



TRACKS TRAIL CREW

By Jerry Good

TRACKS Trail Crew has been working since April 5th and they have done an assume job. They have worked on the Los Caballos trail, Timber Mesa trail, Osprey Trail and Blue Ridge trail. Come, go hiking and check these trails out -- you will be pleased!

We have much to do this year as every year winter takes its toll. One of our projects this year is the Los Burros trail. A controlled burn was performed there and some damage was done which we will be correcting soon. If you like exercise and being outdoors join us, we can always use the help. 🐾

TRACKS VOLUNTEERS REMINDER

Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours! We will be sending a reminder to our members twice a year, once in July and then in December for volunteer hours reporting.

Except for trail crew hours (which is already being recorded), keep a record and report all volunteering you do for TRACKS and other non-profit organizations. Include your travel time in the hours reported. This information is consolidated into the TRACKS annual report, so please take the time to record your activity. 🐾

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATURE CENTER

The WMNC is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays from 10am – 12pm. The current schedule is (please contact the WMNC to confirm events):

June

- 5th National Trails Day – Forest Ecology Walk
- 13th Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary

The WMNC is a non-profit organization and donations are also gratefully accepted. For more information, call (928) 358-3069. Visit our website at:

<https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/> or Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteMountainNatureCenter/>
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SPOTLIGHT – What's Happening at Woodland Lake Park?

By Lynn Krigbaum

Last summer there was vandalism on the head gate at Woodland Lake. To repair it, the lake was drained and to improve the lake, the Public Works department spent a lot of the winter dredging it. Public Works also tore up the asphalt path around the lake to replace it.

In addition, the Town is addressing the Bark Beetle infestation of the trees. As Keith Johnson said, "When we purchased the park, we got a pig in a poke - the lake is dry and the trees are dead!" So now the Town is fixing all that.

Mother Nature will be needed to fill the lake which most likely won't happen, but the dead trees have been removed and there are plans to apply for a grant to drill a well to supply water for the Lake. The path is scheduled to be paved soon which will result in the new path being 1.25 miles ADA 10 feet wide.

The boat dock is also being repaired and the boat ramp will be replaced. AZG&F helped build a bunch of Georgia Cubes which will be placed in the Lake when it is filled to be excellent fish habitat. All these changes are possible because the Town now owns the Park. There will be a Grand Reopening May 26th at 10:00am.

SAVE THE DATE! TRACKS will be holding our first general meeting for 2021 at Woodland Lake Park on June 5, 2021. A lovely walk around the "lake" on the new path will be an excellent conclusion to our 11am-1pm June 5th National Trails Day Potluck Brunch in the large Woodland Lake Park ramada near the fishing pier. Be sure to put June 5th on your calendar as we get back to "normal" with our first meeting of the summer.

TRACKS is back! We look forward to a wonderful time enjoying old and new friends, hiking, biking and being together in the great White Mountains outdoors! 🐾

TRACKS BIKING

By Nick Lund

TRACKS mountain bike rides are resuming soon!

Each person who is on the Mail Chimp mountain bike email list will get ride notices. To be on that list, email Nick nplundaz@gmail.com. Rides are social, not competitive. Riders are encouraged to wear masks in the parking area and to maintain social distance during the rides. 🙋

TRACKS YARD SALE

TRACKS will hold a "yard sale" of gently used outdoor equipment on **Saturday, July 24th** from 7am-2pm in the building next to the White Mountain Nature Center (537 S Woodland Rd, Lakeside). Donations of gently used, clean, and in good condition items may be brought to that location on **Saturday July 10th or 17th** from 7am-noon. Outdoor equipment could be for hiking, mountain biking, cross country/downhill ski/snowshoe, horse riding, trail running, bird watching, camping, golfing, tennis, fishing, etc. Items not in good condition will not be accepted, nor will heavy exercise equipment. Please support this fund-raising effort to benefit TRACKS and the White Mountain Nature Center by telling friends, donating items and visiting the yard sale. Questions? Ask Nick at nplundaz@gmail.com. 🙋

UP THE HILL GANG (UTHG)

By Susan High

The Up the Hill Gang hikers kicked off the summer with a great hike on May 5th! Twenty-one hikers started at the Old Fish Hatchery trailhead (Pinetop Game & Fish parking lot), hiked around the Springs Trail and back to the trailhead for a total of 5.5 miles. It was great to see both new and returning faces, and the weather was perfect! All hikes in June meet at 6:45am in the parking lot between McDonald's and Golden Dragon Express (GDE) in Pinetop. The planned schedule for June is:

- 6/2 Panorama Trail
6 Miles (Rating 2.5) Rideshare \$2
- 6/9 Green's Peak
5 Miles (Rating 2) Rideshare \$5
- 6/16 East Baldy to Lookout
6 Miles (Rating 3) Rideshare \$5
- 6/23 South Fork
6 Miles (Rating 2) Rideshare \$5
- 6/30 Government Springs
5 Miles (Rating 2) Rideshare \$5

Remember to dress appropriately for the weather, bring a hat, sunscreen, water and a snack if desired. For longer hikes, it will be noted if you should plan on bringing a lunch and/or go out to lunch. 🙋

White Mountain Happenings

JUNE

Thursdays: Thursday Night at the Park – Pioneer Park Snowflake

Saturdays: Show Low Mainstreet Farmers Market and Art Walk – Show Low (623) 340-4131

Saturdays: White Mountain Market – Lakeside <https://www.whitemountainsmarket.com/>

5th Cruz n the Rim Car Show Frontier Park – Show Low (928) 521-0171

19th Wine in our Pines Pinetop-Lakeside: <https://www.wineinthepines.com/>

25th-27th White Mountain Balloon Festival (WMBF)– Pinetop-Lakeside: <https://www.wmbfaz.com/event-schedule>

25th WMBF Kick-Off Concert – Pinetop-Lakeside: : <https://www.wmbfaz.com/event-schedule>

25th Birding in the White Mountains -- White Mountain Audubon Society Mary Williams (928) 235-1792

For more information on the above events and other events that are happening in the White Mountains, please visit the respective website and/or Visitor Center for more information:

Pinetop/Lakeside Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.pinetoplakesidechamber.com/calendar/>

Pinetop/Lakeside Visitor: <https://www.visitpinetoplakeside.com/>

Show Low Chamber of Commerce: www.showlowchamber.com/

Snowflake/Taylor Chamber of Commerce: <https://snowflaketaylorchamber.org/calendar/>

White Mountain Audubon Society (WMAS): <http://www.whitemountainaudubon.org/>

Sunrise Ski Resort: <https://www.sunriseskipark.com/> 🙋

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest – Lakeside Ranger District News

By Lorna McNeil-Cox

Spring is here and summer will soon be upon us bringing lots of people enjoying the forest. Most value the forest and stewardship, but as we all know there are exceptions that litter, violate safe fire regulations and practices, cut trees without authorization, and damage trails, to list a few. To avoid direct confrontations with violators, please use the following to report violations:

- Safety first!
- If the violation is in progress, only document the information that can be safely acquired. Do not put yourself in danger.
- Forest Service Dispatch: 928-333-6360.
- Lorna's office phone number is 928-368-2117, if no answer call Dispatch.
- Lakeside Ranger District: 928-368-2100 (Office hours: 8am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday).
- Navajo County Sherriff: 928-524-4450.
- Apache County Sherriff: 928-337-4321.
- Operation Game Thief: 1-800-352-0700.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect. No fires or charcoal is allowed, except at Los Burros and Lewis Canyon Campgrounds. Smoking is only allowed within vehicles or buildings. Permissible items include propane stoves, fire rings, pellet stoves/smokers/grills that have UL or FM approval and are a contained unit. A person of appropriate age must maintain a presence at all times when in operation. Devices are allowed that are solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off.

For more information and to see if there are any changes, please visit the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf>.
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TRACKS Apparel is Still Available! Order in June and Take \$5 OFF!

It is first come, first serve! T-Shirts are available! A few short sleeve large, unfortunately the rest are XL and XXL. Hoodies are available in XL. Short sleeve T-shirts \$15, Long sleeve T-shirts \$20, Hoodies \$40, Patches \$5, Contact Arlene Nelson at: (928) 368-6810 or (928) 242-4639 **for your \$5 discount!**

Arizona Game and Fish (AZGF) NEWS

By Jackie Follmuth

We're starting to see an increase in bears statewide so we just want to remind folks recreating outdoors what to do should they encounter a bear. Dry conditions may lead to an increase in wildlife activity closer to areas where humans may be living and recreating this summer. Bears generally avoid people, but at times they may become accustomed to humans after being given food or water by people. If you happen to cross paths with a bear, do the following:

- Alter your route to avoid a bear in the distance.
- Make yourself as large and imposing as possible if the bear continues to approach. Stand upright and wave your arms, jacket or other items. Make loud noises, such as yelling, whistles, and banging pots and pans.
- Do not run and never play dead.
- Give the bear a chance to leave the area.
- If the bear does not leave, stay calm, continue facing it, and slowly back away.
- If a bear is in your yard, scare it away from inside the house, keeping the door closed.

Black bears usually avoid people, but if they start to associate people with food they may become aggressive. On the rare occasion that a black bear becomes aggressive, do the following:

- If a black bear attacks, fight back with everything in your power – fists, sticks, rocks and E.P.A. registered bear pepper spray.
- Arizona Game and Fish Department personnel remove bears that present an imminent threat to human safety or when they are in a situation where they cannot safely escape on their own. Call 911, your local Arizona Game and Fish Department office, or Arizona Game and Fish Department Radio Dispatch at (623) 236-7201. !;

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE NEWS

WMAT camping and fishing is open to non-tribal members as weather conditions permit. Phase Two reopening plans and other pertinent information can be found at the WMAT website at: <http://whitemountainapache.org/>.

Current fire prevention, prescribed burns and other relevant information for the White Mountain Apache tribe can be found by visiting the WMA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BIAFAAFireMgt/> or by contacting Candy Lupe at (928) 338-5425. !;

TRACKS MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / DETAILS
Mondays – email is sent with information prior to Monday	Trail Crew (TC): Beautify the Trails	To volunteer please check box on website for “Trail Crew” on “Join” form and/or email Nick Lund at: nplundaz@gmail.com . See page one of newsletter for information about trail crew news.
Tuesday through Saturday (weather permitting) <i>Days and times will vary due to leader availability and weather conditions.</i>	Biking:	To get biking information please check box on the website for “Biking” on “Join” form and/or email Nick Lund at nplundaz@gmail.com . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.
Wednesdays 6:45am (weather permitting) June 2 Panorama Trail June 9 Green’s Peak June 16 East Baldy to Lookout June 23 South Fork June 30 Government Trail	Up the Hill Gang (UTHG) Hiking:	To get UTHG information please check box on the website for “Hiking” on “Join” form and/or email Susan High at shigh118@gmail.com . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.
June 3 -- 1pm	TRACKS Board Meeting (members and visitors welcome)	White Mountain Nature Center 425 Woodland Lake Rd, Lakeside
June 5 -- National Trails Day 11am – 1:30pm	TRACKS General Meeting & Potluck (visitors welcome)	Woodland Lake Park Ramada #2. Potluck – bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice.

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