

# Arizona Trail ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

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## Picketpost Trailhead Receives Large Heritage Fund Grant

In early October, 2001, the Arizona Trail Association received the exciting news that the Tonto National Forest application for an Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund grant had achieved one of the top two scores in the state. The grant for \$44,878 was awarded during a special presentation at the site of the trailhead on Friday, November 2, 2001.

The Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office and the Globe Ranger District worked diligently with a number of other partners involved in the project to prepare and submit the award-winning application. The Arizona Trail Association, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and the Arizona Department of Transportation contributed to the project through their contributions of labor, materials, and volunteer assistance.

Picketpost Trailhead is located on Highway 60 along the route of the Arizona Trail leading into the Superstition Mountains near the town of Superior. It is also less than two miles from the world-renowned Boyce Thompson Arboretum. This trailhead will be one of the largest, most fully-developed trailheads along the route of the Arizona Trail because of its anticipated popularity and close proximity to the large metropolitan Phoenix area.

Tonto National Forest landscape architect, Kim Vander Hoek, and Globe Ranger District recreational trails specialist, Connie



Displaying an architect's rendering of plans for the new Picketpost Trailhead, and a large presentation check are, left to right, Brent Botts and Tom Klabunde, USDA Forest Service, Jan Hancock, ATA, and Robert Baldwin, Arizona State Parks. Photo by Jim Payne.

Lane, planned and designed an outstanding facility that will include approximately 30 vehicle parking spaces and special equestrian areas for parking horse trailers. The road into the

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## Grand Canyon North Rim Trail Connection Completed



Group picture at the big switchback. Front row: Kurt Speers, NPS, Merle Parmer, ATA, Marco Virginillo, Italy, Ines Wiehle, Germany, Sonnur Babayigit, Turkey, Scott Elliott, USA, Nicay Read, England, and Osman Okan, Turkey. Standing: Chuck Horner, ATA, Diane Maraval, France, Christine Greiner, Germany, Shunsuke Sato, Japan, Matteu Vergnot, France, Shinjiro Sanada, Japan, Arend Boekhoff, Germany, and Kevin Cockery, NPS.

For the second year in a row, ATA volunteer trail crew leaders Chuck Horner and Merle Parmer worked with Grand Canyon National Park Service personnel and an energetic and talented group of 14 international college students from the Council for International Education to complete the section of the Arizona Trail from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to the Kaibab National Forest boundary line.

This is a distance slightly more than 11 miles, and it has taken two years of very hard work in the good weather summer months of 2000 and 2001 to complete this significant portion of the Arizona Trail.

The Grand Canyon international student work camp ran for three weeks from August 20 to September 7, 2001. Scott Elliot from New York was the U.S. member and leader of the student group. Park Ranger Kurt Speers was the National Park Service coordinator of the work camp, and he was assisted by Kevin Cockery, Jeff Martinelli, Lindy Russell, Amy Brees and Tony Holiday.

On weekends the international students were treated to special

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## ***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.

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## **President's Pride**

by Jan Hancock



At this time in our nation we are reminded of the things we cherish the most. Those things we hold dearly and the daily reminders of our vulnerability cause all of us to look deeply into our own lives for meaning.

Every day, as our work and other responsibilities in our lives continue in spite of the national and international demands on our minds, we know we must find the ways to be strong and carry on.

And carry on you have. How proud I am of the wonderful, dedicated and committed men, women, and youth who have stayed focused on doing something positive for their nation, our state, our citizens, their friends and families, and themselves. In spite of the daily disruption in the lives of all of our volunteers, they continue to

show up for meetings, meet with each other at trail work events, and lean shoulder-to-shoulder in meeting the myriad of responsibilities that keep our organization alive and well.

There is no better personification of what is good in America than the work of our volunteers. Projects like the Arizona Trail could never happen without the thousands of volunteers who bring their talents, willing hands, and strong commitments to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our project is recognized by national agencies, the news media, and elected leaders as one of the most successful trail efforts in America because we have moved so quickly to accomplish so much. Nearly 700 miles of the approximately 800 miles of our trail project are already open for public use. We have moved steadily forward, without fail, and it's all because of the unwavering financial and volunteer support of people...like you.

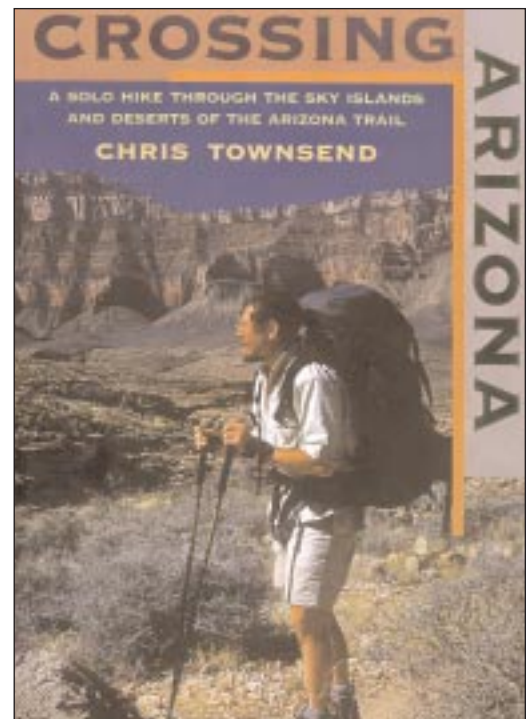
## **New Book on the Arizona Trail to be Released**

A fantastic new book, *Crossing Arizona*, is being published and released in the next few months that is a must-read for anyone who wants to experience the extraordinary journey of author Chris Townsend on the Arizona Trail.

Hiking alone over the course of two months, Townsend shares his story of the profound solitude and unparalleled beauty he encountered on his end-to-end hike of the Arizona Trail. The author resides in Scotland and has also hiked the Pacific Crest Trail, the Continental Divide Trail, and has completed end-to-end hikes in the Yukon Territory and the Canadian Rockies. He is the author of fourteen other books on hiking, including *The Backpacker's Handbook* and *Walking the Yukon: A Solo Trek through the Land of Beyond*.

Townsend wrote a fascinating and inspiring article on the Arizona Trail last year for TGO (The Great Outdoors) Magazine, a European publication, that sparked tremendous interest in the Arizona Trail from people living in Great Britain, Germany, France and Scandinavia.

*Crossing Arizona* has maps and photographs of Townsend's hike and would be an excellent companion resource for anyone considering either a short or extended experience along the route of the Arizona Trail. The book's locator ISBN # is 0-88150-507-2. His book is being



published by The Countryman Press in Woodstock, Vermont, and is scheduled to be located at bookstores throughout America, as well as the Internet bookstore sites, in January 2002. The ATA will also offer the book for sale at the beginning of next year. The suggested retail price will be approximately \$17.95.

# Agency Partners and Corporate Sponsors Continue Their Support

The ATA has recently received significant financial support from two of our most significant land management agencies, the Bureau of Land Management and Arizona State Parks. Both of these agencies have contributed \$10,000 to help offset the thousands of dollars of expenses for trail equipment, planning, archeological research, environmental assessments, and other trail work that must be done. These land managers are investing in the future of the Arizona Trail, and they have provided funding to the Arizona Trail project every year since our Association was formed in 1994. The ATA would like to send a special message of appreciation to these two agencies for their continued commitment to support our award-winning project.

Corporate sponsors have been no less committed as well. Over the past two months the ATA has received a total of \$9,500 in additional financial support from American Express, Dupont,

Gallagher & Kennedy, a Phoenix law firm, Southwest Gas, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. When you look at this list of corporate supporters it is impressive to see the diversity of organizations that value the environmental and recreational attributes of the Arizona Trail, and the special quality-of-life the Trail brings to Arizona citizens and visitors from around the nation and the world.

Many of these recent contributions were secured through the quality financial planning program that has been implemented by the ATA's new Director of Development, Carolyn Allen. Through her efforts, our organization has reached out into the business community to share the story of our project and the work we are doing to complete the Arizona Trail. The ATA would like to thank these outstanding corporate sponsors for their financial commitment to our program of work.

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*Several of the international volunteer students working on tread.  
Photo by Merle Parmer.*

tours of Zion National Park and Lake Powell to give them an opportunity to see some of these special landmarks in America. The students came from around the world, including France, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Japan, and many more European and Far Eastern nations. At the end of their three weeks of volunteer trail building work they actually had the energy to experience a special transcanyon hike, from the North Rim to the South Rim, which they all enjoyed tremendously.

With this work the Arizona Trail is now open for use to all non-motorized trail users at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, including equestrians, mountain bicyclists and cross country skiers or snowshoers. The route is extremely scenic with vast open meadows, shady trail areas through magnificent conifer forests, and beautiful vistas of the Grand Canyon near the North Rim.

Wildlife abounds along this route of the Arizona Trail, and trail users will undoubtedly see many wild turkey, deer, and other birds and animals native to the higher elevations in northern Arizona because they are protected within the boundaries of Grand Canyon National Park.

The Arizona State Horsemen's Association (ASHA) has requested to be the Segment Stewards for this newly completed section of the Arizona Trail. The president of ASHA and a number of ASHA and ATA board members and their families conducted a special celebration for the international students the Saturday evening before Labor Day, which included a campfire dinner, horseback rides, commemorative ATA awards, and western entertainment. The students said this was a highlight of their visit and they all had their pictures taken while riding on their horses.

As soon as the final few miles of the Arizona Trail just north of the Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park boundary line are completed, the entire route of the Arizona Trail from the Utah border to the Colorado River will be complete.

## ATA in the News Nationally

Several major magazines featured articles on the Arizona Trail during October and November, which created a lot of interest in the trail nationally. The Arizona Office of Tourism has been actively promoting the Arizona Trail as one of the state's best destinations for a unique outdoor adventure and recently produced a full-color feature "advertorial" on the Arizona Trail in Men's Journal magazine. Trail Runner magazine had a special feature article featuring Brian Stark, a Tucson resident, who recently completed a 39-day rigorous border-to-border adventure running the entire length of the Arizona Trail.



## 20 Graduate from Fall Season Trails Training Workshop

An important part of the Arizona Trail Association's responsibilities is the training of volunteers who want to become Segment Stewards or more knowledgeable participants in trail construction and maintenance work on the Arizona Trail.

Each year the Association conducts workshops at various locations around the state to provide the opportunity to learn the best way to play and lay out a trail route, and how to construct a trail so it is easy to maintain and does not become as susceptible to soil erosion and other environmental damage.

The workshop recently held in Flagstaff at the Coconino County Fairgrounds, on September 29 and 30, 2001, was organized and hosted by the ATA in partnership with the Coconino National Forest and Coconino County Parks and Recreation Department. Twenty students from central and northern Arizona attended the workshop, and all received outstanding evaluations from the workshop instructors, Cynthia Lovely, Brian Poturalski, and Geoffrey Gross. ATA Director of Trail Operations, John Neeling, and the founder of the Arizona Trail, Dale Shewalter, presented graduate certificates to the participants at the close of the workshop sessions.

Funding for the ATA training workshops was provided through a special grant from the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and



Receiving congratulations on his graduation from the Trail Construction and Maintenance Workshop, is (right) Rick Obermiller. Workshop instructors are, from left, Brian Poturalski, USDA Forest Service; Cynthia Lovely and Geoffrey Gross, Coconino County Parks and Recreation.

Conservation Assistance Program. Joe Winfield, Tucson, a landscape architect and one of two RTCA representatives in Arizona, assisted the ATA in applying for the training workshop grants.

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trailhead will also be widened and improved in the first phase of construction. Restroom facilities and mountain bicycle accommodations are included in phase one, and future shade ramadas, a trailhead host site, and an interpretive area will be added as the funding becomes available.

The National Endowment for the Arts, in Washington, D.C., awarded a \$9,000 grant to the Arizona Trail Association for Picketpost Trailhead in September, 2001, to incorporate artists' competition for the design of the special interpretive area. The Arizona Trail became eligible to apply for this partnership grant when it was named Arizona's Millennium Legacy Trail. Planning on this area of the project will take place simultaneously with the development of the trailhead, which is scheduled to begin in early 2002.

The Trails Heritage Fund provided additional monies for the construction of the Reavis Canyon Passage of the Arizona Trail. This passage is located near the base of the Superstition Mountains. Several miles of the trail route will be moved from an existing two-track road to a new single-track trail and improved route location.

The Heritage Fund monies are awarded by Arizona State Parks from funds received through Arizona Lottery proceeds. More than \$800,000 in Heritage Fund grants have been matched by our Federal, county, and municipal land management partners for the



Trailhead ceremonies drew a large number of dignitaries, including Doug Nick, District Director from Congressman J.D. Hayworth's office, and a large number of Forest Service representatives, including Brent Botts, the Assistant Director of the Southwest Region from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Shown left to right are: Doug Nick, Tom Klabunde, Hank Nesbit, Jan Hancock, Quentin Johnson, Kim Vander Hoek, Connie Lane, Brent Botts, and Robert Baldwin. Photo by Jim Payne.

development of the Arizona Trail over the past eight years. These significant partnership grants have been the primary source of funds used to build many miles of the Arizona Trail and accompanying trailhead improvements.

# Thank You Renewal Members!

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## WHY *by Jake Schas*

Why hike the Arizona Trail? That is exactly what I was thinking as my plane circled the airport in Tucson. The flight path brought the southern part of the trail into view. What a brown, desolate sight before me! Not unlike the desert hills east of my central Oregon home.

I could pick out the Santa Rita Mountains, the Rincon Mountains and the more massive Santa Catalinas Mountains. I could not make out the exact route the trail would take, but could work out a general route. "How can I hike through, over or around these areas?" I asked myself. Boy-oh-boy! A better question would be, "Why do I want to hike them?"

That question I'd ask myself more than once during my summer of hiking, hiking that would end in Canada, late in September. Not that I would go to Canada from Arizona; no, I had a far grander idea in mind. For if or when I reached Utah, I would find my way to the California/Mexico border. Here I would follow the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) 2600 miles to Canada. So, in the long hike of things, the 800- mile Arizona Trail was a warm-up.

Why hike a long trail? This question is best answered by each hiker himself. I was asked "Why?" a number of times. I will try to answer that question as best I can.

This would not be my first try at a long hike or adventure. Nineteen ninety-eight found me completing 1600 miles of the PCT. Between 1983 and 1990 I completed four or five 1000-2000 mile bike rides. These extended adventures behind me, I came to look forward to the continuity of a long trip. My body and more- so my mind, looked forward to a really long hike: Moving on each day



with many more days or months ahead. The seeing; the going; days on end of hiking the great outdoors-these experiences were on my mind.

Now don't get me wrong. Every day of a hike is not all a bed of roses. I have walked a day or two in a crabby haze: muddled through days in which I knew the trail was out to get me. There were dark days when I hated the trail and all the darn trail life. A hiker must just accept the bad days and persevere, knowing that weeks or months of awesome trail life generally follow most bad days. Hiking hour after hour is what a long hike is all about.

This type of hiking is a means to an end; it eventually becomes so second-nature, a long hiker pretty much doesn't think about the "monotony" of actual walking. The actual walking becomes like the air around you. You know the air is there, but really don't think about breathing it in. One just does it.

Even though walking is a large part of trail life, there is more. Everything else that occurs while on the trail is extra, the "good stuff". This good stuff is the meat and potatoes of a long hike. This good stuff can be man-made or natural. Not all of the good stuff is known or looked forward to; nor is one aspect of trail life better or worse than another.

A roadrunner with a lizard in its lips, an F-14 zipping along at ridge level, seeing a bear track in the mud or having an unknown creature enter your camp-all of these are a part of the good stuff of trail life, and they are what draw me to the long hike.

*to be continued in the Winter Newsletter...*

# FIELD REPORTS

## Changes to Our Steward Line-up

Regional and Segment Stewards perform a crucial and demanding service. So it is with reluctance that we announce these resignations. Farewell to . . .

- **Mary Blasing**, contact person for Walnut Canyon National Monument, which serves as steward for the Walnut Canyon segment in northern Arizona. Mary began her career with the National Park Service in 1991 and is now serving as District Ranger for Wupatki National Monument.
- **Gerald Horton**, contact person for the Sun City Sportsman's Association, which serves as steward for the Highline/Pine to Geronimo segment in northern Arizona. Jerry began his volunteer service with the ATA after retiring from a career with the National Forest Service.
- **Tony Viviano**, steward for the remote, rugged Mazatzal segment in central Arizona. Tony lives in Peoria, where he owns a business. He has graciously offered to continue serving in an advisory capacity.

Our thanks and best wishes to each of you!

We have also gained the services of other individuals. Welcome to . . .

- **William Drabkin**, contact person for the Youth Corps of Southern Arizona, which has recently assumed stewardship of the Catalina Mountain segment. The Youth Corps is "an Arizona non-profit organization dedicated to building communities and transforming young people's lives." William, who lives in Tucson, serves as its director.
- **Mark Flint**, contact person for the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bike Club, which serves as steward for the planned Rincon Valley segment in southern Arizona. Mark, a free-lance writer for employee newsletters, has an extensive background in trail building: while living in Oregon, he assisted the BLM (as a volunteer) in the establishment of a network of trail systems.
- **John Portillo**, District Ranger and contact person for Walnut Canyon National Monument, which serves as steward for the Walnut Canyon segment in northern Arizona. John began his career with the National Park Service as a volunteer and became a ranger in 1991.

Thank you for joining our cadre of dedicated stewards!

## Tonto National Forest

by Danny Rupert

As I write this article it is 113 degrees outside. I daydream of the high country and cool weather, but it just seems too far away. Cooler weather is on the way though, and with it will come work events on the section of the Arizona Trail that the Palo Verde charter of the Sierra Club are stewards of.

Last November, Tom Lazelle and myself headed up to "our" section of the trail, looking forward to a weekend of trail work in the cool pine forests close to Pine, Arizona. Instead, we were greeted with several inches of snow, and a trail too wet and sloppy to even walk on, much less do any work upon.

When we went back in December, the weather was beautiful. The section of trail that we maintain is very close to Pine, Arizona. It is located in the Tonto National Forest, close to Camp Geronimo. There are three trail maintenance outings scheduled for this fall. Please see the events section for dates

and details. All interested persons are encouraged to participate. No prior trail building/maintenance experience is required, and all tools are provided. This is a very pretty area, and there is always time for hiking, relaxing, and a leisurely lunch. I hope you can join us!

## Coronado National Forest

by Steve Wood

Steve Wood traveled to Vancouver, Washington in October to attend a 'Guide to Impact of Non-Motorized Trail Use' workshop presented by Don Weir and also a 'Healthy Trails, Healthy People' conference sponsored by the Washington State Trails Coalition. Steve expresses 'big, big thanks' to Mark Flint, the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bike Club, the Pima Trail Association, and his employer, the American Red Cross, for helping make his participation in these workshops possible.

Steve also adds, "I've got some major kudos to give out for the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists here in Tucson. They are my main source of labor and recently donated 8 Macleods and 4 Pulaskis to give me a tool kit for work parties on the Santa Rita Passage segment."

## Buckskin Mtn Passage

Michael Carr sent this short note from his hike as he monitored his trail segment:

"I walked 17 miles down from Highway 89 A south to Forest Road 241 Saturday and then back yesterday. There are some stretches that are washed out and gullied. Lotsa deer and little birdies running around upside down on the bark of the trees."

## Blue Ridge Passage

by Larry Snead

Blue Ridge Passage Segment Steward, Larry Snead, and US Forest Service Blue Ridge Ranger Recreation Staff Officer Trish Callaghan hosted a very enthusiastic and energetic crew of 14 volunteers for a four-day work event held on June 7-10, 2001. We focused our attention on a problem area identified to us by the Sheilamonsters (Andrea Langford and Beth Overton) when they rode their mountain bikes on this passage during their trip from Utah to Mexico last fall.

It seems that a lot of thorny wild rose and honeysuckle plants had encroached on the Arizona Trail for close to two miles between the Blue Ridge Campground and the top of the

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*Anna Pfender, MBAA, works to improve the trail for Mountain Bikers and other trail users as well.*

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*Helen Hill, ATA Volunteer on many fronts at the Blue Ridge work event.*



*World famous Arizona Trail volunteer Chuck Horner at the Blue Ridge work event.*

ridge. They were really thick. Louie Coor looked at it and said it will take two weeks to get it completely brushed out.

But with the hard work of Dan Shein, Louie Coor, Helen Hill, John McEldowney, Chuck Horner, David Klein, and Tim McCue along with Anna Pfender, Brian Antol, Tiffanie Rich, Don Miller, John Fitzer and Sean Aske from the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA), we not only got all the thorny bushes out but also greatly improved the condition of the trail tread.

The MBAA crew worked on creating mountain biker user-friendly water bars as well as removing a lot of the hazardous rocks in the trail. Dan Shein and Chuck Horner focused their attention on improving the trail tread along with better trail water management. We had totally lost the first few hundred yards of the trail south of the Blue Ridge Campground. Chuck spent the better part of one day rebuilding that section of the trail.

And on Saturday evening, as promised, Larry Snead prepared two dutch ovens full of his special beer biscuits and served them with “real butter” and honey.

Every one had a great “cool” time and we got a lot of work done. Thanks to all.

### Sunflower/Saddle Mountain Passage

by Carl Golnik and Denny and Marie Haywood

If you closed your eyes, you could hear the drone of engines racing by and imagine sitting near the pit crew at Phoenix International Raceway. Now that doesn't sound much like the usual backdrop for the annual REI Service Project, November 10-11, but it does explain the purpose. Over 100 volunteers, organized by REI and ATA, gathered near Sunflower to move the Arizona Trail away from an ATV recreation area.

The Arizona Trail currently follows U.S. Forest Service Road 22, called the Bushnell Tanks road, for about two miles. This road is a favorite recreation spot for ATV and dirt bike enthusiasts. A realignment called for construction of trail to bypass the area about mid-slope up on a mountain that parallels FR 22. The new trail follows an equal elevation contour, high above the valley, giving scenic vistas of the riparian area below and beautiful mountain grasslands in the distance.

Because much of the new trail was constructed along a steep cross-slope, crews used numerous rock walls and technical construction methods to stabilize the trail. Sixteen crews of 6-8 persons each completed 20, 100-foot sections of the trail on Saturday and Sunday.

Needless to say, the supper provided by REI, and the campfire provided by the U.S. Forest Service on Saturday evening was a much needed and welcome reward for some very tired and sore muscles. Paul Reinshagen led the raffle of two wonderful backpacks and several REI hats, compliments of REI.

As trail stewards, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the incredibly hard working volunteers, the staff of REI, Apache County Search and Rescue, and James Munoz and Roy Hirt of the



*If you've ever wondered where to meet some of America's most vibrant, patriotic young adults, come out to participate in an Arizona Trail work event! Shown here are some of the more than 100 volunteers who were hard at work for two days at the special REI-sponsored trail building event near Sunflower, located just north of Phoenix.*

*Photo by Larry Snead.*

U.S.F.S. Special thanks go to Michael Baker for organizing the trail sections and crews, and Larry Snead for recruiting crew leaders and coordinating Sunday's breakfast. And for the leadership, construction know-how and willing work we are in debt to the crew leaders: Michael Baker, Tom Colson, Helen Hill, Chuck Horner, Jack Janus, Jim Knott, Lee Milne, Allen Murawski, Jeff Pappas, Merle Parmer, Cindy Peck, Larry Snead, Eric Smith, Mike Snodgrass, Kent Taylor, and Heath Therrien. At day's end, there was a deep sense of reward in watching numerous volunteers who wanted to walk the entire new trail to take pride in their handiwork.

## One Stop Shopping Store Receives Governor's Award

The Arizona Public Lands Information Center in Downtown Phoenix received the Bootstrap Award at this year's Governor's Conference on Tourism. This prestigious award is given to the individual, organization, or community that has achieved significant success despite limited resources or finances.

The Public Lands Information Center (PLIC) was selected because of several dedicated people. Joanna Scruggs, the Center's only full time employee, has dedicated the center to one-stop customer service, and has compiled the information and resources to provide answers to virtually any question related to recreation information in Arizona.

While many offices and visitor centers provide information for a specific area of the state, the Public Lands Information Center is committed to providing information for all public land

in Arizona, whether it be state, county, city or federal. The Bureau of Land Management and Public Lands Information Center in partnership with Arizona State Parks, Arizona Office of Tourism, Arizona State Land Department, Arizona Game and Fish Department, City of Phoenix Parks, Recreation and Library Department, Arizona Trail Association, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service make it possible for the public to have a one-stop store. Customers planning a trip to Arizona can make one phone call, visit one website, send one email or drop one note into the mail. The Public Lands Information Center is the best starting place to find out who to ask and where to go for almost any information needed in Arizona. All of this without a big operations budget!

## Arizona Trail Calendar of Events

### December

#### December 1st (Saturday)

Picket Post trailhead. Meet at 9:00 a.m. From Phoenix, take U.S. 60 east toward Superior. Turn right (south) between mile marker 221 and 222 (look for an old windmill) back off the road. Go 1/2 mile south to the trailhead. Bring day packs with snacks, water, gloves and hats. Sunblock is recommended. ATA will provide tools and power bars. The work is trail maintenance about 2 miles from the trailhead, so there is an hour hike involved. This is an all day event but there is good camping at the trailhead if you choose to stay. Call Tom Coulson at 480-832-7267 or 480-303-4975 or e-mail him at: tomctopcat@aol.com

#### December 8th, 2001

Ripsey Segment - Trail building, South of Superior (near Town of Kearney). We generally meet at 8am near the trailhead along Florence Kelvin Road, which is off Highway 177. We typically work until mid-afternoon, depending on the group consensus. It is just over an hour drive from Tempe to the trailhead. We are building a 10-mile section of the AZ Trail in a beautiful section of Sonoran Desert. Bring gloves, wear boots, bring sunscreen, water and lunch. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate. Tools are provided and no prior trail maintenance/building experience is necessary. Contact Mike Luecker at (480)829-6000 (work) 480-838-6656 (home) or mluecker@pre-engr.com. Please R.S.V.P - Additional directions and info will be provided.

#### December 15th (Sat.)

Geronimo Trailhead, Tonto National Forest. Let's do one last outing before the holidays! We will leave Phoenix around 7:00 a.m., which should put us at the trailhead by 9:30 or so. Our "workday" is roughly from 10:00 to 3:30. The work we do will be determined by what we find (and how much we get done) on the Oct 13th and 14th Outing. Call Dan Ruppert 480-967-1859.

This section of the Arizona Trail is located in the Tonto National Forest close to Pine, AZ, about 45 minutes from Payson (2 fi hours from Tempe). This trail is part of the Highline Trail, and the elevation ranges from 5500 - 6500 ft. It is heavily forested, and very scenic. The Fall weather is usually great - cool, but not too cold. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate. Tools are provided, and no prior trail maintenance/building experience is required.

#### December 15th (Sat.)

Trail maintenance on the Gardner Canyon and Oak Tree sections in Coronado National Forest. We continue this effort on the third weekend of February and March (Feb. 16, Mar. 16). For further information, check the website for the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bike Club ([www.sdmb.org](http://www.sdmb.org)) or contact Steve Wood at [aztraildoc@yahoo.com](mailto:aztraildoc@yahoo.com).

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*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 (unless otherwise noted).*

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*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 (waterbars, drainage dips), switchbacks, removing stumps/roots, etc. Difficulty of work is easy to moderate, distance to worksite 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: 602-952-1447, e-mail: [ata@aztrail.org](mailto:ata@aztrail.org).*

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# Superstition Wilderness

## Rogers Trough Trailhead to Roosevelt Lake



### General Information

This Arizona Trail passage through the legendary Superstition Wilderness provides many scenic views of Four Peaks, and as we near the northern end, there is a great panorama of Roosevelt Lake against the backdrop of the Sierra Anchas.

**Location:** Central Arizona within the Tonto National Forest from Rogers Trough trailhead north of Superior to the bridge at Roosevelt Lake.

**Length:** 24.4 miles

**Difficulty Rating:** Difficult

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

**Access:** To reach Rogers Trough trailhead from the Phoenix area, follow Hwy 60 east through Apache Junction and Florence Junction. Two miles east of Florence Junction, turn north on the paved Queen Valley road, drive approximately a mile and then turn right on FR 357 and cross RR tracks. Follow FR 357 two and one-half miles to FR 172 (Hewitt Canyon Rd). Turn north and follow FR 172 for approximately eight miles to primitive road FR 172A. This difficult three-mile-long 4WD road leads to Rogers Trough trailhead.

To access the Arizona Trail from the Roosevelt Lake trailhead, drive northwest from the Globe-Miami area on Hwy 88 to the Frazier trailhead, which is two miles south of the Roosevelt Lake bridge, or proceed to the Roosevelt Lake trailhead (not a developed trailhead) just south of the intersection of Hwy 88 and Hwy 188 at the dam.

Another route from Phoenix is Hwy 87 north to Hwy 188, and then travel through Punkin Center southeast to the Roosevelt Lake trailhead.

### Trail Route Description:

The Arizona Trail enters the Superstition Wilderness at the Rogers Trough trailhead and descends northwest into Rogers Canyon on trail # 109. At approximately 1.3 miles at the intersection with trail # 110, trail # 109 turns northeast and travels up a drainage, up onto Reavis Saddle, and on to the ruins of Reavis Ranch. Elisha Reavis, the legendary recluse, homesteaded 60 acres and farmed here for more than twenty years until his death in 1896. He supplied fruit and vegetables to the mining camps, and to the military with his pack trains of burros. Local historians believe that the present route of the Arizona Trail from Reavis Ranch to Picketpost trailhead closely follows the original route of his pack trail. In the old ranch area, there still is a producing apple orchard of more than 300 trees. There are good campsites upstream and downstream from the old ranch, but camp at least 300 feet from water and trails.

The trail proceeds north from Reavis Ranch on trail #109 to a junction west of the orchard and then follows trail #117, which leads northeast across Pine Creek (good campsites) towards Reavis Gap. At a trail junction approx. two and one-half miles from the ranch, the route turns northwest on trail #119 which leads in a northerly direction past Walnut Spring, Klondike Spring, Two Bar Mountain, and along the high Two Bar Ridge. Just beyond Pinyon Mountain, trail #119 ends at the Black Bush ranch road. The Arizona Trail follows the ranch road for one mile and then turns north on trail #120. The trail drops into a scenic upper Cottonwood Canyon, reaching perennial Cottonwood Spring in about 1 mile. Further down canyon at a tank and old corral the trail follows a 4 wheel drive road (FR341) out and then back into lower Cottonwood Canyon. The stream crossing at Thompson Spring is the junction with a spur trail leading out to Frazier trailhead just south of Hwy 188 (accommodates horse trailers). The trail follows FR341 out of Cottonwood Canyon where it connects with Trail #121. Trail #121 parallels the shoreline of Roosevelt Lake, passing near the historical Roosevelt Cemetery (Note: The trail continues along the roadway, crossing the Roosevelt Dam Bridge to connect with the Vineyard Trail at the north end of the bridge.)

**NOTES:** Make local inquiries for availability of water. Rogers Spring, Reavis Creek, Pine Creek, Walnut Spring, and Cottonwood Spring (one of the best sources of water), but it is wise to carry a reserve supply. Coming from the south, trail users should resupply at Walnut Spring.

Klondyke is hard to spot going south to north and the path to it is very overgrown. Klondyke is fairly easy to spot going north to south, but the access and reliability problems remain. It is about 1/2 hour between Walnut and Klondyke Springs.

Please use low-impact camping and backcountry travel techniques.

### For more information:

Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, 26 N. MacDonald, Mesa, Az., 85211, 480-379-6446; Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Hwy 88 HC02 Box 4800, Roosevelt, Az., 85545, 520-467-3200; Arizona Trail Association, P. O.Box 36736, Phoenix, Az., 85067, 602-252-4794.

**Resources:** Tonto National Forest Map; USGS Topos: Pinyon Mountain, and Theodore Roosevelt Dam; Tonto National Forest - Superstition Wilderness Map



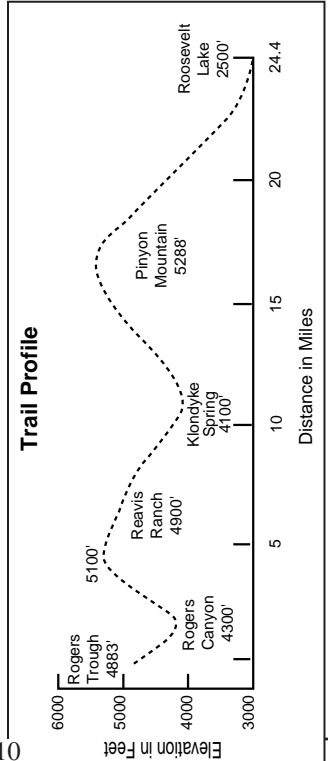
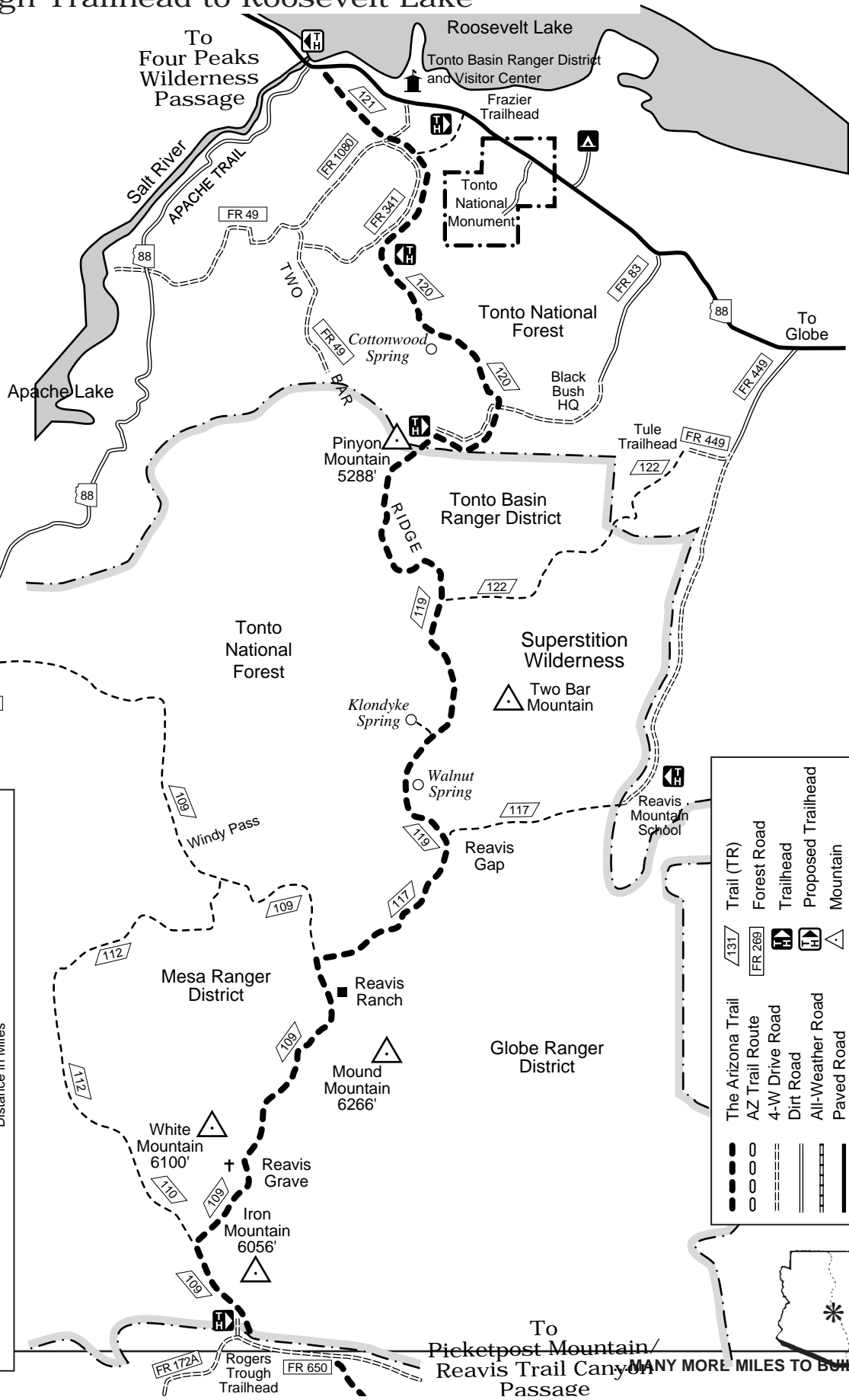
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# Superstition Wilderness Passage

Rogers Trough Trailhead to Roosevelt Lake



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	Forest Road
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	The Arizona Trail
	AZ Trail Route
	4-W Drive Road
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- Helen Hill** - Telephone and E-Mail Messages for Trail Work Events and the ATA Calendar - [deserthill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:deserthill@worldnet.att.net)
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