



## A New Set of Wheels

# Valley Toyota Dealers Donate Toyota 4 Runner

For years, ATA members have heard our plea for the donation of a used vehicle for the benefit of the organization. Staff, stewards and volunteers put tens of thousands of miles on their personal vehicles in an attempt to maintain and sustain the statewide trail system, and our trusty old Bronco has been dying a slow and costly death over the past few years. Our plea was answered by the Valley Toyota Dealers, a collective of nine Toyota dealers within the Phoenix area, when they teamed up to donate the gift of a lifetime – a 2012 Toyota 4 Runner!

The SUV is a Trail Series model, and is designed for the demands of maintaining the Arizona Trail. It will allow us to comfortably fit five people and their gear on the way to an upcoming trail work event while hauling the tool trailer up the Mogollon Rim. The clearance is outstanding, and has already been put to the test on Battle Axe Road in the rugged backcountry of the Gila River Canyons area. Our Trail Director’s smile is as wide as the Grand Canyon.



In addition to a high-performance vehicle, the Valley Toyota Dealers developed a custom vinyl wrap that gives the Arizona Trail Association added visibility while out on the road and at the trailhead. It features a topographic map background, with images of a horseback rider, hiker and mountain biker. It’s hard to miss, and very impressive.

The Valley Toyota Dealers are committed to supporting the Arizona National Scenic Trail for future generations, and the donation of a vehicle will allow the ATA to direct the funds we’ve been putting into our old Bronco toward the trail. We are grateful for the donation of the Bronco from Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold. It has served us well.

And now we are very excited to be rolling in our new Toyota 4 Runner.

Please consider purchasing your next vehicle from one of the nine Valley Toyota Dealers, and tell them you appreciate their support of the Arizona Trail!

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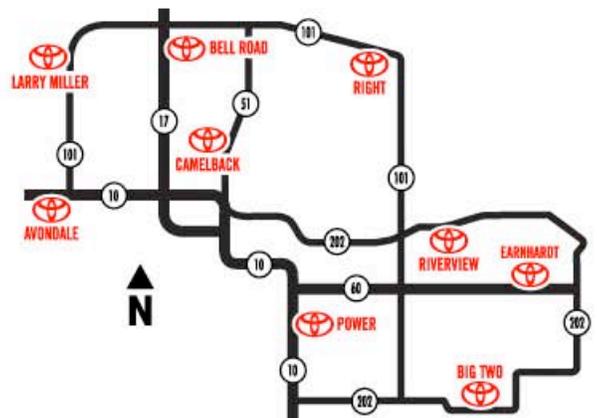
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## Members Rendezvous is Around the Corner

Join us for a celebration of the Arizona Trail on October 5-7. The Arizona Trail Members Rendezvous brings together trail folks from throughout Arizona to share good food, great company, and interesting trail stories around the campfire at Mormon Lake Lodge. Nestled in the pines just south of Flagstaff, the lodge features rustic accommodations, ample camping space, and miles of trail. It's the perfect destination for this annual trail event.

Some of the happenings you can look forward to include interesting speakers, a free hands-only CPR class, GPS navigation instruction, musical entertainment, trail maintenance party, and more. Most importantly, the Rendezvous brings together friendly faces to celebrate the trail that links deserts, mountains, canyons, communities and people.

Make your reservations today at Mormon Lake Lodge (928-354-2227), and ask for the Arizona Trail discount.

Registration for the Rendezvous is only \$20 for members/\$30 for a family, and includes dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday. You can register online at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org) or print a form and mail it in with your check.

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## Gordon Hirabayashi Trailhead Honors a Great American

After climbing out of Molino Canyon in the Santa Catalina Mountains of Southern Arizona, Passage 11 of the Arizona Trail ends at the Gordon Hirabayashi Trailhead. Here, large oaks intermingle with mesquite, acacia and manzanita. The Aspen Fire severely damaged this area in 2003, but the old oaks remain.

The Gordon Hirabayashi Trailhead is a popular destination for equestrians; corrals and a wide turn-around parking area can be found at the end of the road. Hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners and rock climbers also frequent the trailhead. Commonly referred to as the “prison camp” area, the trailhead and campground honor Gordon Hirabayashi, a great American who passed away earlier this year.



### Gordon Hirabayashi, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. (April 23, 1918 – January 2, 2012)

Hirabayashi was a sociologist and educator best known for his resistance to the Japanese American internment during World War II. Like many Japanese Americans living in the Southwest during the 1940s, Hirabayashi was sentenced to prison in the interest of national security based solely on the nationality of his parents. Ruins of the prison camp facilities can be found along the Arizona Trail and throughout the campground area.

Hirabayashi was born in Seattle to a Christian family who were associated with the Mukyōkai Christian Movement. He graduated from Auburn Senior High

School in Auburn, Washington, and in 1937 went to the University of Washington, where he received his degree.

Although he at first considered accepting internment, he ultimately became one of three to openly defy it. In 1942 he turned himself in to the FBI, and after being convicted for curfew violation was sentenced to 90 days in prison. He did this in part to appeal the verdict all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court with the support of the ACLU. However, the court unanimously ruled against him in *Hirabayashi v. United States* in 1943. Since they would not pay for him being sent to prison, he hitchhiked from Washington, D.C. to the Arizona prison where he was sentenced to reside.

After the war, Hirabayashi went on to earn B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from the University of Washington. He taught internationally before settling at the University of Alberta in Canada in 1959, where he served as chair of the sociology department from 1970 until 1975, and continued to teach until his retirement in 1983.

Soon after retiring, Hirabayashi received a call from Peter Irons, a political science professor from the University of California, San Diego, who had uncovered documents that clearly showed government misconduct in 1942—evidence that the government knew there was no military reason for the exclusion order but withheld that information from the United States Supreme Court. With this new information, Hirabayashi’s case was reheard by the federal courts, and in 1987 his conviction was overturned by the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

“It was quite a strong victory—so strong that the other side did not appeal,” said Hirabayashi. “There was a time when I felt that the Constitution failed me, but with the reversal in the courts and in public statements from the government, I feel that our country has proven that the Constitution is worth upholding. The U.S. government admitted it made a mistake. A country that can do that is a strong country. I have more faith and allegiance to the Constitution than I ever had before.”

Hirabayashi died on January 2, 2012, at age 93. Three months later, President Barack Obama announced that Hirabayashi would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his principled stand against Japanese American internment. Gordon’s family traveled from Canada to receive the award in his honor.

The next time you’re traveling along the Arizona Trail near the Gordon Hirabayashi Trailhead, take a moment to remember a great man who spent his life working for human rights through education and determination.

# Cheers!

## Locally Brewed Beer Benefits the Arizona Trail

The Rimside Grill has long been a destination for Arizona Trail thru-hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, runners, and anyone who enjoys trail time among the pine forests of the Mogollon Rim. On June 1, the establishment underwent a major reconstruction effort and re-opened as THAT Brewery & Pub. Owners Tamara and Steve Morken are loyal supporters of the Arizona Trail, and have been the local *tour de force* for helping Pine/Strawberry become recognized as a premier Arizona Trail Gateway Community. They are excited about their new venture, and have entered into a partnership with the Arizona Trail Association to offer the ultimate post-adventure refreshment – Arizona Trail Ale.

Available this summer, the locally brewed beer will capture the wild and adventurous nature of the Arizona National Scenic Trail, and feature a crisp, refreshing finish that is best enjoyed with your feet up after a long day on the trail. It will be among the first six styles of handcrafted beers created by THAT Brewery & Pub. And a portion of the proceeds from every Arizona Trail Ale sold will benefit the Arizona Trail Association.

THAT Brewery & Pub offers delicious food, vegetarian options, specialty cheese plates, gourmet pizzas and appetizers. Once their brewery production is up and running, you can choose from 18 beers on tap (six of which will be in-house originals). If you still have energy left after your day on the trail, the outdoor area features volleyball, horseshoes and bocce ball. The outside Barking Bar welcomes dogs to hang

out and enjoy the atmosphere, too. And they rent cabins for a discounted rate to Arizona Trail users!

If you want to be among the first to sample Arizona Trail Ale, plan a trip to Pine this summer. It's conveniently located right in the middle of the Arizona Trail (mile 463 of 817, to be exact) and Pine is one of the only gateway communities so close to the trail that it's really not out of the way

to stop in for a hot shower or a cold beverage. If you want Arizona Trail Ale available at your local establishment, just contact Tamara and Steve; they are building a distribution network and hope to make their beers available throughout the state.

For more information, check out [www.thatbrewery.com](http://www.thatbrewery.com)



## Save the Date: Saturday, September 29

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands, and you are invited to celebrate with the Arizona Trail Association by working to restore Passage 27 near Pine/Strawberry. More details will be available on our Events page soon.



## Gateway Community Spotlight: Jacob Lake

As summer sears most of the entire state of Arizona, it's time to escape for higher ground. If average highs of 77 degrees sound like good hiking, biking and horseback riding weather, then pack your bags and head for the Kaibab Plateau in Northern Arizona. At 8,000 feet above sea level, Jacob Lake is the ideal destination for a cool weekend on the trail.

Located at the junction of the only paved road to the North Rim, the small village of Jacob Lake is centered around the historic Jacob Lake Inn. In addition to food, lodging, groceries and gas, the Jacob Lake Inn has the most delicious baked goods in this

part of the world. Hungry thru-hikers often talk about the cookies at Jacob Lake.

In addition to access to the Arizona Trail at the Orderville Canyon Trailhead (Passage #42), Jacob Lake is well known for the hundreds of miles of dirt roads and trails traversing the Kaibab National Forest. There are unlimited loop options for hikers, runners, mountain bikers and equestrians.

The forest of the Kaibab Plateau is breathtaking. Dominated by ponderosa pine, you'll also see some of Arizona's most impressive stands of aspen and spruce. This region is also home to the endangered Kaibab Squirrel. Since most of the forest is buried in snow for half the year, summertime means all the critters are out and about, and you're likely to see coyotes, porcupines, bobcats, mountain lions, and numerous bird species. Jacob Lake has one of the densest populations of mule deer in Arizona – driving here at night can be dangerous.

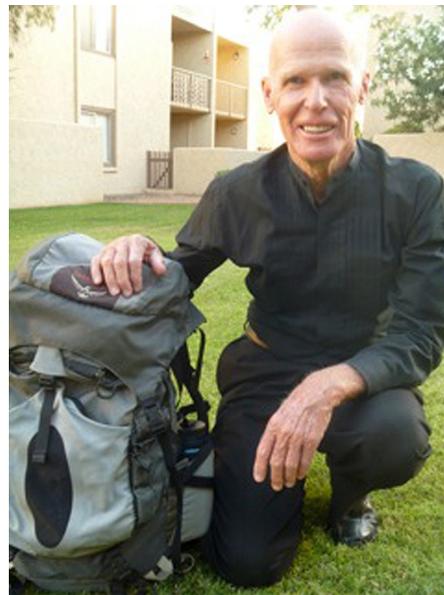
Ample camping opportunities can be found near Jacob Lake, and both primitive and developed sites exist.

## Howard Calvert – Still Going Strong

At age 72, Howard Calvert recently completed the 817th mile of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Like many, he hiked it one passage at a time, choosing the right season for various segments from Mexico to Utah, over the course of two years. A retired school teacher from Chandler, AZ who spent much of his career teaching in Garden Grove, CA, Howard saw the Arizona Trail as a natural goal after his successful attempts of the Appalachian Trail in 2000 and the Pacific Crest Trail in 2002.

His Arizona Trail quest nearly ended the very first day it began. While hiking from Patagonia to Colossal Cave, he was bitten by a dog on Harshaw Road. Once he recovered from the incident, he hit the trail and headed north once again. With each season he would find time – a few days here, a week there – to explore new passages of the Arizona Trail. Among his most memorable places were Passage 16-17, from the Gila River to Superior, and the wild wilderness within the Mazatzal Mountains. "I was lucky to get through there before the [Sunflower] fire," he said.

Howard hiked the last passage, from Roosevelt to Pine, with former Executive Director Dave Hicks. "I'd heard horror stories about people getting lost on that



passage, so I figured if I went with Dave we wouldn't get lost."

Howard avoids using a GPS and usually doesn't bother with a map, relying instead on trail signs and intuition. With the scant signage throughout the state, Howard admits, "I

wander around the desert a lot."

Among his future hiking goals are a repeat of the Pacific Crest Trail when he is 75, and if all goes according to plan, another crossing of Arizona when he is 80. When asked about life lessons learned on the trail, Howard said, "Every day in the wilderness is exciting."

If you have recently completed the Arizona Trail, let us hear about it! Contribute to our Finisher's Blog at <http://arizonatrail.wordpress.com/>.

## Arizona Trail Socks

Working with the innovative designers at DeFeet International, the Arizona Trail Association is proud to offer the right socks for all your adventures. Both models look and feel great, and proceeds benefit the ATA.

### Aireator® Socks

These low top socks are made for walkers, runners and mountain bikers looking for a high-performance sock ideal for warm weather activities. Socks are comfortable, colorful, and are constructed from 60% Nylon/39% Coolmax/1% Lycra. Design on the cuff is the Arizona National Scenic Trail logo, with Mexico --> and Utah --> on each foot. Arizona state flag colors can be found throughout the sock. Aireators® are renowned for their cool feel, fast drying capabilities and supportive fit. Available in S, M, L, XL. A sizing guide is available on the ATA website.

### Wooleator Socks

These high top socks are made for hikers, backpackers, equestrians and anyone who prefers Merino wool to other materials. Wool stays cool in heat, warm in cold, and is among the most non-odorous textiles on Earth. If you have never owned a pair of performance wool socks, you don't know what you are missing! Socks are comfortable, sport the traditional Arizona Trail logo, and are constructed from 64% Merino wool/28% Nylon/8% Elastic. Design on the cuff is the traditional Arizona Trail logo, with Mexico --> and Utah --> on each foot. Woolies are probably the most comfortable, versatile and durable socks you will ever own. Available in S, M, L, XL.

Arizona Trail socks are available through the "Shop" page on our website ([www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)), and also at the Summit Hut in Tucson (5045 E. Speedway Blvd.). Order a few pairs today!



## New Data Book for Mountain Bikers Now Available!

In the past, mountain bikers traveling the length of the Arizona Trail have had to find their own way around designated wilderness areas where bikes are prohibited. With the help of mountain bikers throughout the state of Arizona, the ATA has developed a Mountain Bike Data Book, complete with preferred scenic routes around wilderness areas. It's available free to members through our website. It's the ultimate guide to mountain biking the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Are you looking for a unique pet that is low maintenance, fascinating, and educational? Do you have a yard big enough for a dog, but don't have time for daily walks and weekend outings?

## Adopt a Desert Tortoise

If so, consider adopting a desert tortoise through the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Tortoise Adoption Program. The program, conducted in partnership with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and the Phoenix Herpetological Society, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Desert tortoises are protected in Arizona and cannot be legally collected from the wild, but breeding of captive tortoises and the return of tortoises by owners who can no longer care for them has led to a surplus of these unique animals at authorized adoption facilities. The facilities are at capacity and are seeking people willing to adopt and care for a tortoise.

"The Game and Fish Department receives hundreds of unwanted adult and captive-born tortoises each year, which takes away resources for conservation efforts of wild tortoises," says Cristina Jones, Arizona Game and Fish turtle biologist. "That is one reason we discourage captive breeding and only allow adoption of one tortoise per household."

Contrary to many people's initial assumptions, desert tortoises can be interactive and provide companionship without as many demands as a dog or cat. Tortoises can teach many of the same life lessons to children, including responsibility, compassion and commitment.

To adopt a desert tortoise, you will need to have an enclosed area in your yard free from potential hazards, such as a dog or an unfenced pool. You will need to construct a burrow for the tortoise so that it can get relief from extreme temperatures. Those interested in sharing their yard with a tortoise should visit [www.azgfd.gov/tortoise](http://www.azgfd.gov/tortoise) for more information on feeding, caring for, and creating a habitat for a tortoise. The

desert tortoise adoption packet, which includes the adoption application, can also be downloaded from that web page.

If you are interested in adopting a desert tortoise, and live within the tortoise's native range (Phoenix, Tucson, Bullhead City, Kingman, Lake Havasu, and Yuma areas), send your completed application form to your nearest state-sanctioned desert tortoise adoption facility (Scottsdale, Tucson, Kingman or Yuma). A link to contact information can be found at [www.azgfd.gov/tortoise](http://www.azgfd.gov/tortoise).



Schools are encouraged to consider applying for a Schoolyard Grant through the Heritage Fund Schoolyard Habitat Program to build a desert tortoise enclosure and then apply for a tortoise adoption. For more information on Heritage Fund Schoolyard Grants, please contact Robyn Beck, Heritage Grants coordinator, at (623) 236-7530.

"Once captive, desert tortoises can never be released into the wild," Jones emphasized. "Not only is it illegal, it can jeopardize wild populations through the introduction of disease, or displace wild tortoises."

Desert tortoises can live as long as 50 to 100 years. They grow to be about 15 pounds and hibernate in the winter months. They eat plant material, including grasses and wildflowers.





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