

# Arizona Trail ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

## REI Partners with ATA for Youth Trail Steward Program

Young adults and today's youth are important to the future of the Arizona Trail. Our organization is making a special effort to reach out to elementary, high school, and college students to help them gain appreciation for the Arizona Trail's unique ecosystems and learn about environmental stewardship opportunities.

REI recently joined our organization in this effort and has donated the funds to help ATA design a training model and launch a special Junior Trail Steward program. REI is considered one of the nation's most highly admired sporting goods retailers, and the REI corporation recently awarded a \$5,000 Conservation and Recreation Grant to the ATA to initiate this program.

The training model will involve 30 high school students, ages 14 -18, who have been selected from several Scouting programs and community church groups. Their training program will be conducted in northern Arizona this fall by professional agency personnel with the Coconino National Forest under the leadership of USDA Forest Service representative Brian Poturalski.

The students in the program will be introduced to the many rewards of involvement in outdoor environmental activities and the potential for careers in this field with land planning and management agencies, environmental organizations, and environmentally-conscious businesses. In addition, these young people will also increase their awareness of the importance of preserving outdoor environments and they will learn techniques and best practices that help sustain healthy trails and ecosystems.

As our future land stewards, young people of all ages are a vital link to helping our nation understand the many values and benefits of preserving our outdoor environment. As adults, we have a unique role to play in helping identify

appropriate ways to include young people in outdoor trail activities. Through the generosity of REI, we have received the financial resources needed to design and develop this model program.

In the future, ATA will provide an electronic copy of this detailed training program on our website to any youth-related community organization that would like to conduct its own Junior Trail Steward program. We hope this environmental education

and youth stewardship program will become a model that eventually attracts community involvement statewide along the route of the Arizona Trail.

ATA has recruited one of our trained and skilled volunteers, Jeff Pappas, to help in the development of the REI model program. Larry Snead, ATA's Chief Trail Steward, will be assisting in this program development, and there will be professional oversight from some of our key land management agency partners. Jeff Pappas is an accomplished trail construction project manager who has supervised young adults from the Youth Corps of Southern Arizona trail construction crews in Pinal County for ATA the past several years.

Please contact ATA if you have any resources you would like to donate to support this youth program, or if you would like to request a copy of the training program materials when they are completed.



Arizona State Representative Leah Landrum, District 23, far left, helps do the heavy lifting for a big \$5,000 check from REI to kick off the ATA's new youth trail stewardship program. Other participants in the grant presentation ceremonies were, left to right, Shirin Zanganeh, REI, Denise Meridith, ATA, Dave Troutner, REI, and Michael Kelly, City of Phoenix Special Assistant to Mayor Skip Rimsza. Photo by Bob Rink

## *The Arizona Trail Our Vision...*

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 790 miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities, and people.

The *Arizona Trail Association* coordinates the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experiences for non-motorized trail users.

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# Message from the Executive Director

by Denise Meridith\*



I continue to be thrilled by the enthusiasm and hard work of the Arizona Trail staff, Board, Advisory Council, Segment Stewards and volunteers. I am told by the end of the summer, there

will only be about 100 miles left to be developed. What an accomplishment in nine years. During this year, we have held several fun events from Patagonia to Flagstaff to celebrate this progress towards finishing our goal of completing the 790 miles. The last one—on July 19 at the beautiful Walnut Canyon Trail Head—was attended by the Mayor of Flagstaff Joe Donaldson and Coconino County Supervisor Matt Ryan as well as 48 other agency, non-profit and private individuals.

Our success has not gone unnoticed. The Arizona Trail was one of 28 organizations honored by the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust (NMPCT) at a July 17 ceremony at the Beatitudes Life Center in Phoenix. The NMPCT awarded ATA a check for \$80,000 to continue to employ an Executive Director and Administrative Assistant. We also received a \$5000 check from REI to initiate our Junior Trail Stewards program. ATA will be taking the first group of 30 youth from the Girl and Boy

Scouts and the First Institutional Baptist Church to Mormon Lake on Public Lands Appreciation Day, September 20. Other major contributors this year have included APS, BLM, SRP, FS, NPS, Phelps Dodge, Copper State Consulting and Wells Fargo.

The Arizona Trail continues to get notoriety in newspaper, magazine and radio features. It is reaching new audiences through its presence in media such as the *Ebony Cactus*, an electronic newsletter reaching multi-cultural audience in several states, and the *Arizona Informant*, Arizona's only Black newspaper.

ATA has been working with the Arizona Congressional delegation on developing a bill to designate the Arizona Trail as the ninth National Scenic Trail in the country. We also welcomed four new Board members—Bob Lane, Kent Taylor, Chris Champion and Cathy Patterson—and several new Advisory Council members, such as the Mayors of Flagstaff and Fountain Hills and Congressman JD Hayworth.

I want to thank everyone for their interest and support. As the year winds down, we still need your help with Trail construction and maintenance and with contributions to fund operations and promotional items and activities. Remember the My Mile and Fund-A-Foot programs! Both make great gifts. This summer, we even had a couple give Fund-A-Foot certificates as party favors to all their wedding guests! Let's make this last half of the year even more momentous for the Arizona Trail.

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All the latest news and events are listed on our web site:  
**[www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)**

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## **Wilderness First Aid Training Opportunity**

*Eric Smith, VP of Trail Operations*

Are you a hike or ride leader? Do you lead or assist with trail projects? Have you ever wondered how you would respond to an injury or an illness in your group, especially if medical assistance is hours or days away?

Once again, the Arizona Trail Association is desiring to team up with Wilderness Medical Associates to coordinate a first level, 12-24 hour Wilderness First Aid Course. The training course is a combination of classroom activities and fieldwork (i.e., simulations) in a remote setting, with an emphasis on extended patient

management, extreme environments, and limited available equipment.

A minimum of 14 participants is needed to put in a course. NOTE: The last time we advertised this opportunity, 8 individuals showed interest and were placed on a list being compiled of interested individuals. Cost is not yet determined, however, ATA members will receive a discounted registration fee.

Interested? Please contact me at [eric.smith@cityofprescott.net](mailto:eric.smith@cityofprescott.net), or call me at (928) 445-5880 #1560.

## Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust Awards Second Year Grant to ATA



Executive Director Denise Meridith, Treasurer Randy Warner and Administrative Assistant Deb Morgaina were among the 80 guests who attended The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust (NMPCT) presentation at the Life Center at the Beatitudes Campus in Phoenix on July 17. The Arizona Trail Association received a grant for \$80,000 for 2003. All together the Trust presented \$1,752,000 in grants to 28 Arizona agencies.

"Our funding helps people in need, protects animals and nature, and enriches community life in Arizona and Indiana, the states Mrs. Pulliam called home," explained Harriet M. Ivey, president and chief executive officer of the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust at the ceremony "Seven of today's grantees are first-time recipients of the Trust's giving. Grants range from \$15,000 to \$150,000 and represent every area of our program interests," Ivey added.

This is the second year of funding for ATA from the NMPCT (we received \$100,000 last year). The funding is to be used for continuing to fund the salary and other benefits/expenses of the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant positions.

## ATA Representatives Visit Washington D.C. to Meet with AZ Congressmen

Once each year trail and outdoor enthusiasts from across the nation meet in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoors Week to focus on the importance of outdoor recreation to America. This is also an ideal opportunity to meet with our state members of the Senate and House of Representatives to help bring this message to Congress.

This year Great Outdoors Week was held during the week of June 8th, and our ATA Executive Director, Denise Meridith, and ATA president, Jan Hancock, met with many of our national land management agencies and most of our Arizona Congressional representatives during this week-long conference.

As the Arizona Trail draws closer and closer to completion, our trail becomes closer and closer to becoming designated as a National Scenic Trail. This designation requires a vote of approval from the full Congress, and the Arizona delegation has the authority to bring this nomination to the floor of Congress for voting.

The photo at right was taken in Senator John McCain's office in a meeting during Great Outdoors Week in Washington. Pictured in the center is Jill Peters, Senator McCain's chief natural resources



staff representative. On either side of her are executives on the Board of Directors of American Trails, Dana Bell and Roger Bell, and at either end are Denise Meridith, left, and Jan Hancock, right, from the Arizona Trail Association.

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## Beautiful New Section of Arizona Trail Now Open

A beautiful new section of the Arizona Trail is now open for use in the Mormon Lake area south of Flagstaff. Last fall the trail crew from the Peaks/Mormon Lake Ranger District, Coconino National Forest completed this 6.3 miles section from FR 132 on the north side of Mormon Lake to a brand new trailhead, the Horse Lake Trailhead. This new trailhead is accessed by driving south of Flagstaff on the Lake Mary Road (FH 3) and then east for 8 tenths of a mile on the Ashurst Lake Road

The new trail follows an old railroad bed complete with lots of the old railroad ties still remaining along with some very interesting rail bed rock work. And there is lots of wildlife including elk, deer and turkey. Access points are the Horse Lake Trailhead and FR 132. There is horse trailer and vehicle parking

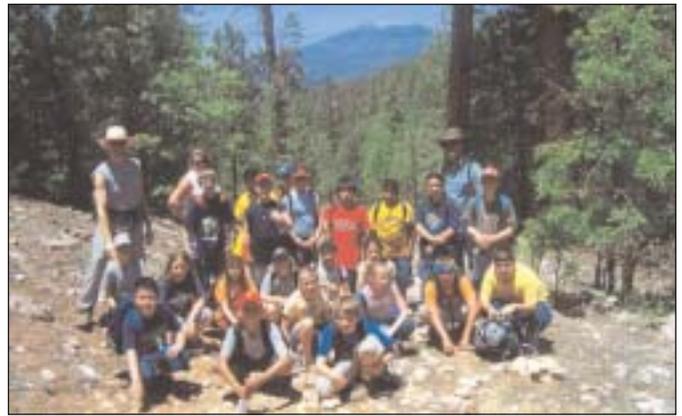
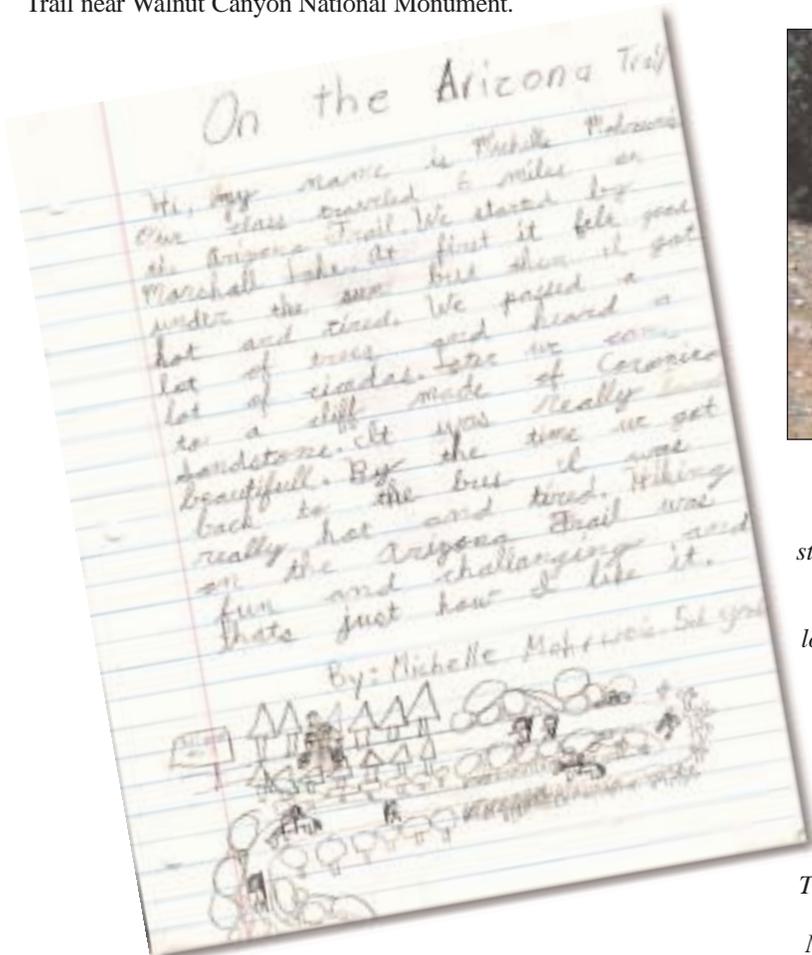
available just of few hundred yards north on FR 132 from the point the AZT comes into the road. The Horse Lake Trailhead provides a pull through drive with ample space for vehicles and horse trailers.

The trail is not only through some beautiful country but is also a beautifully constructed and well marked trail. At the beginning and end of this new trail section you will see, in addition to the usual carsonite signposts, nice new wooden directional signs with mileage information to the next trailhead. You will find these new wooden signs in a number of locations on the Arizona Trail now on the Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts.

Congratulations and thanks to the Peaks/Mormon Lake RD Trail Crew.

# A Walk in the Woods with a Fifth Grade Class

In keeping with the youth theme of this issue of ATA News, we'd like to share the following observations and prose we received from some members of a 5th grade class from Weitzel School in the Flagstaff area after an environmentally-oriented field trip on the Arizona Trail near Walnut Canyon National Monument.

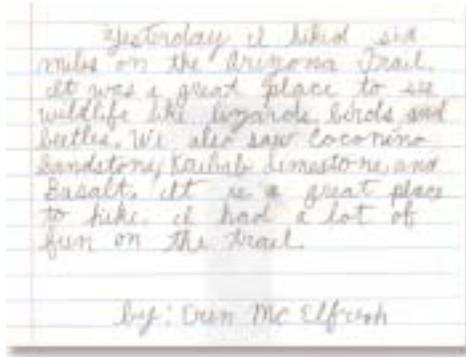


On Tuesday, May 27, 2003, my class went on a field trip on the Arizona Trail. We started hiking on Anderson Mesa and we finished hiking at Lake Mary Road. When our class stopped for lunch we found at least 100 Cicada shells on the bark of pine trees. Towards the end of the hike we saw a giant Coconino Sandstone formation. I loved it! I learned a lot and had lots of fun. It was a great day. Sally Stalham

Yesterday I hiked 6 miles of the Arizona Trail. It was very fun, but also very tiring. When you get about the fourth or fifth mile your feet feel like they're going to fall off. When I get older I would like to hike the whole trail. It would be very fun and I hope you would like it too. Analici Garcia

Yesterday I was hiking on the Arizona Trail. I saw lots of wildlife and Coconino Sandstone, Basalt and Kaibab Limestone. Its beautiful. We saw lots of cicada shells. I saw three horny toads and lots of bugs, millions of trees and plants. Chris Rechel

Woods  
pine needles, trees  
hiking, walking, sitting  
fun, tiring, cool, hot  
Trail  
Rachel Bolden



Tuesday, May 27, 2003, we went on a fieldtrip to the Arizona Trail. We began at Marshall Lake and we walked to Lake Mary Road. When we were walking we went through Walnut Canyon. I liked walking the 6 miles we walked because there are very pretty sights to see. We saw a lot of wildlife and Kaibab Limestone. Near the end of the walk we saw a wall of Coconino Sandstone. I am very glad I went on this hike because I had a lot of fun. Also, because my teacher, Mr. Shewalter knows a lot of things about the trail and I learned a lot. Brittany Marsteen

trail  
sand, rocks, hiking,  
eating, watching  
fun, hard, nice, enjoying  
Hike  
Amos Gombrink

Yesterday our class went hiking at Marshall Lake. We hiked 6 miles of the Arizona Trail. It was very fun to hike on. We saw a whole lot of cicada shells and Coconino Sandstone, Kaibab Limestone and Basalt. Brannan Geshwind

My field Trip to Marshall Lake  
Yesterday my class and I went to Marshall Lake. We hiked 6 1/2 miles total. First, we went about 1 1/8 of a mile non stop After that we saw 3 horny toad lizards. Then we hiked another 3 miles and then we had lunch. Finally after a couple of up and downs we were there in 2 miles. I forgot to mention what I liked. I liked the Cicada, the Basalt, and the Kaibab Limestone. Donald Riley

Arizona Trail  
I hiked the Arizona Trail. We saw trails, lizards, logs. It hurt your feet a lot. But it was a nice place. I would like to hike the Whole trail. It would be a lot easier. When I'm older. It will be fun. anonymous

Trail  
Coconino Sandstone  
Feet start to hurt  
Walkway  
Amanda Brusby  
There once was a Arizona Trail  
We hiked six miles with not one pail  
the trail was fine, the Canyon was divine  
We will not veto to fail. Alaina Ott

trail, wonderful trail  
beautiful loving trail, loving pretty long trail  
Arizona  
by Ally

# Flagstaff Area Supporters Attend Reception Near Walnut Canyon

The Arizona Trail Association (ATA) hosted a trails event in northern Arizona on July 19. The public was invited to meet at the Walnut Canyon Trailhead (Walnut Canyon National Monument exit of I-40 in Flagstaff) at 8 AM on Saturday, July 19, to go hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding on the Arizona Trail, then enjoy breakfast and hear more about the Trail from 9-10:30 AM. About 50 participants joined Flagstaff Mayor Joe Donaldson, Coconino County Supervisor Matt Ryan, officials from the Forest Service, National Park Service and ATA, and others for a beautiful morning on the Trail. Both Donaldson and Ryan stressed the need for local people to get involved with using, maintaining and supporting the many excellent trails, like the Arizona Trail, in northern Arizona.

The Arizona Trail's major supporters in the Flagstaff area



include many businesses, organizations, and volunteers, who were recognized at the reception and thanked for their involvement and commitment to the Arizona Trail project in their community.

ATA Board of Directors members Bob Lane of Booz Allen Hamilton and Dale Shewalter, Flagstaff resident and founder of the Arizona Trail, served as sponsors of the ATA reception. Other corporate sponsors were recognized at the event,

including Phelps Dodge, Arizona Public Service Company, REI, Summit Hut, Wells Fargo Bank, Salt River Project, Copper State Consulting, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Coconino National Forest, Coconino County, and the City of Flagstaff were all commended on the outstanding efforts that have helped to bring the vision of a statewide trail to a reality in the greater Flagstaff area.

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## Patagonia Reception Celebrates the Southern Region

The Arizona Trail Association (ATA) is hosting a series of events along the length of the Arizona Trail in 2003 to increase visibility of the Trail, encourage volunteerism and using outdoor recreation to improve physical and mental well-being, and enhance tourism in Arizona. We had our first reception in Phoenix and then moved to Southern Arizona. There was a hike and reception in Patagonia on May 3. This followed a reception, which was held at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson on April 30.

Fifty business, recreation, government and community leaders, who attended the reception in Tucson on Wednesday night, were welcomed by Vice Mayor Shirley Scott. Representatives from Sen. Kyl and Congressman Kolbe's office also attended.

Those interested in experiencing a bit of the Arizona Trail met the Huachuca Hiking Club at the Harshaw Road Trailhead on FR 58, southeast of Patagonia on Saturday May 3 for an orientation hike on the Trail. Afterward, about 45 brave people withstood 40-mph gusts to attend an Arizona Trail reception open to the public at Patagonia Park. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sent representatives. The Kazaam Nature Center was instrumental in setting up the reception and the Center, Summit Hut, and several private individuals donated door prizes. Our major overall sponsors this year include Phelps Dodge, APS and BLM.

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## GPS Mapping Project Update

Our dedicated crew of ATA volunteers, crew leaders, and Segment Stewards have been out on the Arizona Trail over the past four months with some of the most sophisticated and new global positioning systems (GPS) available on the market today. The hand-held GPS units are Model Garmin MAP 76, manufactured by Garmin, one of the worldwide leaders in extremely accurate GPS equipment.

Garmin and REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.) teamed up to supply 6 units for 60 days at no charge to the ATA, and a lot of GPS field work was accomplished during the months of January and February. In March the ATA purchased 3 of the units at very attractive discounted prices, and the GPS work on the trail route continues every week. More than 450 miles of the Arizona Trail have been recorded on the Garmin GPS units thus far, and it is anticipated that the fieldwork on the total 790 miles will take most of the rest of this year to complete.

Dave Babcock is managing the GPS data collection with many other ATA volunteers assisting with the project. Dave Wilson with the Arizona State Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is

downloading the GPS information gathered by our ATA volunteers. Also assisting with this mapping project from BLM are Marilyn Casiano, Jack Johnson and Joanna Scruggs. When this project is completed, Phyllis Ralley, our ATA volunteer graphic artist, can produce maps with the exact location of the Arizona Trail with computerized topographic details that she prints with a special agency partnership agreement at the BLM offices. These maps will become available in many different sizes from the Arizona Public Lands Information Center in downtown Phoenix. See page 9 of this newsletter.

Many volunteers are helping with the project, and if you'd like to join in on this fun project and learn more about how to use a GPS unit accurately, please call the ATA at 602-252-4794, send an e-mail to [ata@aztrail.org](mailto:ata@aztrail.org), or drop us a postcard or letter at our mailing address: ATA, P.O. Box 36736, Phoenix, AZ 85067-6736. To reach the Arizona Public Lands Information Center, call 602-417-9200, or visit the Center, which is located at 201 N. Central Avenue, on the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Van Buren Streets.

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## Reports from the Field

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*EDITORS NOTE: We inadvertently omitted Anna's report on the Boulders Segment in Pinal County from the spring newsletter and we truly apologize. Here is the report now.*

### Boulders Segment

By Anna Pfender

There was a great deal of activity this winter and spring on the Boulders Segment. Three work events were held during which 1.12 miles of top quality new trail was constructed. In February, Merle Parmer, Doug Marsh and myself spent one day tread flagging for our spring work events. We then made a second trip in March along with Dave Babcock to do more flagging. In addition, Chuck Horner, Laddie Cox and Charles Ross went out in February to install a gate on the trail near Tecolote Ranch.

February 2, 2003 - Sponsored by Clif Bar

Twelve hard working folks spent the day constructing about 0.22 miles of trail to finish off our one rocky hillside near Tecolote Ranch that we started working on last fall. The weather was fine and the workers did a great job, once again surpassing my expectations for the amount of trail built. Many thanks to Sue Grace, David Klein, Rafael Franco, Jack Kelly, and Roy and Penny Edwards, and to ATA members, Doug Marsh, Russ Becker, Laddie Cox, Merle Parmer, and Chuck Horner who gave it their all!

March 8-9, 2003 - Sponsored by New Belgium Brewing Co. and Clif Bar

On this weekend work event our crew of 13 built about 0.50 miles of trail over rolling desert terrain, crossing a sizable wash and a number of drainages. The area proved even more interesting when pottery shards and a grinding stone were discovered in the vicinity. Once again, Jeremy Walker with New Belgium Brewing Company provided beverages and T-Shirts for everyone, as well as lots of other terrific giveaways! The crew who stayed over Saturday night enjoyed a deluxe pasta dinner with all the trimmings and a fun time around the campfire. Crew members included David Klein, Jeremy Walker, David Lastinger, Dan Willhite, Tom Sondgeroth, Reto Pestoni, Tyler Hunton, Jim Hunton (Mountain Bike Association of Arizona), and ATA members, Russ Becker, Doug Marsh, Merle Parmer and Helen Hill.

April 12-13, 2003 - Sponsored by New Belgium Brewing Co.

Our final work event of the spring proved to be a great time with many first-time participants. We built about 0.40 miles of trail continuing where we left off in March. Our group enjoyed beverages and prizes provided by Jeremy Walker with New Belgium Brewing Company as well as a potluck burrito buffet dinner Saturday night. The food and the company were excellent, and so was the campfire (after we got rid of the ant invasion that sent Jim Cox to his tent with ants in his pants)! We had 18 people

participate over the weekend including Dave Klein; ATA members Jeff Pappas, Russ Becker, Perrin Smith, Doug Marsh, Merle Parmer, and Dave Babcock; Mountain Bike Association of Arizona members Jim Cox and Peter Hogan; and new participants Gay and Garret Hogan, Holly Johnson, Ana Raith, Roy Raith, Ashly McLoney, Cristior McLoney, and Olga Murata-Ortega.



*Pete Hogan at the April 13th event at the Pinal County Boulders segment trail construction event.*

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### Pinal County

By Larry Snead

A very special crew of ATA volunteers is currently installing needed ranch fence gates along the Arizona Trail route in Pinal County. Last year four gates were installed and this coming year current plans are to install four more.

The gate crew foreman is Laddie Cox of Tucson. Laddie grew up on the OW Ranch north of Young, Arizona and has lots of experience and knowledge about install gates. He has recruited an impressive crew of volunteers to help with the project including Chuck Horner, Charles Ross, Jeff Pappas, Dave Hicks, George Hay, Sue Cox, Mark Flint, Larry Snead, Dave Babcock and a crew of employees from Wells Fargo Bank.

Also very involved in the project is ATA board member and past president of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Terry Horne. Terry contacts the rancher first to get their permission for ATA to install the gate.

All future gate installation work events will be posted on the ATA website. We would welcome your help and urge you to

consider becoming a member of the ATA Gate Crew. Prior experience installing gates is not a requirement and it is guaranteed to be fun and rewarding experience. For more info contact Laddie Cox at [manson@mindspring.com](mailto:manson@mindspring.com) or at (520) 579-3485.



*Recent gate crew (left to right) Dave Hicks, Chuck Horner, David Babcock, Laddie Cox and Charles Ross.*

### Mormon Lake Segment



Employees of Bank of America, Arizona, are helping build the Arizona Trail. On June 21st seven BA employees from the Flagstaff area joined in with other volunteers at a Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAz) sponsored work event building a new section of the Arizona Trail south of Mormon Lake.

### Blue Ridge Passage

By Larry Snead

Thirty two youth and adult members of the Lehi 9th Ward, LDS Church, participated in a special June 7th National Trails Day Work Event on the Arizona Trail north and south of FR 123 on the Blue Ridge Passage. Their work consisted of brushing, re-building rock cairns and tread improvements. ATA volunteers that served as crew leaders for the project were Anna Pfender, David Klein, Doug Marsh, and Mike Snodgrass. Forest Service Mogollon Rim Ranger District support was provided by Rose Harley and Frank Dickson.

### Oracle Ridge Segment

UPDATE ON ASPEN FIRE DAMAGE by Bev Showalter, Oracle Ridge Segment Steward, County Line Riders of Catalina

The Aspen Fire did a good job of blackening the Az Trail all the way from Molino Basin to the High Jinks Ranch in Oracle. Many many miles have now been officially "cleared out" of brush. Just think, we won't have to worry about catclaw making permanent scars on our arms anymore while working on these sections! Fire is good in many instances. However, this one took 340 homes and businesses, one being our family cabin. We are awaiting the "word" from the Forest to see when Stewards can go on their respective sections to evaluate re-building plans. On the

Oracle Ridge Section, we had just been given permission in June to start rehab on our 24 mile section that was partially burned from last year's Oracle Fire.(Our section was closed for many months) We had worked for 2 weekends, then the Aspen Fire crept very close to the YMCA Camp in Oracle, and we(County Line Riders of Catalina) had to evacuate their 52 horses again, for the 2nd year in a row. The mountain was then closed that day. It remains closed. We completed about 200 yards of trail rehab from the American Flag, and that was all. Mostly what we are doing on our section is trail widening, contouring, and switchback rehab where unsafe. We will eagerly await the word from the Forest. Until then, don't plan on any thru-trips right now in the Catalina Mountains.



John Portillo, (right) Walnut Canyon Passage Segment Steward and District Ranger of the Walnut Canyon National Monument, takes a break in the trail work event on June 28th to pose for the camera with his volunteer crew of employees from the Walnut Canyon NM. They teamed up with three Peaks Ranger District trail crew members and four ATA volunteers providing trail maintenance on the section of the Arizona Trail on National Forest that parallels the Walnut Canyon National Monument.

### American Hiking Society's Volunteer-of-the-Year-Award

Jan Hancock is pictured with the American Hiking Society's "Arizona's Volunteer of the Year Award" that was presented during the ATA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting held in Flagstaff on July 19, 2003. In addition to her volunteer work as a founding member of the ATA, Jan also serves as a volunteer on the Board of Directors for American Trails and the Arizona State Horsemen's Association, the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Board, the Maricopa County Trails Foundation, the Governor's Growing Smarter Oversight Council, and the Arizona State Committee on Trails for Arizona State Parks.



### Trail Reports Needed In Burned Areas

by Eric Smith, VP of Trail Operations

If you have been on a hike or ride on some of the AZT passages affected by wildfires in 2002 and 2003 (e.g., Santa Catalina Mountains, Huachuca Mountains, Canelo Hills, Rincon Mountains, Mogollon Rim, etc.), please contact us. For the next newsletter, we are compiling information on trail conditions on the many AZT passages affected by wildfires. We would appreciate hearing your observations on trail conditions, recovery of flora and fauna, and any other pertinent information. Please forward any observations to me at [eric.smith@cityofprescott.net](mailto:eric.smith@cityofprescott.net), or call me at (928) 445-5880 ext. #1560, and we will also furnish this important information to the respective Trail Stewards. Thanks!

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## August

**Aug 16, 2003**, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, Arizona Trail/Mormon Lake. New construction of hiker, mtn. biker & horse trail. This outing is a part of the Volunteer Trail Days for the Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts (Coconino National Forest) taking place from April thru September. Before each event, please call Brian Poturalski or Nina Hubbard at the Peaks Ranger District (526-0866) to confirm the event's location, time and necessary items to bring. Note The schedule may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Aug 29-31/Sep 1**, Come celebrate Labor Day Weekend doing some labor on the Arizona Trail. This is a great location no matter where you live in Arizona but especially if you live in the hot desert. This place is a "cool place." The project is new trail construction, mostly tread work and one switchback south of FR 92 near Allan Lake just south of Mormon Lake. This is a beautiful section of the Arizona Trail with tall pines, green grassy meadows and cool weather and it is not all work. There will be lots of time available just to enjoy the area and the great weather too. For more details regarding camp location, times, etc. contact Larry Snead at 602-279-0443 or sneadlarry@qwest.net. All participants must register in advance.

## September

**Sep 12-14**, We will be doing a major re-alignment of the Arizona Trail just north of the General Springs Trailhead which is just north of FR 300 and the Mogollon Rim. This is going to be a super project located at one of the most beautiful locations on the entire Arizona Trail. The existing trail is in a major drainage area and has been damaged beyond repair by water erosion. We will be building new trail including switchbacks as well as closing off and rehabbing the old trail. We will camp at the General Springs Trailhead and hike just a short way to the work site. For more details contact Larry Snead at 602-279-0443 or sneadlarry@qwest.net. All participants must register in advance.

**Sep 20**, National Public Lands Day. Junior Trail Steward Program sponsored by REI.

**Sep 23** (Tuesday) we will install a gate on the Arizona Trail south of Oracle State Park where the trail crosses the gravel road which runs from Oracle to San Manuel. The GPS Coordinates are: N32 35' 50.6", W110 42' 50.4". Take the Mount Lemmon Hwy south from Oracle toward ( but short of) the American Flag trailhead and just as the pavement ends, turn left (east) on the gravel road for 0.4 of a mile, then look for wooden Arizona Trail sign posts. Please bring a lunch, hat, sunscreen, and gloves. Water, other drinks, and tools will be provided. We will be there at 0730 am on the 23d and are looking forward to seeing (and hope to see) many others. If you plan to help or if you need any more information please contact Laddie Cox at manson@mindspring.com or at (520) 579-3485.

## September continued

**Sep 26-28**, This is the second weekend required to complete the Arizona Trail re-alignment described above (Sept. 12-14 work event). Be sure and contact Larry for more detail. All participants must register in advance.

**Sep 20**, Canelo West Passage (south of Sonoita, southeast of Patagonia). We will work the east end of the Canelo West Passage, from the saddle west, picking up where our March 2003 Project left off (about a 1.1 mile hike in), and continue the brushing, tread, and structure work. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water (at least 4 liters), snacks, sun screen, a wide brimmed hat, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). As is standard, Richard will have a special treat for all who help with this Project. For info on meeting place and time (carpooling is encouraged and supported), please E-mail Steward Richard Corbett at: kc7ovm@dakotacom.net or call him at 520- 623-0017 (E-mail is best). RSVP only if coming, please!

## October

**Oct 18-19**, Canelo West Passage (south of Sonoita, southeast of Patagonia). Options for 1 or 2 days. This will be in the one of the most beautiful parts of the West Canelo Passage, in the Cott Tank area. We will drive (2-WD okay, but need higher clearance) in quite close to the middle of the Canelo West Passage, and camp near the Cott Tank enclosure. We will do brushing, tread, and structure work both within the Cott Tank enclosure, and in both directions from the enclosure. Richard will bring the fixings for spaghetti dinner Saturday evening, and have those really naughty cookies for dessert. For information on what to bring, and the meeting time and place (carpooling is encouraged and supported), please E-mail Richard Corbett at: kc7ovm@dakotacom.net or call him at 520-623-0017 (E-mail is best). RSVP only if coming, please!

## December

**Dec 6, 2003**, Canelo West Passage (south of Sonoita, southeast of Patagonia). We will work the west end of the Canelo West Passage, near Patagonia, picking up where our April 2003 Project left off (about .85 mile in), and continue the brushing, tread, and structure work. Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water (at least 4 liters), snacks, sun screen, a wide brimmed hat, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). As is standard, Richard will have a special treat for all who help with this Project. For info on meeting place and time (carpooling is encouraged and supported), please E-mail Steward Richard Corbett at: kc7ovm@dakotacom.net or call him at 520-623-0017 (E-mail is best). RSVP only if coming, please!

For latest updates and information on what to bring please go to our ATA website:  
**[www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)**

# GPS Project Status Report

Our volunteer GPS Project Team headed up by Dave Babcock is progressing on schedule and the Arizona Trail Association is about to release for purchase the maps-on-demand maps produced at the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix office. The maps will be available through the Arizona Public Lands Information Center (PLIC), Bureau of Land Management State Office, 222 N. Central Avenue, Suite 101, Phoenix. 602-417-9300.

The Topographic Passage Maps, at a scale of 1:24,000 (on average) can be ordered on a passage-by-passage basis. The cost is \$10.00 each. There are 43 passages to the Arizona Trail (see chart to the right) and most passages fit on a 36" x 36" map. The maps show land ownership, topography, and have shaded relief. See page 10 of this newsletter for a sample. The maps can be used in conjunction with the 8 1/2 x 11 Arizona Trail Association Trail Access maps (\$6.50), which have a narrative on trail access on one side and a line-art map showing access roads, the trail, trailheads, and major landmarks on the other side.

Also available is an "Essential Information for Long-Distance Trail Users" (\$3.50) which lists agency contact information and other resources for information for planning a trip on the trail.

See the ATA website at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org) for the most updated information on which maps are currently available. Please be patient! We are all volunteers here!!! To order, contact the PLIC at (602) 417-9300 (outside Phoenix area, 1-800-986-1151) or [az\\_plic@blm.gov](mailto:az_plic@blm.gov) to order.

Passage #	Passage Name	Distance	Mapped By	Date	Status
1	Huachuca Mountains	21.7	David Babcock Laddie Cox Dori Pederson	5/10/03-5/12/03	Complete
2	Canelo Hills East	14.5	Richard Corbett	1/12/03, 2/23/03	Complete
3	Canelo Hills West	17.4	Richard Corbett	1/5/03, 1/18/03, 3/1/03	Complete
4	Temporal Gulch	19.4	Richard Corbett	3/1/03	Complete
5	Santa Rita Mountains	17.2	Steve Wood Richard Corbett	12/28/03	Complete
6	Empire-Cienega	~ 26			
7	Rincon Valley	~ 18			
8	Happy Valley	~ 9.5			
9	Rincon Mountains	~ 28.2			
10	Redington Pass	15.9	David Babcock Carl Babcock William Drabkin	4/6/03, 4/7/03 5/27/03	Complete
11	Santa Catalina Mountains	15.5	William Drabkin	5/24/03, 5/25/03	Complete
12	Oracle Ridge	~ 23.8	Merle Parmer Laddie Cox	5/29/03 - 5/30/03	20.3 miles done
13	Oracle	~ 9.5			
14	Black Hills	29.5	Larry Snead Chuck Horner Dave Hicks Merle Parmer John Rendall David Babcock Carl Babcock	12/07/02 12/27/02 2/28/03	Complete
15	Tortilla Mountains	~ 23.6	Merle Parmer Helen Hill	1/7/03	8.2 miles done
16	White Canyon	~ 15	Merle Parmer Tom Coulson Helen Hill David Babcock	1/3/03	2.9 miles done
17	Alamo Canyon	11.5	Merle Parmer Tom Coulson Helen Hill David Babcock	1/3/03	Complete
18	Reavis Canyon	18.4	Merle Parmer David Babcock Larry Snead Dick Wertz David Babcock Merle Parmer	12/14/02 1/7/03 1/27/03	Complete
19	Superstition Wilderness	29.0	David Babcock	11/23/02 - 11/25/02	Complete
20	Four Peaks	19.0	Merle Parmer David Babcock	1/28/03, 2/11/03	Complete
21	Pine Mt/Boulder Creek	20.0	Merle Parmer David Babcock Helen Hill	1/24/03, 2/11/03, 3/11/03	Complete
22	Saddle Mountain	16.0	Merle Parmer David Babcock Julie Brozio	5/26/03, 5/27/03	Complete
23	Mazatzal Divide	~ 20	Brad Buckhout Marc Buckhout	3/29/03, 3/30/03	16.2 miles done
24	Red Hills	~ 10.7	Brad Buckhout Marc Buckhout	3/30/03	14 miles done
25	Whiterock Mesa	~ 9.5			
26	Hardscrabble Mesa	12.0	David Babcock Nancy Griffin Pete Joyce	6/4/03	Complete
27	Highline	~ 19.2			
28	Blue Ridge	15.5	David Babcock Merle Parmer	6/8/03 - 6/10/03	Complete
29	Happy Jack	~ 35	Jessica Westermeyer Jody Latimer Cathy Diehl	5/24/03 - 5/26/03 6/22/03	15.8 miles done
30	Mormon Lake	~ 28	Howard Howell	7/6/03	5.7 miles done
31	Walnut Canyon	~ 25	David Babcock Carl Babcock	6/26/03 - 6/28/03	21.7 miles done
32	Mt Elden	6.7	Howard Howell	7/1/03, 7/3/03	6.7 miles done
33	Flagstaff	~ 10	David Babcock Carl Babcock	6/26/03	4.5 miles done
34	San Francisco Peaks	~ 32			
35	Babbitt Ranch	~ 19	Cynthia Lovely	12/16/02	15 miles done
36	Coconino Rim	~ 19			
37	Grand Canyon - South Rim	~ 25			
38	Grand Canyon - Inner Gorge	~ 18.6			
39	Grand Canyon - North Rim	~ 12			
40	Kaibab Plateau South	~ 20.6			
41	Kaibab Plateau Central	17.0	Howard Howell	6/16/03, 6/17/03	Complete
42	Kaibab Plateau North	~ 13.2			
43	Buckskin Mountain	~ 11			
<b>Total miles mapped</b>					<b>440.5</b>





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LAND STATUS LEGEND

Private	BOR
State	City, County, & State Park
BLM	State Wildlife Area
USFS	County Lands
Indian Lands	BLM National Monuments
Military	National Conservation Areas
NPS	Wilderness
FWS	

LOCATION MAP



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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!

Helen Hill - Telephone and E-Mail Messages for Trail Work Events and the ATA Calendar - [deserthill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:deserthill@worldnet.att.net)  
Donna Russ - ATA Brochures and Videos - [druss@worldnet.att.net](mailto:druss@worldnet.att.net)  
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## Leave a Legacy - Touch the Future

Every day people like you support our organization through your membership, making an annual gift, attending an event, or volunteering your time to help others. Whatever your connection, we're grateful for your support, and you mean a great deal to us.

We hope that you feel your participation in the Arizona Trail Association is appreciated and an integral part of our success. We hope you feel you are touching the future.

Another significant way you can help the ATA in the future is to consider leaving a legacy through your will, life insurance policy, or trust. It could be a percentage or a specific dollar amount of your estate, IRA, or 401K plan.

Your gift, no matter the size, will insure the health and strength of our organization to serve future generations.

If you would like to participate in this program you can contact the Arizona Trail Association at 602-252-4794 or you can find more information at [www.LeaveALegacyArizona.org](http://www.LeaveALegacyArizona.org).

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