

Unbranded

by Sirena Dufault

On April 1, 2013 four men and their mustangs started at the US/Mexico border, planning to ride all the way to Canada, a distance of 3,000 miles. Ben Masters, Thomas Glover, Ben Thamer and Jonny Fitzsimons, all recent graduates from Texas A&M, set out to promote open spaces, conservation, and raise awareness about the plight of thousands of mustangs that are in holding facilities across the United States.

They chose 18 wild mustangs from the Bureau of Land Management holding pens, where 43,000 horses are in facilities, exceeding the amount in the wild. Many spend the rest of their lives in captivity, waiting to be adopted. For months they worked with the Mustang Heritage Foundation to train the two- to four-year-old mustangs to become trail-ready.

The idea for this journey was conceived on a previous long-distance trip in 2009, when Ben Masters and two friends rode 2,000 miles from Santa Fe to Canada.

Mexico to Canada. The journey would be used to create a documentary that would bring light to the plight of the modern mustang and educate people about the importance of open spaces.



The "Unbranded" crew rode wild mustangs over 3,000 miles from Mexico to Canada, including the length of the Arizona National Scenic Trail, between April and September.

"I think it's pretty incredible that there's a corridor of public land with almost no fences all the way from Mexico to Canada that you can still do a trip like this on." - Ben Masters

They used some mustangs on that pack trip and found that the mustangs outperformed the horses. Masters conceptualized another journey across the country from

Masters spent countless hours plotting a route that would take the team through Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, using parts of the Arizona Trail and the Great Western Trail. Approximately 80% of the ride was on trails, 15% on dirt tracks, and 5% on logging or main roads connecting different public lands. Less than one percent of the route was on pavement. They averaged 20 miles a day.

According to Masters, the diversity of Arizona was unparalleled. "I had no idea that Arizona had so much

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The Arizona National Scenic Trail

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... a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing 800+ miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities and people.

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Dear Friend of the Arizona Trail,

This past year has been a busy and productive one on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, and there is much to celebrate.

Just a few of the many accomplishments include rebuilding the AZT along the rugged Four Peaks Passage, just in time for the International Trails Symposium in April; Trail Director Shawn Redfield and a host of volunteers replaced and repaired signs on many passages of the AZT; three large trailheads were completed to improve access; and two major trail maintenance projects were started to rebuild the AZT in the Superstition Wilderness and restore trail damaged by wildfire near Mt. Peeley. Trail users are finding a steadily improving trail experience in the beautiful and rugged Arizona backcountry.

September began the second year of the Seeds of Stewardship program. Middle and high school students throughout northern and southern Arizona have enjoyed outings on the Arizona National Scenic Trail to learn principles of stewardship and experience the wonders of nature in their own backyard.

In October the inaugural Stagecoach Line 100-Mile Ultra & Relay attracted nearly 100 participants and a hearty crowd of supporters. The long-distance footrace follows the AZT from Flagstaff to Tusayan, and benefits the Arizona Trail Association. Thanks to Trail Steward and Race Director Ian Torrence for his commitment to this event's success.

In November a second major trails conference highlighted the Arizona Trail when the Partnership for the National Trails System held their biennial conference in Tucson. Trail professionals from around the world experienced first-hand the active role the ATA plays in the management and development of the Arizona Trail.

For these accomplishments and many others we thank our enthusiastic staff, amazing volunteers, generous members and donors, agency partners, business supporters, and board members who make all of this possible. We are grateful for your time and treasure.

Looking ahead, the Arizona Trail Association will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2014. Join us for the Annual Meeting on February 1 and help us celebrate two decades of the ATA fulfilling our mission to build, maintain, promote, protect, and sustain the Arizona Trail as a unique encounter with the land.

Happy trails,



Gary A. Hohner
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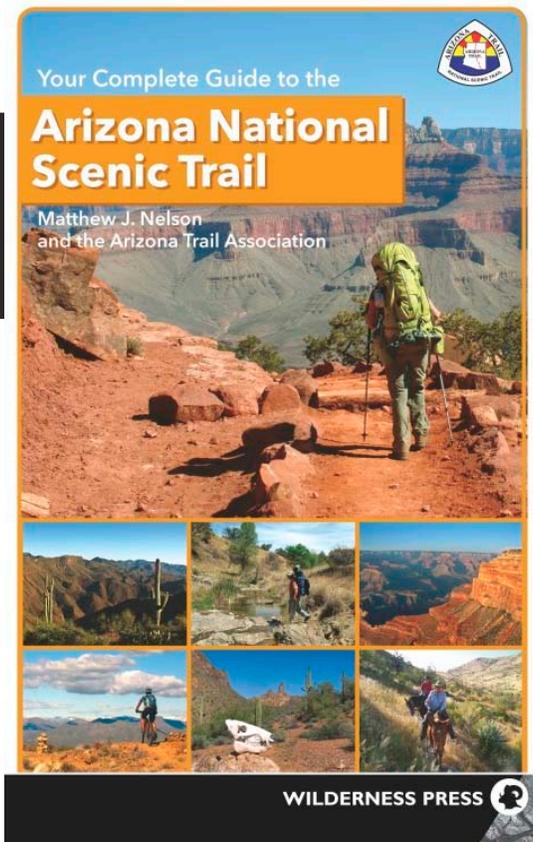


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In addition to on-the-trail descriptions, this amazing resource includes:

- Water Sources
- Geology of Arizona
- Botany along the Arizona Trail
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Every book purchase made through the ATA supports our mission to build, maintain, promote, protect and sustain the Arizona National Scenic Trail as a unique encounter with the land.

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Gateway Community Spotlight: Sierra Vista

by Sirena Dufault

Sierra Vista started out in 1877 as Camp Huachuca, established to protect settlers from Chiricahua Apaches. The name means “mountain view” in Spanish and the town is surrounded by the Huachuca, Dragoon, Mule and Whetstone ranges. Sierra Vista is an ideal destination for year-round recreation.



Sierra Vista is located 19 miles north of the Coronado National Memorial, where the Arizona Trail meets the US/Mexico Border. The Memorial houses artifacts from Francisco Vasquez de Coronado’s expedition in 1540 to find the rumored Seven Cities

of Cibola, where “large cities, with streets lined with goldsmith shops, houses of many stories, and doorways studded with emeralds and turquoise!” Montezuma Pass, the southernmost trailhead access, is located in the Memorial, but you’ll have to hike 1.9 miles south to reach the border obelisk that marks the official beginning of the Arizona Trail.

Sierra Vista’s proximity to Mexico, climate, and diverse topography make it a world-renowned birding hotspot. In fact, Sierra Vista is known as “The Hummingbird Capital of the U.S.” Visit Ramsey Canyon Preserve or the San Pedro House to get a glimpse of exotic species to add to your life-list.

A network of trails criss-cross the mountains that ring Sierra Vista, making them a perfect destination for loop hikes or horseback rides using the Arizona Trail. If mountain biking is your thing, many miles of trails are open to bikes in the Coronado National Forest. No matter how you choose to enjoy the outdoors, Sierra Vista has numerous peaks, canyons, and grasslands to enjoy.



Winter Trail Riding Tips

Winter weather means much needed precipitation to many parts of Arizona. Please do your part as a responsible trail steward by never riding when the soil is saturated. The weight of equines and their riders can severely damage the trail by creating postholes, and mountain bike tires can create channels that often encourages erosion during the next storm. Even though the thought of riding in the rain may sound appealing, the result is often appalling.

Please help us maintain the Arizona National Scenic Trail by postponing your ride if it looks like it might rain, or has rained within the past few days.

Happy Trails!



The American Discovery Trail: 800 Miles on the Arizona Trail is Just the Beginning

by Brian Stark

Completing the Arizona Trail under your own power is certainly a life-changing experience, and one that many people aspire to achieve at some point in their lives. Supporters of the Arizona Trail may also enjoy learning that their once-in-a-lifetime trip doesn't have to end at the Utah border. From there, it is just a scant 120 miles north to the town of Circleville, Utah. What's waiting for you in Circleville, you may ask? That's where the Arizona Trail is closest to the coast-to-coast American Discovery Trail.

Imagine starting your trip at the southern trailhead of the Arizona Trail in the Coronado National Memorial, completing the 800-mile Arizona Trail as a warm up, then heading east through slickrock in Moab, over the Rocky Mountains, across the plains and Dodge City, under the St. Louis Arch, and into the nation's capital before jumping into the Atlantic Ocean in Delaware. Or, for those inclined to a "shorter" option, you could take a left in Utah and head across a surprisingly rugged Nevada with 15 mountain ranges, 37,000 feet of climbing, the splendor of Lake Tahoe, across the Golden Gate Bridge, and into the Pacific Ocean at California's Point Reyes Seashore.

These are among the myriad merits of the American Discovery Trail (ADT). The ADT is a 6,800-mile route from Delaware to California. Unlike nearly every other long distance trail which goes north-south along the mountain chains, the ADT is the only one that offers a connection between them all. As anyone who has worked on any section of the Arizona Trail knows, building even a few feet of trail—let alone 800 miles of it—is serious work. Rather than try to build a totally new trail across the US, the ADT connects existing trails through some of the most scenic, historic, and culturally significant parts of our country. The types of path which make up the route include hiking trails, bike paths, rail trails, towpaths, greenways, equestrian trails, sidewalks and, when necessary, scenic backroads. The trail is open to foot traffic and most portions are open to horses and bicycles as well.

Scouted in 1990, the American Hiking Society and *Backpacker Magazine* sponsored a team of hikers to find the best sections of existing trail across America that could be connected into this coast-to-coast route. It was officially opened in 2000 and since then, over a dozen people have completed it. Because there are so

many great trail projects in the middle of the country, the ADT splits into two routes in Ohio and those routes rejoin in Colorado. Travelers on the trail generally agree that the southern route across southern Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas is better suited to hikers while the northern route across northern Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska is best for bicycles.

The American Discovery Trail is all about connections. It connects the Atlantic to the Pacific and everything in between, from major cities like Washington D.C., Denver, and San Francisco to tiny dots on local maps like Ione, Nevada (population 7). Between those major cities and tiny towns is a rich collection of wild and scenic America waiting to be discovered from your trailhead or ours. The trail is supported by the volunteer-based American Discovery Trail Society, and more information is available at www.discoverytrail.org.

Help Make the American Discovery Trail a Reality

Though the American Discovery Trail is completed and has been open for over 10 years, it still needs federal designation in the National Trails System in order for the trail to be officially recognized and marked. Because this is such a unique type of trail, it doesn't fit within any of the existing categories of trails. The National Park Service has recommended that a new category of trails be created called Discovery Trails and that the American Discovery Trail should be named the first in this new category.

There is currently a bill in Congress, H.R. 3022: The National Discovery Trails Act of 2013. This bill would both create this category and designate this trail as the first in that category. It is important to note that passage of the bill will not cost any money as the route is already open and currently managed by local governments and trail clubs. It will also not require any land purchase, as it is already on public lands.

Anyone who is able to email their members of congress and senate to voice their support of this bill would be greatly helping this cause. You can find your representatives by going to: www.congress.gov.

Brian Stark, an avid trail runner from Tucson, member of the Arizona Trail Association, and National Coordinator of the American Discovery Trail Society, has crossed 31 states on foot using trails.

Big Improvements to Oracle Ridge Passage

by Matthew J. Nelson

The Arizona National Scenic Trail traverses some of the most wild and formidable terrain in the Southwest, and among the most challenging passages between Mexico and Utah is the 22-mile stretch between Romero Pass and American Flag Ranch. The first half is off-limits to mountain bikers because of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness designation, it's avoided by equestrians due to the rugged and dangerous trail grade, and is seldom visited by hikers because of its remote location. Oracle Ridge has developed a reputation as one of the 43 passages that can be skipped altogether for one reason or another. Until now.

crew improved tread, widened corridor, and installed erosion control structures on the Cody Trail south of Oracle. This 3.7-mile section of the AZT had seen only minor maintenance over the past few years. The SCC crew was hosted by the Coronado National Forest (CNF), Santa Catalina Ranger District. The project was overseen by Gregg Sasek, CNF Wilderness & Trails Supervisor, and funded by RAC for Pinal County.

Working together, the crew removed 37 of the old rubber boards that were initially installed as flexible water bars. They also removed four of the wooden water bars for the same reason. Instead of old water bar technology, sustainably built trails in the Southwest rely on proper drainage, grade reversals, and intelligent trail design. These improvements will help keep water from flowing down the trail during monsoon and winter rains, and preserving the tread for many years to come.

Blanco, owner of the property, was welcoming and accommodating. He showed the crew around his property and talked about the interesting history of the mine and ranch. The SCC first met Blanco during a site visit before the crew began the project; he was on the Arizona Trail, removing a downed tree.

Ranging in age from 19 to 23, the crew included AmeriCorps members from various states, including North Carolina, Massachusetts, Colorado, and Arizona. They spent four weeks improving this badly eroded segment of the Arizona Trail. Here is a summary of their accomplishments:

Total number of miles improved: 3.7
New Trail Construction: 145 feet
Tread Maintained: 10,032 feet
Corridor Cleared: 19,536 feet
Trail Revegetated: 260 feet
Rock Water Bars Maintained: 1
Wood Water Bars Maintained: 3
Rock Check Steps Installed: 39
Drains Installed: 47
Drains Maintained: 7
Switchbacks Installed: 2
Climbing Turns Maintained: 1
Rock Wall Built: 30 sq. ft.

Shortly thereafter, SCC sent another crew uphill to spend time on the northern stretches of the Oracle Ridge Trail. They enjoyed nearly perfect weather in early December and were able to repair almost two miles of AZT. Here are some of the fruits of their labor:

Total miles improved: 1.8
Tread Maintained: 9,504 feet
Corridor Cleared: 9,504 feet
Rock Check Steps Installed: 4
Drains Installed: 42
Check Steps Maintained: 18



AmeriCorps members from the Southwest Conservation Corps helped transform the Oracle Ridge Passage over the past two months. SCC Photo

Over a seven-week period this autumn, Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) spent over 2,000 hours making critical repairs to the Arizona Trail on the northern end of the passage. The results are truly amazing.

Initially, a 9-person AmeriCorps

The crew approached the project site from Oracle, left their trailer at the historic High Jinks Ranch, and camped at the west end of Cody Trail. Once the work got going, they moved their campsite to the vicinity of High Jinks and continued working eastward. Dan

CREC and SCC Join Forces!

Coconino County has entered into a preliminary agreement with Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) to build on the award-winning successes of the Coconino Rural Environment Corps (CREC). Based on the Corps model used successfully throughout the U.S. for more than 80 years to address critical environmental and infrastructure needs, CREC has provided youth and young adult workforce development opportunities and natural and cultural resource conservation services in collaboration with a wide variety of community partners since 1997.

Under the agreement, CREC will be transferred to and operated by Durango, Colorado-based SCC. The agreement provides long-term opportunities for CREC especially during times of federal financial uncertainty. The organization will continue conservation efforts on our public lands, but will be afforded additional opportunities to work throughout the Southwest.

“Since its inception, CREC worked to support Northern Arizona by promoting environmental conservation and healthy forests,” said County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Ryan. “While CREC will no longer be under the County’s authority, SCC has pledged to ensure that CREC will maintain a constant presence within the County and Northern Arizona region. We are assured that SCC can fully support the program as it continues to provide opportunities for young people to complete high quality projects across Northern Arizona.”



SCC, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, provides service and work opportunities for a diverse group of individuals to complete important conservation and community projects for the public benefit. Founded in 1998 to continue the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, SCC’s employment, service and educational projects are sponsored primarily by land and water management agencies, municipalities and tribes throughout the southwest region of the U.S. The organization is headquartered in Durango, with regional offices in Salida, Tucson, and Acoma Pueblo.

In 2012, SCC engaged 820 corps members and crew leaders and completed 369,141 hours of service in 22 states.

CREC will officially join SCC in January. For additional information on CREC, visit www.crecweb.org, and for SCC information, visit www.sccorps.org.

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diversity, in fact I didn’t know what to expect, never having been to Arizona before. Much of the rest of the trip was in the high country. It was great to start out with such diversity,” he said.

After completing the Arizona Trail, including an exciting rim-to-rim trip in the Grand Canyon, the group still had over 2,000 miles to reach Canada. Utah brought snowy conditions and an incident with ATV riders that upset the horses. It took three days and 42 miles to finally reassemble the team.

In Wyoming, the group crossed the Tetons, Yellowstone, and the Absaroka-Beartooths, crossing only three roads in 300 miles.

In early September, after almost six months on the trail, the Unbranded crew reached Glacier National Park. They crossed seven high mountain passes on steep, rocky trails hoping they would beat the winter weather. On September 6th, they reached the Canadian border and their epic journey came to an end.



Unbranded: 4 men, 18 horses, six months, and over 3,000 miles of adventure across the American West.

As for adjusting back to civilization after such a life-changing trip, Masters said he’s had no problem at all, “I just stayed in the woods; that’s where I work and what I do.”

They are currently poring over 400 hours of footage taken while on the trail, with hopes that the film will be released in fall of 2014. Masters said that some of the funniest footage comes from Arizona, “We were all pretty green in Arizona, trying to get things figured out.”

A portion of the proceeds from the film will go to habitat based conservation groups and the Mustang Heritage Foundation. For more on the Unbranded documentary, visit unbrandedthefilm.com. To read the blog they kept during their travels, visit <http://blogs.westernhorseman.com/unbranded>.

Business Partner Spotlight: El Rancho Robles Guest Ranch

El Rancho Robles Guest Ranch, located among the oaks of Oracle, was originally built in the 1920s. The cowboy life was romanticized in books, magazines, and motion pictures of the time and “dude ranches” began to pop up all over the west. Places like Rancho Robles gave city folks a chance to escape urban life and experience the West.

The original brochure for the ranch started out by saying, “Who has not had the urge to visit a ranch in the old West where one can enjoy western life to his heart’s content; where the glorious beauty of the wilderness will bring health, happiness and peace; where fascinating desert scenes, the tang of the mountain air, the smell of the pines and the spell of the starlit skies mean forgetfulness and freedom from the mad pace of modern life! El Rancho Robles, a glorified ranch in the most beautiful

section of Arizona, will make these dreams come true for you.” Though those words were written over 80 years ago, the sentiment still rings true.

The property has had several different lives since its heyday as a dude ranch. Current owner Blake Campbell bought the ranch in 2012 and lovingly restored the property to its former glory. Once again, visitors can come to El Rancho Robles to stay in the guest rooms, casitas, or camping area to escape the confines of the urban jungle. Visit www.elranchorobles.com for information and reservations.

The ranch is also home to Dry River Adventures, offering Arizona Trail hiker and bike shuttles, meals, and supplies as well as off-road birdwatching and sightseeing tours. Call (520) 405-7347 for custom Arizona Trail packages.



Volunteers Sustain the AZT

In 2013, 1,330 volunteers contributed over 16,000 hours to the Arizona National Scenic Trail. If you are among them, THANK YOU! If you’d like to get involved as a volunteer (it’s soooo much fun!) please visit www.aztrail.org/volunteer.html.



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Arizona Trail Association Annual Meeting and 20th Anniversary Celebration!



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WHEN: Saturday, February 1, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Anniversary Celebration begins at 9:00 a.m.- Business Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.)

WHERE: South Mountain Park Environmental Education
Center in Phoenix, located on Central Avenue
1.8 miles south of Baseline Road.

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Please RSVP at www.aztrail.org/annual_meeting
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\$20 for registration – (\$25 at the door)
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During her last trail work event, Central Region Steward John Rendall honored Anna Pfender for her years of volunteer service to the Arizona Trail. Although Anna has decided to move on to other projects, the Arizona Trail Association will forever be grateful for her outstanding contributions. Look for a full article on Anna in the Spring edition of the ATA News.

NEW Arizona Trail Hats Available

By popular demand, we ordered new Arizona Trail baseball caps for members, supporters, and fans of the Arizona Trail. Available in brown and green, these comfortable caps are made from a bamboo/cotton blend for maximum comfort and durability. Part of Port Authority's Sustainability series, the bamboo used in the production of these hats grows quickly without harsh chemicals and is an easily renewable resource. The moisture wicking headband is perfect for long days on the trail, and will show others you find happiness out on the Arizona National Scenic Trail. One size fits all, with an adjustable Velcro strap in back.



Caps sell for \$15 plus shipping and handling. They're available for purchase through the ATA online store, and are a membership benefit at the Mesquite (\$75) level. Visit www.aztrail.org for more information.



Get Your Feet Ready for 2014

The great philosopher Lao Tzu said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Start your next great journey with a pair of Arizona Trail socks, and make your feet happy the next time you hit the trail with these durable, comfortable socks from DeFeet. Available in Aireator and Wooleator models.

Aireators feature a sport cuff and poly blend, ideal for warm weather hiking, running and mountain biking. Their quick drying capabilities are legendary. Featuring Arizona Flag colors and the Arizona National Scenic Trail logo, these are available for only \$10.

Wooleators feature a high top Merino wool blend, ideal for all conditions. This is the preferred sock for equestrians, backpackers, and anyone who feels that

wool is superior. Charcoal color with the Arizona Trail logo for \$14.

Both varieties are available in S, M, L, XL.



New Membership Levels and Incentives for 2014

Membership remains the single largest source of financial support for the Arizona Trail Association, and we've been discussing ways to reward our members and attract new supporters. So we're upgrading our membership levels for 2014, including a new membership level for students and exciting incentives for those who join or renew their membership at a higher level.

First, we're changing the names of the levels. Now that the trail is built we wanted to focus less on the "build" aspect of the trail (Trail Hand, Trail Builder, etc.) and focus on some of the natural wonders that make the Arizona Trail experience so special. Among the new membership levels are Saguaro, Ironwood and Ponderosa Pine.

Since the ATA has invested decades and tens of thousands of dollars into developing online resources such as custom topographic maps, databook, elevation profiles, GPS tracks, the interactive map (to name a few) we've decided to make many of these invaluable resources available to members who join at the Ocotillo (\$50/year) level and above. We'll continue to provide passage maps, trailhead locations, trail descriptions, interactive map and other resources free to all. Members who join at the Wildflower (\$20) and Agave (\$35) levels still get great benefits, detailed below.

So how does this affect your current membership? Not really at all. However, when you renew your membership you will have an opportunity to choose from the new levels and incentives. For instance, if you renew at the Mesquite level (\$75) you'll get exclusive access to all online resources and your choice of an Arizona Trail T-shirt, hat, or water bottle.

Among the most exciting new incentives offered is a Royal Robbins Expedition Light long-sleeve shirt. Hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians alike consider this the ultimate outdoor garment for the Arizona Trail. Available in men's and women's sizes (khaki or white), it features UPF 50+ sun protection, rip-stop fabric, moisture wicking, back ventilation, wrinkle resistant, zip secure chest pocket, and has the Arizona Trail logo embroidered on both sleeves (in brown). These shirts will not be for sale through the ATA online shop – they're a special benefit for Juniper and Ponderosa Pine members only.

2014 Membership Levels & Benefits

All members receive:

- Arizona Trail decal so you can show your love for the trail
- Biweekly eNews keeping you informed about the AZT
- Newsletters via US Mail or digital "paperless" option
- Coupon for 10% off at the Summit Hut
- Coupon for 2-for-1 pint at That Brewery & Pub
- Access to Interactive Map, passage maps, and other online resources
- Invitation to Arizona Trail Day events in Tucson, Flagstaff, Superior, Pine and other gateway communities plus other special trail events
- 800 miles of trail that you can hike, bike or ride any day of the year, knowing that you helped make it happen!

In addition to the benefits listed above, various membership levels allow you to choose the annual contribution that works with your budget while collecting some amazing AZT incentives.

Wildflower \$20

for students currently enrolled in middle school, high school or college, this level includes membership benefits above

Agave \$35

the basic membership level, which includes an AZT patch plus membership benefits above

Ocotillo \$50

exclusive online access to AZT data, including databook, GPS data, trail elevation profiles, mountain bike databook and maps, loop route maps and information, and additional layers within the Interactive Map

Mesquite \$75

your choice of T-shirt or hat or water bottle plus exclusive online access to AZT data

Ironwood \$100

the guidebook, *Your Complete Guide to the Arizona National Scenic Trail*, plus exclusive online access to AZT data

Saguaro \$250

your choice of a T-shirt or hat or water bottle, plus the guidebook, topo map CD, and exclusive online access to AZT data

Juniper \$500

custom embroidered Royal Robbins Expedition Light long-sleeve shirt (available in khaki or white, men's and women's sizes available) plus the guidebook, and exclusive online access to AZT data

Ponderosa Pine \$1,000

unlimited AZT trip planning assistance, invitation to Ponderosa Pine members-only backcountry trips, a custom embroidered Royal Robbins Expedition Light long-sleeve shirt, the guidebook, and exclusive online access to AZT data!



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