

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK****Steve Dobbs, President**

Buena Vista UpdateThe TRACKS trail crew spent 4 work sessions on building 2 new trails in Buena Vista; Rainbows and Sunshine. Rainbows is 1.75 miles long and considered a green beginner trail. The trail is fairly level with no rocks. It starts 1/4 mile from the trailhead and comes back into Buena Vista at about the ¾ mile mark.Sunshine starts about 1.2 miles from the trailhead on Buena Vista and goes to the halfway point of Rainbows. From that point, you have the choice to continue on Rainbows to the BV trailhead or go back to Buena Vista. This trail is also a green beginner trail that has a little more slope than Rainbows, but is still rock free.We have most of the signage installed, but will finish this project shortly. We have been doing some background work on Petrified, Differential, and Flintstone as time allows. The Chihuahua Pines Connector is our next big TRACKS work project. It is about a mile long running from Flintstone to the underpass on U.S. 60.If you see a trail crew member, give them a big thumbs up for the work they do!

Please forward this email to friends and family .

If you have not donated to TRACKS this year Please consider making a donation. You can click on the QR code below or go to the TRACKS website @ <https://www.trackswitemountains.org/>

We thank you in advance!



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Check it out!

***TRACKS 1ST LOCAL HERO OF THE MONTH- PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE EMAIL!

***TOUR OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- READ BELOW!

*** CHECK OUT THE HIKE SCHEDULES- DOWN UNDER!

***TRAIL WORK SCHEDULE AND BIKE RIDES BELOW!

President Steve Dobbs -



TRAILCREW

Garth Orkney, Denny Humphrey & Jerry Good, Coordinators

Trail Crew Mondays meet every Monday at 7 am!

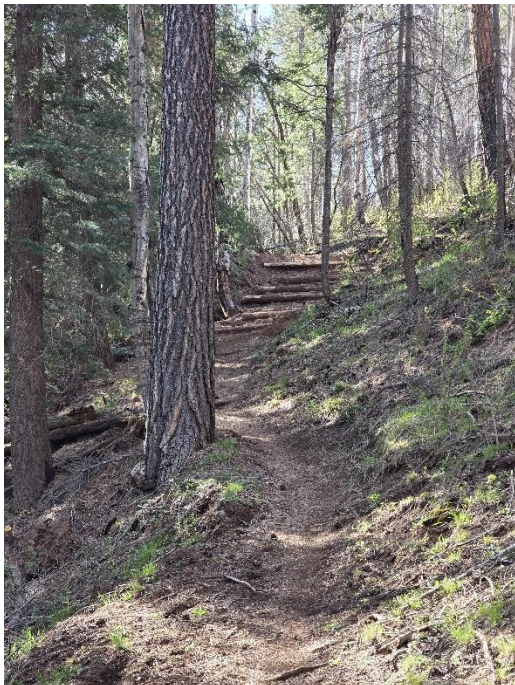
TRACKS has been averaging 20 plus hard working Ladies and Gents on Mondays. Check out the Buena Vista Sunshine and Rainbow new trails- they are sweet! Check out the new sign holder for Trail work! Great job!



TRAIL STEWARDS

Ron Miller, Coordinator

Just a reminder to all trail stewards to check all our respective trails again to make sure that rail 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.

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.



ADOPT AND ACRE-Woodland Lake Park!

***Have you Adopted YOUR Acre?Woodland Park Lake stands out as a community landmark. Save Our Park (SOP), a private, nonprofit 501(3)c organization has launched a new program (Adopt An Acre) dedicated to funding consistent, quality maintenance for the 107 areas the town currently owns, with plans to expand if more acres are acquired. Go to:

woodlandlakepark.org for details about adopting, donating and/or to subscribe to SOP's regular communications.

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.

. Congratulations to Nick Lund our Local Hero for August 2026





T.R.A.C.K.S. Local Hero of the Month – NICK LUND - PAST PRESIDENT 2 TIMES

This month, T.R.A.C.K.S. is honored to recognize Nick Lund as our Local Hero of the Month. With his infectious smile, humble spirit, and unwavering dedication, Nick has been one of the most influential leaders in our organization's history. Serving as T.R.A.C.K.S.' 6th and 8th President, Nick devoted 16 years to helping build not only an incredible trail system, but also an incredible community. During his leadership, membership grew from just 125 members to more than 650, and T.R.A.C.K.S. evolved from an ad hoc committee into a thriving 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Nick's vision and determination helped secure nearly \$100,000 in grant funding for projects including rollover gates and the Blue Ridge Shortcut Trail. Under his leadership, the White Mountains Trail System was designated a Premier Trail System by Arizona State Parks and Trails, and T.R.A.C.K.S. received the prestigious National Award for Community Service from American Trails. He championed the White Diamond Emergency Responder Project, resulting in emergency response times of 45 minutes or less throughout the trail system. Nick also helped bring two International Mountain Bike Association trail-building seminars to the White Mountains, providing volunteers with professional training in sustainable trail construction. Nick loved to ride! He started the TRACKS Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday summer bike rides. And teamed up with Tour of the White Mountains to supply the 100 plus volunteers needed for a successful race. Yet if you ask Nick what he's most proud of, he won't talk about awards or accomplishments. Instead, he'll ask you to tell others about T.R.A.C.K.S., the White Diamond Project, and our amazing volunteers. He believes the true success of T.R.A.C.K.S. belongs to the hundreds of people who have dedicated their time and talents to building, maintaining, and protecting our trails. His humility, passion, and belief in volunteerism continue to inspire all of us. Thank you, Nick, for your remarkable leadership, your friendship, and your enduring legacy. Because of you, generations of residents and visitors will continue to experience the beauty of the White Mountains—one trail at a time. Nick will also be honored with an article in Outdoors South West Magazine- Watch for it!

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 good, rideable condition. Don't forget ample hydration. Anyone with questions can contact me by email at milligankelly@yahoo.com. Looking forward to another great season and meeting any potential new riders.

HIKE: TUESDAY TREKKERS

Heather Steiner, Coordinator



Tuesday Trekkers begins 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. For more information email Ed Gorny at eigorny@gmail.com or Heather Steiner at steinerhm@aol.com.

This month we all will enjoy, feel fantastic and love the woods. Suggested ride share donation is \$5.00.

August 4: West Baldy trail is a segment of the West Baldy, yields about a total 3 miles without any steep areas to climb. The trail follows the West Fork of the little Colorado River and provides many opportunities for great view and photographs.

August 11: Avenue of the Giants from Railroad Grade Trailhead, Trail No 601, starting from the place where F.R. 87 crosses the trail. We will hike a total of 3 miles in a wooded area in the middle of the trail. *Tom Jernigan will be our volunteer leader and an author of 2 books about our mountains.*

August 18: Indian Springs just beyond Big Lake as a self guided trail by our leader beginning in a meadow which goes into the forest dominated by ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir trees.

August 25: Railroad Trail 601 from the Trestle Bridge: Almost all of the distance is railroad grade that is free of hills. We will hike a segment mostly wooded area in the middle of the trail.

Up the Hill Gang Coordinator Kay Alderton

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.

August 5th- Mount Baldy(East) Featuring Limber Pines Hike Leader: Joan & Ron

***Difficulty: Difficult**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

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

Ride Share: \$5

August 12- Government Trail Hike Leader: Cathy

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

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

Ride Share: \$5

August 19- Four Springs

Hike Leader: Denny

****Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 5 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: Social Security Administration Office

Ride Share: \$5

August 26- Pole Knoll

Hike Leader: Annette

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 5 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: Pinetop McDonald

Ride Share: \$5

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.

TRACKS 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