

# Arizona Trail ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

## The Vision... The Opportunity

**The Vision...** A continuous, 750-mile non-motorized trail across Arizona from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains canyons, communities and people.

**The Opportunity...** The Arizona Trail invites hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists, cross-country skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts to experience Arizona.

Every day work is being done to complete the Arizona Trail. The goal is to complete the trail border-to-border by the end of year 2000.

Most of the Arizona Trail will be located on public lands. An Arizona Trail Management Guide assists public agencies, the Arizona Trail Association, organizations, and citizens in planning, development, management and maintenance of the Arizona Trail.

Trail Stewards – individuals and groups – work to ensure the Trail is well-managed and properly maintained for continued recreational and educational use.

The Arizona Trail Association was created to facilitate the completion of the Arizona Trail in accordance with the vision of the project's founder, the guidelines of the Arizona Trail Partners and wishes of recreational trail users.

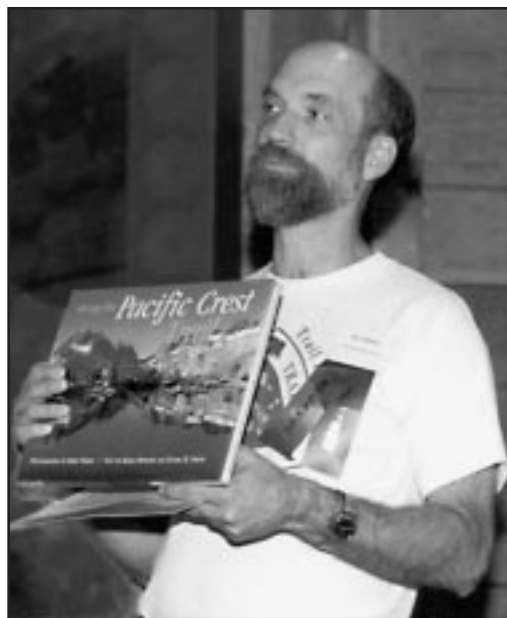
The Association helps promote the Arizona Trail as a unique and outstanding recreational and educational resource within the state of Arizona, and provides opportunities for citizens to become involved in the development, maintenance, use and enjoyment of the Arizona Trail.

## Annual Meeting to Feature National Keynote Speaker

Join us Saturday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the year 2000 ATA Annual Meeting. Arizona Trail Association members from across the state are expected to attend what may be ATA's largest membership meeting. ATA members, agency partners, and trail volunteers are encouraged to invite family members and friends.

The Arizona Trail has been gaining national attention as one of America's most diverse and scenic long-distance trails. To put our vision into a national perspective, ATA has invited Steve Elkinton to speak at this year's Annual Meeting. Steve Elkinton is the Program Leader for the National Trails System, administered by the National Park Service in Washington, D.C.

Elkinton has been with the National Park Service since 1978 and has directed the



Steve Elkinton, Program Leader for the National Trails System, National Park Service

National Trails System Programming since 1989. He has worked on dozens of trail planning and design projects nationwide, and has expressed a great deal of interest in the Arizona Trail.

Joining Steve Elkinton for the Recognition Luncheon will be Pam Gluck, Executive Director of American Trails, and (invited) guests Bob Searns, Director of the Grand Canyon Greenway and U.S. Senator Jon Kyl and U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe.

The Annual Meeting will debut our new 15-minute Arizona Trail video, produced by the Bureau of Land Management National Training Center's Media Production Division. Attendees will be treated to this video preview before it is aired on PBS (Channel 8 KAET's "Wild Arizona").

Attend the Annual Meeting and learn the

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# Message From The Executive Director



**Larry Snead**  
Executive Director Arizona  
Trail Association



Our other major source of income, memberships, also needs our attention. We have grown to the 500-member level but need to continue to add new members. Active members and membership growth is the very heart of the future success of the Arizona Trail Association.

Please consider participating in our current New Member Campaign. Recruit a new member and you will receive a special collector's pin that can only be received by those who recruit a new member. Everyone should be able to recruit at least one new member. I gave gift memberships to my four sons at Christmas and will proudly wear my new pin. More details about this program are in this newsletter.

Be sure to put June 3rd, National Trails Day 2000 on your calendar. All members will want to participate in one of the many events that ATA will be sponsoring statewide during this once in a century celebration. Details to come in this and future newsletters as plans develop.

And, in closing, hope to see you on February 5th at our Annual Meeting. It is going to be an event that you will not want to miss.

I am so very pleased to report to you that we have exceeded our 1999 Fund A Foot campaign goal. Our goal was \$15,000 and to date we have received \$15,280 from 135 supporters. When you add that to the six grants we received in 1999, we have increased our available funds for trail construction and maintenance by nearly \$30,000. Thanks to those who made this benchmark achievement possible.

## ANNUAL MEETING & RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 5, 2000

South Mountain Park, Environmental Education Center  
10409 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

Luncheon \$12.00 per person

***Luncheon Program Will Feature National &  
Regional Trail Leaders***

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Steve Elkinton**, Program Director for National Trails System Planning,  
Washington, D.C.

**Pam Gluck**, Executive Director, American Trails

**Denise Meridith**, Arizona State Director, Bureau of Land Management  
And Other National, Regional, and State Leaders including (invited)

U.S. Congressmen Jon Kyl and Jim Kolbe

Free drawings for door prizes  
of outdoor books and merchandise

**10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

**Annual Meeting, Board Election and**

**Trail Progress Reports by Regional Stewards**

**11:15 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Social Gathering**

**12 noon - 1:45 p.m.**

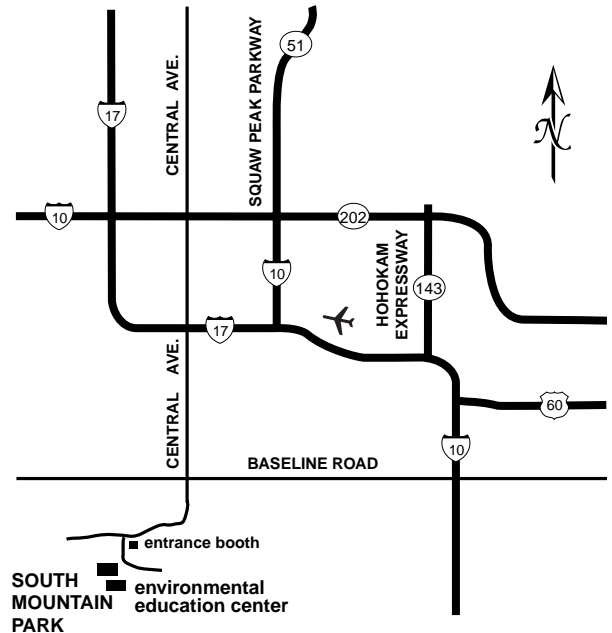
**Luncheon Program**

Members and any interested individuals are invited to the meetings and luncheon.

Members may cast one vote per membership in the Board elections.

Volunteers, Agencies and others will be recognized at the luncheon.

Following the Luncheon Program three Special Events will depart at 2:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to participate. Call 602-252-4794 to reserve a space for the hike or ride of your choice. See back page for events.



**Directions:**

Go south on Central Avenue in Phoenix, which ends at South Mountain Park 1 mile south of Baseline Road. Just after the Park Ranger booth turn left to the newly completed Environmental Education Center. Park in large parking areas north and east of the Center.

# Getting To Know You

## Chuck Horner

### *Trail Volunteer*

Chuck Horner joined the ATA in July 1998, and has since been a dependable volunteer in trail construction and design. He has attended work events from Oracle to Blue Ridge to the Utah border. Chuck is married and has two full grown boys. He has been in Arizona since 1966 and most of his hiking has been backpacking in the Grand Canyon. Chuck is retired from US West Communications and lives at Ventana Lakes in Northwest Peoria. Chuck loves to hike, day or backpacking



and we have noticed the Arizona heat doesn't seem to hold him back.

Besides the work events, Chuck has been working with Merle Parmer in Pinal County. They have been traversing the hills of the Tortilla Mountains and Black Hills passages of the Arizona Trail, flagging the route in preparation for trail construction. Chuck and Merle make it possible for volunteer trail crews to know exactly where to construct new trail across this remote desert terrain. Chuck says he loves working on the Arizona Trail, and considers it a "chance of a lifetime."

## Kelly Tighe

### *Co-author of "On the Arizona Trail"*

Lifetime Member of the ATA, Kelly Tighe's love for the Arizona outback began with the NAU Hiking Club in 1966. She is co-author of the Arizona Trail's first guidebook, *On the Arizona Trail*. Kelly first heard of the Arizona Trail in 1988 when Dale Shewalter spoke at an Audubon Society meeting in Sierra Vista. Five years later Kelly and co-author Susan Moran decided to write the guidebook. What began on a small scale became a five-year passion, as she juggled riding, hiking, and writing about the trail with her job as an RN.

If you have used the guidebook, please let her know of any changes or updates. Kelly would especially like to hear from those who have GPS'd sections of the trail in order to obtain more accurate mileage. She hopes that when the AZT is more complete, she will have the opportunity to write a second trail



guide. Unfortunately for those expecting a revision, there are simply too many changes taking place, that publishing an updated version of the guidebook is not feasible.

Kelly continues to work both as a nurse and writer. Her outdoor stories have appeared in Arizona Highways, Trailblazer, GORP.com and several newspapers. She has recently completed a Hike of The Month feature for Arizona Highways on the Cody Trail segment of the Arizona Trail near Oracle, and is working on another feature on the Trail from Sunnyside Canyon to Parker Canyon Lake.

Kelly lives with her husband Slim, their horses and assorted pets, in Bisbee. They are avid equestrians and hikers who enjoy exploring the beautiful mountains, canyons and deserts of Arizona. Kelly can be reached at ktighe@theriver.com, or P.O. Box 1831, Bisbee, AZ 85603.

## New ATA Tool Trailer

Arizona Trail Segment Steward Dick Walsh reports that the new 5' x 8' steel trailer has arrived in Flagstaff. He is in the process of arranging for the painting of the ATA logo. The trailer looks great and is very well built.

We are looking for someone who would consider taking on the project of organizing/building racks inside the trailer. If you can help, give Dick a call at: (520) 526-8912.

ATA Executive Director Larry Snead has informed us that tools are available for the trailer and will be installed as soon as the interior is finished. Hopefully the trailer will be ready to display at the upcoming annual meeting on February 5th. The trailer and tools will be stationed in Flagstaff and used for Arizona Trail construction and maintenance projects in the northern part of the state.

# Planning Underway for ATA's Strategic Plan

Geri DeMuro, ATA's Board Secretary, has undertaken the task of preparing the Arizona Trail Association's Strategic Plan. This will be the first time the Association has undertaken such a process since it was founded in 1994. This long-range plan will determine the direction of the ATA over the next five-years (2000-2005).

Study Area Committees are currently being formed under the following categories:

1. Organization and Personnel
2. Financial/Fundraising/Foundation
3. Membership/Development, Retention and Programs
4. Communication/Education/Information Management
5. Trail Construction and Maintenance.

The agency Partners across the state will be invited and are strongly encouraged to participate. A representative group of ATA members and others from communities along the Trail will also be contacted in upcoming months to contribute. The Strategic Planning Committee will also be looking to other long-distance trails organizations around the nation for their ideas and recommendations.

As completion of the Trail draws near, the ATA will be reexamining where it will best serve the interests of the Trail and its users. In the past, the ATA's primary goals were the completion of the Arizona Trail. The original goal was to complete the trail in the year 2000. By the end of the year 2000, it is expected that there will be only a few sections that will not meet the original goal (due to federal planning requirements out of ATA's control).

With the goals set in 1994 nearly complete, the ATA Board will also review the Mission Statement and goals for 2000-2005 both before and after research in the Study Areas is complete.

This is a major transition period for the Arizona Trail Association, but also a great opportunity to expand on the exemplary work accomplished by ATA since 1994.

The committee plans to have a preliminary draft of the Strategic Plan available in June of 2000 for review by the Board

## The Arizona Trail Association Mission Statement and Goals adopted in 1994

### Mission Statement

To coordinate the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experience for non-motorized trail users.

### Goals

1. To develop public awareness, education and citizen support for the Arizona Trail
2. To encourage and coordinate management of the Trail project, including planning of the trail route.
3. To fundraise on behalf of the Trail
4. To create an organizational capability to achieve the vision and mission

of Directors, Arizona Trail Partners and volunteers, and expect to adopt the Plan by the end of 2000.

If you are interested in participating in a study area committee or have comments or suggestions for the Strategic Plan and the future of ATA, please contact Geri DeMuro. She can be reached by e-mail at: [azmiz@aol.com](mailto:azmiz@aol.com) or by contacting ATA by phone or mail (see back page for address).

## Cynthia Lovely, ATA's Newest Board Member

As soon as former Arizona Trail Steward, Cynthia Lovely, departed Phoenix and launched into her new position in Flagstaff as the Coconino County Trails Planner in August, 1999, she was looking for ways to keep involved with the Arizona Trail project.

The Board of Directors nominated and unanimously elected her to fill a vacant Board position. Cynthia's knowledge of the Arizona Trail and her excellent relationship with Arizona's public land managers were valuable assets for our organization.

Cynthia's election to the Board of Directors also helps balance statewide representation with an additional member from the northern region.



## ATA News Gets a New Editor

After five years of outstanding service, Phyllis Ralley has retired from the job of *ATA News* editor/graphic artist. Phyllis will now focus her talents on trail mapping and other ATA graphics needs. We thank her for the many wonderful newsletters.

Cynthia Lovely has volunteered to take on the editorship of *ATA News*. She will have the assistance of ATA webmaster (and Kaibab/Grand Canyon Regional Steward), Dawson Henderson, who will become the newsletter's graphic and layout designer. The newsletter operations will now be based out of Flagstaff.

Cynthia and Dawson will continue to publish four newsletters per year, twelve to sixteen pages per issue. Since the *ATA News* is written BY and published FOR the many Arizona Trail enthusiasts, we welcome any comments as to how we can improve the newsletter. We invite our trail volunteers to submit articles and photographs. Deadline is the 15th of every third month. Contact information is located on the back page.

The Fund A Foot campaign, initiated in July, 1999, is designed to *Build A Legacy* to help sustain the future for the Arizona Trail. Arizona Trail supporters have donated funds for nearly three miles of the Arizona Trail, a total of \$15, 280. The following is a list of recent contributors.

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| The All-Around, Wickenburg                | Donald & Carol Ewing, Tucson              | Thomas & Cheryl Musher, Northridge, CA |
| Dan Ayers, Mesa                           | Mark C. Fina, New York, NY                | NCTI, Phoenix                          |
| Babbitt Backcountry Outfitters, Flagstaff | Flying Heart Ranch, Flagstaff             | Thomas D. Nelson, Tucson               |
| Babbitt Ranches, Flagstaff                | John M. Franklin, Tempe                   | James Noel, Glendale                   |
| Peter G. Backus, Tucson                   | Delphine Gallagher, Apache Junction       | Organize It, Flagstaff                 |
| Mr & Mrs Bradford Barnes, Fort Worth, TX  | Howard M. Gerson, Tucson                  | Anna C. Ortiz, Globe                   |
| John C. Barry, Tucson                     | Carl & Shirley Golnik, Scottsdale         | Peter C. Ottosen, Phoenix              |
| Jean Beals, Laveen                        | Donald R. Hall, Tucson                    | Outdoor Adventures, Phoenix            |
| Herbert Bevans, Tucson                    | Virginia & Frederick Hambly, Phoenix      | Rocco M. Paone, Tucson                 |
| Sara Bollman, Scottsdale                  | Franklin W. Hamilton, Tucson              | Tim D. Peterson, Flagstaff             |
| Michel Bowen, New York, NY                | Rory & Donna Hansen, Fountain Hills       | Rich & Nancy Phelps, Tucson            |
| Tamra Bowman, Tucson                      | Elwin A. Harris, Sun City                 | William Platt, Coolidge                |
| Sean & Pat Breen, Parks                   | Jack Hart, Scottsdale                     | Constance & Calvin Rainey, Tucson      |
| Cheryl Brown, Cave Creek                  | David & Kim Henry, Tucson                 | Eric & Marty Rotter, Tucson            |
| Mark & Laurie Butler, Tucson              | John M. Hogan, Santa Fe, NM               | Gene & Cheryl Rutherford, Phoenix      |
| Larry Cesare, Tucson                      | Martin N. Jensen, Tucson                  | Mary Salter, Oracle                    |
| Thom & June Clark, Phoenix                | Nancy Johnson, Mesa                       | Steve Saway, Sierra Vista              |
| Richard E. Corbett & Family, Tucson       | Bruce Johnson, Phoenix                    | Charles Schulz, Carefree               |
| Kent & Kay Corbin, Scottsdale             | C.L. Johnson, Loveland, CO                | Howard Shapiro, Mesa                   |
| Robert P. Cowie, Scottsdale               | Louise Jones, Glendale                    | A. Shaw, El Cajon, CA                  |
| Janice Crebbs, Tucson                     | Arnold H. Kraus, Tucson                   | Dan Shein, Phoenix                     |
| David R. Dabdoub, Nogales                 | Mary Kwart, CA                            | Camille B. Singleton, Tucson           |
| William M. Davis, MD, Tucson              | Lin L. Landgaard, Rio Verde               | Betty Turnstall, Black Canyon City     |
| Wayne Delvin, Wickenburg                  | D.M. Lovitt, Tucson                       | Marie M. Vergata, Tucson               |
| Geri DeMuro, Scottsdale                   | Sheldon J. Mandell, Skokie, IL            | Conrad & Martha Wall, Tucson           |
| William E. Downey, Tucson                 | Marazzi Residence, Tucson                 | Millie Wesley, Cave Creek              |
| Susanne Durling, Fountain Hills           | McCain Studios, Eager                     | Keith Wenkel, Tempe                    |
| Annie & Robert Edmund, Morristown, NJ     | Blair McLaughlin, Scottsdale              | Roy & Barbara Wieghorst, El Cajon, CA  |
| John P. Eivins, Glendale                  | Metro Restaurants, Tucson                 | Tod Yates, Phoenix                     |
| Tim England, Chandler                     | Clark W. Munger, Tucson                   | Jeffrey Zaino, Milford, CT             |
| John Eschinger, Phoenix                   | Mountain Harvest Natural Foods, Flagstaff |  |

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Arizona Trail Association extends a warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the growing number of people from all over the nation, and the world, who are supporting the efforts to build and maintain the Arizona Trail!

**Individual**

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Barbara Bruno      | Phoenix, AZ    |
| Winston Burt       | Conway, MA     |
| Stephanie Chambers | Scottsdale, AZ |
| Leslie Clapp       | Bluehill, ME   |
| Bruce Goodhue      | Ogden, UT      |
| Zane Greene        | Scottsdale, AZ |
| Brock Kimble       | Phoenix, AZ    |
| Helen Shear        | Phoenix, AZ    |
| Jake Schas,        | Redmond, OR    |
| Larry Snead Jr.    | Phoenix, AZ    |
| Alan Timmerman     | Phoenix, AZ    |

**Senior**

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Joseph A. Bradel | Sun City West, AZ |
| Edwin E. Sanders | Mesa, AZ          |

**Family**

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Larry Bans                    | Phoenix, AZ   |
| Paul Eberhardt                | Tolleson, AZ  |
| Solveig & Scott Muus-Chambers | Glendale, AZ  |
| Bill Snead Family             | Glendale, AZ  |
| Dan Snead Family              | Phoenix, AZ   |
| Scott & Sherry Snead          | Phoenix, AZ   |
| Harry Thurston's Saddlery     | Phoenix, AZ   |
| Dr. Thomas & Edith Welty,     | Flagstaff, AZ |

**Trailblazer**

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|------------------------|--------------|
| AZ Mule&Donkey Assoc., |              |
| Trisha Kuhl, President | Chandler, AZ |

***Does your employer have a Matching Funds policy?***



# Reports From The Field

## Segment Stewards' Activities and Upcoming Events



### Kaibab Region

#### Regional Steward Report



*This potential Arizona Trail interim route at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park could connect the Coconino Rim Trail (near the Grandview Fire Tower) to the Grand Canyon Village.*

BLM's Tom Folks and ATA Segment Steward Michael Carr continued their trail construction efforts on the Buckskin Passage. Work events in November focused on the final section of trail which connects the Utah/Arizona trailhead to the existing trail on the Kaibab Plateau. Michael says "We have darn close to half the section of trail up the mountain built, for real. We now have about 13-14 switchbacks/straightaways to go, then a couple of hundred yards to get to where the brushing begins, then another mile or two to connect the ends to the built trail." He predicts that the trail will be finished this summer! Check the Outing calendar this spring.

We thank the **NAU Hiking Club** for their valuable work on November 6-7. A special thanks goes out to John Neff, his son Isaac, and their friend Cedric... those three worked their "tails" off and built some really great trail on the 13-14.

#### Riding the Buckskin Passage

This fall, Janet and Dick Walsh rode the Buckskin passage with Jean and Bill Pearson, Shirley Armstrong as well as our friend Connie Tibbits. They discovered that the trail passed through very beautiful county. The campsite at the Utah border is still under development but is coming along well. The trail is easy to follow but you should consider contacting Segment Steward Mike Carr to find out the status of the several bypasses in use until the passage is complete. The group saw deer and other wildlife and found the whole trip to be a wonderful adventure. One consideration for equestrian riders is the poor condition of Winter Road. If someone was planning a point-to-point, I would recommend they plan on riding their mount down to the House Rock Valley road intersection rather than pulling a trailer up to the Winter Road-AZT intersection. The same goes if you want to ride the next passage south.

### Coconino Rim work trip planned for July

Dick Walsh and Tusayan District Ranger Joel McCurry have scheduled a work party for the weekend of July 1-2. Participants should be able to camp at the Historic Hull Cabin. Janet and Dick will organize the menu and Joel will identify the sections which need the most care. The trip would probably work the area around Russell Tank. Joel would like to have no more than ten volunteers. Look for this trip in the outings calendar.

### Coconino Region

#### Flagstaff Bypass Trail Clean-Up

The first ever organized clean-up on the Arizona Trail was held November 20 just east of Flagstaff. Twenty volunteers helped clean up a section of State Land the Arizona Trail will soon pass through. Trash along this section of the trail included everything from vehicles and car parts (engines, tires, even a camper shell) and the usual assortment of bottles and cans. A large roll-off dumpster and 2 truckbeds full of tires were gathered by the end of the day. ATA would like to thank Brad Geeck of the Arizona State Land Department for coordinating the event and providing the dumpsters, tractor and tools. Thanks also go to John Nelson, Doug Epperly and Chad Condrette of the Forest Service, Peaks District for lending a hand.

The highlight of the clean-up was the outstanding gourmet lunch of hot soup and fresh bread. Lunch was generously provided by Oreganos Restaurant and The Village Baker (in Flagstaff), and prepared by Dick and Janet Walsh. Hopefully once this section of the trail is complete and open for hiking and riding, use of the trail will discourage wildcat dumping. Thanks again to all those that came out to help!

### Attention Trail Crew Leaders

Tell others about your latest trail outing. Write up an article (200 words) describing the event. Take a photo (4 by 6 inch color or B&W print) of your crew in action. Send the article and photo(s) to your Region Steward, who will compile the information into a Regional Report to be published in the *ATA News*. **Next deadline is March 15, 2000!**

#### Region Stewards

- Steve Saway, Coronado Region:  
533 Suffolk Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
- Steve Anderson, Pima Region:  
812 S. Hermosa Hills Place, Tucson, AZ 85710
- Jim Martin, Gila Region:  
9735 E. Vahki Inn Road, Coolidge, AZ 85228
- Eric Smith, Tonto Region:  
4084 N. Tonopah Drive, Prescott, AZ 86314
- Dale Shewalter, Coconino Region:  
10845 N. Linda Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- Dawson Henderson, Kaibab Region:  
8655 N. Roundtree Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001



# Reports From The Field

## Segment Stewards' Activities and Upcoming Events



### Tonto Region

#### Sunflower Trail Maintenance

November 27, 1999 Channing Bowman carried out his Eagle Service Project by doing maintenance on the Sunflower passage. A week earlier Carl Golnik, Channing, and his father walked the trail to identify what work needed to be done and how. Channing is a sophomore at Mesa High, and was joined by 14 other scouts and volunteers. They installed trail signs, mixed concrete, trimmed overgrown vegetation, built water bars, and improved the trail tread. According to Channing, the trail looked a lot nicer, everyone had fun, and no one got hurt.

Thanks to Carl Golnik for his time and help to make this a worthwhile experience. This Eagle Project by Channing Bowman, Team 6594, was sponsored by Dana Ranch Ward, Mesa, AZ

Channing Bowman is a sophomore at Mesa High School. He played on the JV football team, is taking guitar lessons and sings in choir. He likes to ride his skateboard, play golf when he seldom gets a chance and enjoys being with his friends and family.



Front: Carlin Skousen, Steven Kear, Kit Borden, Mitch Borden, Rhett Bowman  
Back: David Ellsworth, Kirt Poulsen, Ty Bowman, Channing Bowman, Carl Golnik, Brad Frazier, Daren Ray, Jerry Waite, Loren Ashby

## Arizona Trail Calendar—Work Projects and Events

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).

#### January 8th and January 16th, 8 AM to 2 PM.

**Contact:** Jason Flesher, REI Special Events Coordinator at 480-967-5928

REI, The Phoenix Zoo and The Arizona Trail Association need your help to build the Zoo's new Desert Wash Trail. The trail will connect the Big Horn Sheep exhibit and Arabian Oryx exhibits.

The Phoenix Zoo will provide breakfast, lunch, drinks and the rare opportunity for you to build an actual zoo exhibit. REI will provide the coordination of the event. ATA will provide tools, leadership and trail building expertise. You will provide the muscles to make it happen! **RSVP is required.**

#### January 25 (Tuesday), 7:00 pm

Flagstaff Arizona Trail Meeting

**Location:** Flagstaff Public Library

**Contact:** Dawson Henderson (520) 774-1571

Joins us for our regular ATA meeting. We will update everyone on the recent fall outings and discuss work events for the upcoming season. Cynthia Lovely will discuss the proposed new trail building projects on the Babitt ranch north of Flagstaff.

ATA provides all tools. Trail work participants should bring work gloves, water, and lunch. It is recommended 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 (unless otherwise noted)

#### March 4 & 5

Trail Maintenance Outing

**Location:** Cottonwood Canyon near Roosevelt Lake

**Contact:** Sally Borg, Trail Steward

Repair and maintenance on the Arizona Trail in the picturesque Cottonwood Canyon riparian area above Roosevelt Lake. Luxury camping grounds courtesy U.S. Forest Service; communal dinner and campfire Saturday night.

This is a *Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona* event. VOA will provide breakfast Saturday and Sunday. We need volunteers with four-wheel transport for short distance shuttles to work areas. Light to moderate work in general. One serious washout and short but tough reroute to accomplish. If you have not been there before, you will discover a very nice but relatively accessible over-night camping destination.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. You can register online at <http://www.dgcenter.org/voa/VOAevents.htm>, via email: [voa@dgcenter.org](mailto:voa@dgcenter.org), or leave a message at 602.522.9127 (arrival time, number in group, days attending.)

**Check our website for current outings and events:**

[www.primenet.com/aztrail/calendar.html](http://www.primenet.com/aztrail/calendar.html)

# Learning to Leave No Trace

You've heard the cliché and others like it; "tread lightly", "give a hoot, don't pollute", "pack it in, pack it out." Sure, you live by these rules when you are camping or on the trail. But are you always doing the right thing? Is there more you could do to lessen your impact? Learning more about the seven principles includes knowing how and why—techniques, alternatives, and the reasoning behind those seven statements.

*Leave No Trace* is a philosophy that has grown from a few classes being taught by the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming to a nationally accepted ethic being taught and endorsed by land management agencies, businesses and certified trainers.

Scientists have been researching the impacts of recreational users, and much of the philosophy is based on this ongoing research.

Last year, Leave No Trace Inc. launched the Train the Trainer Program, sponsored by Subaru. You may have seen a sporty Subaru driving from trailhead to trailhead this year, carrying mountain bikes and adorned with the Leave No Trace logos. That was Matt & Megan, whom several ATA members had the pleasure of meeting this past Fall.

## LNT Principles:

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

In November and December, training classes were offered here in Arizona to teach recreationists more about how to have a minimum impact on the land. Some of the training offered went a step above, and taught how to teach others to Leave No Trace (Train the Trainer Course). December 11 the Traveling Trainers (Matt Arnold & Megan Reville-Lovell) visited Flagstaff to assist trainers in spreading the gospel of Leave No Trace.

Look for future workshops on Leave No Trace, here in the calendar and on the ATA website. ATA is working on scheduling training for ATA members, and would like to hear from those that are interested in attending (call or e-mail ATA). All Arizona Trail volunteers and trail users are encouraged to learn more

about how to Leave No Trace.

For more information, check the website: [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org). You may also want to look for the book "Soft Paths: How to Enjoy the Wilderness without Harming It", 1988 by Bruce Hampton and David Cole, published by NOLS.

## Countdown to National Trails Day 2000!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3. The ATA is planning to celebrate National Trails Day along the length of the Arizona Trail on June 3rd.

While still in the planning stages, here is an idea what you can expect... and we expect you all to take part!

We would like to see every passage of the trail being hiked or ridden on or before National Trails Day.

We would like all ATA members, volunteers, trail users, and families to join us in one of several locations across the state to celebrate the Arizona Trail together.

Look for these grande fiestas in Arizona Trail gateway communities like Oracle and Flagstaff. We will keep you posted as plans progress. In the meantime, check the ATA website for updates. If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact Terry Sario ([tsario@juno.com](mailto:tsario@juno.com)).

## 15th National Trail Symposium

The 15th National Trails Symposium will take place September 21-24 in Redding, California. The theme for this event will be "Trail & the American Spirit, 2000 & Beyond." For more information contact American Trails, P.O. box 11046, Prescott, AZ 86304 or visit their website: [www.outdoorlink.com/amtrails](http://www.outdoorlink.com/amtrails).

## Trailcraft—the McLeod

This new column is devoted to the details of trail building... the tools and techniques of constructing a safe and durable trail. We will start this series with the **McLeod**.

The McLeod is a useful and widely used hand tool for trail building and maintenance. It was designed originally to help in fighting forest fires.

The McLeod has a long handle with a large flat metal head. One side of the head has a long sharp edge that's good for chopping back into hill-sides while widening trails. The other side has a row of large teeth like a heavy-duty rake. Use this side to move small rocks or loose organic matter off the trail.



**SAFETY TIPS:** While working, don't get too close to your fellow trail-builder. Give everyone plenty of "swinging" room. If you have to walk by, let them know, with a "passing through," before you hike by. When you set a McLeod aside to pick up another tool, make sure you place it off the trail and with the teeth facing downward.





# Walnut Canyon Passage

Marshall Lake to Interstate 40 (Cosnino)



## General Information

This section of the Arizona Trail (starting at the Cosnino bypass) traverses across a pinyon-juniper short grass prairie, down and up a drainage of Walnut Canyon, through ponderosa pine forests, down into Walnut Canyon, back up and across Anderson Mesa to Marshall Lake. Good views of the San Francisco Peaks and plentiful wildlife watching opportunities abound on this trail. Herds of elk, mule deer and even pronghorn antelope (especially on the section from Walnut Canyon Rd. to Cosnino bypass) are common. A side trip to the Sinaguan cliff dwellings at Walnut Canyon National Monument is a must!

**Location:** East and south of Flagstaff.

**Length:** The trail is approximately 16.5 miles. Cosnino bypass to FR 303 trailhead—3.9 miles, FR 303 trailhead to Fisher Point—6.5 miles, Fisher Point to Marshall Lake—6.1 miles.

**Difficulty Rating:** Moderate

**Recommended Seasons of Use:** April through November. Winter can be a delightful experience as access to the trailheads is easy if snowfall is not too heavy.

### Access:

**Forest Road 303 Trailhead:** Travel four miles east from Flagstaff on I-40 to Walnut Canyon National Monument access road, Exit 204. Turn right (south) and travel approximately 2.5 miles to FR 303. Turn right (west) on FR 303 (there is a sign reading “Arizona Trail parking area 1.7 miles” just before the turn off) and drive about 1.7 miles to the trailhead parking area, which is marked by a large parking area and wooden fence.

This trailhead can also be accessed from the Country Club/Continental neighborhood. The trailhead is three miles southeast (dirt road) from the junction of Country Club Road and Old Walnut Canyon Road (FR 303).

**Fisher Point:** Best access to the Fisher Point end of the trail is via Sandy's Canyon Trailhead. Drive southeast out of Flagstaff 6 miles on Lake Mary Road (Forest Highway 3). Just past the second cattle guard turn north (left) to the trailhead.

**Marshall Lake Trailhead:** Continue past Sandy's Canyon turnoff 9.2 miles to the FR 128 intersection. Turn left on FR 128 and drive 2.2 miles to the Marshall Lake trailhead.

## Resources

Maps: Flagstaff East (USGS Topo)

### For more information, contact:

Mormon Lake Ranger District, 4825 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (520) 774-1147

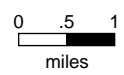
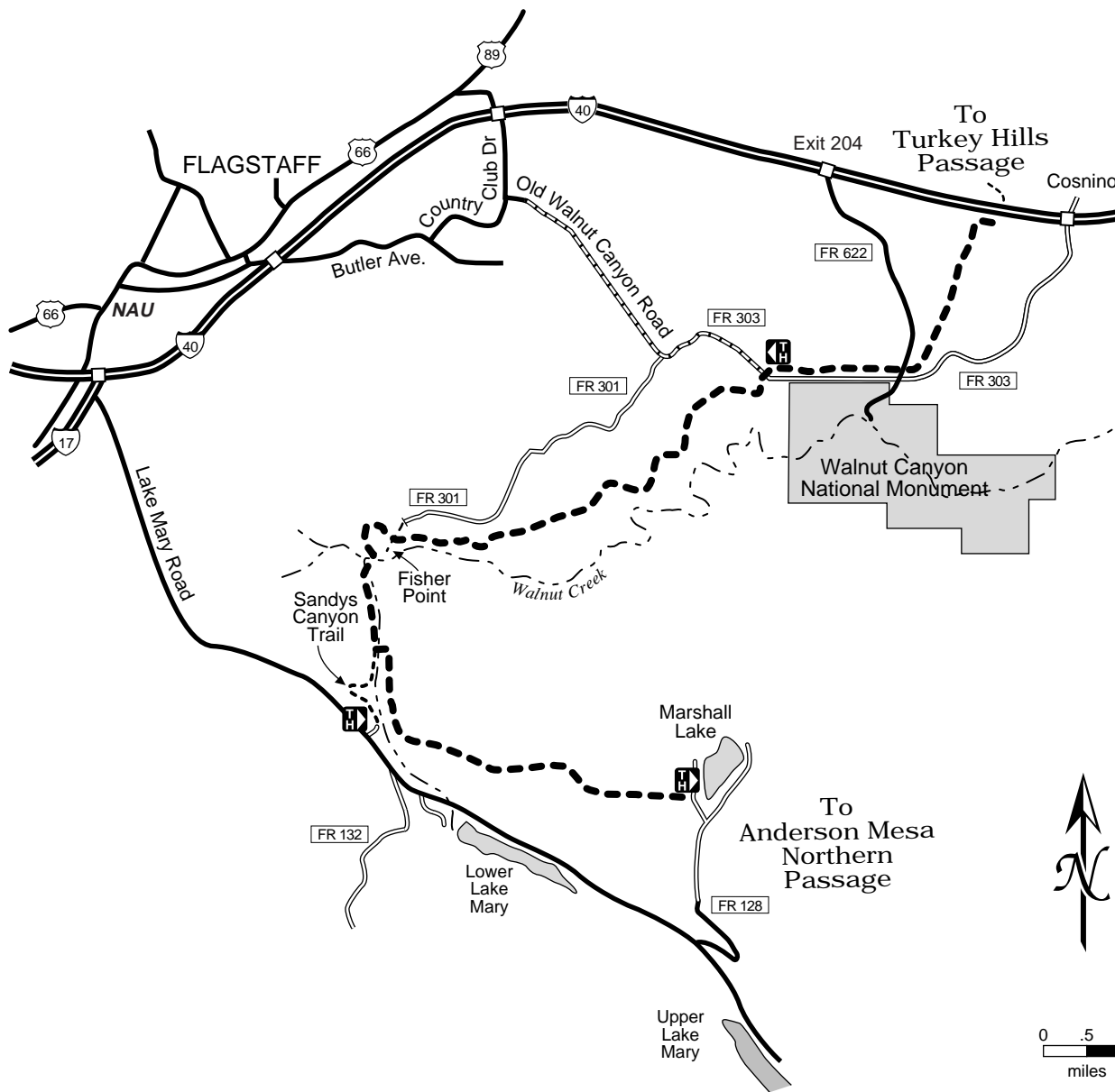
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This passage sheet is intended only as an informational document to introduce you to the many recreational opportunities provided by the Arizona Trail. Always refer to the appropriate Forest Service or topographic map before planning any outing on the Arizona Trail; do not rely on the information provided in this passage sheet alone. The Arizona Trail Association is not responsible for any personal injury, damage to property, or any violation of the law which may occur in connection with the use of this document. Please respect the rights of private landowners and permittees, observe all applicable rules and regulations, and always be prepared to encounter the worst that nature has to offer on the Arizona Trail.

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Marshall Lake to Interstate 40 (Cosnino)



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



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*"On the Arizona Trail: A Guide for Hikers, Cyclists, and Equestrians"* by Kelly Tighe and Susan Moran, Pruett Publishers \_\_\_\_\_ x 19.95+\$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to volunteer in any of the following ways?

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- Distribute Trail and event information in your area
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- Recruit additional volunteers
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*Winter sunlight creates dramatic shadows on the contemporary Architecture at South Mountain Park's Environmental Education Center, location for the ATA members meeting and recognition luncheon.*

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Arizona Trail and Association's accomplishments, status, and future direction. Volunteers will be recognized at the luncheon for their outstanding contributions to the development of the trail.

Following the Luncheon Program three Special Events will depart at 2:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to participate. Call 602-252-4794 to reserve a space for the hike or ride of your choice:

**Hike to South Mountain Petroglyphs** - 40 minutes round trip, easy/moderate difficulty. Hiking Leader: Rick Shafer, City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department.

**Mountain Bike Ride in Pima Canyon** - 1 hour, easy/moderate difficulty. (Bring your own bike.) Bike Ride Leader: Anna Pfender, Mountain Bike Association of Arizona

**Horseback Ride in South Mountain Park** - 1-2 hours round trip, easy/moderate difficulty. (Bring your own horse or rent one.) Equestrian Leaders: Shirley Armstrong, Dick & Janet Walsh, ATA, and Bob Burnett, City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department.

**NOTE:** In case of inclement weather, hikes and rides will cancel. Those wishing to see the Park on horseback can bring their own horses or rent a horse from the adjacent stables for a 1-1/2 hour ride.



*Kim Menning, videographer for the BLM National Training Center, has her camera focused on ATA member Bill Watson in an interview for the Arizona Trail Video. Bill recently hike the AT from border to border.*

Look for your invitation in the mail, or in this newsletter. Make your reservations early, space is limited to 150 people!