


Arizona Trail ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

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National Trails Day Celebrations - Join In the Fun!

All over our nation, and throughout Arizona, individuals, families, and friends will be outdoors somewhere on one of their favorite trails during the months of May and June.

We'd like to invite all of our ATA members, members of hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding organizations, outdoor enthusiasts, youth and family groups, as well as visitors in Arizona, to some of our special events. We will be joining many of our Arizona Trail agency partners to help celebrate the importance of trails in our nation.

Trails take us through our history and our most wild and scenic lands. Trails also lead us to some of our most cherished destinations, such as the Inner Gorge of the Grand Canyon. The American Hiking Society designates the first Saturday in June every year as National Trails Day. This year the first Saturday will be June 7, 2003. There are many events scheduled that day, and throughout the months of May and June, to commemorate America's diverse system of trails.

The Coconino National Forest has trail events planned almost every weekend in May and June in the pine-covered areas around Flagstaff. Two of those events are scheduled on the Arizona Trail, on Saturday, May 31st near Walnut Canyon National Monument, and on Saturday, June 21st, at Mormon Lake just south of Flagstaff. The cool breezes and shady trails in these higher elevations will be quite a treat to recreationists who are looking for fun getaways to escape our summer desert temperatures.

To make your plans and get details about the many upcoming statewide events, check our ATA Calendar of Events in this newsletter, or give us a call at 602-252-4794. You can also visit our ATA website for an up-to-date list of events located at: www.aztrail.org For a list of additional statewide events, you can visit the website for Arizona State Parks located at: www.pr.state.az.us. To learn more about National Trails Day, you can go directly to the American Hiking Society's website located at www.americanhiking.org

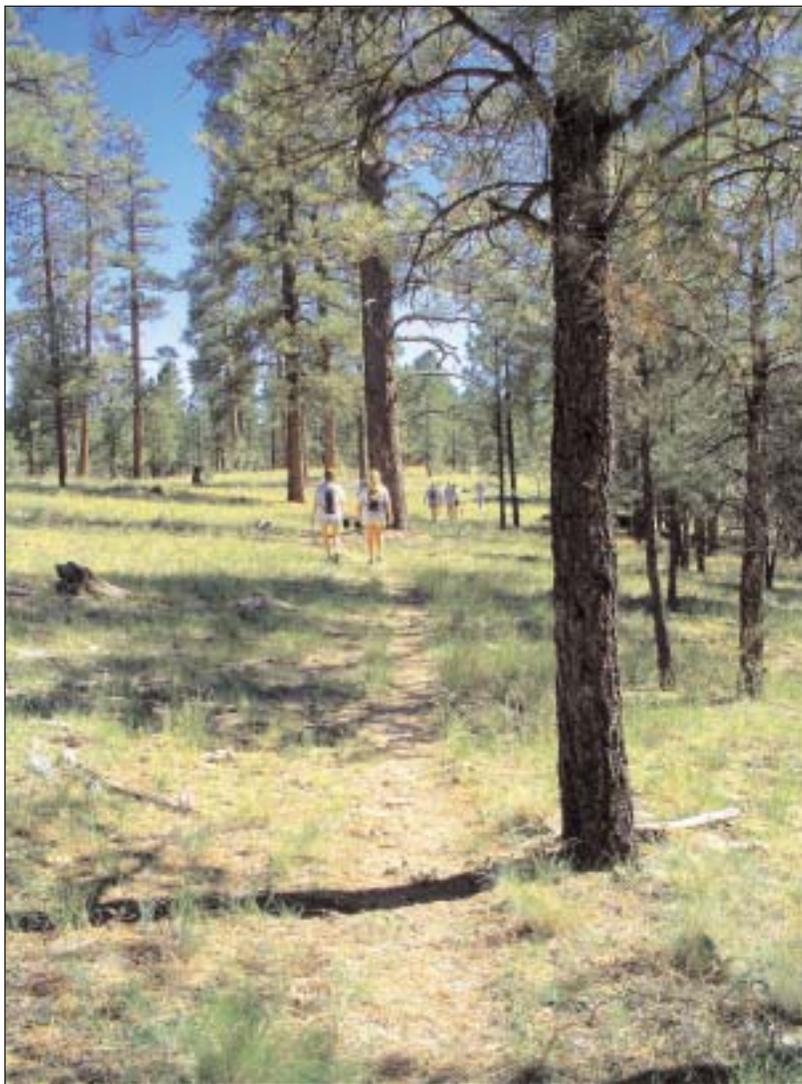


Photo Contest Winner

Photograph by Jessica Westermeyer on the Arizona Trail Happy Jack Passage near Jacks Canyon (this segment is located North of the Mogollon Rim off Highway 87). Jessica's photo won the photo contest conducted by our Executive Director and is now seen on all the "My Mile" materials. Thanks to all the participants and the beautiful photographs submitted.

Titled "Women without Worries," this photo was taken last September during our 6th annual women's camping retreat. The group enjoyed this relaxing hike through the beautiful pines of the Happy Jack Passage. Good food, great friends and awesome hiking! Life just doesn't get any better than that!

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*



The first quarter has been an exciting one for ATA! I went to the Hike the Hill conference in Washington, DC, where I met with the executives of the current National Scenic Trails (there are eight current National Scenic Trails), other trail advocates, Federal agency officials and the Arizona Congressional delegation staffs. I received very favorable feedback about the Arizona Trail and our activities. Everyone is very supportive of our efforts to gain more recognition for the Arizona Trail, including consideration as a National Scenic Trail.

What is even more exciting is the year ahead! We had a very successful Advisory Council luncheon on April 10 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Phoenix. The luncheon meeting was attended by over 40 business, community and political leaders from throughout Arizona. ATA shared with them information on our progress and our needs. The group responded enthusiastically and we can expect them to begin to fill some of the needs we identified on our "ATA Wish List." At the luncheon we recognized Advisory Council members who have been especially helpful to ATA so far this year: Phelps Dodge, APS, SRP, Barbara Barrett, Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker, BLM, Sara Bollman, and Copper State Consulting.

Our 2003 fundraising campaign is off to a good start. Memberships were up 15% in the first two months of 2003. Our "My Mile" program is also doing well, providing 29% of our membership revenue to-date. Jessica Westermeyer, our Happy Jack Segment Steward, won the My Mile photo contest for segment stewards and volunteers, while SRP donated the printing of the My Mile envelopes. Phyllis Ralley is working closely with BLM to produce the maps which will be sent to members of the My Mile Club. If you have not "adopted" your mile(s) yet, please do. They make great gifts. Don't forget about Fund-A-Foot! The Fund-A-Foot program provides an excellent opportunity for your church, Scouting and other youth groups to get involved in fundraising. The certificates issued for buying ten feet of the Arizona Trail (@ only \$1 a foot) are also great birthday or graduation gifts for kids.

Our planned series of receptions along the Trail is underway. We are following the fun reception (with a camp food theme) at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce held in January with a reception at the fabulous Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, and outdoor events in Patagonia and at the Boyce Thompson arboretum in May. Those interested in helping organize and/or sponsor events later this year up north, please email me at ed@aztrail.org.

My thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, agency partners, friends and families for your continuing assistance, which is helping complete, maintain and support the Arizona Trail.

ATA Opens New Office at Phelps Dodge Building

Through the generosity of Phelps Dodge Corporation, the Arizona Trail Association has recently moved into a beautiful new office space in the Phelps Dodge Tower in downtown Phoenix. The building is the newest high rise building in the downtown area, and it serves as the corporate headquarters for Phelps Dodge, a Fortune 500 company. It is located at One North Central, in the heart of Copper Square on the corner of Central Avenue and Washington Streets.

The new ATA office serves as the business location for the ATA's new Executive Director, Denise Meridith. In addition to this office space, Phelps Dodge has also provided special access to the corporate headquarters' expansive conference rooms on the top floor of the building for conducting significant ATA meetings.



Welcome New Board Members

Our ATA Board of Directors is slowly expanding in size as our organization's responsibilities increase. The growing number of Arizona Trail miles being completed every year adds greatly to the number of activities the ATA must support across the state in helping our agency partners build, maintain, enhance and promote the trail route. Our organization's growth is a good thing, in every way, because it helps us provide more opportunities for people to learn about Arizona's outdoor environment, enjoy the many health benefits of outdoor recreation, and experience the spectacular backcountry scenery, flora and wildlife in our state.

Our ATA Board recently approved the nominations of four new members, and the Board anticipates nominations of additional new members in the upcoming months ahead. The ATA strives to maintain our guidelines for very balanced geographic and user group representation on our Board of Directors from statewide areas along the route of the Arizona Trail.

Please help us welcome our newest members to the Board. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time and tremendous talents to help us accomplish the vision and mission of the ATA.

Christopher Champion

Chris Champion is an Assistant to Mayor Skip Rimsza of the City of Phoenix. Mr. Champion's responsibilities include serving as the Mayor's Chief Liaison to various City departments and subcommittees, including the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Champion obtained his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University and is a graduate of Grand Canyon University. He is a native Arizonan and is married to Camille, a Project Manager for the Bureau of Land Management in the Arizona State Office. They are recreation enthusiasts and the proud parents of a two year-old boy, Christian. Chris will be assisting the ATA with its community outreach programs.

Bob Lane

Bob Lane is a Senior Associate for Booz Allen & Hamilton headquartered in McLean, Virginia, and is a Program Leader for Public Lands and Parks for this management and strategic planning firm. Mr. Lane is a native of Arkansas and has a BA from the University of Arkansas and an MA from ASU in political science. He has a long history of involvement with park, lands and recreation issues in Arizona, having served as a member of the Arizona State Parks Board, CEO of the Western Public Lands Company, and as the Arizona State Land Commissioner for five years. Bob loves outdoor recreation and looks forward to an opportunity to get reinvolved in Arizona outdoors issues and he and his company would like to assist the ATA in organizational management and strategic planning.

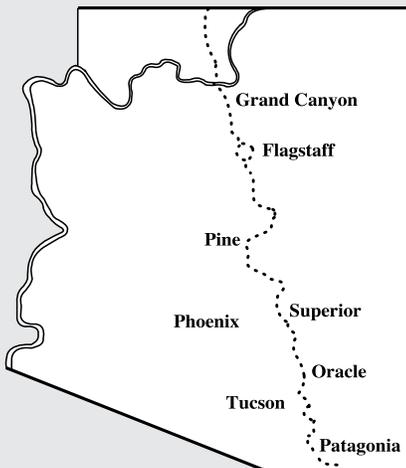
Cathy Patterson

Cathy Patterson is a senior level executive with extensive experience in new business development, sales management, product and financial development. She was a pioneer as a successful African-American female on Wall Street, including tenure as President and CEO of Capital Market Strategies, Inc. and a Managing Director for Nomura Securities International. Cathy has valuable experience in fundraising, financial management and grant acquisitions. She is an avid hiker and as hiked in many international countries, including much of New Zealand. Cathy will be taking a leadership role in financial development for the ATA.

Kent Taylor

Kent Taylor is the owner of Round Trip Bike Shop in Casa Grande, Arizona. He has been actively involved with the Arizona Trail project for the past four years as a Segment Steward for the Antelope Peak section in Pinal County. Kent has just been named ATA's new Regional Steward for the entire Pinal County section of the Arizona Trail. Kent is a graduate of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and went to high school in Camp Verde. He is a very active member of his community and received the Casa Grande Community Service Leader Award in 2002. He serves on the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, is the Vice-Chair of the City of Casa Grande Planning and Zoning Commission, and is a member of the Arizona State Parks Committee on Trails. Kent has lived in Casa Grande for eleven years, and he and his wife, Victoria, who was born and raised in Flagstaff, have three children, Caitlen, Erin and Jarred. He and his family are active outdoor recreationists and particularly enjoy hiking and biking activities.

ATA Holds Statewide Receptions



The ATA is conducting a series of receptions to introduce and welcome our new Executive Director, Denise Meridith, to many of the communities located along the route of the Arizona Trail. In addition, several special welcome meetings have been recently held with the newly expanded ATA Advisory Council, which has now grown to 69 members, and continues to expand every month.

Two events have been held in Phoenix at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy Suites Hotel, one in Tucson at Ventana Canyon Resort Hotel, and one in the Town of Patagonia. Later this spring events will be held at the Town of Superior and Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park and Mormon Lake Lodge in the Flagstaff area. The events have attracted a large number of participants and have generated a great deal of enthusiasm for the Arizona Trail project and the ATA.

Attendees at these events have included our ATA volunteers, Segment Stewards, Trail Partner agency representatives, Federal, State, County, and Municipal elected officials, community leaders, foundation leaders, and representatives from many community service and non-profit organizations.

ARIZONA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

2003 WISH LIST

We invite members of the ATA Board and Advisory Council, volunteers, agency partners, business and community leaders, and friends of the Arizona Trail to assist the ATA in meeting its goals by contributing (in cash or in-kind) any or parts of any of the following items (! Indicates immediate need):

- Joining the ATA!
- New designs for: tee-shirts, brochure
- Printing 300 tee-shirts (@\$ ea) which ATA could sell
- Printing 10,000 new ATA brochures!
- Printing the annual report
- Funding for Chief Trail Steward position!
- Funding to purchase easements with State and counties!
- Organizing a “corporate challenge”—a trail building/maintaining or clean-up day
- Becoming a member of My Mile club (adopting or giving a mile)!
- Organizing a youth activity (e.g., bake sale, car wash, etc) for the Fund A Foot program
- “Leave a Legacy” in your will for ATA
- Advisory Council luncheon (\$1500)
- Provision of (or donation towards) refreshments for one of the six trail receptions (\$1000 ea)
- Shelves for ATA storage center!
- Joining a committee: Finance, Program/Events, Development, Junior Stewards or Healthy Trails!
- Host a fundraiser—e.g., invite 10 of your friends to breakfast or lunch or happy hour to make a donation to ATA!
- Raffle prizes
- GPS unit
- LCD projector (\$3500)
- A letter of support to local Congressperson or state legislator or grant provider
- Print a story about ATA in your organization newsletter
- Provide a link on your website to ATA
- Give a talk to your employees (or a club you belong to) about ATA or request an ATA staff or board member to do so
- Maintenance for ATA vehicles or equipment
- Take a child on a hike on the Arizona Trail
- Transportation for volunteers or youth to an ATA event
- Hats for kids for a Junior Stewards program
- Mailing lists for ATA receptions!
- Copying of ATA materials
- Mailing of ATA newsletters, event notices or other publications
- Identifying grant opportunities for ATA!
- Writing grant applications for ATA!
- Phone cards
- Office supplies (folders, paper, ink cartridges) or gift cards to Staples
- Gift memberships (@\$20-50 each)
- Large New Map of the Arizona Trail Laminated for Outdoor Use at Events (\$150.00)†
- Coordination and production of the Arizona Healthy Trails map (\$10,000)
- Short 5-minute video about the Arizona Trail for fundraising
- 500 Arizona Trail Signage Markers with decals (\$3.00 each)
- 4 dozen Arizona Trail hats (\$12.00 each)
- 1,000 give-aways for Healthy Trails/Youth at National Trails Day, June 7th (\$1.00†††† each)
- Portable, battery operated public address speaker system for outdoor events
- First-Aid kits for every Segment Steward (\$30.00 each)
- Digital Camera and Extra Battery & Film Packs (\$750.00)
- Donations to purchase and contribute items ATA uses for memberships or sale at events/on website/Public Lands Information Center!:
 - Books (100 needed @\$10 each)
 - Lapel pins (100 @ 1.50 each)
 - Belt Buckles (6 @ \$ 20 each)
 - Trail Polo Shirts (50 @ \$25 each)
 - Trail Fleece vest (20 @ \$30 each)
 - Reversible vest (10 @ 40 each)
 - Denim shirts (10 @ \$25 each)
 - Waist pack (10@ 20 each)

REMEMBER YOU CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF OR A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ANY OF THESE ITEMS.
CALL 602-252-4794 OR E-MAIL ed@aztrail.org TODAY!

HELP MAKE ARIZONA TRAIL ASSOCIATION’S WISHES COME TRUE!

Our Thanks to Renewal and New Members!

Special appreciation is extended to all of the ATA members who have renewed their membership in the ATA for 2003, and a special welcome to all of the new members who have recently joined our organization. These membership funds help sustain our program to build, maintain and preserve the Arizona Trail.

Some people who join the ATA do not even live in Arizona, or America, but they send their dollars so that others can continue the work on the Trail. To those who have supported the ATA from afar, we offer a heartfelt invitation to visit Arizona in the future to see the wonderful work your contributions have supported!

Many members add an extra donation on their membership application when they designate these funds for Trail Development. These dollars go straight into the work on the Arizona Trail and help the ATA purchase tools, first aid kits, and provide training for volunteers who are helping with the actual building and maintenance of the Arizona Trail.

The list of new and renewal members since the beginning of 2003 are listed below. Everyone in our organization is indebted to each of you for your support and involvement in building and maintaining this legacy for today and future generations.

Trail Supporter

Horner, Jan (Peoria, AZ)

Trail Hand

Allemann, Willi & Marta (Prescott, AZ)
Anderson, Ferrell & Jean (Cave Creek, AZ)
Anderson, Jean (Phoenix, AZ)
Babcock, Carl (Tempe, AZ)
Becker, Russ (Scottsdale, AZ)
Best, Robert (Sierra Vista, AZ)
Bohannon, Bob & Margaret (Scottsdale, AZ)
Corbin, Kent & Kay (Phoenix, AZ)
Crossley, Willilam (Frankfort, IN)
Curley, Tom (Tucson, AZ)
Doyle, Linda (Englewood, CO)
Dumbauld, Dr. James (Tucson, AZ)
Dunn, Chris & Janice (Cornville, AZ)
Emerson, Fred (Phoenix, AZ)
Ewing, Chas (Anthem AZ)
Gates, Philip (Prescott, AZ)
Green Valley Hiking Club
Hallamek, John (Apache Jct, AZ)
Harrison, Jim & Pamela (Phoenix, AZ)
Haywood, Dennis & Marie (Glendale, AZ)
Heilman, Keith (Tolleson, AZ)
Hildebrand, John (Flagstaff, AZ)
Hiner, Helen (Queen Creek, AZ)
Hodgson, Wendy (Phoenix, AZ)
IMBA (Boulder, CO)
Judd, Lois (Cave Creek, AZ)
Kelly, Keith & Ann (Scottsdale, AZ)
King, David (Tucson, AZ)
Korenblat, Ashley (Moab, UT)
London, Nancy (Wickenburg, AZ)
Lovelis, Michael (Coolidge, AZ)
McKinley, Thomas (Paradise Valley, AZ)
McLaughlin, Blair (Scottsdale, AZ)
Monet, David (Flagstaff, AZ)
Naugle, Christina (Scottsdale, AZ)
Nottingham, Emily (Tucson, AZ)
Parmer, Merle & Joan (Phoenix, AZ)
Perez, Stacie (Hereford, AZ)
Pima Trails Association (Tucson, AZ)
Poe, Brad & Yvonne (Tubac, AZ)
Rutherford, Gene & Cheryl (Phoenix, AZ)
Sheehy, Christine (Phoenix, AZ)
Shein, Dan (Phoenix, AZ)
Slauson, Liz & Carl Edminster (Scottsdale, AZ)
Smith, Perrin (Peapack, NJ)
Staudenmaier, Bill (Phoenix, AZ)
Taylor, Kent (Casa Grande, AZ)
Tretschok, Dale (Tucson, AZ)
Wertz, Richard & Diane (Wickenburg, AZ)
Wilson, Craig (Phoenix, AZ)

Trail Helper

Abbott, Patricia (Tempe, AZ)
Adams, David (Tucson, AZ)
Albright, Murrell (Albuquerque, NM)
Allen, Carolyn (Scottsdale, AZ)
Anderson, Raymond (Tucson, AZ)

Trail Helper continued

Armstrong, Benjamin (Tallahassee, FL)
Babcock, Daniel (Chandler, AZ)
Barnhill, Larry (Tucson, AZ)
Bass, Steve (Tempe, AZ)
Baughman, Sue (Dolan Spring, AZ)
Bell, Moe (Scottsdale, AZ)
Bond, Ovid (Apache Junction, AZ)
Burgis, John (Scottsdale, AZ)
Carey, Linda (Flagstaff, AZ)
Carla (Scottsdale, AZ)
Carver, Alexander (Higley, AZ)
Coffman, J.M. (Richardson, TX)
Cook, Jack (Cave Creek, AZ)
Coor, Louis (Sun City West, AZ)
Corbett, Richard E. (Tucson, AZ)
Costa, Frank (Gold Canyon, AZ)
Costigan, L. Crystyn & Kevin (Tempe, AZ)
Cutler, Doyle & Tess (Flagstaff, AZ)
Dana, Joe (Tucson, AZ)
De Mattei, Beni (Gilbert, AZ)
Delvin, Wayne (Wickenburg, AZ)
Deutsch, Paul (Phoenix, AZ)
DiGenova, Mike (Saginaw, MI)
Edris, Earl (Sun City, AZ)
Edwards, Roy (Phoenix, AZ)
Eivins, John (Glendale, AZ)
Engler, John (Cave Creek, AZ)
Finnern, Velma (Tempe, AZ)
Fischer, Lee (Phoenix, AZ)
Foster, Carl (Tucson, AZ)
Gallagher, Delphine (Apache Junction, AZ)
Ganelin, Bob & Jane (Scottsdale, AZ)
Gaudet, Frederick (Phoenix, AZ)
Gilliam, Bob (Chandler, AZ)
Golnik, Carl (Scottsdale, AZ)
Grootveld, John (Tempe, AZ)
Halvorsen, Lorraine (Spanish Fork, UT)
Hanna, Gail (San Diego, CA)
Harris, Elwin (Sun City, AZ)
Hart, Jack (Scottsdale, AZ)
Haslett, Glenn (Tucson, AZ)
Hayes, Roland (Scottsdale, AZ)
Hessler, Tom (Sierra Vista, AZ)
Hestenes, Nancy (Tempe, AZ)
Hill, Helen (Phoenix, AZ)
Hoffman, Jonathan (Tempe, AZ)
Houck, Barbara (Waddell, AZ)
Johnson, C. B. (Phoenix, AZ)
Johnson, Nancy (Tempe, AZ)
Johnson, Neva (Glendale, AZ)
Jones, A. Louise (Glendale, AZ)
Jordan, Gini (Sun City, AZ)
Julien, Judith (Glendale, AZ)
Kelly, Mike & Kathy (Parks, AZ)
King, Robert (Phoenix, AZ)
Krick, John (Chandler, AZ)
LaRosa, Kelly (Phoenix, AZ)
Larson, Mike (Glendale, AZ)

Trail Helper continued

Leavengood, Betty (Parkersburg, WV)
Leighenheimer, William (Tucson, AZ)
Lincoln, David (Phoenix, AZ)
Lovely, Cynthia (Flagstaff, AZ)
Martin, Dean (Glendale, AZ)
Mauk, Lester (Sierra Vista, AZ)
McConnell, Margaret (Phoenix, AZ)
McCulley, Douglas (Scottsdale, AZ)
McDaniel, Mark (Reno, NV)
McIntyre, Bruce (Goodyear, AZ)
Monser, George (Sierra Vista, AZ)
Munger, Maynard (Scottsdale, AZ)
Nash, Jerry (Casa Grande, AZ)
Orr, Bradley (Cloudfcroft, NM)
Parr, Robert (Scottsdale, AZ)
Pederson, Dori (Surprise, AZ)
Petty, Robert (Phoenix, AZ)
Pfender, Anna (Phoenix, AZ)
Phelps, Rick (Tucson, AZ)
Piper, David (Tucson, AZ)
Ralley, Phyllis (Phoenix, AZ)
Redmond, Debbie (Grand Jct., CO)
Reeves, Terry (Scottsdale, AZ)
Rotter, Marty (Tucson, AZ)
Ruppert, Danny (Tempe, AZ)
Russ, Donna (Cave Creek, AZ)
Rutherford, James (Chandler, AZ)
Samolis, Antonette (Phoenix, AZ)
Sass, Beverly (Cottonwood, AZ)
Saway, Stephen (Sierra Vista, AZ)
Schas, Jake (Redmond, OR)
Schilling, Randy (Phoenix, AZ)
Schubert, Butch (Superior, AZ)
Seehorn, Corrine (Sun City, AZ)
Shannon, Mathew (Phoenix, AZ)
Sheamp, Jack (Providence, RI)
Showalter, Lee & Bev (Catalina, AZ)
Simmons, Byron & Kathy (Payson, AZ)
Sloan, Jim (Patagonia, AZ)
Smithson, John (Flagstaff, AZ)
Snider, Donna (Green Valley, AZ)
Snodgrass, R. Michael (Tempe, AZ)
Snook, Michael (Rochester, WA)
Sokul, Joe (Chandler, AZ)
St. Thomas, Jeff (San Marcos, CA)
Taylor, Jill (Phoenix, AZ)
Thompson, Bruce & Allene (Phoenix, AZ)
Thrasher, Donna (Phoenix, AZ)
Trainor, Mark (Mesa, AZ)
Tyler, James (Camp Verde, AZ)
Veale, John (Niagara Falls, NY)
Virden, Randy J. (Tempe, AZ)
Ward, James (Tucson, AZ)
Weber, Karen (Scottsdale, AZ)
Wesley, Millie (Cave Creek, AZ)
Willerton, Deborah (Scottsdale, AZ)
Willhite, Dan (Phhoenix, AZ)

Ripsey Segment - Pinal County

We had an incredible season this fall/spring on the Ripsey Segment, with events held on November 16th/17th and 23rd/24th, January 25th, February 15th and March 22nd. I would like to thank the following people who helped with our spring work events including: Larry Bolton, Joe Bolton, Tejal Desai and Ramen, Keith Duffy, Kurt & Julie Harris, Mike Headrick, Brad Leonard, Amanda Luecker, Merle Parmer, Bob Pekarske, Jen Rodgers, Josh Sanders, Jamie Sanders, Perrin Smith, Gyorgyi Tauber, Heath Therrien, Jessica Therrien and Carrie Westhoff



We made tremendous progress in the Ripsey Segment this past season. It was a site to be seen out on the trail in March alongside all of the poppies that were covering the hillsides. The views on this segment are absolutely beautiful, which also adds to the challenge (fun!) of constructing trail in this rugged terrain. If you would like to see more pictures from our March event, go to



<http://groups.msn.com/ArizonaTrailASCERipseySegment/march22nd2003.msnw>

We will start back with construction again in the fall.

– Mike Luecker, Ripsey Section Segment Steward on behalf of the Arizona Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member

Pinal County

Jim Martin is one of the Arizona Trail's founding supporters, and one of our six Regional Stewards. Jim has requested an opportunity to phase out of his Regional Steward position to work on some important projects in his community. The ATA Board of Directors just recently handed the reins of management for the Pinal County Region to Kent Taylor, a Casa Grande resident and one of the newly elected members of the ATA Board of Directors.

Jim was an 8-year member of the ATA Board of Directors, and he is shown in the photo with a framed Certificate of Appreciation awarded to him for his many years of dedicated volunteer work and hundreds of hours in trail planning and construction. Jim lead the construction efforts for more than 50 miles of the Arizona Trail that stretches across Pinal County.

We extend our best wishes to Jim and his wife, Jean, who are active equestrians and recognized leaders in their community and church in the Coolidge area. We know we will continue to see them frequently out on the Arizona Trail, and our hats are off to them for the tremendous support they have provided to our entire organization.



Pinal County



Arizona Trail Association Board Member, Terry Horne installs gates in Pinal County. Photo by Larry Snead, Chief Trail Steward

17-Alamo Canyon



The year 2003 got off to a good start for the Arizona Trail on Segment 17. On January 3rd, four volunteers completed the entire passage, using the Garmin MAP 76 GPS unit provided by the BLM for this project. Prior to this effort, we were also able to gather the GPS data for the short (.6) mile piece of Arizona Trail between Picket Post Trailhead and Highway US60. This means the Arizona Trail from the culvert under the highway to Superior all the way to the Tonto National Forest southern boundary is now in our database, along with pertinent notes on 18 key waypoints. We recorded a separate track from the Tonto boundary south to Battle-ax Road for reference and access information.

The volunteers on this project were: Merle Parmer, Helen Hill, Dave Babcock and Tom Coulson.

402 waypoints were recorded. The Total distance covered was 14 miles (22 kilometers). It was a very enjoyable day with good friends working on a valuable project.

Many thanks to Merle, Dave and Helen, as well as Wide World of Maps, Garmin and the BLM for all their support.

– Tom Coulson



Brad Jones, president of the Arizona 4 Wheel Drive Association and Fred Gaudet explore the area north of the Gila where the trail route has not yet been determined. Photo by Larry Snead



22-Saddle Mountain



We created a new and improved section of trail on higher ground and out of the wash near Sunflower, Arizona. We improved about six hundred yards of trail total. We removed the necessary bushes and undergrowth to create three feet of tread, eight feet at shoulder height to prevent overgrowth, and ten feet of clearance for those riding horses and mules.

Jordan Brough
Boy Scout Troop 589 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Gilbert, Arizona

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

May 15, 2003

Work event to install a gate at cattle guard just east of where the trail crosses Freeman Rd. north of Antelope Peak. GPS Coordinates N32 52' 19.4", W110 52' 45.4". We will meet at the cattle guard at 08:30 am on the 15th. For those persons coming from the north (Phoenix area) who are not sure of the location, go 20 miles south of Florence on Hwy 79. At mile post 111 1/2, Freeman Rd. goes east. Turn east onto Freeman Rd. and note your mileage. AT 15.3 miles is a junction with Willow Springs Rd coming in from the south. Stay left on Freeman Rd. At 19.3 miles, on the top of a hill are Arizona Trail sign posts on the north side of the road. Continue east on Freeman Rd. for about 0.15 miles to the cattle guard. For those persons coming from the south (Tucson area) go north on Hwy 79/77 to Oracle Junction then turn northwest onto Hwy 79 and go to the Freeman Rd exit at mile post 111 1/ 2. Follow the directions above for the rest of the way to the gate site. For those of you who are familiar with Willow Springs Rd., just go north on Hwy 77 from Oracle junction to the Willow Springs Rd.exit, then take Willow Springs Rd. to Freeman Rd. and then follow the above directions to the gate site. I will have the necessary gates and the tools and materials to install them. Any one who wants to help should bring lunch, hat, gloves, water, sunscreen etc. Please contact Laddie Cox at e-mail manson@mindspring.com or telephone (520) 579-3485 if you have any questions and if you can help with this installation.

May 18th North Rim Work, Ride and Hike

Leaving for the North Rim May 17th to open up the Grand Canyon North Rim trail area. We will be camped at the North Rim from May 17th thru the 25th. We will be doing trail maintenance and relaxing. I plan to take the willing on a day hike into the Grand Canyon on the 18th and after our work is done we hope to ride the Kaibab Rainbow Trail along the North Rim. If you would like to join us please give Glenn Jordan a call 623-582-5885 evening or gjordan@amfam.com.

Sat. May 31, 2003, Walnut Canyon

9 am - 3 pm, Arizona Trail/Near Walnut Canyon National Monument. Maintenance of existing trail near FS road 303. 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.

Please call 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. Multiple day projects - volunteers are welcome either day, or both days (unless backpacking/riding to the site is required).

ATA provides all tools. Please bring work gloves, water, and lunch. We recommend that you wear sturdy boots, long sleeves and pants, sunscreen, and a hat. Overnight camping is often primitive (no facilities). Please bring your own camping/backpacking equipment and food.

June

Sat., June 21, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mormon Lake.

Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona 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.

Sat. June 28, 2003, 9 am - 3 pm, Arizona Trail/Near Walnut Canyon National Monument.

Maintenance of existing trail near FS road 303. 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.

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.

September

Sep 20, 2003, 9:00am - 3:30 pm, National Public Lands Day.

New trail construction of mtn. bike, hiker, and 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.



Trail maintenance and construction may include any of the following: brushing (pruning vegetation), removing rock & debris, signing, building rock cairns; construction or improvement of: trail tread, erosion control structures (water bars, drainage dips), switchbacks, removing stumps/roots, etc. Difficulty of work is easy to moderate, distance to work site should also be considered. Work event coordinators will provide instruction.

To receive an updated calendar or add an event, please contact the Arizona Trail Association: phone: 602-252-4794, fax: (602) 294-4658, e-mail: ata@aztrail.org.

For latest updates and information on what to bring go to
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Kaibab Plateau - South

Grand Canyon National Park boundary to Telephone Hill

General Information

This trail is located in northern Arizona on the Kaibab National Forest. It is the most southerly of three passages which make up the 50 mile Kaibab Plateau Trail. The trail starts at the southern border of the North Kaibab Ranger District, near the Grand Canyon National Park boundary. The trails passes along ridgetops and valleys, through grassy “park-like” meadows and forests of old growth ponderosa pine, spruce, fir and aspen. A section of the trail traverses the east rim of the Kaibab Plateau offering views of House Rock Valley, Marble Canyon and Vermillion Cliffs.

Location: Northern Arizona on the Kaibab National Forest, North Kaibab Ranger District, north of the Grand Canyon National Park border.

Length: 20.6 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate

Recommended Seasons of Use: Season of Use: Spring, Summer, Fall. Cross Country Skiing in Winter.

Elevation: 8000' to 9000'

Access:

All access descriptions start from the North Kaibab Visitor Center, located at Jacob Lake.

FR 610 Trailhead: Drive 23 miles south on Highway 67 (just south of DeMotte Park) to FR 611. Continue on FR 611 to the FR 610. Go right (south) on FR 610 for 6 miles to trailhead.

East Rim View trailhead: Drive 23 miles south on Highway 67 (just south of DeMotte Park) to FR 611, drive 4 miles east and north on FR 410 to East Rim View turnoff and trailhead.

Telephone Hill trailhead: Drive 13 miles south on Highway 67 to the intersection of FR 241. Trailhead is located 0.1 mile east on FR 241.

Trail Route Description:

This passage begins at the intersection of Forest Road 610, just north of the Grand Canyon National Park boundary (The trail is 7.3 miles from FR 610 to East Rim View, the mid-point trailhead). The trail heads north past Sourdough Well down an open valley to Upper North Canyon then across an aspen covered ridge. At Crystal Spring it climbs a drainage and traverses the rim to East Rim View. From East Rim View (13.3 miles East Rim View to Telephone Hill. The trail crosses Forest Road 610 at Dog Canyon, then descends the east ridge of Tater Canyon with a series of switch backs. Climbing west the trail crosses Forest Road 131 and then traverses an aspen-covered ridge for about a mile. Crossing the DeMotte Burn ridge area, the trail descends steeply, crossing a valley, then descending to the north, overlooking Pleasant Valley. The trail then passes Little Pleasant Valley, Little Round Valley and Crane Lake. It passes through grassy meadows and forests, parallels Highway 67 for a few miles, then ascends Telephone Hill where it ends at the intersection of Forest Road 241.

NOTES: Water sources are scarce and unreliable on the Kaibab Plateau. Please check with the Forest Service for current conditions. The Arizona Trail is marked with brown fiberglass posts with a Kaibab Plateau Trail decal near the top.

Resources

Maps: Kaibab National Forest (North Kaibab Ranger District) Map

USGS Quadrangles: Demotte Park, Jacob Lake

For more information, contact:

North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest, P.O. Box 248, Fredonia, Arizona 86022

Phone (520) 643-7298

Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center, Jacob Lake (520) 643-7298 (Open April through October)



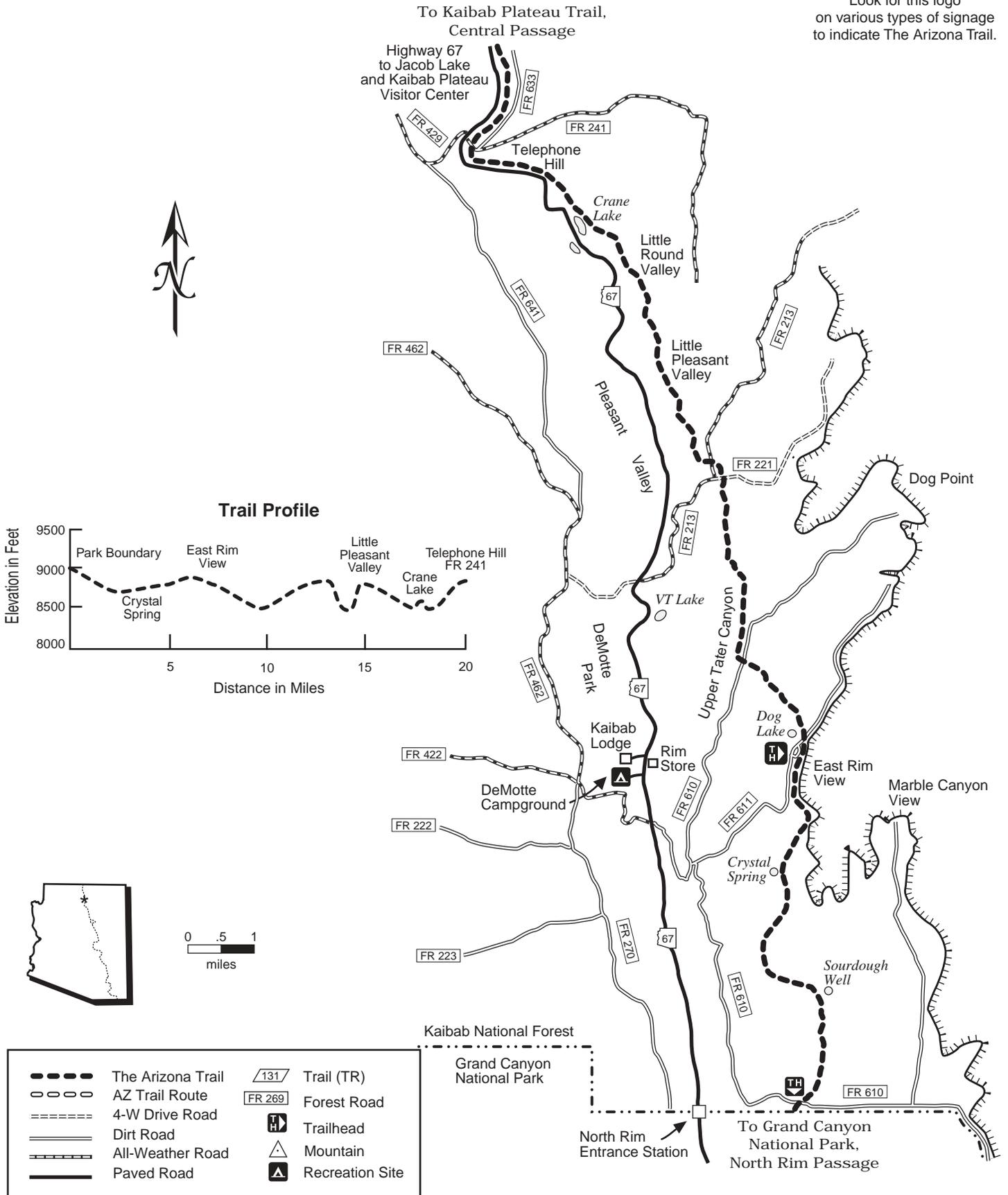
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