



June 2017 Newsletter

May TRACKS Meeting: Approximately 42 people attended the TRACKS Monthly Meeting held at Darbi's on Saturday, May 14th. No new members or guests were present. Ruth Nelson led a hike around Woodland Lake Park after the meeting.



Announcements:

Long and short sleeve t-shirts are still available for sale. Long sleeves are \$20 each, short sleeves \$5 each. All sales proceeds go to TRACKS.

Trail Stewards are needed for Ice Cave, Timber Mesa, Blue Ridge, Sawmill, and an assistant for Panorama. Trail stewards are asked to hike their trails a minimum of twice a year and report conditions and any missing emergency response diamonds.

Bike Gates: Nick requested that Trail Stewards report locations of any dropdown gates and swing gates on their trails to facilitate installation of the new bike gates.

Fund Raising Event for Love Kitchen and Meals on Wheels will be held at Old Town Hall on June 24th from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM, including live auction and music. Love Kitchen needs volunteers Monday through Friday for various duties.

Rick Olsen announced the **Gem and Mineral Show** at Honda Conference Center on May 28, including 22 vendors, children's activities and food.

National Trails Day at the Nature Center on June 3 which is a fund raiser for Walk for the Woods and Save Our Park. Included are 10th annual Walk For the Woods hikes and a bike ride.

John Davis has copies of Keith Davis' book, *Eyes on the Seas*, at \$15 each. The book can also be purchased through Amazon. Nick reminded TRACKS members that logging onto Amazon through their Smile Foundation will enable a portion of orders to come back to TRACKS.

Audubon Society will host fund raising Film Festival at Nature Center July 15 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Buffet catered by Moose Henry, a silent auction and music are included.

TRACKS will have a Yard Sale at Nick's home on July 22. Members can begin bringing gently used outdoor equipment up to a week prior to the yard sale.

A Town Hall Meeting will take place June 9 from 8:30 AM to noon at Whipple School on Central Ave. in Show Low. The subject is funding PreK-12 school students. Input will be used for a State meeting in November. TRACKS members are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will be on National Trails Day on June 3 at 5:00 PM at Woodland Lake Park in the Large Ramada.

Trail Crew: The Trail Crew is back at work, recently repairing drain problems on the Los Burros Trail. TRACKS is looking for a small lockable trailer to be used for storing tools that can be parked at the Nature Center and hauled to work sites. Contact Nick if you know where TRACKS might find one.



Trail Maintenance: As you use the White Mountain Trail System, please note any missing trail diamonds, needed trail maintenance, downed trees, missing trail signs, or other needed trail work. Notify Lynn Krigbaum (Gemma.krigbaum@yahoo.com or 928-367-2578) of the needed work. Take pictures of work needed if possible, and note the location of the work as closely as possible; e.g. code of the nearest ER diamond or gps coordinates. If you are reporting a missing emergency responder diamond, please let us know if one or both diamonds need to be replaced. Your help in this effort will assist greatly in keeping the White Mountain Trail System one of the best in Arizona.

Notice from Ed Collins of the Forest Service re Controlled Burns 5/22 & 5/23: I gave approval for the remainder of the Whitcom Burn to be done on Monday & Tuesday (May 22nd & 23rd) weather conditions permitting. This is the area just west of FR283 and north of FR185. The recent rain moderated fire conditions and gave us a very narrow window in which to finish this project. It should be a 2 day event

There are not any segments of the White Mtn. Trail System within the burn area, but smoke will be visible from most areas in the White Mountains.

National Trails Day at the Nature Center on June 3 is a fund raiser for Walk for the Woods and Save Our Park. Included are 10th annual Walk For the Woods hikes and a bike ride:

Walk for the Woods: At **7AM** TRACKS volunteers will move chairs and set up tables to be ready for the people to come **at 7:30** to register and check in for the events of National Trails Day at the Nature Center. The t-shirts, liability waivers, door prize tickets and other necessary actions will take place before the 10 mile bike riders take off at **8 AM**. The 5 mile hikers will set off at **8:15**, 5K (3.1 miles) Walk at **8:30** and 1 mile Nature Walk at **8:45**.



There is a meeting for all TRACKS members who want to volunteer at the Walk for the Woods at 4PM on Friday, June 2nd at the Nature Center. It is hoped that all volunteers will also register for the event to get the tee shirt which will be available on Friday at that meeting. The Walk for the Woods registration form is available on the Wmnature.org website.

After the ride, hikes and walks, everyone will be at the Nature Center to chat with sponsors, win a door prize, listen to Fat Chance and have lunch. Plan to come and have a great time raising money for the Nature Center and Woodland Lake Park.



National Trails Day Annual Pot Luck will be held June 3 at **5:00 PM** at Woodland Lake Park in the Large Ramada. People begin arriving around 4:00 to help set up and enjoy a social hour. We look forward to enjoying all the great food traditionally supplied TRACKS members. There will be a short talk presented jointly by Dick Fleishman and Randy Miller. The meeting will begin at 5:00

Expo Sponsored by Women in Blue: Ever wonder what resources and opportunities are available in the White Mountains? Come to the Info Expo and get some answers and information. The Expo will be Sunday, June 4th at the Large Ramada at Woodland Lake Park in Pinetop from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM.

Just some of the groups participating are Audubon, the Nurses' Clinic, NCDP, CASA, Native Women Scholars, and SAFE House.

At 3:00 those who want to can join the group for a walk around the lake, carrying positive signs showing what they are for.

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Nature Center Events

Wilderness Stories: Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 PM at Presbyterian Church at 1940 S Penrod Ln., Pinetop. Come and hear Adam Reeck (husband, Dad, and Math Storyteller at Blue Ridge High), Chad Brewer (Wealth Advisor), Marc Traeger (Public Health Service Doctor) tell their own true stories about their experiences in “The Wilderness”.

Steve Harrington and the Mountain Saddle Band will be sharing their music and Pinetop Coffee House will be providing their delicious coffee. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door. All proceeds of the night’s event will benefit the White Mountain Nature Center Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility.

The White Mountain Nature Center’s mission is to connect people with wildlife through educational experiences inspiring appreciation, responsibility, and respect for the inter-relationships among humans, other living organisms, and the natural world we share. Their Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility will provide a place to take in sick and injured wild animals until the time that it is determined that they can be returned to their natural habitat.



On June 10th the Nature Center program will be a Forest Fair from 10 AM to 2PM. This will be information on 4FRI (which we hope will restore our beautiful forest and prevent catastrophic fire), presentations on FireWise and showing of the equipment and companies which are making the progress possible. We hope all TRACKS members will attend this free program.

The remaining Nature Discovery Programs for June appear on the Calendar Of Events below.

Due to an upgrade by Cable One, some names were dropped from some TRACKS’ email lists. If you have not been getting emails about hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, or trail crew work, please let Nick know (928-241-2444 or lundaz@cableone.net)

Date	Event	Time and Location
May 28, Sunday	Gem and Mineral Show including 22 vendors	Honda Conference Center. Food and Children's activities
June 1, Thursday	TRACKS Board Meeting	1:00 PM at Nature Center. TRACKS members welcome
June 3, Saturday	National Trails Day: Events start at 7:30 AM, Including Walk for the Woods. See above article for details.	7:30 AM Registration at the Nature Center at 425 S Woodland Rd. Activities start at 8
June 3, Saturday	National Trails Day Potluck: There will be a short talk given jointly by Dick Fleishman and Randy Fuller	5:00 PM at Woodland Lake Park Bring a dish to share Social hour from 4:00 to 5:00 Meeting starts at 5:00 PM
June 7, Wednesday	Up the Hill Gang will hike Springer Mountain Lookout (From Best Western)	6:45 AM meet at KFC in Pinetop. 6 mi. moderate hiking. Carpool \$2
June 7, Wednesday	Audubon Monthly Meeting Speaker will be Cathy Wise, an educator from the Rio Salado Audubon Center in Phoenix, AZ. She will address the direction Audubon Arizona is taking.	6:30 PM at Pinetop Lakeside Council Chambers
June 8, Thursday	Nature Center Event: "Wilderness Stories" See article above.	6:30 PM at Community Presbyterian Church, 1940 S Penrod Ln, Pinetop
June 9, Friday	Town Hall Meeting: Subject is PreK-12 school funding	8:30 to Noon at Whipple School on Central Ave in Show Low
June 10, Saturday	Nature Discovery Program: – Healthy Forests for Safe Communities	10:00 AM at the Nature Center at 425 S. Woodland Rd
June 14, Wednesday	Up the Hill Gang will hike Sheep's Crossing to Potato Hollow Springs	6:45 AM meet KFC in Pinetop. 6 miles moderate hiking. Carpool \$5
June 17. Saturday	Nature Discovery Program: Nature Photography 101 – Photography workshop and Summer Photo Contest	10:00 AM at the Nature Center at 425 S. Woodland Road
June 21, Wednesday	Up the Hill Gang will hike Thompson Trail #629 along west fork of Black River	6:45 AM meet KFC in Pinetop. 6 miles moderate to difficult. Carpool \$2
June 24, Saturday	Nature Discovery Program: Creatures of the Zuni Lagoon – Dinosaurs & Geology of the White Mountains	10:00 AM at the Nature Center at 425 S. Woodland Rd.
June 24, Saturday	Fund Raiser for Love Kitchen and Meals on Wheels	2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at Old Town Hall. Includes silent auction and music Bring canned goods
June 28, Wednesday	Up The Hill Gang hike will Squirrel Springs Trail #331	6:45 AM meet KFC in Pinetop. 6 miles moderate hiking. \$5 carpool
Mondays	Trail Crew	Contact Nick to get on mailing list for times and meeting places: lundaz@cableone.net or call Liz at 928-537-1978



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