



TRACKS TRAIL CREW (TC)

By Jerry Good

The trail crew continues with the wonderful work they do. Working hard and very, very proud of them, hard to say enough about their great work. We work every Monday and invite you to join us. We would like to thank Lynn Krigbaum for 25 years of trail work and Kay for over 20 years of trail work. Special thanks to them. Great members!!

THE TRAIL CREW. 🐾

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.

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| June 4 | 9 AM Forest Ecology Hike | R Miller |
| June 11 | 10 AM Birding/Identify & Photograph | |
| June 17 | 6 PM Nature with Barbara Davis | |
| June 18 | 9 AM Nature Hike | R Gagnon |

Note: All events are held at the Nature Center on Woodland Lake Road

Future Events: Geocaching Treasure Hunt, Bird Shows, Honey Extraction, Annual Dinner

Please contact the WMNC to confirm events.

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

<https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteMountainNatureCenter/> 🐾

SPOTLIGHT – ARIZONA SUMMIT ON TRAILS

On May 6 & 7 TRACKS vice president, Lynn Krigbaum, attended the 3rd annual AZ Summit on Trails held in Cottonwood. There were almost 100 people from all over the state representing agencies like Arizona Office of Tourism, AZ State Parks, AZ Game and Fish, US Forest Service and the AZ Trail. Several people from Southwest Decision Resources were there who are currently working with Nick on EATC to develop a master plan for the USFS in our region. Her report follows:

I participated in at least 7 Round Table discussion groups including Grants, Planning and Sustainability, Trail Design, User impacts and Volunteer Engagement. E-bikes and OHV concerns were lively topics for discussion. Even though the White Mountain Trail System is non-motorized, we may be able to designate one trail on the Lakeside District as open to e-bikes. Another “new to me” topic was a presentation on an Arizona Birding Trail. The Hotshots Memorial Trail Project was discussed with photos of the park and its development. I enjoyed a short hike after the Friday session. Cottonwood has grown so much since I was last there. The wash areas in between developments and the Blowout Trail is a delightful use of a dry wash filled with Mesquite trees. The lovely sounds of quail and doves as a gentle breeze wafted through the green space made a perfect change from the conference. I startled 3 javelina which completed the day. I was happy to learn that as a result of prior Summits there will likely be a State Office of Outdoor Recreation. Several counties currently have people in charge of recreation and the same is true of several towns and cities. They are young and full of ideas, but they appreciated the work which others (like TRACKS) have done in the past. I was the only attendee from Navajo County, but many people were familiar with our trails and shared which ones they especially appreciated. Many took the maps I brought and were impressed with our Emergency Responder diamonds.

HELP WANTED: Volunteer(s) to represent TRACKS at 2022 Halloween Trunk or Treat event hosted by the town of Pinetop Lakeside. The town and TRACKS provide the candy so it will only take 4 to 5 hours of your time with an assistant. Kay Alderton is retiring from this position but will help you get started and will donate the car decorations. Contact Kay Alderton at 928 367-7003.



TRACKS BIKING

By Nick Lund

TRACKS group mountain bikes have resumed. Rides are usually Tue, Thu & Sat mornings. Social, non-competitive rides primarily on forest service roads. Helmets required. If you would like to join the group, send an email to Nick nplundaz@gmail.com.

White Mountain Happenings

June

1st White Mountain Audubon Society Meeting
4th White Mountain Symphony Orchestra
24th to 26th White Mountain Balloon Festival
Sunrise Ski Park open for summer activities: Lift rides, downhill biking, zip line, airbag jump, tubing, rock climbing, horseback riding, camping.

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

<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:

<http://www.whitemountainaudubon.org/>

White Mountain Apache Tribe:

<http://whitemountainapache.org/>

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

UP THE HILL GANG (UTHG)

By Susan High

Wednesday morning Up the Hill Gang June schedule

June 1 Woodland Lake Park - Turkey Track and connecting trails, 5 miles. Difficulty rating 1.5. Meet at Woodland Lake Park near the dock (north side of lake) at 7:45AM.

June 4 General Meeting and Potluck with optional hike after. Meet at the large ramada (south side of lake) at 7:45AM for 8AM meeting.

June 8 Greens Peak, 6 miles. Difficulty rating 2.0, meet at GDE at 6:45AM. Rideshare \$5.

June 15 Avenue of the Giants, 4 miles. Difficulty rating 2.0. Meet at GDE at 6:45AM. Rideshare \$5

June 22 East Baldy or West Baldy. 6 miles. Difficulty rating 2.5. Forest Service limits hiking groups to 12 people. Meet at GDE at 6:45AM where we'll split the group, assuming we have more than 12. Rideshare \$5

June 29 Los Burros - Short loop. 8.5 miles. Difficulty rating 3.0. Meet at GDE at 6:45AM. Rideshare \$5
GDE: Golden Dragon Express in Safeway parking lot

AND TUESDAY TREKKERS

By Jim Meeker

June 7 – West Fork No. 94 Meadow. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance to Hondah, along Hwy. 260. Hike is about 3 miles, rated Easy.

June 14 – Show Low Bluff Trail. Hike is about 2.5 miles, rated Easy. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the trailhead, along White Mountain Rd. (Hwy. 260) in Show Low.

June 21 – Butler Canyon Trail. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds. Hike is a nature trail, about 1 mile long, rated Easy.

June 28 – Chipmunk Connector No. 631A, from F.R. 224 to Los Burros Trail. Easy hike, about 3 miles. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance to Hondah, along Hwy. 260

Summer weather has arrived on the Mountain, so please remember to bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen.



APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST Lakeside Ranger District News

By Lorna McNeil-Cox

The big news on the Forest for this dry and windy spring is fire conditions. Due to low relative humidity and drought conditions, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest are already in **Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**. These restrictions include no fires (except in approved Forest Service fire devices at Los Burros and Lewis Canyon Campgrounds), no charcoal, and no smoking (except in cleared places in developed recreation areas or in a vehicle).

It is very likely that the Forest will move to Stage II Fire Restrictions before Memorial Day weekend that may remove the fire exemptions at Los Burros and Lewis Canyon Campgrounds. Please watch for changing conditions, upgraded fire restrictions, and current information at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/asnf/fire>.

There have also been a lot of questions regarding the Scott Reservoir Recreation Area camping closure. Scott Reservoir remains closed to camping due to vandalism of the restrooms that included someone filling the vault toilets with rocks. The damage was so severe that the restrooms will need to be demolished and rebuilt. Until that can occur, there are portable toilets provided for day use only and camping is not currently an option. We do not yet have a timeline for the restroom replacement.

Please safely enjoy the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and report any violations you may see to the Lakeside Ranger District at 928-368-2100 or to the Sheriff's Department (Navajo County: 928-524-4050 or Apache County: 928-337-4321).

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/asnf/fire>. ❗

TOUR OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

By Nate Kear

The 26th annual Tour of the White Mountains bike event is scheduled this year for Saturday Oct 1, 2022. Epic Rides of Tucson manages the event, and riders can choose rides of 9, 35, or 50 miles on our White Mountains Trail System single-track or a 30-mile forest road ride. This year, Epic's goal for total participants in the event is 1200! TRACKS volunteers mark the course, sweep the riders, help with packet pickup/registration, serve at aid stations, guide riders at critical turn points and road crossings, help at the kids' ride in the venue, direct campers to sites in the start/finish area, etc. For our efforts, Epic Rides makes a sizable donation to TRACKS that helps support our activities throughout the year. The earlier you can volunteer, the easier it is to make a total volunteer plan. Let me know if you wish to be at the same location as last year. Please let me know (natekear@gmail.com) if **you'd like to volunteer this year and/or wish to be at the same location as last year.**

LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

By Cathy Purvis

Don't forget to keep a record of your TRACKS volunteer hours and other non-profits. We reported over 13,000 volunteer hours last year and TRACKS was recognized in the local paper and community council meetings. I'll be asking you to submit your first half 2022 hours in early July, so now is a good time to start adding them up!



TRACKS MONTHLY SCHEDULE – June

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / DETAILS
Trail Crew: No official schedule for spring. Some work will be done depending on weather and trail needs.	Trail Crew (TC): Beautify the Trails <i>Weather permitting</i>	To volunteer, visit our website, www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe , and tick the checkbox for Trail Crew, or email Nick Lund at: nplundaz@gmail.com . See page one of newsletter for information about Trail Crew news.
Biking: Tuesday through Saturday beginning in April	Biking <i>Weather permitting</i>	To receive biking information visit www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe and tick the checkbox for Biking or email Nick Lund at nplundaz@gmail.com . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>June 1 Woodland Lake Park June 8 Greens Peak June 15 Avenue of the Giants June 22 East or West Baldy June 29 Los Burros</p>	<p>Up the Hill Gang (UTHG) and Tuesday Trekkers hiking: <i>Weather permitting</i></p> <p>See page two for specific hiking schedule information.</p>	<p>To get UTHG WEDNESDAY information please check box on the website for “Hiking” on “Join” form and/or email Susan High at shigh118@gmail.com.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAYS TREKKERS</p> <p>June 7 West Fork #94 June 14 Show Low Bluff June 21 Butler Canyon Trail June 28 Chipmunk Connector #631A</p>		<p>To receive UTHG & TUESDAY TREKKERS information visit www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe and tick the checkbox for Hiking or email Jim Meeker at jmeeker@azsunshine.us.</p>
<p>BOARD MEETING: Thursdays before the General Meeting at 1:00</p> <p>June 2nd</p>	<p>TRACKS Board Meeting Members and visitors welcome</p>	<p>White Mountain Nature Center (WMNC) 425 Woodland Lake Rd, Lakeside</p>
<p>GENERAL MEETING Second Saturday of the month June 4th 8:00 am</p>	<p>TRACKS General Meeting (visitors welcome) National Trails Day</p>	<p>Summer meetings are potlucks held at the big ramada at Woodland Lake.</p>

SUPPORT TRACKS: Use smile.amazon.com to select a charity of your choice (hopefully TRACKS) and the Amazon Foundation sends a donation to that charity that is a percentage of each of your purchases. Use the same username and password as you do on Amazon.



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