



**JUNE 2026**

TRACKS is in need of a newsletter editor. Are you a member with computer skills that can fill this position? 😊 In the meantime, we are publishing a quasi-newsletter hitting on the highlights for June.

### **General Meeting - National Trails Day Pot Luck – June 6th**

Please join other TRACKS members for our annual National Trails Day General Meeting and Potluck on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm to 6pm at the Woodland Lake Park, Ramada #2 (the large one). We have invited a member of the US Forest Service to speak about the various fire restrictions, and what criteria is used to elevate each stage. Please bring a dish to share, and your beverage of choice. TRACKS will be supplying water, paper plates, napkins and utensils. We hope to see as many of our members there to kick-off the summer months!

### **Arlene Nelson – A Celebration of Her Life**



Please join Arlene's family and other TRACKS members as we celebrate the amazing life of Arlene on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Lake Park, Ramada #2 (the large one). We will gather at 2 PM to share stories of our dear friend. There will also be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice. Her daughter, Moriah, has asked a few of her friends to bring musical instruments, so music will be in the air, which as many of you know, Arlene loved to sing, be around music, the lakes and surrounded by loved-ones.

### **Buena Vista Trail System**

Ten years ago, we received notice that there would be a private land transfer of 980 acres on the south side of Show Low from Forest Service ownership to a private company. Since we would be losing half of the Buena Vista trail, work began to envision a new plan that would involve building new trails and incorporating some old social trails. We now have a green light from the Forest Service to begin construction. Our first trail crew day constructing trails will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the BV trailhead.

For an overview, Buena Vista will be a 'stacked loop' system. The main Buena Vista will be a 7.5-mile loop with other loops emanating from it. The entire system will be about 20 miles.

At this writing, we have installed a new map on the kiosk at the trailhead. There are ¼ mile marker diamonds throughout the system. There are 51 wooden signs made from 2x6 redwood are ready to

install. There are 18 'you are here' signs that will be scattered about. There will be 2 beginner trails near the trailhead that will be constructed first; Sunshine and Rainbows. They have been tightly flagged awaiting the first McLeod tool to lay out the trail. Construction starts June 1<sup>st</sup> at the BV trailhead off U.S. 60; we welcome new trail crew members.

Farther down the pike there will be a second trailhead at the northeast corner of the BV system accessed from White Mountain BLVD/260.

THIS IS PRETTY EXCITING!!!!

## **HIKING**

### **TUESDAY TREKKERS**

**Tuesday Trekkers will begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday mornings enjoying 3 mile hikes at various beautiful and interesting places. Do handily save this below current month description as a helpful reminder. That being said you are always welcome to take a hike with the Tuesday Trekkers. No doubt you will want to join for more!!**

**Please meet at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure from the parking lot on the south side of Pinetop McDonalds.** All hikes are about 3 miles. Note: for short drives \$2 person; for longer rides \$5.00 for person riding in the car. **For more information email Ed Gorny at [ejgorny@gmail.com](mailto:ejgorny@gmail.com).**

#### **June 2nd: Walnut Creek**

The hike from Big Springs hopefully catch late blooming iris, early blooming roses, Walnut trees and creek.

#### **June 9: Billy Creek Connector #107A**

Turn right on Pinecrest Rd and go a short distance to the end of the road where there is limited parking. The trail winds a quarter mile along Billy Creek and connects with the Blue Ridge Trail.

#### **June 16: Panorama Trail 635**

Access a short loop with a nice variety of trees and shrubs such as Gamble oaks, alligator junipers and ponderosa pine.

#### **June 23: SpringsTrail 631A**

A favorite of many given it's beauty, with possible wild horses gather fresh water at Thompson Creek.

## **June 30: Timber Mesa 636**

Is on Porter Mountain Road with trailhead on the left with some historical significance

Last year: looking forward to this year!



## **Up the Hill Gang schedule**

### **June 3: Fool Hollow**

Meet at 6:45 for departure at 7:00 am at Show Low Park, parking lot near the Hwy 260 Entrance. 5-mile hike with a Moderate rating. Please contribute \$2.00 to cover gas and entry fee for the driver of your carpool.

### **June 10: Flume Connector Trail**

Meet at Panorama Trailhead at 6:45. 5-mile hike with a Moderate rating. Those unfamiliar with the Panorama Trailhead, please meet at Lakeside McDonalds parking lot (south side) at 6:45 and contribute \$2.00 for gas to the driver of your carpool to Panorama.

### **June 17: W. Baldy**

Meet at 6:45 for departure at 7:00 am at Lakeside McDonalds parking lot (south side). 6-mile hike with a Moderate rating. Please contribute \$5.00 to the driver of your carpool.

### **June 24: Land of Pioneers**

Meet at 6:45 for departure at 7:00 am at the Show Low Social Security office. 4.5-mile hike with a Moderate rating. Please contribute \$5.00 to cover your share of gas to the driver of your carpool.