



**Name of Trail Loop:** Roosevelt Lake Loops

**Passage And Location:** Superstition Wilderness Passage 19; Roosevelt Lake

**Length Of Loop Trail:** Thompson Trail Loop 3.7 miles  
Cottonwood Trail Roosevelt Lake Loop 6.3 miles  
Cottonwood Trail - FR83 - AZ 188 (Bike) Loop 13.4 miles

**Loop Trail Description:**

**Thompson Trail Loop** Follow Carlson and Stewart's Trip #9 description. Return east on AZ 188 1.2 miles to starting point, which is not safe for horses. Generally, this uses AZ 188, Fraiser TH Connector Trail, Arizona Trail and Cemetary TH Connector Trail.

**Cottonwood Trail Roosevelt Lake Loop (no ATA Map)** Follow Carlson and Stewart's Trip #10 description. Return east on AZ 188 for 2.1 miles to starting point, which is not safe for horses.

**Cottonwood Trail - FR83 - AZ 188 (Bike Loop)** Follow Carlson and Stewart's Trip #11 description. Return west on AZ 188 3.6 miles to starting point. Generally, this uses AZ 188, FR 83, Arizona Trail, and the Fraiser TH Connector Trail.

**Recommended Seasons Of Use:** Spring, Fall, Winter

**Elevation Start:** Thompson Trail Loop 2220'  
Cottonwood Trail Roosevelt Lake Loop 2206'  
Cottonwood Trail - FR83 - AZ 188 (Bike) Loop 2206'

**Elevation Gain/Loss:** Thompson Trail Loop 780'  
Cottonwood Trail Roosevelt Lake Loop 1100'  
Cottonwood Trail - FR83 - AZ 188 (Bike Loop) 1947'

**Access Points:** Carlson and Stewart provide good directions to the Roosevelt Cemetery and the Frazier Trailheads which are 27 and 26 miles from Globe on AZ 188. A route going north from Phoenix is AZ 87 to AZ 188, and then travel through Punkin Center southeast to the Roosevelt Lake trailheads.

**Water:** Probable water is in Cottonwood Spring/Creek and at junction of Thompson Trail and Cottonwood Creek. Sometimes there is water in a tank just before reaching AZ 188 on the Thompson Trail Loop. For up to date details on water sources please visit the Arizona Trail Water sources at <https://aztrail.org/explore/water-sources/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/> which has user comments about the status of water sources.

**Notes:** Carlson and Stewart recommend that horse not use AZ 188 since it is narrow. Hikers should face traffic and hike off the pavement. Bikers need to use care since traffic is fast. For specific turn by turn information on the Arizona Trail visit the Arizona Trail databook <https://aztrail.org/explore/databooks/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/>

**Additional Sources:** Carlson, Jack and Elizabeth Stewart. 2010. Superstition Wilderness Trails East. Hikes, Horse Rides, and History. Trips #9, 10, and 11.

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