



## TRACKS TRAIL CREW (TC)

*By Jerry Good*

The Trail crew is working hard and TRACKS is very proud of them. TRACKS Trail Crew has worked the Los Caballos Trail again and also Los Burros and the Lookout Connector Trails in the past month. Thank you, again, to all the volunteers!

TRACKS receives many communications each year from many hikers expressing their appreciation for the great hiking experience provided so all the work you do – does matter! If you would like to volunteer, please check box on website for “Trail Crew” on “Join” form and/or email Nick Lund at: [nplundaz@gmail.com](mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com). 📧

## WHITE MOUNTAIN NATURE CENTER (WMNC)

The WMNC is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 12pm each week.

The WMNC holds special programs throughout the summer to provide family-oriented fun with a discovery focus on increasing awareness, understanding and responsible action towards nature. The July schedule is (please contact the WMNC to confirm events):

### July

- 3rd Forest Ecology Walk – 8:30am
- 17th Wonderful Wetlands – 10am
- 31<sup>st</sup> Trees for Bees – 10am

The WMNC is a non-profit organization and donations are also gratefully accepted. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our center and programs and for board members! Please contact us if you are interested at: (928) 358-3069.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/> or Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteMountainNatureCenter/>. 📧

## SPOTLIGHT – Tour of the White Mountains

*By Nate Kear*

### SAVE THE DATE!

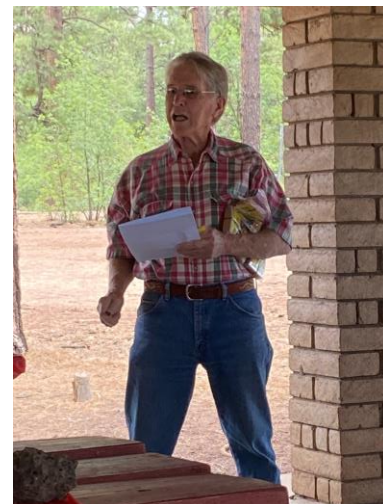
The Tour of the White Mountains (TWM) is on for 2021! The event is scheduled this year for Saturday Oct 2, 2021.

This year’s TWM will be the first regional mountain biking event to be held since fall 2019. Epic Rides, the event promoter, reported registration for this year’s event exceeded 65% of capacity the day that registration opened! Visit the Epic Rides website to register at: <https://epicrides.com/events/tour/event-guide/>.

TRACKS is the primary beneficiary for this event, and the help of all the TRACKS volunteers is absolutely critical to the success of the event. We will be reaching out for volunteers again this year as we get closer to the event. As always, your participation is greatly appreciated. 📧

## TRACKS -- First General Meeting Since 2019!

Nick Lund, our returning President, did the honors – and it was wonderful to see all TRACKS members that were able to attend! Our next meeting is Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be 8am at the large ramada at Woodland Lake Park – hope to see you there!



## TRACKS BIKING

By Nick Lund

TRACKS mountain bikers are riding Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, primarily on forest service roads. If you would like to join, send an email to Nick [nplundaz@gmail.com](mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com). And the Tour of the White Mountains (TWM) will be held in 2021 on October 2, 2021. To register, visit the Epic Rides website at: <https://epicrides.com/events/tour/event-guide/>. A request for TRACKS volunteers for TWM will be forthcoming in upcoming communications! Keep an eye out if you want to volunteer. 🙌

### TRACKS YARD SALE

TRACKS will hold a "yard sale" of gently used outdoor equipment on **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com). 🙌

## UP THE HILL GANG (UTHG)

By Susan High

June hikes for the "Up the Hill Gang" included Panorama Trail (short loop), Green's Peak, Mt. Baldy East, and Government Springs. Our schedule started out with shorter and "flatter" hikes in May and got just a little bit more challenging in June. The July schedule will push us just a little harder as we head to trails like Mt. Baldy! You are invited to join us! If you would like to know more about the hikes or trails, please reach out! You can get trail maps and info at: <https://trackswitemountains.org/trails/>. Additional information can be found at websites such as AllTrails.com (free), and you are welcome to email me, Susan High, at: [shigh118@gmail.com](mailto:shigh118@gmail.com). Come on out! Meet some new people and take a walk in the woods with us! All hikes meet at 6:45am at McDs and GDE in Pinetop EXCEPT July 14 where hikers are to meet at the Social Security Office in Show Low.

- 7/7 Avenue of the Giants RR Grade  
4 Miles (Rating 1.5) Rideshare \$5
- 7/14 Land of the Pioneers, Ecks Mtn.  
*MEET at Social Security Office in Show Low*  
6 Miles (Rating 3) Rideshare \$5
- 7/21 Los Burros (short)  
6 Miles (Rating 3) Rideshare \$5
- 7/28 Thompson Trail #629  
5 Miles (Rating 2) Rideshare \$5 🙌

## White Mountain Happenings

### JULY

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/>

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Charlie Clarks – Pinetop-Lakeside (928) 367-3916

7<sup>th</sup> Rob Bettaso Patagonia Trip: White Mountain Audubon Society – Pinetop-Lakeside (480) 235-1792

10<sup>th</sup> Movies in the Park – Mountain Meadows Pinetop-Lakeside – [mspillman@pinetoplakesideaz.gov](mailto:mspillman@pinetoplakesideaz.gov)

24<sup>th</sup> TRACKS Yard Sale – White Mountain Nature Center – Pinetop-Lakeside – [nplundaz@gmail.com](mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com)

30<sup>th</sup> Birding in the White Mountains: White Mountain Audubon Society – Pinetop-Lakeside (480) 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/](http://www.showlowchamber.com/)

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

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

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

## Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest – Lakeside Ranger District News

By Lorna McNeil-Cox

Conditions on the forest are severe and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is currently in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions under Forest Order Number 03-01-21-09. Starting May 7, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes is prohibited except in areas listed in Exhibit B (developed recreation sites). On the Lakeside Ranger District both Los Burros and Lewis Canyon Campgrounds are allowing campfires within an approved Forest Service fire structure only. Smoking is only allowed in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Please check with the Apache-Sitgreaves website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/asnf/home>) or a Forest Office for updated fire restriction information as conditions can change. The purpose of this restriction is to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

### Fool Hollow Lake Programs Are Back!

07/02/2021 9:00 AM Nature Hike – FS  
 07/03/2021 4:00 PM Children’s Program: Rats & Bats - FS  
 07/03/2021 7:30 PM Whiskers in the Woods: Gray Fox of Fool Hollow – FS  
 07/09/2021 9:00 AM Nature Walk – FS  
 07/10/2021 4:00 PM Children’s Program: Bears - FS  
 07/10/2021 7:30 PM Wildlife Superhero’s of Fool Hollow - FS  
 07/16/2021 9:00 AM Nature Hike – FS  
 07/17/2021 4:00 PM Children’s Program: Wildlife Detectives – FS  
 07/17/2021 6:00 PM Wildlife Rescue & Conservation (With Live Bald Eagle) - Liberty Wildlife  
 07/23/2021 9:00 AM Nature Walk – FS  
 07/24/2021 4:00 PM Children’s Program: Trees - FS  
 07/24/2021 7:30 PM Weird & Wonderful Wildlife of Fool Hollow - FS  
 07/30/2021 9:00 AM Nature Hike -FS  
 07/31/2021 4:00 PM Children’s Program: Rats & Bats – FS  
 07/31/2021 6:00 PM Reptiles & Amphibians – Perfect Paws Pet Shop

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>.

*NOTE: Most forest roads are primitive roads that are not plowed or maintained in the winter. Please avoid rutting and damaging wet roads and respect road closures. Visit our website for more information at:* <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf>. 🗣️

## Arizona Game and Fish (AZGF) NEWS -- AZGF Has A New Podcast “Wild About Arizona”!

By Jackie Follmuth

Looking for something to listen to while in the car on the way to your next hike? Want to know more about the initiatives the Arizona Game & Fish Department has? Check out our new podcast!

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is excited to announce the arrival of our podcast "Wild About Arizona."

The podcasts will help you discover new ways to enjoy the great outdoors and learn about the 800 species looked after by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. From wildlife watching and hunting and fishing, to off-road riding and boating safety we discuss what the great state of Arizona has to offer for you and everyone in your family.

Current podcast episodes focus on watchable wildlife, off highway vehicles, boating, desert tortoise adoption, the Ben Avery Shooting Range, and learning about wildlife at home. Subscribe today via Apple podcasts at: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/wild-about-arizona/id1553574144>

Subscribe today via Spotify at:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/57eRwBkO2VCoPHZ1PwQzT6>

Or catch the podcasts on our website here:

<https://www.azgfd.com/media/tv/podcast/>. 🗣️

### WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE RESERVATION FIRE MANAGEMENT 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/>.

New **WMAT Executive Order has closed many areas as of June 10, 2021**. Several lakes are still open, visit the website PDF for specific information:

<https://ein.az.gov/sites/default/files/WMAT%20Stage%202%20Fire%20Restrictions.pdf>

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 – July

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: <a href="mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com">nplundaz@gmail.com</a> . 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 <a href="mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com">nplundaz@gmail.com</a> . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.
Wednesdays 6:45am (weather permitting) July 7 Avenue of the Giants RR Grade July 14 Land of Pioneers, Ecks Mtn. July 21 Los Burros (short) July 28 Thompson Trail #629	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 <a href="mailto:shigh118@gmail.com">shigh118@gmail.com</a> . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.
July 8 -- 1pm	TRACKS Board Meeting (members and visitors welcome)	White Mountain Nature Center 425 Woodland Lake Rd, Lakeside
July 10 -- 8am	TRACKS General Meeting & Potluck (visitors welcome)	Woodland Lake Park Ramada #2. Potluck – bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice. Coffee will be provided.

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