

# CHAPTER 13

## High Adventure Awards of Grand Canyon Council

For more information regarding Grand Canyon Council Trails program refer to the Council's Trails book.

### BUTTERFIELD STAGE HIKING TRAIL

#### Requirements:

1. Obtain from Theodore Roosevelt Council a current copy of "The Butterfield Stage Hiking Trail in Arizona", which contains an historical outline of the trail and directions.
2. File the appropriate Tour Permits.
3. Be currently registered in Boy Scouting or Exploring.
4. Have obtained the personal recommendation of your Unit Leaders and the written permission of your parents or guardian to take the hike.
5. Read a brief history of the Trails and submit a written report (approximately 400 words) to your Unit Leaders on the "Butterfield Trail" or write an acceptable theme of at least 1,000 words on "What America's Historic Trails Mean To Me". These reports are to be submitted to the Trails Committee by the Unit Leader along with the High Adventure Awards Application. The reports should be written within two weeks after completing the hike.
6. Scouts and Venturers should wear uniform on the trail.
7. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.



FIG. 13-1  
BUTTERFIELD STAGE TRAIL  
3½" x 4"

## **HIGHLINE TRAIL**

For a great hiking adventure, the Highline Trail offers breathtaking scenic beauty, a wide variety of plant and animal life, spectacular geological formations, and a fascinating background of Indian and pioneer history.

The name "Highline" comes from its location along the highest contour line along the base of the majestic Mogollon Rim at which the location of such a trail is practical. It was built by the Tonto National Forest Rangers to reach the "hard to get at" locations along the Rim with fire fighters and equipment for forest protection. Portions of the trail were used at an even earlier date as routes of communication between the few isolated ranches in the Tonto Rim country.

The trail begins at the base of Mogollon Rim just south of Pine and winds its way eastward through heavily forested areas at an average elevation of 5,700 feet for a distance of approximately 50 miles. The trail may be hiked almost year round. Care must be taken to avoid times of extreme weather conditions (both snow storms and thunder storms). The trail is divided into three sections: (1) Pine to Washington Park, (2) Washington Park to Tonto Creek (just below the State Fish Hatchery). This is near Zane Grey's cabin where the famous novelist wrote many of his books. And, (3) Tonto Creek to Highway 260 east of Christopher Creek. It parallels the early General Crook military road along the top of the rim which is still in use. The trail goes through Camp Geronimo and crosses Tonto Creek just below the State Fish Hatchery.

### **Requirements:**

1. Obtain information about trail and forest conditions and restrictions by contacting the Payson office of the Forest Service.
2. All supplies and equipment used on the trip must be carried by members of the group as they hike the trail. No supplies may be carried by cars or other motorized vehicles.
3. All hikers must begin and end at the designated locations. There will be no shortcuts allowed.
4. Each hiking group must compile and submit with the award application a journal describing the trip, including trail conditions, list of animals, plants, geography and other items of interest observed along the way.
5. Obtain a current copy of "Highline Trail" from the Theodore Roosevelt Council. This outline contains a complete list of rules, requirements, required equipment, and list of plants and animals common to the area.
6. Hikers completing any of the sections of the trail will receive the Highline Trail Patch as well as a segment for each segment of the trail that is hiked. Groups may start from either end of the trail for any of the segments.
7. Meet and comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

### **SEGMENTS:**

#### **BAKER BUTTE**

The trail head is marked by a large sign on Highway 87 about one mile south of Pine. The sign reads "Pine Trailhead". The trail begins south of Pine at the highway and heads east around Milk Ranch Point through Camp Geronimo to Washington Park. This section is approximately 18 miles in length. Camp Geronimo may be used for an overnight campsite with prior arrangement or other sites may be used at Poison Springs, Sycamore Creek, West Chase Creek, and East Chase Creek. All of these should have water nearly year round. The trail is shown on the Tonto National Forest map as Forest Trail #31, but for greater detail the "Buckhead Mesa" and "Kehl Ridge" quadrangle topo maps should be used.

#### **FISH HATCHERY**

This section begins at Washington Park and heads along the Rim passing close to Zane Grey's cabin and ending at Tonto Creek. The trail is approximately 15 miles in length with numerous campsites at creeks crossing the trail. The more reliable sources of water may be found at East Verde, Dude Creek, Bonita Creek, Perly Creek, and at Ellison. The trail may be found on the "Kehl Ridge", "Dane Canyon", "Promontory Butte", and "Knoll Lake" quadrangle topo maps. The entire trail may be found on the forest service map.

## PROMONTORY BUTTE

The trail begins at Tonto Creek and goes east winding around Promontory Point and ends at Highway 260 just before it climbs the Rim. This trail section is approximately 14 miles in length. Campsites may be found at Dick Williams Creek, Horton Springs, and See Canyon all of which should have water available. "Promontory Butte" and "Woods Canyon" topographical maps will show the terrain along the trail. The final portions are NOT MARKED on the topo maps. However, the Tonto National Forest will have the needed information.



FIG. 13-2  
HIGHLINE TRAIL w/SEGMENTS  
6½" x 6"

## **SUPERSTITION WILDERNESS TRAILS**

The Superstition Wilderness area just east of Apache Junction is famous for its fabled gold mine legends and other folklore and offers a hiking/backpacking opportunity never to be forgotten.

A word of CAUTION. Even though only a few short miles from a bustling metropolitan area, the Superstition Mountains are a rugged, unforgiving, if yet beautiful wilderness.

It is strongly recommended not to hike this area during the summer months. A wilderness experience should be enjoyed not just endured. Reliable water sources are scarce. The two most consistent sources are Charlebois Spring and La Barge Spring and they can usually be counted on year round. The others such as Bluff Springs, Crystal Springs, Dripping Springs, First Water and Second Water may be unreliable depending upon the season. Plan carefully to insure water availability.

Maps and a good compass are a must. Each hike has recommended topo maps which are available at a variety of map stores. A very good map entitled "The Superstition Wilderness - Western Half" is highly recommended as it shows much trail detail. Superstition trails are usually well defined. However, they are rugged. Most trails are rocky and elevation changes are frequent.

A word of caution about desert hiking. Natural plant life and wildlife are not to be disturbed. This will help to preserve the wilderness but also prevent unnecessary accidents. Also, firewood is scarce so all meals are to be cooked over a backpack type stove.

The Tonto National Forest is the only administering agency for the wilderness. No special permits or reservations are required. If Forest Service personnel are present at trailhead, a simple check in procedure must be followed. The Superstition Wilderness award is earned for taking any of the following hikes or backpacking trips into the Superstition Wilderness.

### **SEGMENTS:**

#### **FREMONT SADDLE**

This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead. The trail follows Peralta Canyon for approximately 2-1/2 miles, climbing almost 1400 feet in elevation to offer one of the finest views of Weaver's Needle and a western desert vista. A return leg could be via the Cave Trail as it passes Geronimo's Cave. This loop makes a good day hike. No water is available. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

#### **SECOND WATER**

Accessible from either First Water Trailhead or Canyon Lake Trailhead. A variety of desert scenery is found from the desert beauty of Garden Valley to the rocky ruggedness of Boulder Canyon and the Second Water Spring area itself. This makes a fine day hike of 4 to 6 miles (dependent on route) with minimal elevation changes. TOPO MAP: Goldfield quadrangle.

#### **CHARLEBOIS SPRING**

A true oasis. An old miner once said "There is no finer water in the Superstitions." Look for "Pac Man Rock". This area is accessible from several trailheads: the Peralta, First Water, Canyon Lake, or Tortilla Flat. Seven to nine miles of hiking is required to reach Charlebois. Camping space is available. No matter which trailhead is used there will be an elevation change of approximately 1000 feet. This is recommended as an overnight trip. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

#### **LA BARGE CANYON**

A most scenic desert canyon and at its headpoint is an area known as Upper La Barge Box. A narrow winding canyon with many sheer drops presents a challenging hike. This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead although Tortilla Flat Trailhead is an alternative. A rugged hiking area this one is a test for the experienced backpacker. The canyon has a spring at either end: La Barge Spring and La Barge Spring No. 2. Water at La Barge Spring is the most reliable. Camping space is available. An overnight trek of approximately 20 miles. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

## MINER'S NEEDLE

One of the most interesting rock formations in the Superstition Wilderness. Miner's Needle actually resembles a sewing needle. From Miner's Summit, Coffee Flat and its mountains offer a panoramic view. Some legends say the Miner's Needle is the site of the infamous Lost Dutchman's Mine. This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead. There is no water available near Miner's Needle. This needle makes a great highlight in a loop through Bluff Spring or even La Barge Spring. As usual elevation changes are prominent, Miner's Summit is 1000 feet higher than the surrounding area. Bluff Spring loop is 9 miles, La Barge loop is 15 miles. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

## REEVIS RANCH

This is an actual ranch site of an early rancher. The best trailhead is Reevis Ranch Trailhead although the ranch could be accessed through Roger's Trough trailhead. Reevis Creek is fairly reliable for water. There is an apple orchard at the ranch, late September is the best harvest time. A challenging hike over the usual Superstition Terrain. From Reevis Trailhead climb over 1000 feet before dropping into the ranch area. An overnight trek of 16 miles. TOPO MAP: Pinyon Canyon and Iron Mountain quadrangles.

## ROGER'S CANYON

This area is accessible from Roger's Trough Trailhead. The canyon is a major drainage area in the wilderness and as a result is greener and has a wider variety of plant life than most other areas of then Superstition Wilderness. The main attraction of this area is the Indian ruins on the canyon wall on the west end of the canyon. This trip could be a day hike but difficult trailhead accessibility make an overnight trip a more pleasant outing. This is a 6 to 7 mile hike. TOPO MAP: Iron Mountain quadrangle.



FIG. 13-3  
SUPERSTITTON WILDERNESS w/SEGMENTS  
3" x 10"

## MAZATZAL WILDERNESS TRAILS

Mazatzal (pronounced MA-TA-ZEL', although the pronunciation found in Webster's Geographic Dictionary is MA'SA-TSAL') to the Paiute Indians means empty space between. The Mazatzal Wilderness Area is located in Central Arizona between the Verde River on the west, and the Beeline Highway (State Route 87) on the east. It stretches from south of Strawberry to just north of Sunflower. Parts of the wilderness area are in each of three counties - Gila, Maricopa and Yavapai. It contains 205,000 acres and is the second largest wilderness area in Arizona.

Elevations range from 7000 ft. in the highest passes to around 2400 ft. along the Verde River. The "Mazatzal Divide" runs approximately north to south close to the eastern boundary of the wilderness area. From the Divide the land slopes west toward the Verde River in a series of rugged mountains and twisted canyons.

Weather and vegetation vary greatly in the Mazatzals. Temperatures can reach an extreme low of -15 degrees F and highs of 115 degrees F. Vegetation ranges from Ponderosa Pines and Douglas Fir through Pinyon Pine, Oak, Juniper and Arizona Cypress to Mesquite Catclaw, Saguaros, etc. Dangerous winter storms and blistering summer heat (with accompanying lack of water) can be problems in the area. Nevertheless, the Mazatzals can provide a truly meaningful wilderness experience to those who come prepared.

The area is administered by four ranger districts of the Tonto National Forest. For more information see the Tonto National Forest Map and the Mazatzal wilderness Map both distributed by the forest service.

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2324 E. McDowell Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ.

### Requirements:

1. You must be a registered Boy Scout or Scouter.
2. All hikes must be supervised by a minimum of two adults (at least one must be over 21) with at least two adults for each 12 boys.
3. Awards will be denied for misconduct.
4. All of these trails are within the Coronado National Forest. Contact the appropriate office well in advance of your trip for information and details on hiking and/or camping on your trek.

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5. Hikes must be completed. Weather, trail closure, tired boys or leaders who cannot go on, equipment failure, etc., may make it wise to stop short of completing these hikes, but do not justify granting the awards.
6. Individual "Trail Logs" describing what you did and what you saw must be signed by the Trek Leader and submitted with your High Adventure application.
7. Only one Patch or Medal will be issued to each participant. When a trail is hiked a star pin is to be attached by the name of the trail as each trail is hiked.
8. Wearing Awards. Trail award patches may be displayed on the jacket, pack, camping gear or worn as a temporary insignia on the right shirt pocket. Medals may be worn on the left breast pocket to the left of the Eagle Badge on the Scout Uniform. Use Cub Scout Den numerals on trail medals as "repeater" numbers for those earning trail medals more than once.

## **SEGMENTS:**

### **BARNHART**

Beginning a hike at the Barnhart trailhead, visit one or more of these areas: Chilson's Spring, Brody Seep, Malapais Spring, Windsor Spring or Hopi Spring. The trails in this segment are best suited for hiking in the Spring or Fall. Details for the entire Barnhart segment area are found on the Mazatzal Peak Quadrangle Map.

### **DEER CREEK**

Beginning at the Deer Creek trailhead, hike one or more of these trails in their entirety: #45, #46, or #47. You must also visit either Gowan Camp or Maple Springs on the hike. This area offers good weather possibilities from September through June. Details for the entire Deer Creek segment area (except for the Deer Creek trailhead itself by 1/8 mile) are found on the Mazatzal Peak Quadrangle Map.

### **DOLL BABY**

Beginning a hike either at the Doll Baby or the City Creek trailhead visit at least one of these areas: (a) The Park (Pete's Pond Area), (b) Fuller Seep, (c) Brush Spring. The higher elevation options are best in October, November, April or May. The lower elevation options are best in October through April. See both the North Peak and Cypress Buttes Quadrangle Maps.

### **CROSS F RANCH**

Do all of the following: (a) Hike all of trail #244 from Cross F trailhead, (b) Hike trail #88 between its junctions with #244 and #87, and (c) Visit Potato Patch. These hikes are best suited for October through May. For details for the area's segment see the Lion Mountain Quadrangle Map and the Reno Pass Quadrangle Maps.

### **TWIN BUTTES**

Beginning a hike at Twin Buttes trailhead, hike to the East Verde River. This hike is best suited for Spring or Fall. See the Cane Spring Mountain Quadrangle plus the Verde Hot Spring Quadrangle (west option) plus the Cypress Quadrangle (east option).

### **SHEEP CROSSING**

This hike segment was scheduled for program inclusion in Autumn of 1987. As of this printing we do not have additional details. Please check with the Theodore Roosevelt Council Camp Office.

You must OBTAIN A CURRENT COPY of Catalina Council's "Where To Go Camping in Arizona & the Southwest", trails edition. This brochure contains trail information, history, suggestions and other helpful aids. The following General Requirements apply.

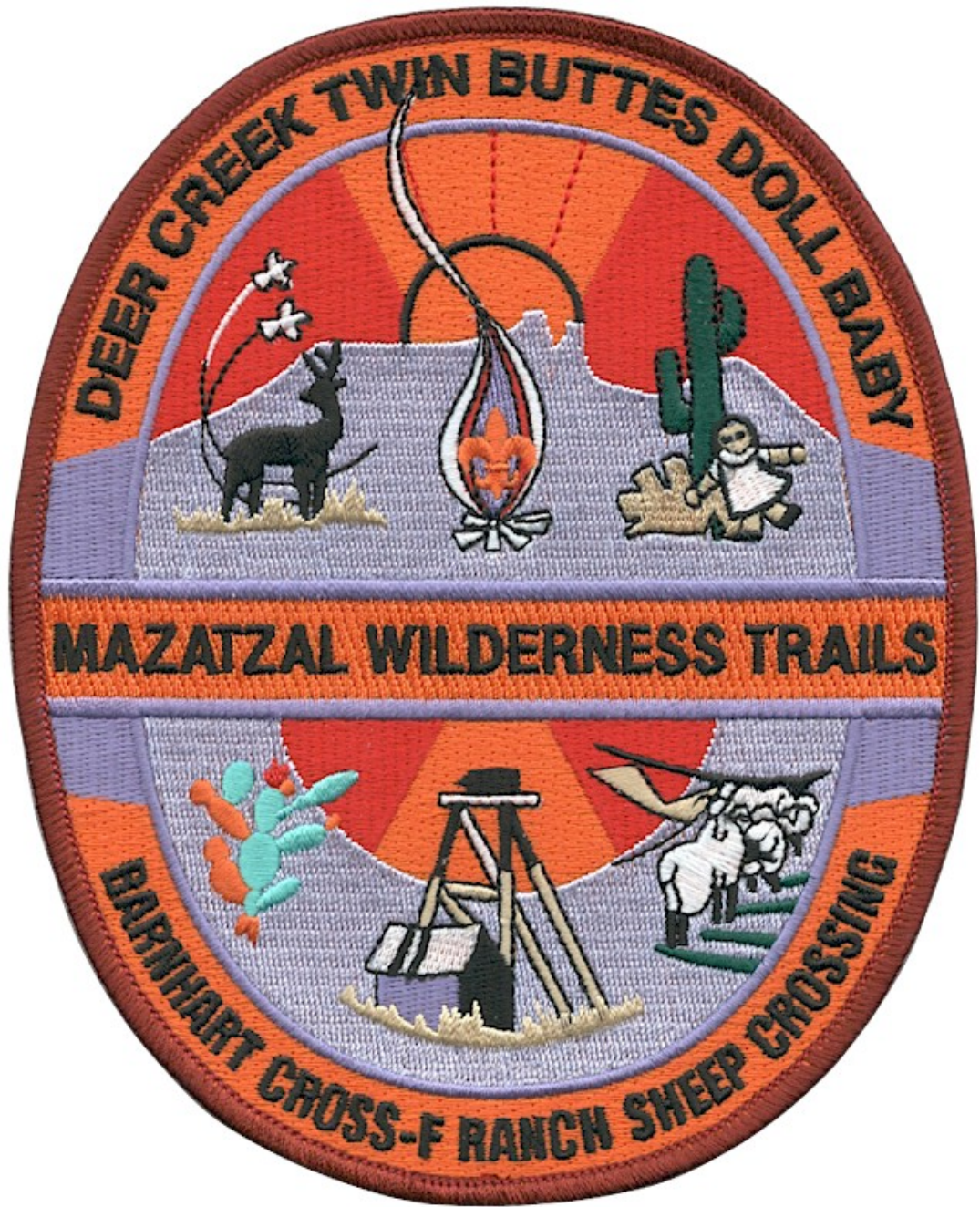


FIG. 13-4  
MAZATZAL WILDERNESS w/SEGMENTS  
5½" x 6½"

## ARIZONA TRAIL HIKES

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## HO-HO-KAM TRAIL

### DESCRIPTION:

Approximately 30 miles long. Plan at least three (3) days. The trail runs from Camp Lawton Boy Scout Camp to the top of Mt. Bigelow, traversing almost 5,000 vertical feet in elevation. This is about the same as climbing in and out of the Grand Canyon.

There are many fine campsites along the trail (refer to council brochure).

Planning water is extremely important. There are stretches with NO PERMANENT WATER.



FIG. 13-5  
HO-HO-KAM TRAIL MEDAL  
1½" x 3"

## GRAND CANYON TRAILS

The Grand Canyon is so internationally popular that there are more people wishing to camp in the Canyon than there are places for them, especially during the summer months. Plan your trip and get reservations three (3) months in advance!

ALL HIKES IN THIS SERIES REQUIRE EITHER A HIKING OR CAMPING PERMIT IN ADVANCE.

Maps: Unless otherwise indicated, USGS topos. Grand Canyon National Park and vicinity, AZ. (1:62,500), or Bright Angel Quadrangle, AZ. (15 min.)

It takes two to three times longer to hike out of the canyon as it does to hike in. On summer days the temperature can be over 100 degrees (F), requiring a gallon of water per hiker to come out safely. During the summer months you may arrange for your unit to use the Grand Canyon High School to store your extra gear while hiking the canyon. Inquire in advance at the Park Superintendent's office. A fee will be charged for your use of the facility.

### ELEVEN SEGMENT AWARDS:

#### RIM TO RIM

##### Requirements:

1. A minimum of two days is recommended.
2. From South Rim, via Bright Angel Trail (25 miles), or the South Kaibab Trail (21 miles), take the North Kaibab Trail up Bright Angel Creek to the North Rim, or take the reverse route. Campgrounds are along the creek.

#### RIM TO RIM TO RIM

##### Requirements:

1. A minimum of 2-1/2 to 3 days is recommended.
2. The hike is 47 miles.
3. South Kaibab or Bright Angel Trails from the South Rim and the North Kaibab Trail from the North Rim.
4. Hike must be completed in one trip.

#### BASS, GRANDVIEW, HANCE, HERMIT, THUNDER RIVER



FIG. 16-2  
RIM TO RIM  
3" x 2"



FIG. 13-6  
GRAND CANYON TRAILS  
3" x 3"

**Requirements:**

1. These five trails go from the South Rim to the river, with the exception of the Thunder River Trail which starts at the North Rim.
2. All are unmaintained and require a hiking and camping permit.
3. Each trail has its own segment award.

**PRIMITIVE TRAILS****Requirements:**

1. This award may be earned by hiking any trail, not previously named, from either rim to the Colorado river.
2. The Boucher and Tanner Trails are examples.
3. A permit is required in all cases.

**SUPAI TO RIVER****Requirements:**

1. This hike takes you into Havasu Canyon, the home of the Havasupai Indians, ending below the waterfalls of Havasu creek.
2. Travel down the creekbed to reach the Colorado River.
3. Allow three days for entire trip.
4. Advance reservations and fees are required. Write to: Havasupai Tourist Enterprise, Supai, Arizona 86435; phone (602) 448-2121.
5. This hike is only partly within the Grand Canyon National Park; it starts at Hualapai Hilltop, some 60 miles north of Peach Springs, AZ., and is four hours driving time from the Canyon's South Rim.

**PARIA CANYON****Requirements:**

1. The canyon is 45 miles long and embraces the Paria River, a perennial stream that begins near Bryce Canyon National Park and runs into the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry.
2. The hike begins in a shallow wash just below U.S. Highway 89 where it crosses the Colorado River in southern Utah.
3. Allow four to six days to complete the entire trek to Lee's Ferry, AZ.
4. Maps: USGS 15 min. topos - Paria, Utah; Paria Plateau, AZ.; Lee's Ferry, AZ.

## **RAINBOW BRIDGE**

### **Requirements:**

1. Two trails may be hiked to earn this segment.
2. Rainbow Trail around the west side of Navajo Mountain (14 miles), starting at abandoned Rainbow Lodge. or,
3. Cameron Trail which is longer by several miles but easier. This trail starts near Navajo Mountain School and goes around the east and north sides of Navajo Mountain.
4. Return by either trail or go out by boat on Lake Powell, or come in by boat and hike out by trail.
5. Permits are required by the Tribal Government. contact: Director, Recreational Resources Dept., The Navajo Tribe, Window Rock, AZ. 86515. Phone: (602) 871-4941.

## **GRAND CANYON TRAILS MEDAL**

### **Requirements**

To earn this award, you must complete one requirement from (1) and (2):

1. Complete the Rim to Rim to Rim hike or complete any three separate hikes in this series.
2. Write your own 800-word report on your hikes covering geology, plant and animal life of the area hikes as you saw them, or read a book on the Grand Canyon, which has been approved in advance by your unit leader as appropriate to your age and interests. Be sure to name the book you read on the application form.



FIG. 13-7  
GRAND CANYON MEDAL  
1½" x 3"

## SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS TRAILS

These hikes are in the vicinity of the San Francisco Peaks, the surrounding plateau and its rugged canyons in northern Arizona. Write to: Trails Committee, c/o Grand Canyon Council, for current trails and road directions and field notes. Write to appropriate office of U.S. Forest Service for fire closures, trail and road conditions and other current data before attempting these treks.

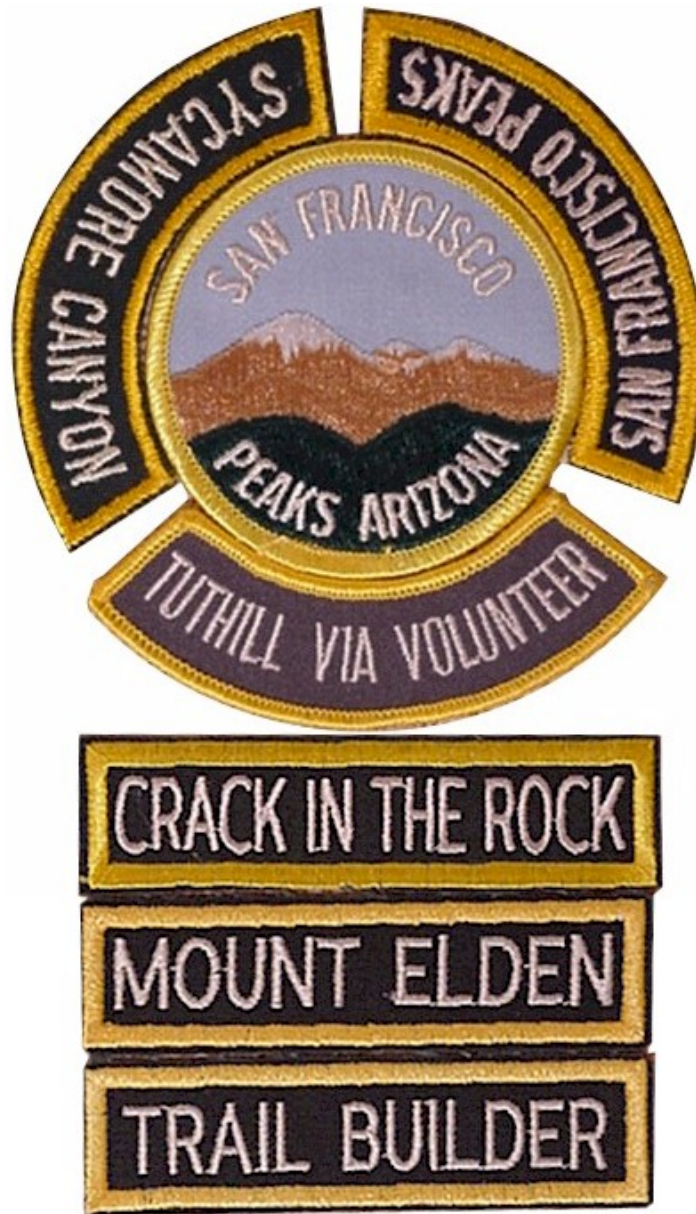


FIG. 13-8  
SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS  
5" DIA. w/Segments

## **SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS**

### **Requirements:**

1. This hike offers a choice of nine routes, over and around peaks; you make up your own hike, choosing any three or more routes put together, with the aid of a prepared map and route directions, available from the Council Office. Routes are not marked on the ground; they go cross-country and challenge you to use map, compass, and altimeter to make your way over and around the mountains.
2. Elevations: 8,000' to 12,000'.

## **SYCAMORE CANYON**

### **Requirements:**

1. This hike through rugged Sycamore Canyon is a two or three-day trip which is best traveled downstream, starting at either the Boy Scout Reservation or at Winter Cabin near Turkey Butte and ending at the Verde River. Length: 44 miles. This is one of the most demanding hikes in the Council's awards program.
2. Maps: USGS (Topos) Sycamore Point, Sycamore Basin, Loy Butte (7.5 min.). For information and maps write the District Ranger, Flagstaff District, U.S. Forest Service, 1100 N. Beaver St., Flagstaff, AZ. 86001.

## **TUTHILL VIA VOLUNTEER**

### **Requirements:**

1. Follow the powerlines between Ft. Tuthill (County Fair Grounds) and the Boy Scout Reservation. Hike courses across typical Coconino plateau terrain of ponderosa pine forests atop volcanic rock formations.
2. Difficulty: Easy Length: 18 miles. Maps: USGS (Topos) Flagstaff West, Bellemont, Garland Prairie (7.5 min.)

## **CRACK-IN-THE-ROCK**

### **Requirements:**

1. Hike to one of the major Indian Ruins in Wupatki National Monument. Specific permission must be obtained in advance. Write to: Superintendent, Wapatki Monument, Tuba Star Route, Flagstaff, AZ. 96001.
2. Difficulty: Easy, except in hot weather. Length: A guided 18-mile round trip. Maps: USGS (Topos) Wupatki Southeast, and Wupatki Northeast (7.5 min.)

## **MOUNT ELDEN**

### **Requirements:**

Complete ten non-repeating miles in the new Mount Elden - Dry Lake Hills Trails system near Flagstaff. Information is available from the Scout Office or the Forest Service (Elden district).

## **TRAIL BUILDER**

### **Requirements:**

Perform 16 hours of trail building or maintenance on any of the areas covered by the San Francisco Peaks Trails (San Francisco Peaks, Sycamore Canyon, Tuthill Via Volunteer, Crack-In-The-Rock, or Mount Elden). Prior approval of the Trails Committee and appropriate Forest Service District Office or National Park Service is necessary.

## WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAILS

### MOUNT BALDY, SQUIRREL CANYON, EAST EAGLE CREEK, ROSE SPRING, BEAR CANYONS SEGMENTS

1. The hikes in this area are located in rugged high-mountain country around the Mogollon Rim, Arizona's famed east-west escarpment which separates the state's high northern environs from the remainder of the state's lower desert areas.
2. The hikes are all found in the vicinity of the Rim in eastern Arizona, between the eastern boundary of Fort Apache and San Carlos Indian Reservation and State Highway 666.
3. The area is Arizona's most verdant and well-watered.
4. It is a three-season hiking area, spring through fall; winter snow storms can quickly make travel hazardous.
5. **YOU MUST CONTACT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE BEFORE TAKING ANY OF THESE HIKES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.**

Note: USGS maps do not have trails numbers. You will need USFS Apache-Sitras National Forest Map, obtained at Forest Service Ranger Stations. This map covers all the hikes in this series.



FIG. 13-9  
WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAILS  
5" x 4" w/Segments

## BLUE PRIMITIVE AREA TRAILS

### HORSE RIDGE, BEAR MOUNTAIN, STRAY HORSE CREEK, BLUE RIVER, PUEBLO PARK, KELLY'S ARCH SEGMENTS

1. The Blue Range Primitive Area is in east-central Arizona between State Highway 666 and the New Mexico border and contains some of Arizona's most remote mountain country.
2. It is named for the Blue River which flows north and south through the center of the area.
3. It is similar in ruggedness to the White Mountains to the west and is also a three season area.
4. Hikes range in length from 22 to 42 miles and from 3800 to 9100 feet in elevation.
5. YOU MUST CONTACT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE BEFORE TAKING ANY OF THESE HIKES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

Note: USGS maps do not have trail numbers. You will need USFS Apache-Sitras National Forest Map, obtained at Forest Service Ranger Stations. This map covers all the hikes in this series.



FIG. 13-10  
BLUE PRIMITIVE AREA TRAILS  
7" x 8" w/Segments

## GENERAL CROOK HISTORIC TRAIL

In 1871, General George Crook ordered a wagon road built from the Arizona Territorial Capital at Prescott, east to New Mexico, and to Fort Apache. The road was used to move troops and supplies into remote eastern Arizona until the railways were built in the 1880s.

### FT. WHIPPLE TO FT. VERDE, FT. VERDE TO GENERAL SPRINGS, GENERAL SPRINGS TO COTTONWOOD, & TRAIL BUILDER SEGMENTS

#### Requirements:

1. The segments on this hike are approximately 50-miles long and are earned when each segment is hiked or ridden on horseback.
2. Backpacking is not required; camping gear may be carried by vehicle.
3. The hiking (or riding) segment need not be done all at one time; it can be done in pieces.
4. The trail is close to existing roads and easily driven to all but a few short sections.
5. TRAIL BUILDER segment is earned when 16 hours of trail work has been completed on the basis of arrangements previously made with the appropriate Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service.

## GENERAL CROOK TRAIL MEDAL

#### Requirements:

1. This award can be earned by completing the requirements for all the segment awards.
2. Medals are consecutively numbered.
3. Applications must be individually submitted.



FIG. 13-11  
GENERAL CROOK MEDAL  
1½" DIA.



FIG. 13-12  
GENERAL CROOK HISTORIC TRAIL  
7" x 3" w/Segments

## OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM HIKES

Sedona Rim country is a unique and beautiful area with many rugged canyons, forested slopes and isolated plateaus and mesas. Most hikes in these areas are best as day hikes and lend themselves to small groups (groups of 10 or less). Several hikes can be overnight trips.



FIG. 13-13  
OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM HIKES  
7" x 7" w/Segments

**WILSON MOUNTAIN, EAST POCKET TRAIL, WET BEAVER CREEK, DRY BEAVER CREEK, LOY TRAIL, MOONEY TRAIL, HARDINGS SPRINGS TRAIL, COOKSTOVE TRAIL, THOMAS POINT TRAIL, CASNER CANYON TRAIL, JACKS CANYON-MUNDS MOUNTAIN, SOLDIER PASS TRAIL, VULTEE ARCH-DEVILS BRIDGE, DRY CREEK TRAIL OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM HIKES**

**Requirements:**

1. Contact the Council for updated pamphlet containing trail descriptions, notes, maps and other useful information.
2. The OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM patch is earned after completing one overnight hike and the day hikes utilizing "no trace" camping. As additional segment hikes are completed a star pin is to be attached by the name of the segment.

NOTE: Only two hikes have dependable water and the others will require a "dry camp".

**OVERNIGHT HIKES:**

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Wilson Mountain   | 6 - 8 miles   |
| 2. East Pocket Trail | 5 - 7 miles   |
| 3. Wet Beaver Creek  | 6 - 8 miles   |
| 4. Dry Beaver Creek  | 6 - 8 miles   |
| 5. Loy Trail         | 10 miles      |
| 6. Mooney Trail      | 12 - 14 miles |

**DAY HIKES:**

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 7. Harding Springs Trail      | 1.5 miles    |
| 8. Cookstove Trail            | 1.5 miles    |
| 9. Thomas Point Trail         | 2 miles      |
| 10. Casner Canyon Trail       | 4 miles      |
| 11. Jacks Canyon -Munds Mt.   | 9 - 10 miles |
| 12. Soldier Pass Trail        | 4 miles      |
| 13. Vultee Arch-Devils Bridge | 5 - 6 miles  |
| 14. Dry Creek Trail           | 6 miles      |

## ARIZONA MORMON BATTALION TRAIL AWARD

### Requirements:

We offer a special Trail Patch for those that complete the following requirements while on the Trail.

1. Camp overnight
2. Cook a meal.
3. Hike at least 5 miles.
4. Do a service project.
5. Have the \*History of the trail explained to your unit.

\* The history can be presented by members of the Mormon Battalion or by others familiar with the history.

For information about how to get this patch for your unit contact us at: [info@MormonBattalionAZ.org](mailto:info@MormonBattalionAZ.org)



FIG 13-14  
ARIZONA MORMON BATTALION TRAIL  
3"x3 7/8"