



The Arizona Trail Association

Springtime Volunteer Opportunities



As temperatures soar into the high 80s this weekend, it feels like Spring is upon us. This busy season is a great time to get out and enjoy the Arizona Trail in most parts of the state, and is also the time of year when volunteer trail work events are happening almost every weekend (and often times during the week, too).

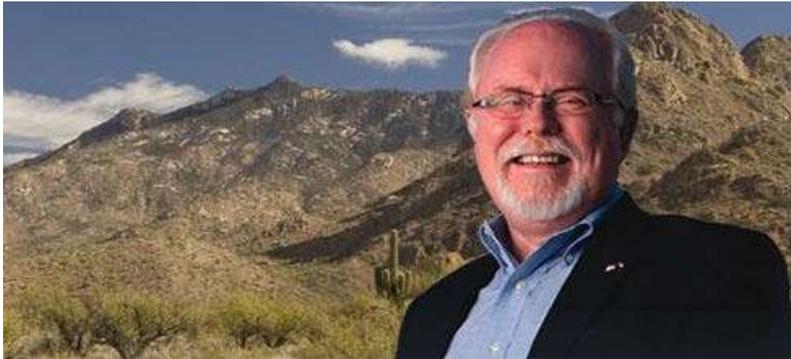
In March, there are already four major trail work events planned, including maintenance along the Tortilla Mountains Passage south of the Gila River; a trail realignment near Sunflower; extensive work in Saguaro National Park; and some brushing and tread repair in the Santa Catalina Mountains. For a complete list of what's happening near you, please visit the [ATA Events Calendar](#).

Volunteering on the Arizona Trail is a great way to give back to the resource we all love. Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate in one of the upcoming trail work events,

or get in touch with your [Regional Steward](#) or local [Segment Stewards](#) to organize an event with your group. REI (Tempe and Paradise Valley stores), Summit Hut, and the Tucson Trail Runners are just a few of the groups pledging their support of the AZT through full-day work events this spring.

And if you'd like to learn more about trail maintenance and maybe become a segment steward, mark your calendar for the Spring Trail Training on March 22-23. More information on this informative, interactive and free event can be found on the [ATA website](#).

Congressional Recognition for the ATA



When [Ron Barber](#), U.S. Representative for Arizona's 2nd Congressional District, was unable to attend the ATA Annual Meeting and 20th Anniversary Celebration because of his duties in Washington, D.C., he did something even more meaningful than show up and shake hands. On the morning of January 31, he shared the news of ATA's great work over the past 20 years with our nation's leaders with a beautiful speech on the House floor.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arizona Trail Association and honor its 20th Anniversary in building, maintaining, promoting, protecting and sustaining the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

"In a short time, the Arizona National Scenic Trail has become one of the premier long distance trails in the country. The people that have worked to make this happen over the last 20 years are as diverse as the trail itself. The Arizona Trail demonstrates what trail users and land managers can accomplish when they share a common vision."

To read the complete speech entered into the Congressional Record, click [here](#).

The ATA is proud of its 20 years of great work, and looks forward the next 20 years (and beyond). Just as the trail was built with the love and labor of thousands of volunteers, we are counting on your support to fulfill the rest of our mission. Maintaining, promoting, protecting and sustaining the Arizona Trail as a unique encounter with the land is no small task. Working together, we can accomplish great things.

Please make 2014 the year you enjoy the AZT, volunteer to help maintain it, and support the

ATA with a financial contribution. Click [here](#) to make a donation today.

Bottoms Up for the Trail



That Brewery has been brewing Arizona Trail Ale for the past two years. Available at That Brewery & Pub (located just off the AZT in Pine, Arizona) and in select locations throughout Arizona, this copper-ruby ale features a fragrant bouquet with a spicy kick. The body is medium with a soft bubbly carbonation, and its delicious taste has hints of toffee and a bit of citrus. It's the Official Beer of the Arizona Trail, and 5% of every pint sold benefits the ATA.

In 2013, That Brewery & Pub brewed and sold twice as much Arizona Trail Ale as the year before. That means more money for trail maintenance and operations. As they like to say in the pub, "You can help the Arizona Trail without ever lifting a tool...just lift that pint."

The ATA is grateful for everyone who has enjoyed a cold glass of Arizona Trail Ale over the past year, and we encourage you to stop in to [That Brewery & Pub](#) anytime you're in Mogollon Rim Country. In addition to a wide selection of locally crafted brews, they have outstanding food and unlimited access to the wildest parts of the Tonto National Forest near the Mogollon Rim.

Cheers!

Faces and Places of Wilderness Photo Contest



This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and the [National Forest Foundation](#) (NFF) is sponsoring a photo contest celebrating the wild and beautiful side of our National Forests. Visit the [NFF Facebook page](#) for more information on how to submit your photos. Winners will be published in *Your National Forests* and will be rewarded with some great prizes. In addition to landscape photos, the NFF encourages images of people in wilderness. Hikers, runners and equestrians make great subjects!

We encourage you to submit photographs of the Arizona National Scenic Trail in any of the following wilderness areas: Miller Peak, Mt. Wrightson, Rincon Mountain, Pusch Ridge, Superstition, Four Peaks, or Mazatzal.



It's Greek To Me is a proud supporter of the ATA! This outstanding Greek restaurant and tavern, located in Catalina, Arizona, recently catered an Arizona Trail event in Oracle and signed up as a Business Partner at the Juniper level. They offer amazing food and catering services for events of all sizes. Visit them at 15920 North Oracle Road in the Catalina Pointe Shopping Center (amazing views of the Santa Catalina Mountains), or check 'em out [online](#).

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