rim Trail out of the AZT Grandview Lookout Trailhead and everyone received T-shirts from the American Hiking Society, sponsors of National Trails Day events nationwide. In addition to the T-shirts, participants received other event prizes for a variety of accomplishments, including who had traveled the furthest, who called to register first, who was youngest, who was oldest, etc. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed each other's company as well as the Arizona Trail. The National Park Service Rangers had really wanted to participate in the event, however they were all on call to help rebuild the trails that had been damaged because of the many snows and rains that had caused erosion damage to the trails in the Grand Canyon during the winter and spring seasons. They told us to be sure to invite them again next year because they would really like to participate



**ATA Calendar of Events is Online at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)**

# Calendar of Events and Activities



## OCTOBER, 2005

### October 1-2 Alamo Canyon Passage.

The planned project is to work on Picket Post Segment on erosion and maintenance. Gloves and boots are recommended, bring lots of water and lunch. We will meet at Hewett Station Rd. and US60 just past mile marker 222 at 8am. For any one staying camping will be at Picket Post Trailhead. Dinner will be provided Sat. night. For more info contact Ovid bond 602-697-1007 or email. [circletranchaj@msn.com](mailto:circletranchaj@msn.com)

### October 2nd, 2005 - Ripsey Segment of Tortilla Mtns Passage

Trail Clearing/Brushing (optional camping Sat night - Work Event on Sunday) Segment is located South of Superior (near Town of Kearney). We will campout Sat night and then begin the work event at 8am on Sunday. Camping opportunities (primitive) are available for Saturday night or meet at the trailhead on Sunday morning. Barbeque dinner and beverages will be provided for those that camp Saturday night, sponsored by ASCE. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us. We will help coordinate carpooling opportunities. The trail/campsite is approximately 1.5 hour drive from Tempe. Please R.S.V.P with Mike Luecker at [mike.luecker@az.usda.gov](mailto:mike.luecker@az.usda.gov) or 602.280.8827 (w). Additional directions and info will be provided.

### October 9, Santa Rita Passage.

The planned projects include improving the drainage in the "Flume" area; realignments along the pipeline above the Gardener Canyon Trailhead, and north of Box Canyon Rd.; resource protection at FR 785 and Gardener Creek, and brushing / tread work from FR 165 to Oak Tree Canyon. We normally ride in to work and use a B.O.B trailer to haul tools. Events are normally held on Sunday and meeting place is the parking area at the I-10 and SR83 interchange. Normal meeting time is 8:00 AM. If you'd like to join us, please contact Stephen Wood at [aztraildoc@yahoo.com](mailto:aztraildoc@yahoo.com)

### Oct. 14-16, Blue Ridge Passage

Trail re-route Segment Stewards Chuck Horner and Larry Snead invite you to join them as we correct some erosion problems and work on construction of a new Arizona Trail re-route north of General Springs on top of the Mogollon Rim on the Blue Ridge Passage of the Arizona Trail. Great location to check out the fall colors. Saturday night dinner will be provided as well as some other food treat from Chuck and Larry. Lots of fun and fellowship. Beginners welcomed. For more details contact Chuck Horner at [chuckhorner@cox.net](mailto:chuckhorner@cox.net) or Larry Snead at [sneadlarry@qwest.net](mailto:sneadlarry@qwest.net)

### October 22, 2005, Canelo West # 3

Work in Meadow Valley with Segment Steward Richard Corbett, to 'touch-up' the re-route constructed in March 2004. Fun and fellowship with special treats. Long sleeves and pants protect you best, a wide brimmed hat likewise. Leather gloves a necessity. Please bring 3 to 4 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Please E-Mail Richard at [kc7ovm@Dakotacom.net](mailto:kc7ovm@Dakotacom.net) if you can help, and to get meeting place and time

### October 22

October 22 @ 1PM at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum - Lecture Room. (BTA is 4 miles west of Superior AZ on Highway 60) The talk is entitled THE ARIZONA TRAIL - SEEING ARIZONA FROM GROUND LEVEL. An interactive presentation by Dave Hicks, Arizona Trail Through Hiker, about what one sees and feels on the Arizona Trail. Anyone interested can contact the Boyce Thompson Arboretum (<http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>) at 520-689-2811.

## October 28, 29, 30, 2005

There was substantial damage done to Reavis Canyon Trail during the rainy season. Forest Service is going to be doing major trail work from October 6-December 5th, 2005. Arizona Trails needs to have enough volunteer work to help with a matching grant. Volunteer Trail work will include cairn building and brush trimming/removal in the riparian area of the Reavis Canyon Trail.

We will camp at the Picketpost Trailhead off of Highway 60, west of Superior. near Milepost 121. If not camping, we will meet at 8:00am at US 60 and Hewitt Station Road for a 25 minute drive (high clearance vehicle needed) to where we will start an easy one hour hike to the start of the work section. Friday and Saturday night dinner will be provided. Breakfast and trail lunch will be responsibility of volunteers. Bring plenty of water, work gloves and a good attitude for lots of fun on the Arizona Trail. Call Dick or Diane Wertz at 928-684-7031 or email [rsvp@rawertz@commspeed.net](mailto:rsvp@rawertz@commspeed.net)

## NOVEMBER, 2005

### November 5, 6

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### November 6, Santa Rita Passage

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### November 12, 2005, Canelo East # 2

Work the east end near Parker Canyon Lake with Segment Steward Zay Hartigan, to re-hab single track that has had no maintenance in years. Fun and fellowship with special treats. Long sleeves and pants protect you best, a wide brimmed hat likewise. Leather gloves a necessity. Please bring 3 to 4 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Please E-Mail Zay at [zay@zaycom.com](mailto:zay@zaycom.com) if you can help, and to get meeting place and time

### November 18,19,20, 2005, Reavis Canyon

Trail Repair, including cairn building and brush trimming/removal in the riparian area of the Reavis Canyon Trail. We will camp at the Picketpost Trailhead off of Highway 60, west of Superior. near Milepost 121. If not camping, we will meet at 8:00am at US 60 and Hewitt Station Road for a 25 minute drive (high clearance vehicle needed) to where we will start an easy one hour hike to the start of the work section. Friday and Saturday night dinner will be provided. Breakfast and trail lunch will be responsibility of volunteers. Bring plenty of water, work gloves and a good attitude for lots of fun on the Arizona Trail. Call Dick or Diane Wertz at 928-684-7031 or email [rsvp@rawertz@commspeed.net](mailto:rsvp@rawertz@commspeed.net)

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# Calendar of Events and Activities

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Now that the construction is completed on this segment, it's time to start taking care of some much needed maintenance projects. Feel free to come out for one day or the entire weekend. For those staying over night with us, we'll be putting on a nice dinner Saturday night as usual. Remember that New Belgium Brewing Company is our beverage sponsor! Please contact Segment Steward Anna Pfender for details and directions to the work location at 480-893-6610 or mtbbabe@cox.net.

## **DECEMBER, 2006**

### **December 4, Santa Rita Passage.**

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## **JANUARY, 2006**

### **January 15, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 13, Santa Rita Passage.**

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## **An Invitation from Anna Pfender!**

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## **Wendy Hodgson to offer Interpretive Hike on the Temporal Gulch Passage**

On October 8, 2005, please join Wendy Hodgson and Dixie Damrel, botanists from the Desert Botanical Garden, for a botanical foray into the heart of the Santa Rita foothills along the Arizona Trail. We will start from the Temporal Gulch Trailhead and hike north along a beautiful riparian corridor, habitat to cottonwood, sycamore, ash and oak trees. The summer monsoons have been good to us, so we expect to see many shrubs and wildflowers in flower including morning-glories, red-flowered bouvardias, caltrop and mimosas. A plant list will be provided to help participants learn about the plants we will see. We will camp in the area Friday night, October 7th, so participants are required to bring their own camping equipment, food and water. Don't forget your chair! Following our hike, which will be from 8 - 1 pm Saturday morning, we can partake in the festivities at the Patagonia Fall Festival, where the Arizona Trail Association will be represented with fun and informative displays. The cool fall is a wonderful time to enjoy and experience southern Arizona, the Trail, Patagonia and Trail enthusiasts!

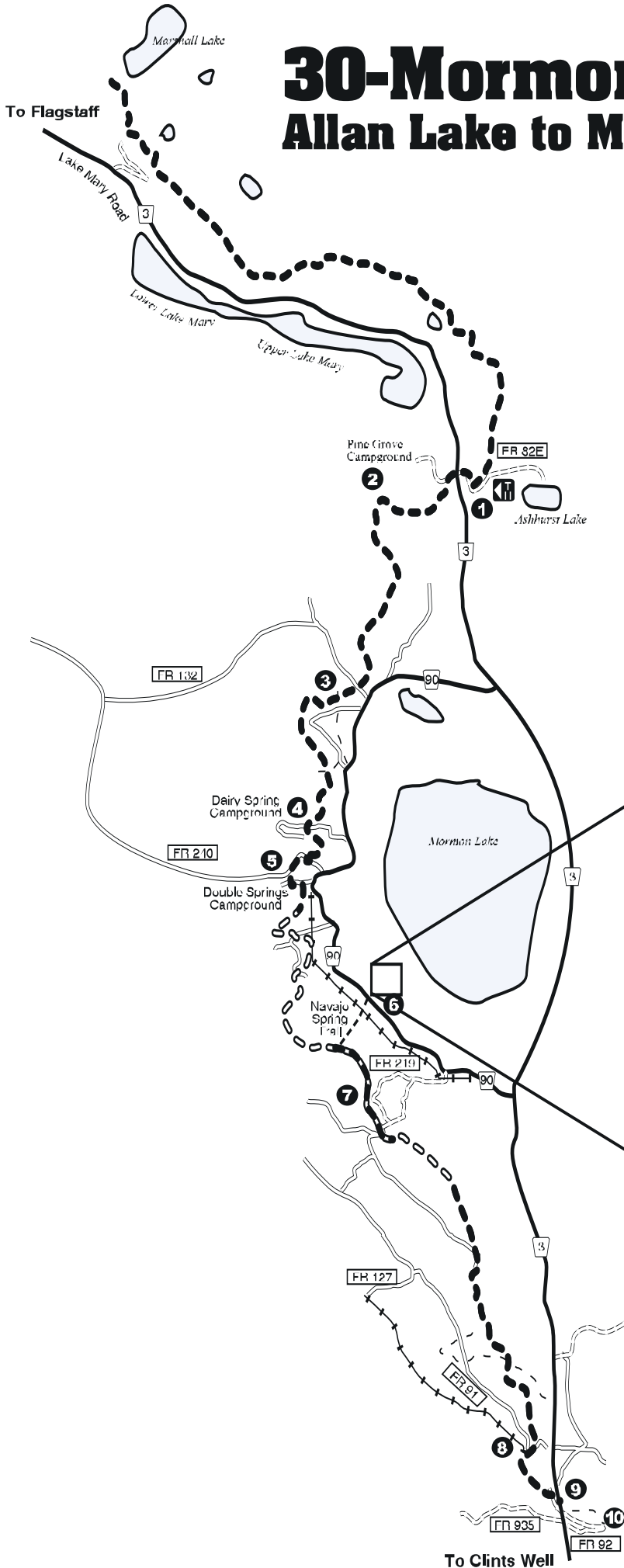
We need a minimum of 7 hikers, so please RSVP to whodgson@dbg.org and check the online calendar at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org) for last minute information.

# 30-Mormon Lake

## Allan Lake to Marshall Lake



Look for this logo on various types of signage to indicate The Arizona Trail.



	The Arizona Trail		Trail (TR)
	AZ Trail Route		Forest Road
	4-W Drive Road		Trailhead
	Dirt Road		Mountain
	All-Weather Road		Recreation Site
	Paved Road		

**1** Numbers denote access locations.

### Mormon Lake Village

to Arizona Trail

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- corral
- reservation office
- restaurant and lodge
- convenience store/gas station

Arizona Trail Association  
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 Phone (602) 252-4794  
[www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)

To Clints Well



# 30 Mormon Lake - Allan Lake to Marshall Lake

*NOTE: The ATA is in the process of producing the Mormon Lake Trail Access Map, but in the meantime this list of access points from Mormon Lake Village may be used to get to points along the trail in that area. Check [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org) for availability of all Arizona Trail maps.*

## Arizona Trail Access Points near Mormon Lake Lodge

To reach the major AZT access points coming from Phoenix, turn on Lake Mary Road at exit 339 off I-17 and travel southeast on Forest Highway 3 (FH 3). If coming from Flagstaff, turn east on Lake Mary Road (FH 3) from either Beulah Blvd. or John Wesley Powell Blvd. Use the map access point numbers to locate the AZT access points listed below.

PLEASE NOTE: The road to Mormon Lake Village, FH (County Road) 90, is a LOOP road that is shaped like a semi-circle, with Mormon Lake Lodge near the center of the loop road. Both ends of the loop come out on FH 3. The following directions will indicate whether the access points are located using the north loop or south loop of this semi-circular road.

**Access Point 1:** HORSE LAKE TRAILHEAD - Turn north (left) at mile marker (mm) 327.1 on paved Forest Road (FR) 82E to Ashurst Lake. Go 0.8 mile and turn into the one-way entrance into the gravel trailhead for the AZT. This trailhead turnoff is 11.4 miles north of Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the north loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Access Point 2:** PINE GROVE PARKING AREA - Directly south and across the road to Access Point 1 on FH 3 is a small parking area off of the paved road to Pine Grove Campground. Turn south and travel 0.2 miles to an unpaved parking area at a sharp turn in the road. Follow the closed road that parallels an old, elevated railroad alignment south a short distance (approximately 0.2 mile) from the parking area to its intersection with the AZT.

**Access Point 3:** FR 132 PARKING AREA - Travel to mm 324.3 on FH3, and turn right (south) on FR (County Road) 90, which is the north loop road turn for Mormon Lake Village. Travel 1.9 miles to unpaved FR 132, located on the northwest (right) side of FH (County Road) 90. Travel 0.3 miles to the area where the AZT crosses FR 132. Limited, seasonal parking areas are available several hundred yards further down FR 132 on the north side of the road. This access point is 5.5 miles north of Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the north loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Access Point 4:** DAIRY SPRINGS TRAILHEAD - Continuing south another 1.8 miles on FH (County Road) 90, (3.7 miles from FH 3) turn right (west) on the Dairy Springs Campground unpaved road. Drive on the main campground road, keeping left to avoid the camping area, and travel approximately 0.3 mile to the trailhead, which has very limited parking (not adequate for horse trailers). There is an AZT information kiosk at the parking area. Follow the Mormon Mountain Trail for approximately 0.4 mile, where it intersects the AZT. Do not confuse the AZT with the short Dairy Springs Loop Trail around the campground. When you reach the AZT, a left turn goes south, a right turn heads north. This campground is closed during winter season, so trail users would need to park outside the campground to access the AZT. This access point is 3.8 miles north of Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the north loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Access Point 5:** DOUBLE SPRING TRAILHEAD - Continuing south another 1.2 miles of FH (County Road) 90, (4.9 miles from FH3) turn right (west) on the Double Springs Campground unpaved road. Park outside the campground and go 0.3 mile, near the end of the campground road, where the AZT crosses the roadway. This access point is 2.6 miles north of Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the north loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Future Access Point 6:** MORMON LAKE LODGE - Located 7.6 miles south of FH 3 on FH (County Road) 90. (When the AZT is completed in this area, follow the Navajo Spring Trail located across the street from Mormon Lake Lodge in the center of the Pioneer Village area. This connecting trail will intersect with the AZT in the future.

**Future Access Point 7:** FR 219 TRAILHEAD - This future trailhead is located 0.7 miles south of Mormon Lake Lodge. The AZT is not yet completed to this future trailhead.

**Access Point 8:** FR 91 AREA PARKING - Travel 1.3 miles on FH (County Road) 90 to the intersection with FH 3. Turn south and travel approximately 4.2 miles to mm 314.7, then turn right (west) on unpaved FR 91. Travel 0.5 mile to an unpaved parking area located just north of the point where the AZT crosses FR 91. This access point is 5.8 miles from Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the south loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Access Point 9:** AZT FH3 HIGHWAY CROSSING - Traveling from Flagstaff on FR 3, approximately 1.1 miles south of FR 91 at mm 313.6, watch for a small pullover on the right side of FR 3. There is a gate access to the AZT on both sides of FH 3 at this point. This is 6.2 miles from Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the south loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**Access Point 10:** FR 92 PARKING AREA - Traveling from Flagstaff on FH 3, turn left (east) on FR 92 at approximately mm 313.8, only 0.2 miles from Access Point 9. Follow FR 92 for 0.25 mile to a large parking area with an AZT trailhead sign. This is planned for future trailhead development. This access point is 6.4 miles from Mormon Lake Lodge driving on the south loop of FH (County Road) 90.

**HIGHWAY 87 TRAVELER'S NOTE:** If you are traveling to Mormon Lake Lodge from State Highway 87 north of Payson, near Clint's Well turn left (west) on FH 3 just north of Clint's Well and follow the directions, noting the mile marker adjustments you will need to make when coming from the opposite direction, (mm 314.6 becomes 313.4).

### Resources:

Maps: Coconino National Forest map. Coconino National Forest Visitors Guide, Coconino National Forest Recreational Opportunity Guide, Arizona Trail Association 1:24,000 passage topo map

### For more information, contact:

Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino National Forest, 5075 N. Highway 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. 928-477-2255 or the Happy Jack Information Center located at Clint's Well at 928-477-2172.

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