



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

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Members Rendezvous Event at Mormon Lake!

September 29 - October 1 - Mormon Lake, Arizona

The ATA, in conjunction with the National Public Lands Day, and in cooperation with Mormon Lake Lodge, is holding a fun weekend for ATA members at Mormon Lake. Details can be found at the Mormon Lake Rendezvous

information page on the ATA web site at www.aztrail.org. As always, ask for a 10% discount when booking a room at the Lodge. Don't miss this fun event!

Epiphany in the Superstitions

It started out innocently enough. While returning from a trip to the Grand Canyon in the spring of 2005, Phoenix attorney Terry Woolston thought it might be fun to own a motorcycle again. The bikers he saw zipping around on their powerful, high-performance machines that day had rekindled his urge to get back on the bike, and he decided, why not.

By June, there was a shiny new motorcycle in Terry's driveway, a jet-black, retro-styled 2005 Triumph Bonneville T100. Terry went with the Bonneville because it reminded him of the old Triumph Tiger he had owned back in college. Nice leather saddlebags, additional chrome accoutrements, and other aftermarket upgrades further tricked out the bike.

A Conflict of Interests

But adding a motorcycle to Terry's life created an increasingly intractable conflict of interests. An avid hiker and cyclist, Terry found that he was doing most of his motorcycle riding on Sunday mornings, a time he had previously reserved for hiking. Riding the motorcycle had usurped hiking, and Terry wasn't comfortable with the tradeoff.

As the months went by though, the tide turned once more. After he had ridden enough miles to feel comfortable on the motorcycle again, he knew he had to make a choice. In Terry's mind, with the limited time available to him, he preferred nonmotorized activities to riding the motorbike. He realized that he would

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

—John Muir

rather be hiking than burning fossil fuels, however fun riding the bike was. So he stopped riding the motorcycle on Sunday mornings and resumed his routine of bicycling three days a week and hiking three days a week.

The decision was not unexpected from a man who averages an overnight backpacking trip a month, and has hiked on pieces of the Arizona Trail all the way from the Grand Canyon down to the Sky Islands. Further influencing Terry's choice was his lifelong commitment to environmental advocacy.

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

Wanting to be more than just a financial supporter of environmental organizations like the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Terry sought a way to get directly involved in his immediate surroundings.

This past January, he had an epiphany while solo backpacking the remote Two Bar Ridge trail out past Reavis Ranch in the Superstition Mountains Wilderness Area.

The epiphany: "Stay away from machines and stay closer to nature."

Environmental groups stress the principle "think globally and act locally," but Terry felt he had never really acted locally. During that backpacking trip in the Superstitions, it all came together for him.

He decided to donate the motorcycle to an environmentally friendly cause. His previous volunteer trail work on the Mazatzal Divide passage of the Arizona Trail



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Dave's Arizona Trail Top Ten

From the ATA Executive Director (executivedirector@aztrail.org)

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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There is always something noteworthy happening with the Arizona Trail Association. Here are just a few items that I want to share with ATA members.

1. My appreciation for an excellent job as interim ATA President goes to Eric Hiser. Thanks Eric. And I welcome long time volunteer and board member Kent Taylor as the new ATA president.

2. Funds for the trail – The Arizona Trail fund was allocated \$250,000 by the Arizona legislature. Those funds will be overseen by the State Parks and will provide some needed funding for our Arizona Trail. And the legislature also officially made the AZT a state “scenic trail”. A welcome, but not surprising, gesture. During the legislative process, I was glad to see our legislators so interested in the AZT. And a couple of them joined you as ATA members too!

3. Neat project! – The City of Flagstaff is building a footbridge over busy Cedar Street. That footbridge offers a convenient resupply route through Flagstaff.

4. Trail Stewards – With tighter federal budgets, it becomes even more important that the ATA, with oversight from the land managers, carry much of the responsibility for maintaining the AZT. Thus, it is heartening to see so many productive segment steward work events plus an increasing number of volunteers becoming AZT trail stewards. You make it all happen!

5. Volunteer Hours – Doug Marsh reports that volunteer hours for the year through May are 10,377. That's very good but I'll bet that total will be significantly higher when we get all hours sent in to Doug (chEDIVER@aol.com).

6. Premier Legacy and Business Member Programs – The Salt River Project is the most recent member of the ATA's Premier Legacy Program. And Arizona Partsmaster, AROK, Camelback Hotel Corp, Compass Bank, JQC Development and SW Gas have joined the Business Member program. Please let them know you appreciate their AZT support.

7. Anyone know where the highest point is on the Arizona Trail?

8. Trail Development – There are four stretches totaling about 40 miles where there isn't an “official” AZT route yet. But efforts are ongoing to gain approval for proposed routes in the following areas: a. Coronado National Forest north of Oak Tree Canyon to the Lakes Road; b. Saguaro National Park from the Hope Camp area to the Manning Camp Trail; c. BLM and State Land north of the Gila River to the Tonto National Forest; and d. Grand Canyon National Park from near the south entrance to the S. Kaibab Trailhead. And hopefully, some initial construction will start on the route north of the Gila River by late 2006.

9. Have some fun – An enjoyable summer spot on the AZT is in the Kaibab National Forest (KNF) just south of the Grand Canyon National Park. The 16 mile path from the Grandview Fire Tower to the north side of Tusayan is a gentle, tree lined route for bikers, hikers and equestrians. Stop in the KNF-Tusayan ranger office and thank Joel McCurry for his efforts on making this a part of the AZT.

10. ATA Members Welcome – The next ATA Board meeting is scheduled for July 29 at the Mormon Lake Lodge conference room. The meeting will start at 10 a.m.. All ATA members are invited and welcome to attend.



A Message From The Chief Trail Steward

By Anna Pfender



The time has passed quickly since my appointment in January, but I've learned a lot about the trail and have made some progress with our Steward program as well. We have signed up 11 new stewards since January and I would like to introduce them to you here.

Jim McManus, Patagonia – Passage 4 – Temporal Gulch
Richard Kane, Tucson – Passage 10 – Redington Pass
Terry Woolston – Phoenix – Passage 23 – Mazatzal Divide
Gary and Gay Hohner & David and Andrea Michaels, all from Scottsdale – Passage 31a – Walnut Canyon
Randy and Pam Clark, Cottonwood – Passage 29b – Happy Jack
Li Brannfors, Grand Canyon – Passages 37 and 38 – Grand Canyon

Pat Smillie, Dewey – Passage 42 – Kaibab Plateau North



I worked with Segment Steward Mark Flint (center) on May 6th during one of the many huge Cienega Corridor work events that were held this winter and spring. 58 volunteers worked at this event. The terrain is challenging here, but the views are outstanding. Everyone is gonna love this passage when it's completed!

We also had changes of steward representation for Passage 11 – Santa Catalina Mountains as Aurora Fabry-Wood now represents the Southwest Conservation Corps, while Paul Zemboy now represents the Sierra Club as Steward for Passage 27c – Highline. Also, Wendy Erica Werden and the Tucson Saddle Club are now sharing stewardship of Passage 7 – Rincon Valley. I would like to offer my thanks to these enthusiastic stewards for offering their time and effort

to the Arizona Trail.

I have also been working closely with the stewards and with volunteer Doug Marsh to improve our documentation of volunteer hours contributed to the trail. Doug has developed a marvelous database to track volunteers and hours. You may notice a volunteer hour report in this newsletter, which Doug was able to generate from the data collected. My thanks go out to Doug and to all of our volunteers who have been reporting their hours so diligently. The ATA relies on accurate reporting of volunteer hours to satisfy matching grant programs that enable us to build and maintain the Arizona Trail.

As I said, I have learned a lot about the Arizona Trail since January. I have spent many hours on the phone and typing emails as well as many weekends traveling to the northern and southern ends of the state and points in



Canelo Hills East steward Zay Hartigan led me on a hike to view the site of a fence and trail re-alignment project he is currently working on. When complete, trail users will be rewarded with improved tread and even more stunning vistas. This shot of Zay was taken about 2 miles south of the Canelo Pass Trailhead and looks to the southeast with the Canelo Hills in the foreground and the Huachuclas in the background.

between to meet, work and hike with a number of our stewards and land managers. The travel has been very exciting for me, as I had not spent much time on other segments of the AZT in years past. The diversity of the trail and the diversity of the stewards who care for it are very great indeed. I still have many more stewards to connect with personally so I will have more news to report next time. In the mean time, I would like to thank our Executive Director Dave Hicks and our Board of Directors for having the courage to select me as Chief Trail Steward. I would also like to thank Larry Snead for the support and knowledge he has given me while I'm taking on this huge responsibility.



While in Flagstaff for a National Trails Day event, Doug Marsh and I took the opportunity to visit the trailhead at Schultz Pass on June 4th. Once again, the Arizona Trail offers magnificent views, this one of the San Francisco Peaks. That's me in case you weren't sure.



ATA Stewards Retreat & Board Meeting

Anna Pfender, Chief Trail Steward

On Saturday, April 29th the ATA Board of Directors and Segment Stewards met at the Casa Grande Parks and Recreation office for a day of training and meetings. The Stewards and the Board met separately until noon, had lunch together and then met together for the afternoon.

Twenty five Stewards and trail technical advisors attended the morning Steward session. Presentations by Mark Flint and Doug Marsh focused on recruiting and retaining volunteers and obtaining sponsorship for work events. Mark discussed the highly successful marketing plan that was created for the Cienega Corridor Project. I also made a short presentation on work event guidelines and steward responsibilities. Many questions and answers came from our audience and it was wonderful to see such sharing of questions, concerns and solutions to common problems encountered by our Stewards.



New ATA President and host of the Casa Grande meeting, Kent Taylor, speaks with Anna Pfender preparing for the Stewards Retreat.



Doug Marsh, ATA Volunteer database expert, leads a discussion of the importance of recording volunteer hours, with his most recent tally shown in the chart at the right.

successful day for everyone involved. Thanks to our presenters and also to Phyllis Ralley for handling administrative items and to Kent Taylor for securing the meeting location and lunchtime food.

**Welcome Kent Taylor
new President of the Arizona Trail
Association. A Casa Grande business
owner, Kent is an avid mountain biker
and will lend his business expertise to
the new ATA merchandise program.**

During the Board members' quarterly meeting ten board members, two staff and one visitor welcomed two new board members. The Board elected a new President, Kent Taylor, and thanked Eric Hiser for his service filling the position for the past six months.

During the afternoon session Doug Marsh discussed the collection and submission of volunteer hours (see chart at right) after which Eric Hiser reviewed the ATA Strategic Plan. The final session of the day was a slide show review of the trail from south to north during which Stewards reported on special challenges and interesting details about their particular segments. Everyone present learned a lot about the entire trail and many suggestions and comments were presented.

The Retreat concluded with an ice cream session around 3:30 p.m., wrapping up a

Volunteer hours to date for 2006

Passage/Segment	Total		
02 Canelo Hills East	178	19A Reavis Ranch	26
03 Canelo Hills West	234.5	19B Two Bar Ridge	21
05 Santa Rita Mountains	105.5	19C Cottonwood Canyon	273.5
07 Rincon Valley	2234	22 Saddle Mt	14
10 Redington Pass	141	23 Mazatzal Divide	177
13 Oracle	24	28A General Springs	261.5
14A Tucson Wash	40	28B Moqui	25
14B Antelope Peak	20	29A Jacks Canyon	45
15A Boulders	481.5	29B Turkey Mtn	25
15B Ripsey Wash	41	30A Fulton	10
16 White Canyon	29.5	31A Marshall Lake	92.5
17 Alamo Canyon	3608.5	42 Kaibab North	11
18A Whitford Canyon	235	43 Buckskin Mtns	20.5
18B Reavis Canyon	103.5	AZ Trail General	1899.5
		Total	10377.5



Trail Support Highlights

Phelps Dodge Corporation - ATA Premier Legacy Partner



Very early, when the Arizona Trail Association was still in its young formative years, Phelps Dodge Corporation agreed to be one of our association's premier

legacy partners. Since that time, the company and its employees have become among ATA's most dedicated and "always there when you need them" Arizona Trail supporters.

Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Phelps Dodge Corporation made a strong commitment in the 1990's to help ATA complete our challenging backcountry trail building project, pledging thousands of dollars for our programs, a tools trailer, a vehicle, tool sharpening expertise, and hundreds of trail building volunteers from their renowned bastion of "Phelps Helps" employees.

Twice a year the Phelps Dodge volunteers in their Globe, Arizona mining facilities willingly take many dozens of our dull trail tools from months of trail building activity and professionally sharpen them for the next season's schedule of trail work.

These tools are transported statewide to trail work sites in one of our ATA tool trailers that we purchased nine years ago with a generous Phelps Dodge donation. Additionally, the invaluable 4-wheel drive Ford Bronco that is used for all of our ATA fieldwork was also contributed from the Phelps Dodge vehicle fleet.

ATA's Board Secretary, Lyn Harry White, is the Government Relations Manager for Phelps Dodge Corporation, and she chairs ATA's Legislative Committee at the state and national levels. Lyn's leadership efforts, in conjunction with those on her committee, resulted in Governor Napolitano's signing of the Arizona Trail Senate Bill 1468 on June 22, 2006. This legislation creates vitally important trail corridor protection as well as a significant funding program for the Arizona Trail at the state level.

Please help us recognize the exemplary contributions made by Phelps Dodge Corporation to ATA for many years, truly a premier legacy partner that continues to steadfastly support our organization's vision and mission.

Larry Snead Honored with Southwest Partnership Award



Larry Snead earned accolades this spring from the US Forest Service for his work with the Arizona Trail.

He was recognized for making the "800 mile-long non-motorized trail across Arizona a reality." Larry's determination to "build, maintain, promote, protect and sustain the Arizona Trail as a unique encounter with the land" while creating enduring alliances between public, private, state, local and regional entities to make the Arizona Trail the landmark that it is today were all cited as reasons to honor Larry with this award.

Congratulations, Larry, and thank you, from us all.

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gave the Arizona Trail Association (ATA) an inside track. Under starry skies out in the Superstitions, Terry resolved to join the ATA, volunteer his time as a trail steward for the Mazatzal passage, and make a financial difference by donating his motorcycle to the ATA.

Two months later Terry joined the ATA and shortly thereafter became the trail steward for the Mazatzal Divide passage of the Trail. Two weeks ago he personally delivered the shiny Bonneville to ATA Executive Director Dave Hicks. Prioritize Nature

The message Terry would like people to get from his actions: "put more priority in life on nature versus machinery. The natural order versus the world of . . . machines."

"If I have a choice between riding a motorcycle and hiking," Terry vows, "I'll hike."

Even if he could direct the funds generated by his donation, Terry wouldn't. Humble enough to know that he doesn't yet know the history of the Trail or its needs well enough to know where the funds would make the most difference, he wants to leave that decision to the people

most familiar with the issues. He just hopes that his actions will inspire others to act similarly.

The Great Outdoors means different things to different people. Sometimes, it can mean just the right thing to just the right person.

Dave Hicks, Executive Director, polled the Board of Directors for suggestions on what to do with the bike. The consensus was to sell it outright. The ATA is offering the motorcycle for sale to the membership first. Please call the ATA office immediately if you are interested in purchasing the bike, 602-252-4794. The bike will be advertised in the newspaper the week after this newsletter is in members' hands or email inbox. Proceeds from the bike will be used to finance the ATA's new merchandise program which will supply items for members and non-members to purchase, like t-shirts, hats and coffee mugs. This in turn will raise even more needed funds for the ATA.

For more information about the 2005 Triumph Bonneville T100, see: <http://www.totalmotorcycle.com/photos/2005models/2005models-Triumph-BonnevilleT100.htm>



Reports From the Field

15_Tortilla Mountains, Boulders Segment

Winter and Spring Work Events Focus on Maintenance, Food, Drink and Fun (not necessarily in that order)

By Anna Pfender

We held three weekend work events this winter and spring on the Boulders Segment accomplishing much needed maintenance on several miles of trail. The tread was in pretty good shape for the most part, which is a testament to the good work of the original trail building crews. But it's amazing how much new growth occurs even in the dry desert environment! We had quite a bit of brushing and grubbing to do, plus we repaired and improved several drainage and wash crossings. It was fun to revisit areas that we've hardly set foot on since the trail was built. It was also fun to get together at our campsite for some good grub, fun stories, and of course our great New Belgium Beer!

Many, many thanks to New Belgium Brewing Company for their generous support, to my crew leaders Doug Marsh, Merle Parmer and David Klein, and to my terrific volunteers who included:

February 11-12: Derek Mills; ATA members Doug Marsh, Jerry Nash, Bill Findley, Merle Parmer, David and Carl Babcock, and Jim, Julie, Keegan and Collin Lacy; Southwest Outdoor Club members Charles and Margaret Medernach.



Left to right: Merle Parmer, Bill Findley, Jerry Nash, Jim Lacy, Keegan Lacy, Collin Lacy, Derek Mills, Margaret Medernach, Charlie Medernach, Dave Babcock (sitting on bucket), Carl Babcock, Anna Pfender (Anna's dogs Bailey and Chevy on right).

March 18-19: David Klein and David Mills; ATA members Doug Marsh and Bernie Stalman; and Southwest Outdoor Club member Chet Monh.

April 8-9: Doug Burman, Derek Mills, David Klein, and Ian Cox; Huachuca Hiking Club member Steve Saway; Mountain Bike Association of Arizona member Jim Cox; Southwest Outdoor Club members Chet Monh and Margaret and Charlie Medernach; and ATA members Merle Parmer, Doug Marsh, and David and Carl Babcock.

43_Buckskin Mountain

Just a short update: The down trees on the Buckskin Passage have been removed and it is open, rideable, and awesome.

Michael Carr, Steward Buckskin Mtn Passage

43_Buckskin Mountain

42_Kaibab Plateau North

41_Kaibab Plateau Central

Over Memorial Day weekend, 15 volunteers trekked up to the north rim area near Jacob Lake and worked on three segments of the Arizona Trail. Michael Carr and Dick Wertz removed certain large fallen trees before the other volunteers arrived. However, there was plenty to do with cleaning out of water bars, removing smaller fallen trees, tread work, and trail assessment work. The volunteers who helped on sections 41, 42, and 43 were: Sue Baughman, Ingrid Purder, Susan Gibson, Dave Hicks, Dan Ruppert, Helen Hill, Tom and Linda Colson, Pat Smillie, Anna Pfender, Dick and Diane Wertz, and Michael Carr. Thanks for all your work and effort. This section of the Arizona Trail is beautiful. The food was good, the fellowship was good. If only the wind had not been so windy.

Thanks again. Dick Wertz

31_Walnut Canyon



New segment stewards and Forest Service partners. Left to right: Kyle Grambley (Coconino FS), David Michaels, Gay Hohner, Gary Hohner, Brad Baxter (Coconino FS) Photo by Andrea Michaels

Walnut Canyon Segment 31A is a beautiful segment of the Arizona Trail located near Flagstaff and includes scenic views of the San Francisco Peaks. David and Andrea Michaels and Gary and Gay Hohner are the lucky new stewards for this prime hiking location near Flagstaff. Their land management partner is the Peaks/Mormon District of the Coconino Forest Service

Gay Hohner

Reports From the Field



19_Superstition Wilderness



First Hit and Run Crew

The above picture is of the folks who made our first ATA Hit and Run Crew work event on April 8, 2006 a reality. They were Fred Gaudet, Jim Harrison, John Snyder, Josh Sanders and his lady, Don Tointon, Mat Shannon, John Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, Dave Hicks, myself, and Annette Smits (of the NFS's Tonto Basin Ranger District).

Many of us camped the night of the 7th of April at the excellent Grapevine Group Campground on Roosevelt Lake and, after a good breakfast served by Sue Cox, we proceeded to the south end of Cottonwood Canyon and worked north. We cleared and reestablished to the "safely passable with care" standard of the hit and run concept, an approximately 2 mile segment of the Arizona Trail which was greatly overgrown and had been severely damaged by flood and high winds (washouts and blow down). Laddie Cox



Second Hit and Run Crew

The above picture of Chuck Horner was taken during the second successful work event of our Association's Hit and Run Trail Repair Crew. This event occurred on May 13 & 14, 2006. The people who worked on this event were Chuck Horner, Merle Parmer, Ed Cleveland, Dori Pederson, Dave Hicks, Mat Shannon, myself and Annette Smits.

We again camped at the Grapevine Group Campground and were served several very good meals by Sue Cox.

This time we entered from the north end of Cottonwood Canyon and worked south to where we had stopped on April 8, 2006. We were successful in putting a greatly damaged section of about 3.2 miles of the Arizona Trail back into a condition of being "safely passable" to hikers and "passable" to equestrians and mountain bikers if they use care. Laddie Cox

28_Blue Ridge, General Springs



Merle Parmer (Phoenix), Charlie Scully (Clarkdale), Laddie Cox (Tucson), Bernie Stalman (Sierra Vista), Chuck Horner (Peoria). In front is Dan Shein (Phoenix). Not pictured are Ginny Martin (Phoenix), Jan Horner (Peoria) and Lou Hoover (Happy Jack).

Another great work event took place on June 9, 10 and 11 with fantastic fellowship, weather and a job well done by all participants. We erected a few more signs, more erosion control by armoring more stream banks and creating dips and channels for better water flow over the trail. Some of the husky men hiked up trail with chains, strap and come-a-long and removed monster boulders in preparation for constructing a re-route of the trail for the next work event. It is amazing so much work gets accomplished by so few. New Belgium Brewery provide refreshing beverages and the Saturday evening dinner was Chimichangas with a dessert for everyone. Many wildflowers were out and we saw evidence of elk on the trail while the birds sang and the squirrels chattered. Just can't create a better work environment.

Join us on another event and experience this beautiful location.

Co-steward, Chuck Horner



Mike Carr:

You want him on that passage, you need him on that passage

by Chris Johnson

High up on the windswept sage flats of the Arizona Strip, along the lonely Arizona-Utah state line, lies passage 43 of the Arizona Trail, Buckskin Mountain.

The Buckskin Mountain passage offers a special energy and excitement to those trail users lucky enough to traverse its 22 signature switchbacks and 10.8 miles of rugged challenge. This is either the beginning of the 772-mile Arizona Trail (AZT) or it is the ultimate destination. The anticipation that one gets at the start of a trail adventure or the relief and sense of accomplishment that accompany the end of long journey are important parts of the emotion of passage 43.

And then there's the sublime aesthetic of it all. The sweeping, panoramic vistas found along this section of the Arizona Trail are almost overwhelming. Looking north and east from the shoulder of Buckskin Mountain, one can see the Coyote Buttes, the rugged wilderness of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the stately majesty of the Vermillion Cliffs, and the hulking, mystical presence of Navajo Mountain.

Standing watch over this lonely outpost of scenic wonder is the only official trail steward passage 43 has ever known, Mike Carr.

A sustaining ribbon of continuity

Stewarding the Buckskin Mountain passage is not a task to be taken lightly. It takes commitment, dedication, and passion. It takes a person like Mike Carr. For Mike, Buckskin Mountain is more than just trail tread and piñon pines, it is a sustaining ribbon of continuity that has long bound his daily life with his love of Arizona and the great outdoors.

Following the death of his father in 1994, Mike was looking for a distraction from his grief. He had been teaching grade school on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations and thought about through-hiking the Trail, but at the time, the AZT was far from complete. Instead, he began volunteering his time to the Tusayan Ranger District. Soon he fell in with the likes of such motley characters as Merle Parmer, Chuck Horner, Larry Snead, and Michael Baker, who eventually convinced him to become the official trail steward for the Buckskin Mountain passage.

When Mike started stewarding passage 43 in the late 1990s, it wasn't even really a trail yet, just a naked swath of cleared land that had been cut by a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire crew. It was exactly the kind of challenge that Mike was looking for. Together with Tom Folks

of the BLM and others, Mike helped transform that naked swath of dirt into the majestic section of trail that it is today.

In those early days of the Buckskin Mountain passage, Mike made his name as a maverick steward devoted to his section of trail. Tom Folks jokingly referred to Mike as the "Trail Troll" because of his curmudgeonly protectiveness towards the Trail. But just as Mike has helped build Buckskin Mountain into one of the jewels of the Arizona Trail, the years spent caring for passage 43 have helped Mike develop into one of the Arizona Trail Association's finest stewards.

It's hard out there for a steward

The Arizona Trail poses challenges for every trail steward,

but Mike's challenges are greatly exaggerated by the remoteness of his adopted passage. From his home in Flagstaff, it is about 160 miles or four hours or \$50 in gas to get to the Winter Road trailhead at the south end of the Buckskin Mountain passage.

It's a hump for sure, but Mike tries to walk the entire section at least once a year, and tries to get up to the Buckskin at least once a season to pick up trash and get reconnected with it. Some years have been tougher than others. There

have been lean years when Mike could barely manage the time and resources to get up to passage 43, but his love of the land and his dedication to the Trail kept him doing what he could.

"I just keep plugging along and keep showing up," Mike notes modestly, "that's just kinda how I am."

The number of work events Mike supervises can vary from year to year, but he tries to schedule about four events a year. Though he is building a network of volunteers, the time and distance people have to travel can make it hard to get consistent help. Often Mike works on the trail by himself, but sometimes he does get help. Merle Parmer is his most frequent associate, and he has also worked with crews from the Sierra Club and NAU. In addition to the crews that he supervises, Mike has received invaluable help on his section from the American Conservation Experience (ACE). Last year, David Kiel of the BLM organized a grant that brought in an ACE crew of international volunteers who worked six consecutive 10-hour days completely rehabbing winter trail damage to the Buckskin.

To help with future recruitment, Mike is developing a packet of materials about his section that he can provide to potential volunteers (directions, access points, where to stash water, etc.). He hopes to have a definitive packet ready to send any interested parties by the end of summer.



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Historic Reference



Why do they call it a Pulaski?

by Phyllis Ralley

Have you ever wondered why they call that funny looking trail building tool a “pulaski”? Looking into it on the internet I found an interesting article, “The Big Blowup,” by Stephen J. Pyne. Mr. Pyne begins his story: “A historian of fire recalls the ‘Big Blowup’ of 1910, an explosion of wildfire in Idaho that took 78 lives, made a hero of ranger Ed Pulaski, and helped to share a century of fire policy on the national forests.”

He goes on to elaborate on the hero fire fighter: “... And then there was the crew cobbled together by ranger Ed Pulaski. He had gone to Wallace for supplies and was returning on the morning of the 20th when the winds picked up tempo and cast flame before them. He began to meet stragglers and then a large gang spalled off from the main ridge camp. All in all, he gathered 45 men, and, with the smoke thickening in stygian darkness, turned to race down the ravine of the West Fork toward Wallace.

One man lagged and died in the flames. Pulaski hustled the rest over the trail before tucking them into a mine shaft. Then he hurried down canyon with a wet gunnysack over his head before returning and herding the group into a larger tunnel, the Nicholson adit, which had a seep running through it. Pulaski tried to hold the flames out of the entry timbers and the smoke out of the mine with horse blankets and hatfuls of water.

But by now the men were senseless. They heard nothing but the din, felt nothing but heat, saw nothing but flame and darkness, smelled only smoke and sweat. As the firestorm swirled by the entrance, someone yelled that he, at least, was getting out. At the entry, rudely silhouetted by flames, stood Ed Pulaski, pistol drawn, threatening to shoot the first man who tried to flee.”

Those men survived that fire thanks for the quick thinking and courage of Mr. Pulaski. Ed went on to refine the fire fighting tool that would go on to bear his name, and we use it today for trail building.



Larry Snead received a Pulaski as a retirement gift from Dale Shewalter, ATA Founder.

**These quotes were used with permission from High Country News (www.hcn.org). Read the whole story there!*

A TALE FROM THE TRAIL

The Mogollon Rim – have you seen it? Arizona Trail users will eventually get to know “the Rim” pretty well. Approaching from the south, it can be seen for several days before it is reached. Arriving at the Rim from the north, you don’t see it as much as you see from it.

What is the Mogollon Rim? (Spanish, Mo-go-yon. Localized, Muggy-own.) The Rim is a steep escarpment (cliff) at the southern edge of Arizona’s piece of the Colorado Plateau. It is where the Colorado Plateau meets Arizona’s Transition or Inter-mountain Zone. You can think of this plateau as an immense layer cake of rock. (It straddles four states.) Many of the rock layers can be seen in the Grand Canyon. A few of the layers are visible at the Rim, though in many places, the cake is covered by more recent volcanic icing.

Perhaps the best guess at where the Rim’s name came from goes back to 1715. At that time, Governor of New Spain, Juan Ignacio Flores Mogollon was removed from office for some “wrongdoings”. He disappeared before trial and it is possible he fled to the region that now bears his name. It was at this time that Spanish maps first referred to parts of modern-day western New Mexico and eastern Arizona as Sierra Mogollone. The Rim trends westerly from this region to its classic wall above the Tonto Basin.

The Mogollon Rim country remained wild well into modern times when logging roads finally penetrated the expansive ridge and canyon forest. Wildness still haunts the region. Time spent away from roads on “the Mogollon” can fetch you back to an earlier Arizona. And witnessing a monsoon thunderstorm from the edge of the Rim at sunset is a not-soon-forgotten Arizona experience.

I hope to see you on the Arizona Trail.
D.R. Shewalter, Founder



Dale Shewalter on the Mogollon Rim



More Trail News

National Trails Day Celebration - Flagstaff



Saturday, June 3, 2006

The City of Flagstaff Parks and Recreation put on a half-day event at Buffalo Park where ATA hosted an information booth. The celebration included several educational hikes, trail cleaning activities and raffles throughout the celebration. ATA members Doug Marsh, Dale Shewalter and Anna Pfender tended the booth and handed out lots of ATA materials. Dale lent extensive knowledge of AZT history and local lore while Doug and Anna learned a lot about the impressive Flagstaff trail system and got to know many of the local outdoor groups that were also in attendance. A prospective segment steward was also discovered; so all in all it was a fun and fruitful day!

Left: Chief Trail Steward Anna Pfender talks with an attendee of the National Trails Day event near Flagstaff.

ATA Loses a Friend



The Arizona Trail Association's first Director of Trail Operations, John Neeling, passed away on May 14th. With his passing, outdoor recreation loses a long time advocate. Those of us in ATA who knew John will miss his bright smile and wonderful sense of humor.

John Charles Neeling, 53, died May 14, 2006 of natural causes in Klamath Falls. John was born February 26,

1953 in Sacramento, CA. He started his career as a civilian firefighter at air force bases in New Hampshire and Nevada. John spent the rest of his career working in recreation and wilderness for the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon, New Mexico, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona (the Umatilla, Carson, Lolo, Toiyabe, Ashley, Kaibab, and Tonto Forests), the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon (Burns District) and the Arizona Trail Association in 2001.

After suffering a heart attack in 2001, John pulled out all the stops and made sure to live life to the fullest. An avid mountain biker, he drug all his friends out to camp, hike, backpack, and sea kayak as often as possible. He passed away on his way home from a bike ride.

Timothy Mccabe Rides the AZT for the Second Time

Cyclist Timothy Mccabe completed his second bike traverse of the Arizona Trail in April of this year, with his first trek in 2004. He has documented his latest trip at <http://azttripper.blogspot.com/>

What made him do it twice? "Riding the whole trail is a great way to get away from the crowds, since many days on the trail I saw no one," he said. "It's all about the single track and seeing parts of the state that are rarely visited."

And what was it like going fang-to-fang with a fox in the middle of the night along the Alamo passage? Did he believe it was rabid? Tim recalls, "Yes, at first I did, but then after talking with others and rethinking the episode, no. The fox I met up with never tried to bite me. He seemed more playful than vicious. Of course, I didn't spend a lot of time checking him out, as rabid was my first thought at the time."

According to Tim, when the last big segments are completed, the route will be about 50% single track and "possibly the best long distance ride in the U.S., if not the world."

NEEDED: COORDINATOR FOR BOOTHS AND PRESENTATIONS

The ATA needs a "pharmacist" to fill requests for booths and public speakers. ATA trail stewards and other organizations periodically make such requests, but the lack of a coordinator is causing us to miss many promotional opportunities. Could you serve as "Ambassador Coordinator"?

Contact Helen Hill at deserthill@att.net.

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New and Improved My Mile Club

There have been some changes and additions to the MyMile Club. Now, when you become a MyMile donor, you can also give a free Trail Helper Membership to any friend or relative so they can enjoy the benefits of membership in the ATA. Since MyMile is a donation program, some MyMile Club members may not be Arizona Trail Association members, so you can use the free membership to become a member with your MyMile donation. You can also give a gift MyMile to a person of your choice. We have a grandfather who gave a MyMile to each of his grandchildren.

And, now, when you donate to a mile of the Arizona Trail, we will assign you to a specific mile. You could go out and visit your mile or volunteer to help build or maintain it!

Simply go to our website www.aztrail.org and fill out the form and mail it in. Or you can call the ATA office at 602-252-4794 and we will send you an application form.

We hope to have the MyMile sign up forms online at our web site soon, so watch for that!

Thanks to all our current MyMilers. Your dollars are helping make the trail happen.

New Arizona Trail Denim Shirts Available

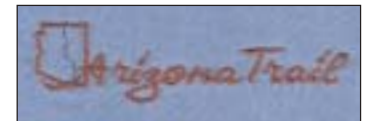


Long sleeve denim shirts with the embroidered Arizona Trail logo are available.

Sizes women's small, medium, large and extra large and men's (men's have a front pocket) small, medium, large, extra large and 2X (include an additional \$1.50 for 2X) are available. The logo is embroidered in bright red and blue. Send a check for \$35.00 (\$36.50 for 2X) plus

\$4.05 for shipping to the ATA office, PO Box 36736, Phoenix, AZ 85067. Allow three weeks for delivery.

We hope to have these shirts and several other items for sale and available on our web site soon. Stay tuned!!!



Trail Conditions and the latest on fires and fire closures are updated regularly at www.aztrail.org

See the link on the ATA home page where all the latest trail information can be found including events being held on the Trail.

continued from page 8 Mike Carr:

The rewards are many

The natural beauty of the Buckskin Mountain passage is reward enough for Mike. "If you haven't seen the view (from the shoulder of Buckskin Mountain looking north), you don't really know what Buckskin is about," Mike raves. "It's just unbelievable."

Then there are magical moments like the time Mike and a crew from NAU were visited by a group of curious juvenile condors while working on the section's switchbacks. The condors, recently released into the wild near the Vermillion Cliffs, were so young that they still had fuzz on their faces, but they were already as big as very large turkey vultures. While Mike and his crew watched in awe, the curious condors circled around and flew within 20 feet of them. Everybody was so stunned, that they forgot to take pictures. Isn't that always the way.

For Mike, the biggest reward for his efforts is a job well done. One year he picked up over 30 pounds of trash. Another time, he cleaned up all the campsites along the Honeymoon Trail. Most recently, Mike went up to the

Buckskin over Memorial Day weekend and hiked in a chainsaw to clear a couple of downed trees from the trail.

Thanks to his hard work, the trail is in great shape, and though Mike usually sees more footprints and mountain bike tracks than people when he's out on passage 43, he knows that trail users are enjoying it because of the positive comments he receives. One man who rode through on a mountain bike left him a phone message that said simply, "It's a national treasure."

For more about Tom Folks, see http://www.blm.gov/nhp/news/releases/pages/2006/pr060613_folks.htm.

For more about the American Conservation Experience, see <http://www.usaconservation.org/index.htm>.

About the writer: Chris Johnson is a writer and editor currently living in California. A long-time member of the Arizona Trail Association and a graduate of NAU, Chris pines for the good old days when he lived in Flagstaff. If you're ever in the Bay Area, he'd love to take you out for a mountain bike ride or a trail run, so look him up. chrsgod24@hotmail.com



Calendar of Events and Activities

JULY

July 15 - Plants in Lower Walnut Canyon

Escape the hot summer in the desert and come to the cool pines near Walnut Canyon! Phyllis Hogan (Arizona Ethnobotanical Association, Winter Sun Trading Post, Flagstaff) and Wendy Hodgson (Desert Botanical Garden) will discuss northern Arizona wildflowers and their uses along the Arizona Trail that skirts the west end of Walnut Canyon National Monument. This is a beautiful area with high plant diversity sharing numerous niches including broad, flat park-like habitats and rocky nooks. For more information, see the Calendar of Interpretive Events on the web site.

July 15-16 - Happy Jack - Allan Lake

Join us in the cool pines near Happy Jack for new trail construction and existing trail maintenance. Meet us at 9:00 a.m. sharp just north of mile marker 312 at the "Gooseberry Springs" turnoff (turn east off of Coconino County Road 3). We are building trail south from Allan Lake. Great camping here and beautiful forest area. Easy access - no off road vehicles required. Bring the family. Sunday, we will work until noon only. Contact Tom or Linda Coulson at Aztrailhiker@aol.com or call (480) 213-5795 or (480) 326-0459.

July 22-23 - Happy Jack - Jack's Canyon

Join us as we re-route a portion of the Happy Jack Passage to eliminate the steep slope into Jack's Canyon. The event takes place near HWY 87 and FR 211, just past the Blue Ridge Ranger station. We will park 1.4 miles in on FR 211 and carpool to the work site. Please meet at 9:00 am and contact Jessica at jessicasemail@cox.net for information on camping/lodging. This work event will be cancelled if the forest is closed due to fire restrictions.

AUGUST

August 4-6 - North Kaibab

This event will be on the trail from Government Tank northbound and will involve trail re-tread and maintenance. Come up and refurbish a section of singletrack to link Highway 89A to the state line. Beautiful views of Grand Staircase. Dinner will be provided Saturday night; BYO other meals including snacks. Work will be close to Forest Road 218/217 so tools and gear will be accessible. Gloves and proper clothes for the weather required. Remote but well worth the drive! Please RSVP for camping information. Contact Michael Carr at michael.carr@nau.edu or (928) 779-4370 for more information.

August 11-13 - General Springs

Come help us do some fun trail work up on the Mogollon Rim at 7200 feet in the beautiful tall pines. Some of the work will be armoring creek banks along the trail and some of the work will be new trail construction on minor re-routes. For those of you staying overnight with us, we will provide Saturday evening dinner with a Dutch oven cobbler. New this year, Quinn Hess with the New Belgium Brewing Company, has informed us that they will be our beverage sponsor for Saturday evening at each of our work events. Please contact Segment Stewards Chuck Horner at chuckhorner@cox.net or Larry Snead at sneadlarry@qwest.net for more information and directions.

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SEPTEMBER

September 15-17 - Birding in the Huachuca Mountains

Come learn birds amidst the beautiful early fall colors of southern Arizona. Led by well-known ornithologist Vashti "Tice" Suppley (Arizona Audubon, Phoenix), this hike promises to be an outstanding opportunity to learn about southern Arizona's many bird species from a birding (and wildlife) expert who guides us along the Arizona Trail in the Huachuca Mountains foothills. For more information, see the Calendar of Interpretive Events on the website.

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September 29-October 1 - Mormon Lake

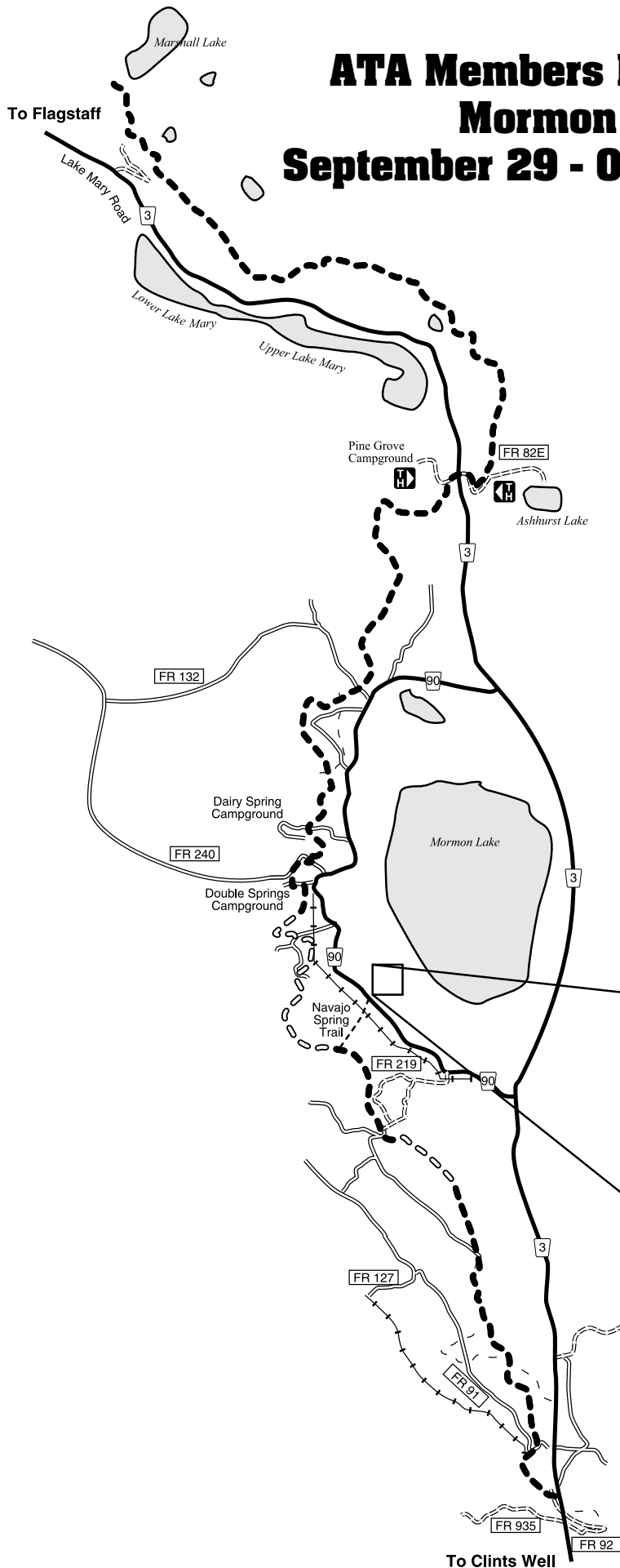
The ATA, in conjunction with the National Public Lands Day, and in cooperation with Mormon Lake Lodge, is holding a fun weekend for ATA members at Mormon Lake. See page one of this newsletter for the full story and details can be found at the Mormon Lake Rendezvous information page on the website.

www.aztrail.org for latest updates!!!

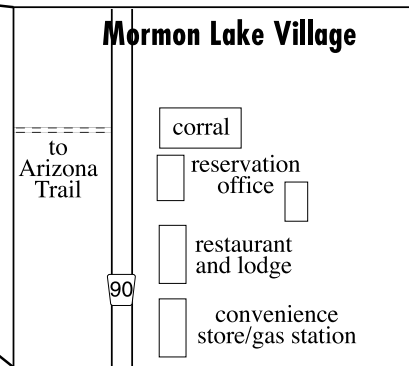
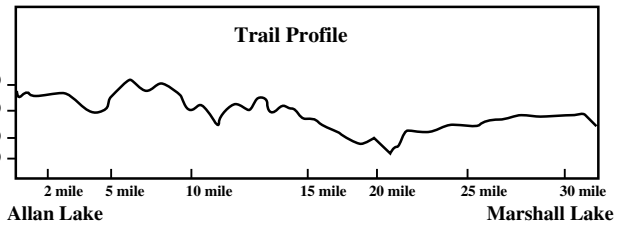
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To Clints Well



Mormon Lake

Allan Lake to Marshall Lake

General Information: This section begins south of Mormon Lake Village, with its resort amenities, and makes a semicircle around the west side of the lake area. The passage offers trail through Ponderosa Pine forest with occasional glimpses of the San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff.

Location: Northern Arizona in the Coconino National Forest.

Length: approx 33 miles

Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Recommended Seasons of Use: Spring, Summer, Fall

Access: Southern Trailhead: Allan Lake - Hwy 3 The AZT crosses FH 3 approximately 0.83 mile south of FR 91. There is only a small pulloff area adjacent to the highway on the northwest side. There are gate accesses to the AZT on both sides of the highway.

Middle Access Points: Double Springs Campground

Double Springs Campground access road to the AZT is 2.8 miles northwest (beyond) Mormon Lake Lodge, on the left (south) side of Forest Road 90.

Note: Park in designated trailhead parking. Campground is closed in winter.

Dairy Springs Campground:

To reach the next AZT access point, continue on, passing FR 240, Munds Park Road, 0.2 mile beyond Double Springs Campground turnoff, and go approximately 1.1 miles to the Dairy Springs Campground turnoff, on the left (west) side of Forest Road 90. Drive past the camping area on the main entrance road (staying left) approximately 0.3 mile to the trailhead, which has very limited parking (not adequate for horse trailers). There is a kiosk marking the trailhead at this parking area. Follow the Mormon Mountain Trail for approximately 0.4 mile, where it intersects with the Arizona Trail. Do not confuse the Arizona Trail with the short Dairy Springs Loop Trail around the campground. When you reach the Arizona Trail, a left turn heads south, a right turn heads north. Note: Campground is closed in winter.

Northern Trailhead: Turn east on FR 128 and travel 2 miles to Marshall Lake. Take the dirt road that travels west of the often dry lake where there are AZT signs.

In addition to the above access points, the Horse Lake Trailhead is a few hundred yards east of the intersection of FR 3 and 82E, the Ashurt Lake and Pine Grove camp turnoff. The Horse Lake Arizona Trail trailhead has adequate parking for 6-8 vehicles or 3-4 horse trailers.

Trail Route Description: This passage begins on FH 3 near Allan Lake Tank. After passing through a gate in the fence that parallels the Highway the trail follows the route of an old railroad bed. It leaves the railroad and crosses FR 91 and then heads north-northeast until it reaches Railroad Spring. The trail is not complete from this spot to just south of Double Springs Campground (completion planned by Fall 2006) Trail users must decide whether to bushwack to Double Springs Campground or hike north to the Lodge area and follow the paved road to the Double Springs campground area. Regardless, pick up the finished trail at Double Springs Campground and continue north passing above Dairy Springs Campground, then cross FR 132 where it joins and parallels an old railroad bed for several miles. At Railroad Tank the trail turns east and passes near the Pine Grove Campground before reaching FR 3 at the Pinegrove/Ashhurst Lake turnoff (82E). It crosses FR 3 and climbs up past the Horse Lake Trailhead. The trail turns to the north and crosses Anderson Mesa, and then passes Horse Lake. It follows a two-track, turns to the west, becomes a trail again, and passes a trail junction with the Lakeview Campground Trail. After crossing FR 129 the trail passes Vail Lake and Prime Lake, and then skirts around the Perkins Telescope facility. Passing by a trailhead near the observatory, the trail heads north and then west to Marshall Lake.

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 available at BLM Information Center, One North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 417-9300.

For more information, contact:

Peaks Ranger District, Coconino National Forest, 5075 N Highway 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. 928-526-0866



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Bureau of Land Management Information Center
One North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602-417-9300 telephone or 602-417-9375 fax)
az_plic@blm.gov

Allow at least three days when ordering an entire set. Call ahead so your map can be printed when you arrive.

For a list of maps available visit:

http://www.aztrail.org/passages/at_passages.html

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Who To Contact in the ATA

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!

Anna Pfender - Chief Trail Steward - Segment Steward information, work event information - mtbbabe@cox.net

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