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Summer of Fire!

Due to the lack of rain and snow in Arizona during the past year, and the warm, dry, windy conditions of the last few months, federal land managers enacted forest closures and restrictions across the state throughout the summer.

During June, 10% of the Tonto National Forest, 52% of the Coconino National Forest, and 83% of the Kaibab National Forest, were closed to public access. Virtually all public lands were under fire restrictions, which prohibit campfires, charcoal grills, and smoking outdoors. What did this mean for trail users? Trails and forest roads within the closure areas were off limits. While late to arrive, the monsoons finally brought much needed rain. This brought relief to all who feared a repeat of the Los Alamos and Montana fires in Arizona.



Lightning caused Pumpkin Fire on Kendrick Mountain on the Kaibab and Coconino Forests.

Millennium Legacy Trails Day Celebrated Statewide

Thousands of people throughout Arizona were out on the Arizona Trail or participating in events to celebrate Millennium Legacy Trails Day on Saturday, June 3, 2000. It was the largest statewide series of activities ever scheduled in the history of the Arizona Trail Association.

Events were held in Oracle, Tucson, the Coronado National Memorial, and in Flagstaff, Superior, Payson, Patagonia, and Sierra Vista the mayors announced special Trails Day

proclamations. Only one event planned for the Payson/Pine Rim Country area had to be postponed due to last minute fire closures by the U.S. Forest Service.

To all of those individuals, sponsors, organizations, and participants who joined together to help make these special events so memorable, the Arizona Trail Association extends its appreciation to you, and expresses its gratitude for your outstanding support.

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Hikers celebrate National Trail Day 2000 along Joe's Canyon Trail in Coronado National Monument

The Arizona Trail

Our Vision...

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 790 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 use.

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President's Pride

by Jan Hancock

As the photographs, stories, registration forms, and contributions began to arrive following our spectacular Millennium Legacy Trail celebrations from around the state, our mailbox was overflowing with the good news about all of the community support for the Arizona Trail. When thousands of wonderful people join together to celebrate the Arizona Trail, pride takes over in a big way!

The pride is directed toward each and every Arizona Trail fan, particularly our members and volunteers, who helped to make our statewide celebrations so much fun and so successful. When the White House Millennium Trails Council invited us to hold a big National Trails Day Millennium event, we were amazed at the quantity and quality of effort and support that our state's outdoor organizations and communities volunteered.

People we had never known before came forward and offered to help plan and manage their community's celebrations on National Trails Day. We were amazed at the talent, leadership, and spirit of people in these communities who wanted to help our members and our organization have successful and well-publicized events.

Our many sponsors who partnered together with the Arizona Trail Association were totally engaged in planning meetings, press releases, radio and television promotions, banners, commemorative bandannas, water bottles, T-shirts, proclamations, prizes, gifts, and more.

To each and every one of you who worked so hard to make this one of the most memorable days in the history of the Arizona Trail Association, I take pride in everything you did and thank you for your wonderful, willing and continuing support!

Executive Director's Report

by Larry Snead

Great news from Washington! The American Hiking Society has informed us that the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management have formed the Federal Interagency Team on Volunteerism with six other federal agencies. These agencies are all Arizona Trail Partners and we have established a great working relationship with them. The Team will develop a system of formal partnerships between federal agencies and volunteers that will encourage agency staffers to use volunteers for more activities.

The Arizona Trail Association, with the financial support of the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, is conducting a series of trail construction and maintenance workshops to prepare our volunteers to accept and perform trail work that will meet agency standards.

The Interagency Team on Volunteerism hopes to lift obstacles to volunteer service. They'll work together to enhance funding for volunteer programs and provide land managers the resources they need to effectively encourage and use volunteer service. ATA is meeting this goal by training our volunteers to meet the maintenance and construction needs of these land managers.

National Public Lands Day Saturday, September 23

Walnut Canyon Passage trail maintenance. 9 am, FR 303 trailhead (approx. 3 miles south of Country Club area). Contact Abby Spotskey at the Peaks Ranger District 526-0866 for more info. Lunch will be provided.

Blue Ridge Passage new trail marking east of Happy Jack. Help sign a 15 mile section of new trail. Work will include hiking, building rock cairns, clearing initial path, and installing trail signs. Come for 1 day or stay and camp out Saturday night. Contact Larry Snead: larrysnead@juno.com or 800-678-3929.

Buckskin Passage Trailhead Dedication/Grand Opening Celebrate the dedication of the Arizona Trail's outstanding new trailhead at the Utah border. Visit the top of the trail where the AZT ends (or begins) on the state line - adjacent to the beautiful red rocks of the eastern edge of the Paria Plateau. Join volunteers and officials for ceremony and barbeque. Contact Tom Folks for more info: Tom_Folks@blm.gov or 435-688-3264.

Arizona Trail Mapping Project

by Phyllis Ralley

Last fall when Jan Hancock introduced me to the possibilities of the BLM Maps-on-Demand mapping capabilities at the Public Lands Information Center in downtown Phoenix, I could not believe my eyes! The size, color and resolution of the 1:40,000 and 1:24,000 maps overlaid with land ownership and use data was phenomenal. This technology is now available to the public - trail users like you and I!

With the help of Ed Perault, then of the BLM, I taped together the length of the state with 1:100,000 topo maps and, using a template which represented a 1:40,000 topo map, marked out the entire trail on the 30-40 foot long map. Using this information, Ed Perault began entering the data into the BLM's ArcView software, and by the ATA Annual Meeting in February, we had a



preliminary set of 28 maps which we delivered into the hands of the Regional Stewards. They then began the job of marking the trail on their respective maps with marker pen, gleaned information from all the various and scattered sources they had been using.

In January, I logged on as an official volunteer at the BLM, under the tutelage of Marilyn Casiano, BLM mapping expert. We began entering "the line" into the computer using data sent

in by the Regional Stewards and their on-the-ground volunteers. The job is almost complete at this level, but the trail needs to be recorded with GPS devices in order for the map to be as accurate as possible. ATA Executive Director Larry Snead and I were very reluctant to release the maps to the public at this

stage. We thought we would need a \$7000 GPS device in order to accurately map the trail. Then in May came the answer to our prayers. The U.S. Government unscrambled the satellites which send data to our hand-held GPS devices and rendered them accurate to as much as 15 feet!!!!

Now, we can ask for your help as ATA volunteers to get the entire trail marked on the map with GPS coordinates. A team of mapping volunteers is

currently gathering more information. We are seeking direction from Dave Wilson, mapping expert at the Bureau of Land Management in Phoenix. We hope to set up a mapping workshop with Dave and to get everyone on the same page before we set out to map the trail. Please watch the ATA website (www.aztrail.org) for updates on this project. If you are interested in joining the mapping team, you can reach Phyllis and the mapping team at maps@aztrail.org.

Strategic Planning Update

by Geri DeMuro, Committee Chairman

The Strategic Planning Committee has been diligently working on the five-year long range plan for the Arizona Trail Association since April of this year. Direction and guidance for the five study area committees are being provided by a ten-member Steering Committee representing different trail user groups and areas of expertise.

A draft of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed by the ATA Board of Directors in October, 2000 with final approval completed by the end of the year. If you would like to provide any input into this process, please feel free to contact the appropriate person via the email address provided below.

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Field Reports



Merle Parmer, Chuck Horner and the SWECO

Pinal County

March 20-24, Merle Parmer and Chuck Horner attended the SWECO (Sutter West Equipment Company) training class. The SWECO is a miniature bulldozer that can be used to build trails. The training instructor was Cam Lockwood, of Trails Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service, out of Arcadia, California. Merle and Chuck had a day and a half of classroom training and the rest of the week was hands-on in the field. The hands-on training took place on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land southwest of New River. There were nine students in the training. Four from the Forest Service, one from BLM, two from State Parks, and Merle and Chuck representing the Arizona Trail Association. They learned how the engine and torque-hubs worked including the hydraulic systems. Part of their experience was learning how to control the dozer using two steering levers, one for each tractor tread. The SWECO has a 48 inch front blade and rippers in the rear. Some of their hands-on experience was digging a hole 3-4 feet deep by 20 feet long and then refilling it; cutting a road through an embankment where you could look over the edge (it's called the pucker factor). They also practiced creating water dips and bars and loading and unloading the dozer using a fifth wheel trailer. They are excited about this new experience and hope they can put it to use starting in Pinal County this Fall.

- Chuck Horner

Alamo Canyon, Tonto National Forest

On April 15th at 9:00 a.m. sharp, volunteers assembled at Picketpost Trailhead near Superior to do trail maintenance on the Arizona Trail south of Picketpost Mountain. Crew chief Tom Coulson, along with ten fresh recruits armed with ATA trail tools, reviewed the strategy for the day and safety precautions, then headed south into Alamo Canyon. Much of the Arizona Trail here is old two-track roads that meander in and out of Alamo Wash.

The work crew did some brushing of overgrown vegetation and built rock cairns at wash crossings. Some tread improvement was also done. Using a Makita, the work crew installed eight wooden Arizona Trail signs on 4x4 posts put in by Wil Passow several years ago.

The trail improvements should really help trail users to stay on the trail. The work crew had a fun and enjoyable hike and day of work. More work will be done on this segment in the Fall, to the south near the White Canyon Wilderness. Thanks to all who did such a fine job maintaining the Arizona Trail!

- Tom Coulson, Segment Steward

Pine Mt/Boulder Creek, Tonto National Forest

"For two solid miles - until the lovely little creek fades away - there is nothing but hideous evidence of unconscionable destruction of the natural world...Fosco was stunned. Like most Europeans, he does not know whether to consider the United States a first-world or third-world country. Here, there is little doubt in his mind." - A quote about the trail alignment on Forest Road 22 between the Sunflower and Boulder Creek sections of the Arizona Trail from *Along the Arizona Trail* by M. John Fayhee.

Under the direction of Denny and Marie Haywood, Segment Stewards, and with the support of Greg Hansen of the Tonto National Forest, a new 1.75 mile trail bypass near Sunflower has been laid out. A scoping letter was sent out to interested parties and the trail corridor was flagged to move the trail one-half mile south and to the side of the hill 200 feet above the valley. Denny and Marie, with the help of Greg Hansen, Cynthia Lovely, Jim Mahoney, and Carl Golnik have spent a number of days scouting the area and flagging the proposed alignment.

In March, Lisa Bizios, National Forest Biologist, and Alan Sinclair, National Forest Para-Archaeologist, did an investigative hike along the proposed route to ensure that the trail did not interfere with any endangered plant life or archeological sites. When final clearance is approved this Fall, you can help complete this new section of trail that will bypass the existing temporary trail along Forest Road 22. All the work projects will be within a ten-minute walk of parking areas so people of all abilities can help complete this new and improved section of the Arizona Trail.

- Carl Golnik

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Trail Maintenance on Arizona Trail in Alamo Canyon.

Field Reports



Arrowhead Wildlife Society on Hardscrabble Mesa, May 6th standing left to right - Ted Stratton, Rick Heffernon, Beverly Malmberg, Sue Myers, Jim Heskett, Walt Thole (USFS), Nancy Malmberg, and Dorothy Bender. kneeling left to right - Jodi Lorenz and John Peel.

Boy Scout Troop 78 work on Boulder Creek Trail

I am a Boy Scout in Troop 78 in Ahwatukee. I chose to do trail work on the Arizona Trail as my Eagle Project. Mr. Carl Golnik, ATA coordinator, showed me a section of the Boulder Creek Trail near Sunflower that was in great need of restoration. The trail had become unsafe for hikers and horseback riders because of loose rocks, improper drainage, and overgrown cat claw acacia. On April 15, 2000, 35 Scouts, leaders, and myself carried out a total of 310 hours of work on this section of trail. Mr. Golnik supplied the proper tools and guided me on how to instruct my crews in the various tasks that needed to be done.

It was hard work, but the outcome was worth it. The project allowed me to plan, organize, and lead a group of my fellow Scouts in a very worthwhile endeavor. This section of the trail is now safe for trail users and I am pleased that I was able to be a part of the Arizona Trail project. My appreciation goes out to Mr. Golnik, my fellow Scouts, and the leaders who supported me through the completion of this project.

- Wes Fathauer, Eagle Scout

Hardscrabble Mesa, Tonto National Forest

On Saturday, May 6, fourteen volunteers from the Arrowhead Wildlife Society, along with Walt Thole of the Payson Ranger District, met at the Pine Trailhead. This was the first scheduled trail maintenance work party organized by the Arrowhead Wildlife Society since becoming Segment Stewards. The Society is Steward of the portion of the Hardscrabble Mesa passage of the Arizona Trail, from the power-line on the mesa east to the Pine Trailhead (north of Payson, just south of Pine).

We scheduled the maintenance, with a four-hour work limit starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday to install thirteen water bars, repair and install two signs, clear brush from the trail, and move rocks from the trail. The work was on the first half-mile of the trail, heading southwest from the Pine Trailhead. Our enthusiastic and experienced volunteers were able to complete

the work by 10:30! From the comments during the refreshments afterward, we all worked hard, had a good time, spent time with friends, and met new friends.

Members of the Society will continue to work the four-mile segment individually or in small groups throughout the summer and fall, clearing brush, repairing and installing signs, and building rock cairns. We plan to schedule another workday in October or November when the weather cools.

- John W. Peel

Buckskin Mountain Passage

The ATA and the BLM owe many thanks to the NAU Hiking Club, the NAU Parks and Recreation Club and volunteers John and Isaac Neff, Cedric Coochyampewa, Richard Wertz, Merle Parmer, and Mike Snodgrass for outstanding trail construction on this the northernmost passage of the Arizona Trail. In only 4 small work events carried out since November, 1999, these stout-hearted volunteers put over 2 miles of new trail on the ground.

With the installation of a self-closing gate mid-way along on the passage and the efforts of these great volunteers, over 9 miles of single-track, marked trail are now complete on this northern end of the Kaibab Plateau (Buckskin Mountain), and over 1/2 mile of corridor is brushed and ready for tread construction. Only 3 miles remain to be constructed to finish the passage.

While the trail progresses, the facilities at State line Trailhead on the Utah-Arizona border progress as well, with new signing, an accessible trail, kiosk structure, bathroom, 2 developed campsites, 2 primitive campsites, graveled roadways all near completion.

With the dedication of this passage and the State line Trailhead planned for National Public Lands Day, September 23, 2000, a multitude of trail and trailhead projects are planned throughout Summer in preparation for this great event.

By Mike Carr, Trail Segment Steward; Tom Folks, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM



Buckskin Passage work crew.

National Trails Day Was Celebrated Across the State!

Coronado National Monument. Over 75 hikers gathered at a historic area at the southern Arizona border to "walk in Coronado's footsteps" at Coronado National Memorial. The National Park Service led interpretive hikes featuring the stories of Coronado's explorations. Many members of the Huachuca Hiking Club served as trail leaders at this special hike as well.

Patagonia. An enthusiastic community in southern Arizona that proudly proclaims to be a "Gateway to the Arizona Trail" held an early morning event for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and horseback riding enthusiasts. The Patagonia Visitors Center and Patagonia Cyclery sponsored the event, and many community organizations helped with serving breakfast, setting up information displays, trail registrations, and the distribution of gifts and prizes.



Tucson. A hike and picnic were held on top of Mt. Lemmon to escape the heat. This event was sponsored by Summit Hut, a popular outdoor retailer, and the hike was led by John Dell, a Tucson-area hiking expert. Over 70 people hiked and participated in a fun picnic held at Inspiration Point campground. Prizes of outdoor gear were awarded, and exhibits about outdoor activities were also on display.

Also in Tucson, a large number of exhibitors participated in a special Club Day event held in the cool air conditioned Park



US-Mexico boundary monument

Place Mall. Hundreds of mall visitors were treated to brochures, information, maps, and displays of outdoor information. This event was a huge success and further demonstrates that there are many ways to celebrate National Trails Day in the June desert heat in Arizona!

Oracle. Trail enthusiasts participated in a horseback ride and barbecue hosted by Arizona Trail Segment Steward Dean Prichard at High Jinks Ranch, and a hike and mountain bike ride sponsored by Oracle State Park and led by mountain bike organizations in central and southern Arizona.



Members of the Huachuca Hiking Club enjoy the view from Miller Peak on National Trails Day.

Superior. The community hosted a series of early morning desert hikes and a later celebration at Beshich Park that was complete with hot dogs, drinks, information booths, special musical entertainment and a traditional Spanish dancing performance.

Flagstaff. Over 300 people visited the celebration in Buffalo Park. The City of Flagstaff and Coconino County hosted the event. Smokey the Bear and the Forest Service were there, along with the debut of the new ATA tool trailer. Also in the Flagstaff area, 150 horseback riders participated in the Flagstaff Cinders Endurance Ride whose proceeds will benefit ATA.



"Vet stop" at 17-mile point for the 30-mile Endurance Ride in Flagstaff



NTD 2000 celebration in the cool pines at Inspiration Point picnic area on Mt. Lemmon. Pima Trails Association President, Jan Johnson, outlines trails access challenges and recent successes in Tucson area.



Llama Trekkers, Chris & Janice Dunn and daughter.

Thank You Volunteers and Sponsors!



Buffalo Park NTD 2000 Celebration. (back row) Cynthia Lovely, Jan Hancock, Janice Dunn (front row) Elizabeth Archuyleta, Dale Shewalter, Steve Reiher, Angela Cook, Nanette Smejkal

There were so many...

The following list of special people provided their wonderful leadership skills in our state's National Millennium Legacy Trail celebrations. We know there are more, but here are the names of the very special people who "took charge" to help plan and organize all of the statewide celebrations:

Flagstaff: Cynthia Nemeth, Cynthia Lovely, Dawson Henderson, Dick and Janet Walsh, Brian Poturalski, and Dale Shewalter.

Payson/Pine: Walt Thole, Shirley Armstrong, Ben Hitzhusen, Bill Schwind, John Peel, John Lake, Eric Smith, Joyce Bittner, Ron & Jane Feldman, and Geri Wager.

(Even though the event was postponed due to fire danger forest closures, these folks had their event all planned and ready to go!)

Superior: Bill Watson, Lynn Heglie, Connie Lane, Chuck Horner, and Donna Still.



Oracle: Kent Taylor, Frank Hogg, Mark Flint, Anna Pfender, Dean Prichard, Bev Showalter, and C.J. Vincent.

Tucson: Terri Gay, John Dell, Steve Anderson, and Mark Flint.

Patagonia: Ann Caston, Darrell Roberts, Damon Williams, and Kelly Tighe.

Coronado National Memorial: Rena Fugate, Scott Sticha, Jim Bellamy and Steve Saway.



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Smokey chats with a young hiker.



ATA shows off the new tool trailer (number two). This one to be stationed in Northern Arizona.



Mt. Bikers returning from the Dry Lake Hills section of the AZ Trail joined the NTD 2000 celebration at Buffalo Park, Flagstaff, AZ.

“New” Bed (But No Breakfast) Santa Rita Mountain Passage!

By Mary Farrell, Coronado National Forest

For Rent: rustic adobe cabin in historic Kentucky Camp, in the foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains. Part of the U.S. Forest Service's “Rooms with a View” program, a small cabin only 50 feet from the Arizona Trail is now available for overnight stays for up to 5 people.



A Coronado National Forest volunteer historic preservation group, the Friends of Kentucky Camp, noted an article some time back in the Arizona Trail News which suggested there was a need for more lodging opportunities along the trail. The Friends had a solution: one of the historic cabins could provide lodging for Arizona Trail travelers, and the rent money could be used to maintain and restore other historic buildings at the site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rooms with a View is part of the Forest Service Southwest Region's "fee demo" program, in which receipts go directly back to the areas where they are collected. Four cabins in Arizona are now available for the public, ranging from a small cabin on the Mogollon Rim to a large ranch house near Sedona. The Kentucky Camp cabin, although structurally sound, needed a tremendous amount of work to enter the program. Under the direction of the Forest Service, the Friends of Kentucky Camp repaired mud plaster, wooden doors, windows, and added furniture and finishing touches to make it comfortable and functional.

In the beautiful oak grassland north of Sonoita, the Kentucky Camp cabin was built in 1904 as part of the headquarters for an ambitious, but unsuccessful, mining company. The Gardner Canyon trailhead is a little over 5 miles southwest, the Oak Tree Canyon trailhead approximately 12 miles northeast. These portions of the trail are suitable for mountain bikers, hikers, and livestock. Although there are no corral facilities at Kentucky Camp at this time, the Forest hopes to enter into a partnership to build a small corral at the site in the future.

The cabin has furniture, electricity, some minimal kitchen supplies, an outdoor water spigot and outdoor vault toilet, and a plans include installing a barbecue grill. A wood stove will be added for winter use, with proceeds from the rental. Renters would need to bring bedding, food and beverages (including ice chest - there's no refrigerator), and trash bags to carry out their own trash (no housekeeping is provided). To find out more, call the Nogales Ranger District, at (520) 281-2296, or visit their web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/nrd/nogo.htm>. Information about other Rooms with a View is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino>

News and Views



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The proposed section of Arizona Trail just south of the Gila River in Pinal County has a **new Segment Steward**. The Younger Members Forum of the American Society of Civil Engineers, from the Phoenix area have adopted this section of the Arizona Trail and will be constructing new trail starting this Fall after the desert temperatures cool off.

The Bureau of Land Management has issued the Record of Decision resulting from the **Final Environmental Impact Statement** for the Ray Land Exchange. The BLM will be exchanging lands north of the Gila River, near the White Canyon Wilderness, with the mining corporation ASARCO Incorporated. The Decision states that ASARCO will provide access, and assist with construction of the Arizona Trail. ATA commends the efforts of all who mailed in comments, researched potential routes, and attended meetings to discuss the alternatives to routing the Trail through these lands.

New Segment Stewards along the Mogollon Rim. The Sun City Sportsman's Club have adopted the section of the Arizona Trail/Highline Trail from Washington Park to the top of the rim.

The **new trailhead** at the terminus of the Arizona Trail on the Utah Border will be officially dedicated on National Public Lands Day. Saturday, September 23 The Arizona Strip Office of the Bureau of Land Management will host a celebration of what is expected to be the most outstanding trailhead along the entire Arizona Trail. Look for completion of the Buckskin Mountain passage by September trailhead dedication.



Huachuca Mountain Passage

US/Mexico Border to Parker Canyon Lake



General Information

This southern-most section of the Arizona Trail is both historically and ecologically significant. In 1540-42, the Coronado Expedition passed by this area on their quest for new world riches. This was a major entrada by European people into the region. They encountered inhabitants who were already well adapted to southwestern environments. The frequent mining prospects along the Trail display the more recent history of the area. The vegetation and wildlife diversity of the Huachuca mountain range is often surprising. Plants of different life zones are often found growing together. Animals normally seen south of the Mexican border are sometimes found in the Huachucas.

Location: This passage links Coronado National Memorial (and eventually the U.S./Mexico international border) with Parker Canyon Lake, a distance of about 20 miles. The Memorial is managed by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and the rest is administered by the USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, Sierra Vista Ranger District. Most of this passage is managed as Wilderness. Trail users should become familiar with the management policies of both agencies.

Access:

Southern trailhead: drive south 13 miles out of Sierra Vista on AZ Highway 92 to the Coronado National Memorial Road. Turn right (south) and continue 8.2 miles through the Coronado National Memorial to the top of Montezuma Pass. The trailhead is across the road from the parking lot. **Northern trailhead:** from Tucson, travel east on Interstate 10 to State Route 83 (exit 281) and turn south 50 miles through Sonoita to Parker Canyon Lake. Turn left on FR 48 then right on South Lake Road (FR 194) to trailhead.

Trail Route Description:

The Yaqui Ridge Trail, being constructed within Coronado National Memorial, will provide hiker-only connection to the international border. Half of the Huachuca Mountain Passage, about 10 miles, follows the Crest Trail #103 from Montezuma Pass to Copper Glance. The Crest Trail provides outstanding views of the San Pedro and San Rafael Valleys. Much of the Trail passes through fire-scarred landscapes caused by large fires in 1977 and 1988. From the Crest Trail, users can ascend 9,466-foot Miller Peak. Later the route leaves the Crest Trail at Copper Glance and descends Sunnyside Canyon about 5 miles to the Miller Peak Wilderness boundary. From there the Trail follows old prospect trails and a new trail to Parker Canyon Lake. Developed campsites and a seasonally operated concession store are found at the lake.

NOTES:

- Most of this passage is located within the Miller Peak Wilderness.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicles and equipment, including mountain bikes, are not permitted on the Memorial's trails nor in Wilderness.
- This area can be hot and dry. Bring plenty of water. Purification of water is recommended prior to use.
- When traveling in remote areas, go with a companion whenever possible. Always tell someone where you've gone and when you expect to return.
- Before using this trail, call for a report on current trail conditions which can vary with season, weather, and maintenance status.
- Water for livestock is generally available at Bathtub Spring and in Sunnyside Canyon.
- Horses or pack animals are not permitted on the Yaqui Ridge Trail or Joe's Canyon Trail in the Memorial.
- Notify Memorial staff when parking vehicles overnight at Montezuma Pass.

Resources

Maps: USGS Topographic Maps: Montezuma Pass, Miller Peak, Huachuca Peak. Coronado National Forest Map, Nogales and Sierra Vista Ranger Districts.

"Hikers Guide to the Huachuca Mountains" by Leonard Taylor.

For more information, contact: Coronado National Forest, Sierra Vista Ranger District, 5990 S. Highway 92, Hereford, Arizona 85615 (520) 378-0311.

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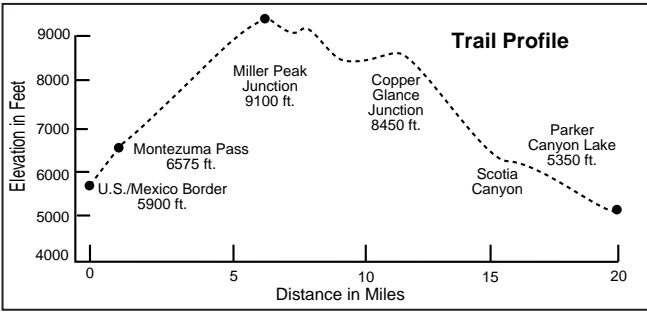
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Huachuca Mountain Passage

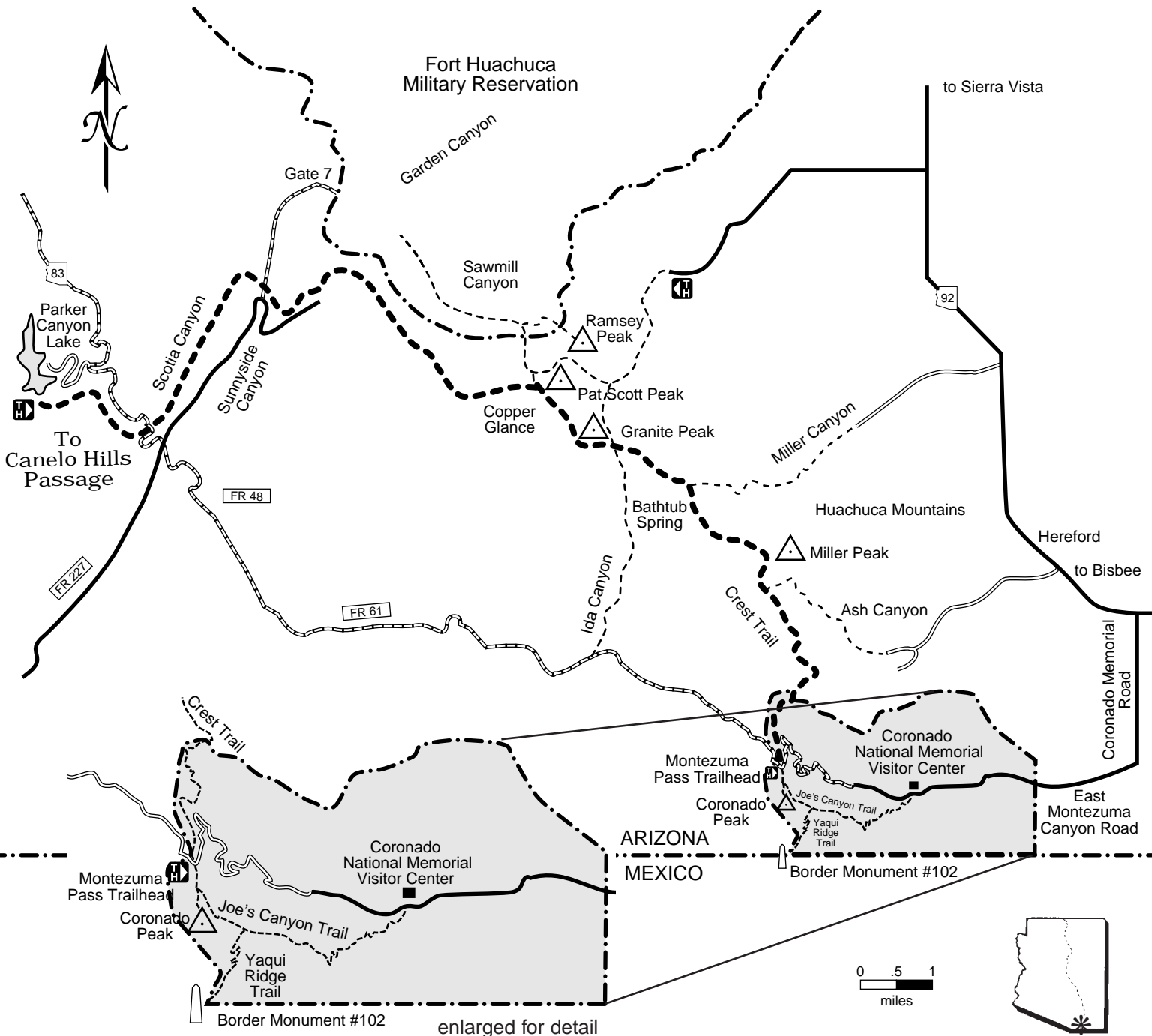
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- Help build and maintain The Arizona Trail
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- Assist in Phoenix office
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- Donate materials or professional services
Specify: _____
- Help raise funds for The Arizona Trail
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