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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Steve Dobbs, President

We were on a mountain bike ride in the new Buena Vista Trails system last week. We were resting at the kiosk and a truck pulled up with 3 bikes. The man asked for some information. We showed him the kiosk map, and a map he could take with him. We then gave some guidance on things to check out. Here is the interesting part: the man, his wife, and 12-year-old son were on vacation from Oregon looking for various biking adventures. Their last stop was in Flagstaff. They looked online for recommendations, and found the Buena Vista. Wow!

And, the previous day I was installing signs with some help from Alonso Cornejo. In a 4-hour period, we had 8 mountain bikers and one trail runner come by us; I did not know any of them. Once we get finished, I think the Buena Vista is going to be a huge tourist attraction...

TRAIL CREW

Garth Orkney, Denny Humphrey & Jerry Good, Coordinators

Trail Crew Mondays meet every Monday at 7 am!

TRACKS has been averaging 20 plus hard working Ladies and Gents on Mondays.

**Currently the Monday crew is working on the newly adopted trails in the Buena Vista-
Check out the gang working on the Rainbows Loop!**



Coordinator

Just a reminder to all trail stewards to check all our respective trails again to make sure that trail conditions are good and clean-up any trash or downed limbs. Also, there has been an uptick in downed trees crossing trails. Please let me know if it's a tree, due to size, cannot be resolved by the trail steward. A little prevention goes a long way!



So that hikers don't become disoriented or lost, please also make sure that junctions are well-signed and that trail marker diamonds are easily visible (in both directions). By staying on top of trail issues, we can keep trails safe and available for the hiking public.

Most of our Trail Steward positions are currently filled, but we are always looking for enthusiastic folks when there are openings. Please let me know if you are interested in helping improve one of our trails by being a volunteer. Just send an email to Ron Miller at tracks_ts@yahoo.com (don't forget the "underscore" between "tracks" and "ts" – or the email won't go through!)

TRAILHEAD ADOPTERS

Joan Patrick, Coordinator



This is Joan Patrick. I coordinate the Trailhead Adopters. We are responsible for keeping maps of the trails, including connectors and main trail in the map boxes. White Mountain Trail System pamphlets are also included. We check for damage to the kiosk and pick up around the kiosk and parking area. Keeping the kiosks and trailheads clean and neatly stocked has really reduced vandalism and trash. It reflects the pride and love we have for our trails and has made quite a difference. It is also a great opportunity to get Tracks members involved.

I currently need a replacement for the Panorama Trailhead. Panorama is in Lakeside on Porter Mountain Road.

If you are interested or know someone who would like to help out, please email Joan Patrick at joanpatrick933@gmail.com or call 928-242-7220.

WOODEN TRAIL SIGNS

Kat Westberg, Contributor

Some of our wooden trail signs show some wear. If you notice a damaged or missing sign, please send an email to: katjwestberg@gmail.com. Please provide your name, email address, name of trail, trail location (e.g., TM5) and description of the sign and/or a photo if possible.



Can You find the Bunny- Check the photos!

Tour of the White Mountains- Meet our new Tracks Volunteer Coordinator- Brian Kollus



TWM SAVE THE DATE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-- For the 30th annual Tour of the White Mountains bike race. The event is scheduled this year for Saturday Oct 3rd, 2026.

Epic Rides of Tucson manages the event, and riders can choose rides of 9, 35, 50 and new this year, **an 18 mile course** in addition to the 30-mile gravel ride . We are excited to add the 18 mile to the Tour. It'll be a challenging course that will keep riders in the Country Club, Blue Ridge, Springs area.

All the rides are on our White Mountains Trail System singletrack or a 30-mile gravel on forest roads. 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, and help at the kids ride in the venue. You will also find additional spots on the sign up for the new 18 mile course and Los Burros Aid Station which is being hosted by TRACKS volunteers this year .

If you are interested in spending the day with a group of friends volunteering, consider volunteering at any of the 4 aid stations and have your friends sign up with you. For all of our efforts, Epic Rides makes a sizable donation to TRACKS that helps support our activities throughout the year.

******Volunteers receive a Tour of the White Mountains T shirt, Goody bag and \$40 discount on future Epic races including the TWM.*****

If you are interested in volunteering, go to <https://signup.com/go/zUsmnVE> to sign up. Please let me know at **town.volunteer@gmail.com** if you have any issues with the signup process or questions that I can answer. Thank you for volunteering; this event doesn't happen without all of your support.

Local Hero's coming soon- Future Newsletters will Honor a LOCAL VOLUNTEER HERO. Please send in nominations of your Hero with a photo and short 2 paragraph article to amy@tallpinehomes.com Look for our first HERO in the August Newsletter.



100 MILE CLUB

Destiny Medaje, Contributor

This year, we are adding a fun initiative to our hikes: *The 100 Mile Club*.



We encourage everyone to participate in as many TRACKS hikes as possible with the goal of reaching 100 miles by the end of the hike season. Those who do will be inaugurated in the first ever 100 Mile Club. Easy peasy!

Sign those hike waivers, watch out for monthly updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and take lots of photos and videos. Speaking of, please assist in documenting everyone's endeavors and email your photos/videos to photosfortracks@gmail.com or text them to 928-238 1329.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Kelly Milligan, Coordinator



Mountain Bike rides at 8:00 am. Tuesday and Thursday & Saturday, starting locations (see below).

Tuesday: [Fire Escape Road \(opposite East Lane\) in Pinetop](#)

Thursday: [Junction of Forest Roads 185 & 271](#)

Saturday: [Junction of Forest Roads 182 & 7](#)

Rides will be anywhere from 15-20 miles. A helmet is required. Make sure your bike is in a

season and meeting any potential new riders.

HIKE: TUESDAY TREKKERS

Heather Steiner, Coordinator



Tuesday Trekkers will begin our Tuesday morning hikes beginning at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy our 3-mile hikes through beautiful and interesting places. Save the information below for our May hikes as a helpful reminder. All are welcome to take a hike with the Tuesday Trekkers. No doubt, you will want to join for more hikes!!

For free hiking maps of TRACKS trails go to www.trackswitemountains.org/trail-maps-and-gpx. Another option is to purchase *Take a Hike: A Comprehensive White Mountain Trails Guide* for \$5:00 at the White Mountain Nature Center.

Please meet at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure from the parking lot on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds. All hikes are about 3 miles. We ride share to the trailhead so as not to overwhelm the parking lot or the environment. For short drives, \$2 person is the recommended ride share donation; for longer rides \$5.00 for person is recommended. For more information email Ed Gorny at ejgorny@gmail.com.

HIKE: UP THE HILL GANG

Kay Alderton, Coordinator

It's time for the Up the Hill Gang to get going on Wednesday mornings! Most hikes are between 3-6 miles. Please be sure to show up on time, bring ample water, wear appropriate shoes, bring/wear a hat, and sunscreen. Due to limited parking at trailheads, we often carpool to the trailhead. Recommendations for rideshare costs are listed in the schedule below. Any questions, please contact Kay Alderton at 928-367-7003 or send an email to info@trackswitemountains.org.

July 1 Mount Baldy East Baldy Crossover Trail

Hike Leader: Rob & Ron

*Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 5 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: McDonald's Parking lot (south side), Pinetop

Ride Share: \$5

Distance: 5 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: McDonald's Parking lot (south side), Pinetop

Ride Share: \$5

July 15 Lumberjack Loop

Hike Leader: Lynn & Annette

****Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: Pinetop McDonalds

Ride Share: \$2

July 22 Los Burros

Hike Leader: Ed

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 5.5 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: Pinetop McDonald

Ride Share: \$5

July 29 Land of the Giants

Hike Leader: Lynn & Tom

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: Pinetop McDonalds

Ride Share: \$5

*As rated by the US Forest Service.

** As rated by TRACKS

HIKE: NATURE CENTER (Saturdays)

Lynn Krigbaum, Contributor



The White Mountain Nature Center hikes will be available again this summer! As in the past, every Saturday, all summer long hikes begin at the Nature Center at 8:30 am for a 1.5 hour hike with a leader. Want to know more? Go to wmnature.org.



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WHITE MOUNTAINS TRAIL SYSTEM

COMMUNITY MONTHLY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DAY / DATE	TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION / WHAT TO BRING
 TRAIL CREW	Every Monday	7:00 AM	Trail maintenance, trail building, volunteer work days	Boots, gloves, sunscreen, water
 BIKE GROUP	Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday	8:00 AM	Group rides ranging from 15–25 miles depending on route	Helmet Required, Hydration, Bike repair essentials
 HIKE GROUP	Tuesday Trekkers / Up The Hill Gang	8:00 AM	Easy to moderate hikes throughout local trail system	Good footwear, water, sunscreen, dogs on leash
 BOARD MEETING	2nd Thursday of each month	1:00 PM	Monthly organizational planning meeting	Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
 GENERAL MEETING	2nd Saturday of each month	8:00 AM	Community gathering and monthly Potluck	Woodland Lake Park • Ramada #2



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