



10th Annual Meeting Held at Phoenix Zoo

The Arizona Trail Association's 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting was celebrated by more than 150 ATA members, guests, and special presenters on a beautiful day at the Phoenix Zoo "Stone Pavilion" meeting room on Saturday, February 7, 2004.

Highlighting the event was the very enlightening presentation and special commemorative story of the beginning of the Arizona Trail by ATA's founder, Dale Shewalter. The luncheon also included a very entertaining presentation highlighting the launch of a 40-day multi-modal through-trek of the Arizona Trail by Brian Poturalski, an avid Arizona Trail fan and a Recreation Planner with the USDA Forest Service at Peaks Ranger District in Flagstaff with the Coconino National Forest.

Presentations included the award of 15 Certificates of Appreciation to key groups and individuals who had made exemplary contributions to ATA during the year 2003, helping our organization reach remarkable goals toward the Arizona Trail maintenance and mapping programs and the completion of many more miles of the trail route.

Two special guests attended the meeting and sat at the head table for the Annual Meeting. Don Charpio, a former manager in the Arizona Bureau of Land Management Field Office, and newly appointed to his position as the National Director for Recreation Programs for the Bureau of Land Management offered his best wishes to all of his Arizona Trail friends as he moves to Washington, DC. The Executive Director of American Trails, Pam Gluck, made a special trip from Redding, California, to congratulate the ATA on all the progress made since her first



*40-day marathon through-trekker
Brian Poturalski*



Arizona Trail Founder Dale Shewalter

involvement with our project as the Arizona State Parks Trails Coordinator 10 years ago.

Jeff Williamson, Chief Executive Officer for the Phoenix Zoo, made a special surprise visit to our meeting and offered his personal welcome to all in attendance. The ATA awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Zoo for sponsoring our event and providing the beautiful building and free admission to the Zoo for the entire day to all who attended our meeting.

Former Chief Trail Steward, Larry Snead, was introduced to the meeting attendees in his new role as the Executive Director of our organization, and he pledged his support to helping ATA launch into the next decade and bring continued success to our project. Representatives from ATA's newly appointed association management company, Suzanne Gilstrap and Nathan Slovin, were also introduced. The name of their highly respected firm is Gilstrap, Motta, and Cole, LLC.

Marking this special occasion were many of ATA's strongest sponsor supporters who set up displays and provided door prizes for the event, and many were recognized for their untiring efforts to support everything ATA is doing to build and maintain the Arizona Trail. A generous check for \$1,500 was presented to ATA during the meeting by representatives of the Arizona Society of Civil Engineers, Phoenix Branch, Younger Members Foundation, who have been strong Arizona Trail supporters. The donation was arranged through the efforts of Mike Leucker and the engineers group, one of ATA's Segment Stewards in Pinal County.

More photographs and recognitions awarded at the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting are available on page 3, and the list of 2003 Other Outstanding Supporters that were honored at the event is found on page 4.

Thank you to all of the members, guests, agency representatives, and sponsors who traveled from areas throughout Arizona to attend this special occasion. Your participation really helped to make this 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting one of the most outstanding and successful events in our organization's history.

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At The Helm

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.

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Executive Director Larry Snead Reports



In early March, I spent four days in Washington, DC meeting with Arizona's Congressional Members and their legislative staff members. It was an exciting time for me personally and a very significant event in the history of the Arizona Trail. My responsibility there was to make sure that all of our Congressional Members and their staff were well informed about the Arizona Trail in preparation of submitting a bill in

the U.S. Congress starting the process for the Arizona Trail to become a National Scenic Trail.

Jessica Bonanno in Senator McCain's office is providing the lead along with Rebecca Jensen in Congressman Kolbe's office. The bill will be jointly sponsored in the Senate by Senator McCain and Senator Kyl. The bill will be sponsored in the House by Congressman Kolbe with Arizona's other Congressional Members serving as co-sponsors.

Current plans are to submit the bills by the end of April, 2004. The first step in the process is for Congress to approve and fund a feasibility study to make sure that the Arizona Trail meets all the standards of a National Scenic Trail. That study will be conducted jointly by the National Forest Service and the National Park Service and may take several years.

When that study is successfully completed then another bill has to be submitted in Congress officially naming the Arizona Trail as a National Scenic Trail. Becoming a National Scenic Trail is a very important step in the growth and development of the Arizona Trail. It will provide protection and resources to assure what we all have worked so hard to build and maintain will remain the treasure and legacy for the future it has become.

ATA Welcome Two New Board Members

DAVE HICKS

Dave is best known to most of us as a long distance hiker who has hiked the entire Arizona Trail. He has been very helpful in recent years doing presentations about the Arizona Trail and leading hikes for members to experience a section of the AZT. He has become our principal source of information for other AZT long distance users. He has created a website to share his experience and knowledge with others regarding trail route, condition, etc.

Dave was the Deputy Director in the City of Phoenix Housing Department when he retired in May, 2000 after 27 years with the City of Phoenix. He has strong management, organizational and people skills. He received a degree from ASU in Accounting and worked 10 years for the City of Phoenix in the Finance Department and the Budget and Research Department. He knows how to raise funds as well as how to develop and manage budgets.

Dave will be taking on the responsibility of the Trail Development Committee Chairmanship, and will be working closely with Eric Smith, VP of Trail Operations.

DAVE TROUTNER

Dave is currently the store manager for REI in Paradise Valley. He has worked for REI for 8 years in four states and has worked on trail projects in each of those states. He grew up in Washington and graduated from Washington University with a degree in Business and Communications. Dave was active in Scouting as a youth and his current leisure activities include hiking, backpacking and mountain biking.

Dave Troutner has been active with ATA since moving to Phoenix three years ago. In 2003 he accepted a role on the ATA Advisory Council and also engaged REI as the Trail Segment Steward for a section from Roosevelt Lake to the top of Four Peaks. Last year he secured funds from REI to sponsor the Junior Trail Steward Program.

Dave is an active fundraiser for several trails related organizations and has agreed to help ATA raise funds for our operations budget and to provide leadership in the areas of communications and marketing.

ATA's 10th Annual Meeting



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Key to Photographs on this page:

Photo 1 - Carl Golnik reporting the ATA annual financial figures for year 2003.

Photo 2 - BLM's Dave Babcock was on hand to answer questions about the ATA mapping program.

Photo 3 - More than 150 ATA members, guests, and agency representatives were in attendance for the 10th Anniversary event.

Photo 4 - Neil Hornbeck, Boy Scout Council liaison with ATA, shows Howard Howell the proposed design of a new badge that can be earned by Scouts for volunteer work on the Arizona Trail.

Photo 5 - ATA webmaster Dawson Henderson, who orchestrated all of the computerized presentations at the ATA Annual Meeting, listens to presenters. He is at the table with the Buckhout family, strong ATA supporters.

Photo 6 - Eric Smith, ATA's Director of Trail Development, shares some details of upcoming trail work with Pete Joyce, one of ATA's Segment Stewards.

Photo 7 - Suzanne Gilstrap, principal at Gilstrap, Motta, and Cole, introduces her company as the new association management team that will be working with ATA.

Photo 8 - Executive Director, Larry Snead, left, discussing the Southern Arizona trail progress with Mark Flint, ATA Regional Steward in Pima County.



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Photos on page 1 and 3 are by Bob Rink.



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ATA expresses appreciation to the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust for significant financial support in 2003 and for continued support with a second grant for 2004.

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On the Trail Across the State



Wilderness First Aid Class a Success

by Eric Smith, Vice President of Trail Operations

On April 3 & 4, the Arizona Trail Association partnered with Wilderness Medical Associates, Inc. to provide the first Wilderness First Aid Class for individuals involved with the Arizona Trail. 16 participants from throughout Arizona attended the rigorous 2-day, 11-hour per day course at Oracle State Park - Center for Environmental Education on a cold, windy, and rainy weekend. John Jacobs from Wilderness Medical Associates, Inc., a national organization, provided in-depth instruction on patient assessment, treatment and stabilization of a variety of illnesses and injuries, CPR, splinting and extrication, and environmental conditions (i.e., lightning, hypothermia, hyperthermia, poisonous creatures, etc.).



John Jacobs, WEMT, started out with a refresher course on the latest techniques of CPR. Students took turns being the "patient." Classes were held in spite of the unusually cold and rainy April day at Oracle State Park.
Photo by Eric Smith



Standing: Wilderness Medical Associates instructor John Jacobs, WEMT, Carl Golnik, Fred Gaudet, Robert Powell, Eric Hiser, Eric Smith, Phyllis Ralley, Stephen Wood, Merle Parmer, Diane Wertz, Larry Carpenter, Dick Wertz, camp cook.

Seated: Jerry Ravert, Marilyn Schrab, Jason Nicolls, Glenn Barber, Robert Best, Daniel Poryanda, David Klein

Congratulations to the following individuals on the successful completion of the course and receiving the national certifications: Glenn Barber, Fred Gaudet, Stephen Wood, Robert Best, David Klein, Marilyn Schrab, Carl Golnik, Eric Hiser, Merle Parmer, Diane Wertz, Daniel Poryanda, Jerry Ravert, Phyllis Ralley, Robert Powell, Larry Carpenter, and Jason Nicolls.

A big thanks is extended to Richard Wertz for providing the outstanding meals. Also, a big thanks to the staff at Oracle State Park - Center for Environmental Education for being such great hosts.

Plans are underway for the next Wilderness First Aid Class for individuals involved with the Arizona Trail for September or October. This course is highly recommended for all segment stewards, trail crew leaders, or hike or ride leaders. If you are interested in being on the mailing list for the next class, or would like to help, please contact the ATA or or eric.smith@cityofprescott.net or (928) 777-1560.



On the beautiful Kannally Ranch patio at Oracle State Park, simulation patients await critique of the casts and slings applied for an elbow break.
Photo by Eric Smith

Robert Best is the simulation "patient" in this demonstration of the proper first aid steps to take with a suspected choking victim. Wilderness Medical Associate's instructor John Jacobs assesses the scene and prepares to escalate response as the patient moves from coughing to being unable to speak or cough.

Photo by Phyllis Ralley



3_Canelo West

New Canelo West Single Track Built

By Segment Steward Richard Corbett

Fifteen American Hiking Society (AHS) volunteers came from all over the United States and Japan to build 1-1/4 miles of new single track trail, replacing about 1-1/2 miles of really crummy 4-WD road the Trail has been on. The project began Sunday March 14, and ended Saturday March 20, with actual construction taking three and 2/3rds days.



One student from the University of Komazawa in Tokyo Japan, Hirokazu (Kaz) Miyagi, and 10 students from the University of Wisconsin (UW) traveled to Southern Arizona to work on the Canelo West project. The UW student Leader was Alicia Birr, who was joined by Michael Duffy, Rob Filitor, Mollie Firestone, Anne Kolan, Lauren Kreig, Ian Mack, Luke Markus, Adam Robinson, and Katie Zenker. Four men a lot closer to me in age brought a lot of experience to the project, and rounded out the AHS Volunteer Crew at 15. Jim Druetzler (Illinois), Newt Garland (New Mexico), Stan Kertel (New York), and Jan Overman (Wisconsin) all gave lots to our success.

New Temporal Gulch Segment Steward Robert Best, and Coronado National Forest Wilderness Ranger Chris Callard, joined me for a daily working group of 18 (see posed group photo). The Crew was divided into four sub-crews, lead by Robert, Chris, Newt Garland, and myself. We got valuable help the last day from local Rancher Zay Hartigan, who is interested in becoming Segment Steward for Canelo East.

Next year, our AHS Volunteer Vacation will be on the Temporal Gulch Segment, with a combination of re-route and trail rehab. Robert Best will be overall Project Supervisor for this project, which will be on his Segment of the Trail.

Thanks to all these dedicated, hard working people, and especially to Robert Best for all his help in getting ready for and carrying out this Project (and the photos too!).

For a complete and updated list of work events happening on the Arizona Trail, who to contact and what to bring please see the calendar at www.aztrail.org



From left to right, top to bottom, they are: Standing - Michael Duffy, Katie Zenker, Mollie Firestone, Luke Markus, Lauren Kreig, Rob Filitor, Alicia Birr, Ian Mack, Jan Overman, Jim Druetzler, Adam Robinson, and Stan Kertel; kneeling - Newt Garland, Robert Best, Richard Corbett, Anne Kolan, Hirokazu (Kaz) Miyagi, and Chris Callard.

13_Oracle



Laddie Cox with the help of San Pedro Hiking Club members Bill John, Ed Cleveland, Bob Powell, Jim Austin, Chuck Smallhouse, Hank Seane, and Ray Laase, recently installed a new gate on the AZT on the south end of Oracle State Park.

14_Black Hills



Group working on the Tucson/Black Hills section in late February, 2004. John Rendall recruited 5 volunteers for a session where they totally re-worked/re-built a portion of a switchback that had washed out with the summer rains. The volunteers are-- (L to R) Jon Chase, Wayne Kennedy, Kathy Gish, Gwen Rendall, Jim Strickler. John took the photo!

Reports From the Field



17_Alamo Canyon



The long awaited re-route of the Arizona Trail between Picket Post Trailhead (just south of Hwy 60) and the Tonto National Forest southern boundary has begun. With the go-ahead and support from Connie Lane of the Globe Ranger District Office, the first scouting teams began flagging the new trail corridor in October 2003. The existing route consists of old jeep two track road going in and out of Alamo wash. The new route will proceed south from the trailhead and rise gently up along the west side of Picket Post mountain. It will likely tie in at Picket Windmill. Eventually we will complete the trail all the way to the Gila River but that is still in the future. Corridor flagging will continue this spring and updates on progress will be provided.

Many thanks to the following core team members: Merle Parmer, Cindy Peck, Larry Vogel and Connie Lane for their support.

15_Tortilla Mountains



Arizona Trail Association Trail Development Committee Member, Merle Parmer, (on left) giving directions to a group of Sierra Club Members building a switchback on the Arizona Trail in the Tortilla Mountains in Pinal County. The Sierra Club conducted a National Service Event in this location last February that attracted 15 Sierra Club members from all over the country to come to Arizona to help build the Arizona Trail.

27_Highline



Photo of Brad and Karen Buckhout taken at a recent trail construction training workshop. The Buckhouts are the new Segment Stewards for a section of the Arizona Trail east of Pine.

Behind the Scenes



Marilyn Casiano, Bureau of Land management mapping specialist, receives an award of appreciation from the Arizona Trail Association presented by Phyllis Ralley, ATA mapping volunteer. Marilyn's help has been instrumental in allowing the ATA to create the 1:24,000 topographic maps that are now available at the Public Lands Information Center in downtown Phoenix. Marilyn, as well as Dave Wilson and Jack Johnson of the BLM mapping team, have been working with Phyllis on the mapping project for six years. Phyllis takes the information provided by the Arizona Trail's volunteer GPS team, and produces the maps in the BLM's ArcView software under Marilyn's careful guidance. After an ATA proofing process, the maps are released to the Public Lands Information Center for printing and sale to the public. (See page 11 for ordering information)

Upcoming Events and Activities



American Hiking Society's National Trails Day June 5th

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June 5, 2004

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American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program, National Trails Day® (NTD), is now in its 12th year. Celebrate and support a trail in your area, joining hundreds of organizations, parks, retailers and health providers who are hosting events with information and activities honoring trails all across the U.S.

TRAILS AND HEALTH

The theme "Trails and Health . . . A Natural Connection" relates trail activities to improved health. National Trails Day is a good time to start a physical fitness program which can be continued throughout the summer. Print off any of our fact sheets for more information on hiking and health.

For more information, and for events in your location, contact American Hiking Society at: NTD@AmericanHiking.org

American Trails National Trails Symposium

The 17th Annual National Trails Symposium will be held in Austin, Texas on October 21-24, 2004. Please see www.americantrails.org for a full list of scheduled events.

Some features include:

- Clinics for Runners and Mountain Bike Riders
- Trail Planning and Construction Workshops
- Using Youth in Trail Building
- Boating and Trails along the Colorado River Trail
- Hiking in an Endangered Species Habitat
- Designing Parks and Neighborhoods
- High Techreation
- Trail Toys Equipment Expo



We'll also be presenting the National Trails Awards for 2004, celebrating the volunteers and dedicated staff who are helping build a system of "Trails for All Americans."

Registration information will be available in the summer. Read the Call for Presentations for the Symposium at www.americantrails.org

Forest Service Needs Volunteers

Once again the Mormon Lake and Peaks Ranger Districts of the Coconino National Forest in Flagstaff are searching for one or two volunteers to serve with us here in Flagstaff for the summer season 2004.

We are trying hard to maintain our livestock program in the Forest Service during these challenging times in our work with crew support, wilderness patrol, fire lookout packing, and the other special job activities we do with horses and mules. We need to find an experienced person or two to work with us as volunteers this year. These folks can either bring their own livestock and use them with ours, or they can use our stock, whatever your preference.

Necessary skills and experience we must have for these volunteer positions include thorough experience with livestock, especially in the Backcountry, people skills for public contact work, and packing skills and experience. In return we will provide trailer and corral space, horse feed, trailer hookups, transportation, and, besides a cool summer in the pines, some rewarding experiences in beautiful

places. The volunteers wear a uniform and are trained in basic Forest Service Policies and Procedures. They work about three or four days a week with the rest of the time to themselves. There may be some opportunities to support some the trail construction projects planned on the Arizona Trail this summer in the Flagstaff area.

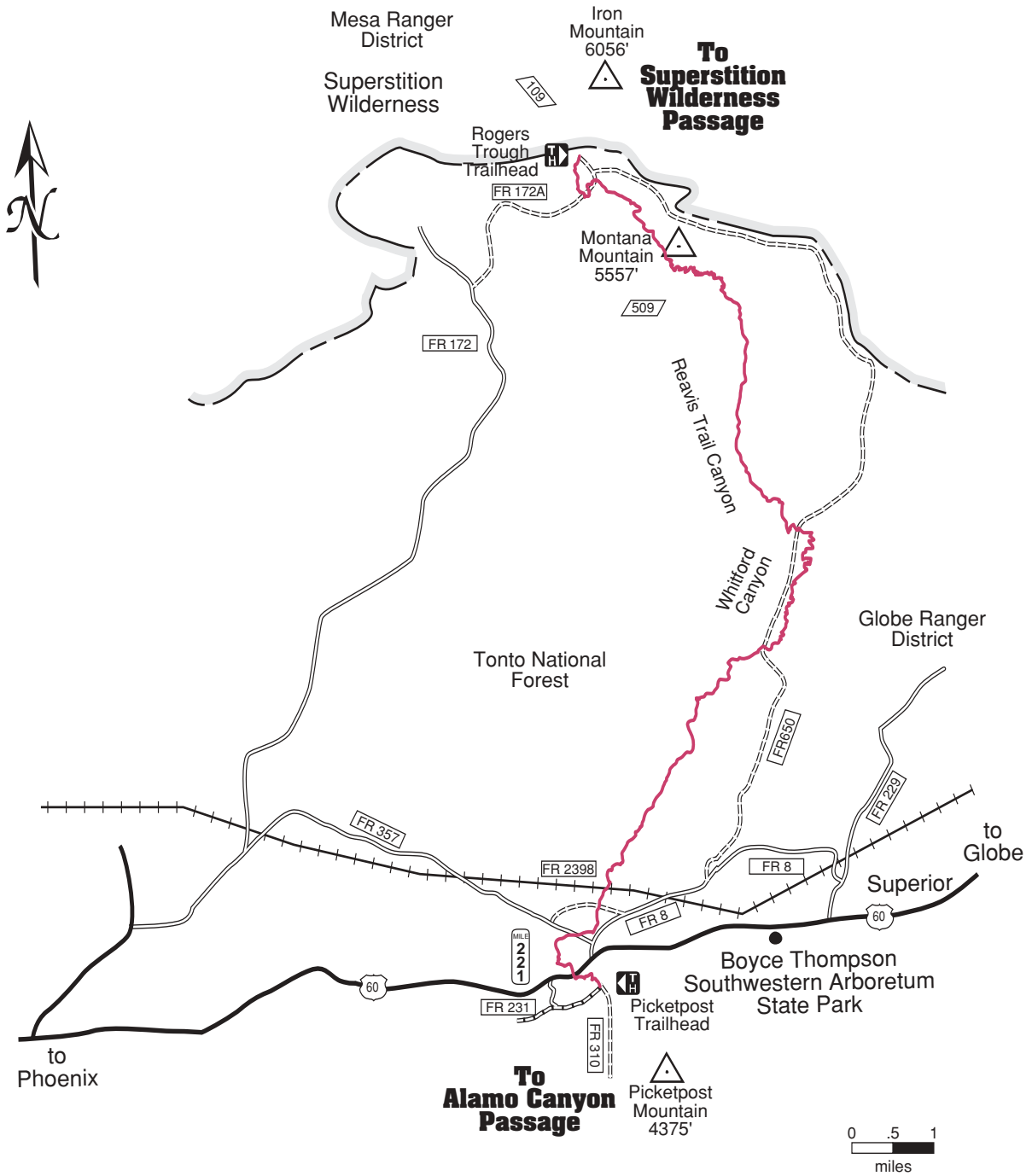
We think there's someone out there who would work well in this program and enjoy it as well, and we hope they will contact us. Our goal is to maintain a strong and practical livestock presence in the U.S. Forest Service, to continue the century old history of using livestock to get important and valuable work done on public lands and further the goals of horsemen and women across the state and nation. Interested people may contact Dick Walsh, at 928-853-1476 or Nina Hubbard at the Peaks Ranger District office in Flagstaff, 928-526-0866.

Thank you very much for helping us with this search.

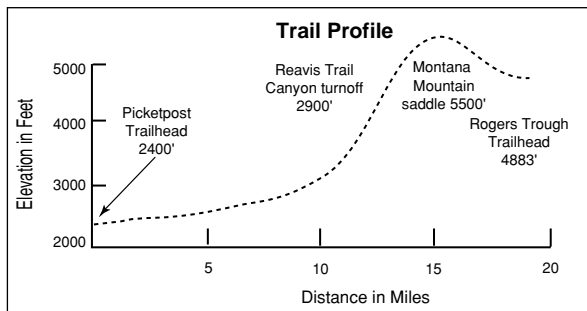
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Picketpost Mtn-Reavis Canyon

Picketpost Trailhead to Rogers Trough Trailhead



	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		Milepost Marker
	Railroad		





Picketpost Mtn-Reavis Canyon

Picketpost Trailhead to Rogers Trough Trailhead



General Information

This passage provides a linkage from the Alamo Canyon and Picketpost Mountain area south of Highway 60, to the southern boundary of the Superstition Wilderness.

Location: West of Superior on the Tonto National Forest

Length: 18.6 miles

Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Recommended Seasons of Use: Fall, Winter, Spring

Access:

Southern Access - From Highway 60, traveling from Phoenix east to Superior, turn south on Forest Road (FR) 231 which is .4 miles east of milepost #221 and 5 miles west of Superior....approximately .6 miles to Picketpost Trailhead. These roads are suitable for horse trailers.

Northern Access - From Highway 60, traveling from Phoenix east to Superior, turn north on FR 357 (Queen Valley exit), Turn left onto FR 172 and proceed 6.5 miles to FR 172A, turn right onto FR 172A and proceed to Rogers Trough Trailhead. FR 172A is a primitive road and may not be suitable for horse trailers.

Trail Route Description:

From the southern terminus, the trail progresses up a small ridgeline. At mile 0.4 the trail descends into a wash and turns right (north) to follow it through a culvert under the highway at mile 0.6. It climbs another ridgeline and then descends to Queen Creek. After crossing the creek, follow a fenceline (passing through several gates – please leave them as you find them). The trail continues on to FR 357 and then crosses a railroad line. At mile 2.2 you reach another dirt road and then pass under high-tension power lines. The trail climbs up to a ridgeline and follows it until just past mile 4.4. The trail now follows a steep jeep trail and passes just east of Barnett Camp. Mile 5.2 marks the entry into Whitford Canyon which the trail follows for almost 2 miles. At mile 7.1 the trail leaves Whitford Canyon, and crosses FR 650. The trail parallels FR 650 for over 3 miles and then crosses it again at mile 10.2. This is the trailhead for the Reavis Canyon Trail segment. Follow this trail (#509) along the streambed and then uphill toward Montana Mountain. After numerous switchbacks the trail passes south of the peak and again connects with FR 650 at mile 17.2. Continue west on FR 650 until it ends at FR 172A, and then travel north to the Rogers Trough Trailhead.

NOTES: *Whitford Canyon is a notorious flood path, so be aware of the weather and don't enter this area when rain is imminent.*

Elisha Reavis used part of this route in the 1890's to haul fruits and vegetables from his ranch to Superior (which is now within the Superstition Wilderness and forms part of the Arizona Trail). This passage features beautiful Sonoran desert, panoramic views, various life zones, and streambed riparian habitat. All water along this passage should be treated prior to drinking. Water can be found seasonally in many of the drainages. All trail users are encouraged to use Leave-No-Trace® backcountry techniques. Information on Leave-No-Trace® techniques is available by calling 1-800-332-4100.

Resources

Maps: Superstition Wilderness Map - Tonto National Forest; Tonto National Forest map; Picketpost Mountain and Iron Mountain U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangles. Other resources: *Hikers Guide to the Superstition Wilderness*, by Jack Carlson and Elizabeth Stewart, Clearcreek Publishing, Tempe, Arizona.

For more information, contact:

Southern Access:

Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, 7680 Sixshooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ 85501, (928) 402-6200.

Northern Access:

Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, 5140 E. Ingram Street, Mesa, AZ 85205, (928) 610-3300.



IMPORTANT NOTE: This passage sheet is intended only as an informational document to introduce you to the many recreational opportunities provided by the Arizona Trail. Always refer to the appropriate Forest Service or topographic map before planning any outing on the Arizona Trail; do not rely on the information provided in this passage sheet alone. The Arizona Trail Association is not responsible for any personal injury, damage to property, or any violation of the law which may occur in connection with the use of this document. Please respect the rights of private landowners and permittees, observe all applicable rules and regulations, and always be prepared to encounter the worst that nature has to offer on the Arizona Trail.

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Here's a helpful list of who to contact for some of the ATA's resources. If you have suggestions or want to provide any helpful information to these individuals, they would like to hear from you. We are not publishing home telephone numbers, only e-mail addresses. If you do not have access to e-mail, please call our ATA telephone number, 602-252-4794, and leave a message. Remember, most of these fine folks are ATA volunteers, so give them some time to respond to your requests!

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