



Blue Ridge - Been there yet?

Monsoon freworks, afternoon cloudbursts, hot pine sap-scented air are some pleasures we look forward to in the long days.

When it comes to summertime on the Arizona Trail, which segments are best for summer fun? Most of us would choose the North Rim, the Peaks near Flagstaff or Mormon Lake south of Flagstaff.

Maybe the least known summer getaway passage is the Blue Ridge section, great for a short backpack or day trip. This 16-mile segment's southern trailhead is at the General Springs Cabin on the Rim Road (FR 300). The northern terminus is at the intersection of Highway 87 and FR 138.

Above the campground, the Arizona Trail offers a far-away view of Mt. Humphreys and the vast forests around the campground.

To the south, the East Clear Creek flows into the Blue Ridge Reservoir, a narrow lake surrounded by steep pine-covered slopes. About three miles before the reservoir on FR 751 is Rock Crossing campground with 35 campsites. Before you go, take a virtual kayak trip on the lake: <http://u2metoo.blogspot.com/2009/05/blue-ridge-reservoir-51909.html>

South of East Clear Creek, primitive camping is available along Battleground Ridge. From FR 300, dirt roads will take you as far as the Battle of Big Dry Wash Monument. It lists the names of the Indian warriors and U.S. Cavalry members who fought in this last of the Apache conflicts.

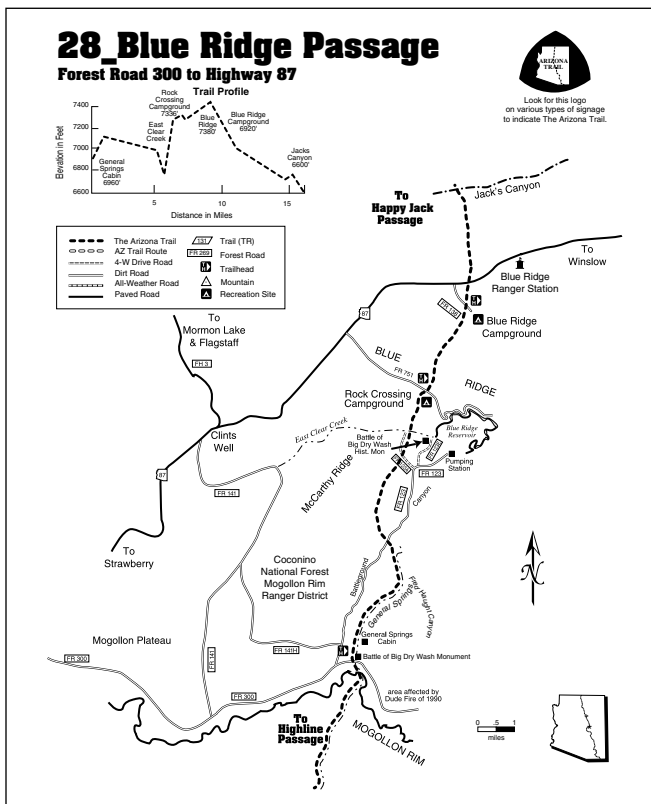
Blue Ridge is a wide mix of history, Arizona Trail adventure and relaxed recreation. Now that you know about this "secret spot," make plans to visit the Blue Ridge segment. It may become your favorite summer spot!



Before you head out on your Blue Ridge adventure, visit the Arizona Trail website (AzTrail.org), read the segment description and get a copy of the access map, downloadable by ATA members with data access codes; GPS data is also available.

Dispersed camping is permitted in the National Forest. Visit the Forest Service website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/recreation/>, then click on "Dispersed Camping." There are developed campsites at Blue Ridge campground and at Rock Crossing campground. Both charge \$8 a night from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Blue Ridge campground has ten sites with tables, drinking water and composting toilets. Sorry, equestrians, no horses.



Note: ATA members may download a full sized version of this map at www.aztrail.org/at_passages.html Just enter the password you received when you became a member.

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Executive Director's Mid-Year Report

From Dave Hicks - executivedirector@aztrail.org

- After many years of relentless effort, the AZT's Congressional approval in March 2009 as a National Scenic Trail is a wonderful accolade. That designation rightly recognizes the scenic beauty of the trail and our state. It also adds a level of protection for our across-Arizona treasure.
- Youth corps crews (ages 18-25) from Southwest Conservation Corps, Coconino Rural Environment Corps and American Conservation Experience, with great support from Arizona State Parks, continue to help build and maintain many AZT sections. Even as the summer heat arrived in parts of the state, the CREC crews were clearing a badly overgrown area in the Four Peaks Wilderness.
- By mid-May 2009, over 600 volunteers have given 11,581 hours to the AZT.
- Regional Chief Stewards estimate that 37 miles of the trail remain to be built. Of course, that leaves about 780 miles that require regular maintenance.
- Arizona Trail stewards (volunteers) are the primary force in watching over adopted sections of the AZT. Sixty-six individuals or couples and groups are trail stewards. Sections need shortened to lengths that are more manageable, so many more stewards are needed. Please contact a Regional Chief Steward—Gary Hohner, John Rendall or Bernie Stalman—if you are interested in being a trail steward.
- Individual ATA membership at June 30, 2009 was 925. After a decrease last year, membership in the ATA continues to increase. Through June 2009, it is up 15% over last year. About 12% of the individual members are from out of state.
- The ATA recently teamed up with the Arizona State University School of Journalism to develop a campaign to promote the AZT.
- Grant applications were submitted to the Arizona Office of Tourism and REI to develop an Arizona Trail Gateway Communities partnership. That program would form an outreach partnership between the ATA and 19 communities near the AZT.
- A team of eight AZT volunteers will update the 328-page Arizona Trail guidebook, with completion expected in mid 2010.
- The 1990's Arizona Trail video *Journey Through Time* is being updated and revamped by Richard Grodzicki. It should be ready for the public by late 2009.
- The AZT continues to receive media recognition in Arizona and nationwide. *Trail Runner* magazine recognized the AZT in its May issue. Upcoming issues of *Backpacker* and *Men's Journal* both have AZT stories. And, the *Arizona Republic* continues to run a monthly column by Mike Hayes about his AZT travels with his daughter Maureen.
- Recently the ATA came in second out of five nationwide projects in a public vote for the \$50,000 winner-take-all "Greater Outdoors Project." The ATA's proposed project would have built five miles of new trail into Saguaro National Park near Tucson. Unfortunately, second place pays the same as last place--\$0.00.
- Arizona Heritage Fund grants evaporated as the state wrestles with an enormous budget deficit. Heritage grants are one of the few sources that fund new trail construction. Several approved and planned AZT projects lost funding.
- The wildfires have started in Arizona with the recent Ruby fire shutting down the AZT near Grand Canyon National Park for a few days. Nothing so quickly devastates a trail as wildfire.

The Arizona Trail continues to progress as a dynamic and wonderful place to enjoy the Arizona outdoors. Thanks for being a part of it.

President's Column

The recent designation of the Arizona Trail as a National Scenic Trail is a significant and rare distinction. After all, before this year there were only eight other scenic trails in the nation that had been designated by Congress, and none have been designated in the last 25 years. (Here's a quiz: can you name the eight?) Then in March, Congress added the Arizona Trail, the Pacific Northwest Trail and the New England Trail, to bring the total to eleven in the country. In a way, the Arizona Trail has hit the big time.

For those who have been on the trail, of course, the designation seems so obvious. A trail that goes across the Grand Canyon, the Mogollon Rim, the Sonoran Desert and Saguaro National Park, to name only a few locations, has got to be one of the most spectacular treks, not only in the nation, but in the world.

The national scenic trail designation will increase our visibility. It also brings increased responsibility to us, its supporters. We need to finish and maintain it so that we do justice to the beautiful country it traverses.

Meanwhile, be sure and thank the Arizona Congressional Delegation for supporting the legislation, in particular the cosponsors, Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Then go out and enjoy the trail.

(Here's the answer to the quiz: Appalachian Trail, Continental Divide Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Florida Trail, Ice Age Trail, Natchez Trace, North Country Trail, and Potomac Heritage Trail.)

Emily Nottingham

Tucsonan to Serve as President of Arizona Trail Association

Emily Nottingham of Tucson was selected as president of the Arizona Trail Association at the organization's board meeting on April 3, 2009. A Tucson resident, she is retired from the City of Tucson, and an enthusiastic hiker. Like many Arizonans, she used parts of the Arizona Trail even before she knew it existed.

"The trail is one of Arizona's treasures," said Nottingham. "Whether you hike, ride horses, mountain bike, or run, it allows you to enjoy Arizona's amazing scenery. I'm proud to be part of that experience."



*Arizona Trail
Association President
Emily Nottingham*

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*Thank you
Anna Pfender
for promoting our National
Scenic Trail designation
at the National Trails
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Members Rendezvous at Mormon Lake Lodge

Friday, September 25--Sunday, September 27, 2009



National Park Service exhibit

- See old trail friends, meet new ones, share your adventures
- Celebrate with us on our National Public Lands Day work event
 - Hike, bike and ride our trail
 - Explore the area and see the sights
 - Breakfast and dinner meals included



Registration: \$20, or \$35 for couples and families

Accommodations (tell them you're with the Arizona Trail Association):
 Cabins/Rooms, 10% off with ATA member discount
 RV Park with hook-ups, 10% off with ATA member discount
 Dry Tent and RV camping, free with ATA membership (pay showers available)
 Horse Pens, free

**Fun!
 Friends!
 in the Cool Pines!**

RESERVE EARLY! DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED--ROOMS GO FAST

Schedule of Events

Friday	3 p.m. 5-6 p.m. 6-7 p.m. 7-9 p.m.	Registration starts Social Hour Dinner Program
Saturday	7-9 a.m. 8:30-noon 5-6 p.m. 6-7 p.m. 7-9 p.m.	Breakfast Trail Work Event Lunch on your own Explore local trails, attractions and activities Social Hour Dinner at the meeting hall Program in Celebration of National Scenic Trail
Sunday	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Breakfast Conversation with founding member and former executive director of ATA Larry Snead outside of meeting hall Thank You and Goodbyes



Trailhead Kiosk at Mormon Lake Lodge



Adopted mustangs from Bureau of Land Management

National Public Lands Day Arizona Trail Work Event

Saturday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Mormon Lake Lodge

In conjunction with the ATA Member Rendezvous

National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-42 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage. Help improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy.

Saying Goodbye to our Trail Friends

Remembering Stephen Wood

The backbone of the Arizona Trail has been, and always will be, the efforts of those who have dedicated themselves to swinging a pick or use a pair of loppers to both build and maintain the AZT. For fifteen years, as near as I can tell, Stephen Wood dedicated his life to the Arizona Trail, first as part of the Southern Arizona Mountain Biking Association (SAMBA) who signed on as the stewards of the Santa Rita Mountains segment and then for the past nine years, he took on the steward responsibilities when SAMBA moved on.



Stephen's beloved Santa Rita Mountains Passage.

A work trip for Stephen was not easy as he didn't own a vehicle and would rent a pickup truck to haul tools and workers. However, he did five or six work trips a year to keep up with needed maintenance. What I will remember about how Stephen did his work trips is that he laid out the tools all ready to go—sharp and clean. He then explained how to use each one—safely. You would then hike to where the work was and he would tell what needed done. If he had a new worker, he would spend time one-on-one to ensure that you know what needed done and how to do it. Stephen had ownership of his ATZ segment and you had best do it his way. He had his core of followers who rarely missed a trip.

At a recent memorial service, the twelve people who gathered remembered Stephen in different ways. All remembered that the most important part of his life was the Arizona Trail. We will miss that commitment and hope his successor will feel the same inspiration when he or she heads to the Santa Rita Mountains to work on the Arizona Trail.

--Bernie Stalman



*Helen doing what she loved best.
Hiking the Arizona Trail.*

Remembering Helen Hill

Some of my memorable Arizona Trail adventures included Helen Hill. The Peaks to Grandview Lookout tower, the North Rim to the Utah border, and Rim-to-Rim in a day. Not only was she always game for some time on the trail, Helen's off the trail volunteer work for the ATA contributed to its success.

I wish that she could have shared in my joy of finishing the trail, which happened only a few weeks after her passing. She knew I was near finishing, and when we talked at the ATA annual meeting, Helen offered to host a celebration party even as she battled her cancer.

I once asked her how many miles she needed to finish the trail, knowing she'd done many. She said, "Oh, I don't know. I don't keep track of that." You're right, Helen. It's not the miles. It's the moment. Thank you, Helen, for being my friend.

--Terri Gay

In Remembrance

Helen Hill

Herb Hofmann

John "Hooli" Richardson

Eugene Rutherford

Stephen Wolf

Stephen Wood

**Thank you
Annie McVay
of Arizona State Parks
for your constant and
energetic support of
the Arizona Trail.**

**Thank you
Francisco Mendoza
of the Tucson BLM field
office for your enduring
Arizona Trail building
efforts in the White
Canyon passage.**



You Meet the Nicest People...

Mike Hayes and his daughter Maureen Nowland have been hiking the Arizona Trail for a couple of years. Mike writes the nice articles about their adventure for the *Arizona Republic*. The ATA office recently received a \$40 check from Maureen with this note from her:

“A nice couple named James and Jaime recently shuttled my dad and me to our Jeep from a trailhead on a recent hike. Dad bought some beer for them but they wouldn't take any money for gas, so we're making a donation to the ATA in their names. We are grateful that AZT members are always so willing to lend a hand!!”



NEW! Downloadable Access Maps

Members, check out the free, up-to-date trail access maps now online! There are several new maps available for the first time now online at www.aztrail.org

Visit the trail passages page, enter your access code and download these data-loaded documents. They're great planning tools, with access point descriptions, trail route descriptions, additional information resources, area map, and trail profile.

Arizona Trail is Open in Ruby Fire Area

National Forest Service 6/18/09

WILLIAMS, Ariz. - Please be advised that the Arizona Trail is now open southwest of Grandview Lookout between Watson Tank and Grandview trailhead on the Tusayan Ranger District. Managers closed this four-mile section of the trail on June 10 for public safety. The area has received significant precipitation, which has drastically slowed fire spread. Fire managers have decided that it is safe to reopen the trail.

Also be advised, the Ruby Complex (3,858 acres) is not out. Fire activity will increase if dry and warm conditions return. Stumps and logs will continue to smolder for some time and smoke will remain visible along the trail.

Firefighter surveys damage from the Ruby fire on the Arizona Trail.

Photo Credit: USFS



Greater Outdoors Project Grant Awarded to New Orleans

After Arizona Trail supporters endured some edge-of-the-seat days of waiting, the Greater Outdoors Project announced the Friends of New Orleans City Park as the \$50,000 grant winner.

“We are deeply impressed and inspired by your passion and enthusiasm,” said Redwood Creek on their Blaze the Trail blog, commending all of the groups who participated.

The Arizona Trail thanks all of its members and friends for their support. Our efforts continue, with great energy and determination, to focus on building and maintaining our beautiful Trail.

November ATA Trail Gear Sale Contribute Gear & Attend the Sale

The ATA is planning a fund-raising trail gear sale this fall. Donations of gently-used, in good condition, trail/outdoor gear are needed. Consider it recycling! How green is that? All donations must be delivered by October 15. More details will be forthcoming soon but start cleaning out your gear closet.

Plan to attend! One trail enthusiast's cast offs are another's treasure. Surely, you'll find something you need. Details on the ATA website in mid to late August.

Arizona 300 Bike Event Held in April

A strong crew of riders from Colorado came and knocked it out in record time. Awesome! (ed. note: Kurt Refsnider finished first in 2 days and 14 hours. Kurt is a fundraiser for World Bicycle Relief, <http://www.worldbicyclerelief.org/>.)

Every year the trail keeps getting better and better. I love heading out there every year and seeing all the hard work that's gone into it.

All segments in the race seemed in better shape than ever. Everybody loved the Canelo Hills, even! That's rare for a mountain biker's first ride out there.

The tracking system was fun too. People seemed to really enjoy it, and I think it's got quite a few people excited to head out on the AZT (and hopefully do some volunteering too.)

--Scott Morris, *TopoFusion GPS Mapping co-founder*

Learn more about the Arizona 300 at <http://www.topofusion.com/azt/race.php>

CREC Clears Difficult Section of Four Peaks Trail

A seven person crew from the Coconino Rural Environment Corps (CREC) backpacked into Shake Springs in the Four Peaks on June 1, 2009 and worked hard through Friday, June 5, 2009, clearing the trail corridor. This portion of Passage 20 of the Arizona Trail had a great deal of deadfall and very heavy overgrowth of “fre-regeneration” chaparral, mostly of Deer-Brush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*). The trail was so overgrown that before this crew cleared the worst stretches, hikers reported that they had to get down on their hands and knees to work their way through.

The crew included:

- Sam Crabtree (Crew Supervisor)
- Judy Tincher (Asst. Crew Supervisor) from Boone, NC
- Mike Breen from Stevensville, Maryland
- Zachary Davidson from Flagstaff, AZ
- Justin Kaylor from Tampa, Florida
- Josh Landes from Pittsfield, Massachusetts
- Christopher Zimny from Billings, Montana



Submitted by Laddie Cox

The CREC crew on the move in the infamous Four Peaks segment in the June heat.

Arizona Centennial - 2012

As many of you know, the ATA is hoping to present a completed Arizona Trail to the Arizona public, Arizona legislature and governor, and Arizona’s congressional delegation by February 14, 2012, the 100-year anniversary of Arizona’s statehood.

Check out the “Welcome to the Official Arizona Centennial” website (<http://www.arizona100.org>) for news and updates as the state plans to celebrate the Centennial.

Odds & Ends from Phyllis

Please check the web site for brand new Trail Access maps. There are several more for your printing pleasure. It is one of your benefits of being an Arizona Trail Association Member.

Speaking of the web site, please feel free to email us your entries for the “In Memorium” page. We want to have stories and photos about all of our friends who have meant so much to this organization. They may be gone, but they will never be forgotten. Email to memories@aztrail.org.

Arizona Trail Association wishes to extend special thanks to our numerous business and organization supporters.

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Nothing but Party, Party, Party

Hey folks,

Here's an update on my birthday party/overnight trail event.

The plan was to pack in food, water and tools to supply six of us for two days of trail work. The packing went well, here are some pics of the horses at work in Parker Canyon.

The camp site was awesome, a nice dirt tank with a fence around it, plus a small trap for the horses. The water was down enough to make a great " safe zone " for our campfire, and the alluvial fan at the top end made for some nice smooth level sleeping surface. Everyone said the food was good, and they appreciated not having to carry it, cook it, or clean up the kitchen.

Dinner was spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, and a nice salad. Breakfast was blueberry pancakes with maple syrup and butter, and coffee, lots of coffee. Lunch was chips, cheese, and salsa while the (homegrown) grass fed beef burgers sizzled on the griddle. Chocolate chip cookies for desert. We drank all but three of the 24 canned beverages.

We had a couple of guys who had to leave before work on day two, and only one of the guys who was to hike in for the day and replace them made it. Plus we had two McLeods fail, easy enough to weld the heads back on at home, but not in the field. My old beat-up line trimmer also slowed me down a bunch. I hope the AZT is going to buck up and buy a good Stihl trimmer for these grass country segments; it's a great tool for the minor re-routes, and clearing tread that grasses over. These issues slowed us down, but we got a lot of good work done. We did not reach the very worst part. It was also farthest from the camp.

The work began about 4 miles in from the Parker Canyon Lake Trailhead. We got just over a mile rehabbed with some minor re-routes involved. Definitely solved some erosion issues, leveled the profile a bit, and even increased the shade in a spot or two.

The weather was great, if a little too windy on Sunday. Camaraderie was excellent, but best of all was not one, but two, birthday cakes including "4" and "2" candles, not enough room on the backpacked-in cakes for 42 candles. That made it a lot easier to blow out all the candles, and so my wishes for more chances to do this type of event, and more working with the great friends that help me SO much in maintaining segment two will surely come true. Special thanks to Lee and Gordon for the cakes, which were a surprise.

Many thanks to everybody who participated, and those that couldn't be there but tried. Steve Saway, you never made it to the camp, but your work on the trail in Saturday was much appreciated (especially when the tired crew made their way back out Sunday.)

Happy trails,

Zay Hartigan,
Segment 2 Steward
for AZ Trail



Above: two horses packed for trail work.

Right: One of Zay's horses takes a well-deserved drink.



**Thank you to
Coconino Rural
Environment Corp
for clearing the overgrown
AZT in remote sections
of the trail in the Four
Peaks Wilderness in June!**

**Thank you
Dave Burkett
for your attentive care for
our trail tools and trailers.**

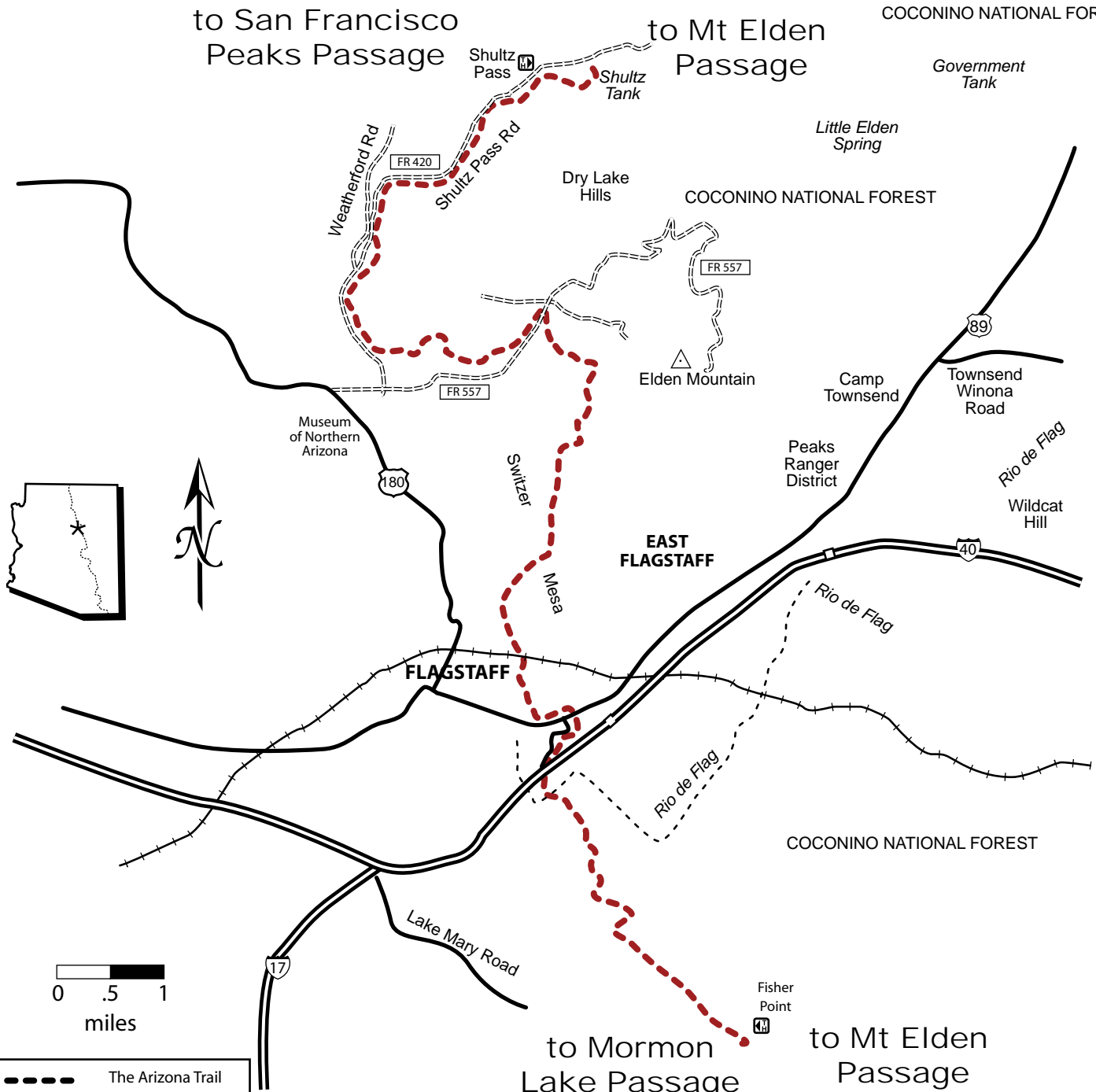
**Thank you
Robert Frieling
for taking the lead on
the immense task of
tracking and reporting
volunteer hours.**

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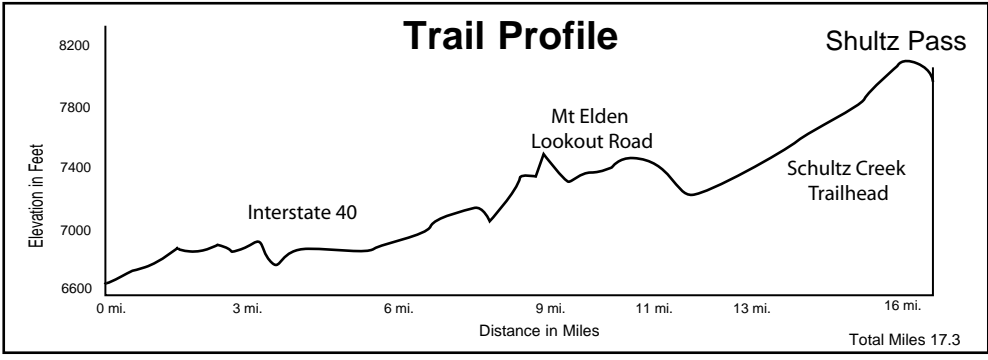
Fisher Point to Schultz Pass



COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST



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





33_Flagstaff

Fisher Point to Schultz Pass

General Information:

This passage provides a hiker's resupply route through the city of Flagstaff using elements of the Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS). It leaves the Walnut Canyon Passage at Fisher Point then proceeds through Flagstaff and rejoins the Arizona Trail at Schultz Pass.



Length: 17.3 miles

Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Recommended Seasons of Use: Spring, Summer and Fall

Water: Water may be found seasonally in Walnut Creek, year round at numerous businesses along the route in Flagstaff, and at the Buffalo Park Trailhead.

Notes/Warnings: All the water found in creeks and springs on this passage should be purified prior to use. The water in the Rio de Flag is contaminated and should not be used.



Access Southern Trailhead: Fisher Point - FR 302 Fisher point has no road access. The closest trail access is via Trail #106 from Canyon Vista Campground, four miles south of Flagstaff on FR 3.

Alternate Access Points: Buffalo Park: From Route 66, take Switzer Canyon Road north and turn right on Turquoise Drive. Turn right at Forest/Cedar Avenue. At the top of the hill, turn left (north) to Buffalo Park.

Northern Trailhead: Schultz Pass - Sunset Trailhead. Accessible from the east side of the mountains along Elden Spring Road (take US 89 north of Flagstaff past the Silver Saddle Road stoplight. Turn left onto Elden Spring Road (FR556), a graded dirt road, to the trailhead or horse camp.

From the west side of town, take US 180 north and turn right (east) onto Elden Lookout Road. Immediately turn left (north) onto Schultz Pass Road (FR420), which soon turns into a graded dirt road and arcs eastward to join FR 556 at the trailhead.



Trail Route Description: This passage begins at the bottom of Walnut Canyon near Fisher Point. The route starts up Skunk Canyon, follows several drainages, climbs over several small ridges, goes through a fence and descends down into the Rio de Flag drainage. It goes under Interstate 40 and follows a paved road up to Butler Avenue. It turns left on Enterprise Road and then left on Route 66. It turns right on Switzer Canyon Road, follows it and then turns right on Turquoise Road. This road climbs up to the Forest Avenue Trailhead. From here the trail connects to the Buffalo Park Entrance. The route runs north through this park to the Oldham Trail. This trail climbs up along the side of Mount Elden and then joins the Rocky Ridge Trail. It passes a trailhead and works its way west over to the Schultz Creek Trailhead. The route now follows the Schultz Creek Trail up and around to Schultz Pass and then to the Sunset Trailhead.

Resources:

Maps:

- * USGS Topographic Maps: Flagstaff East, Flagstaff West and Humphreys Peak.
- * Coconino National Forest - Visitors Guide.
- * Coconino National Forest - Recreational Opportunity Guide.
- * Coconino National Forest map.
- * Arizona Trail 1:24,000 topo maps from BLM Information Center (602) 417-9300

For more information contact:

- * The Passage Steward
- * City of Flagstaff, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (928) 779-7632.
- * Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District, 5075 N. Hwy 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 (928) 526-0866.
- * BLM Information Center (602) 417-9300.



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ATA Work Events

“Close the Gap - Finish the Arizona Trail”
July 25-26 - San Francisco Peaks
August 29-30 - San Francisco Peaks

Flagstaff area trail stewards for the Arizona Trail have joined forces to lead four trail building events on the last weekends of May, June, July, and August. The July event leaders are Aaron Seifert, FBO, and Neil Weintraub, NATRA. The “Close the Gap” events are a cooperative effort of the Coconino National Forest, the Arizona Trail Association, Flagstaff Biking Organization, Northern Arizona Trail Runners, Flagstaff Hiking Club, and many other state-wide volunteers. Join this team effort and make your reservation now. Exact base camp and work site to be determined. Room for RV’s and campers. No experience necessary. ATA will provide Saturday lunch, experienced crew leaders, tools, and porta-potties. You may camp with us Friday and Saturday night and work Saturday or Sunday or both. More information on schedule, location, and what to bring will be provided when you make your reservation. Reservations and information for any of the “Close the Gap” events: Gay or Gary Hohner at sgohner@cox.net or 480-595-9303.

“National Public Lands Day”
September 26, Mormon Lake Passage

See page four of this newsletter for your invitation to the 2009 Members’ Rendezvous and the National Public Lands Day work event.

Visit www.aztrail.org for details on each event

Please contact the event coordinator for more information about the work event (time & location). Locations listed above are subject to change, and exact locations may not be known at the time of the calendar printing. For multiple day projects, volunteers are welcome any day, or all days (unless backpacking/riding to the site is required).

ATA provides all tools. Please bring work gloves, water, and food. Wear sturdy boots, long sleeves and pants, sunscreen, and a hat. Overnight camping is often primitive (no facilities). Bring your own camping/backpacking equipment and food (unless otherwise noted).



*Close the Gap workers on the San Francisco Peaks segment.
photos by Chuck Williams*



Sean Murphy, Peaks/Mormon Lake District Trails & Wilderness Coordinator, and Paul Conn, ATA trail steward for Segment 34c in the San Francisco Peaks Passage, take a well-earned break during work on the “Close the Gap” project in May.

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