



photo by Karen Holloway

Now, news on the trail building. The Western Loop trail is partially complete. This section is about 0.7 mile, and it takes you to the spot where the T-shirt picture was taken. Within the small loop on this trail you may enjoy wonderful views, and a great flat rock on which to sit and meditate or to enjoy a snack.

Beyond this small trail loop, the land begins to climb steeply (meaning lots of switch backs) until you reach the western saddle (elevation 2900 feet). It is this section that our trailblazers are working on now. Beyond the saddle, we plan to loop the trail into the end of the box canyon before folding back to a junction with the original trail near the smaller loop. (1.5 miles more).

Our highly motivated trail workers can always use more help. We promise to train you on the job, and we can fit the job to your liking. Listed below are the dates we drive up to the Preserve to work on the trail. Please give a call to 480-837-3253 to indicate which dates you would like to volunteer. We meet at the end of Eagle Ridge Drive (just past the Copperwynd Resort). We depart at 8:00 AM and return by Noon.

Schedule of Trail Building
for Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preserve

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	01/09/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	01/29/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Sunday	02/13/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Sunday	02/27/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Sunday	03/13/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	03/26/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Sunday	04/10/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	04/30/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	05/07/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	10/01/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Sunday	10/09/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon
Saturday	10/29/05	8:00 AM 12:00 noon

Note: Start & Finish times represent the legal coverage period. We will arrange times for each date that reflect the weather and daylight.

Many tool will be supplied, However your always welcomed to bring your favorite Pickax or flat bladed shovel.

Plenty of water, work gloves, sun block, and a broad brimmed hat are essential.

The photos on this page illustrate where and why we are building walking trails in our Preserve. There are so many different views at different elevations, and we want to make them all available to those who enjoy hiking

Log onto the Internet at (www.scfh.org) to see the photos in this letter in living color! While there, browse the site to learn more.



There has not been a strong response for our last "T-shirt". Perhaps that is due to our lack of publicity. The photo above was taken from the higher level of our new Western Loop Trail and is depicted on the shirt.

Order several for family and friends. The price is \$15/shirt. **If you order yours before the first January hike (1/08/05) you will receive a fabulous water bottle holder free.** Call 837-3253 for delivery.

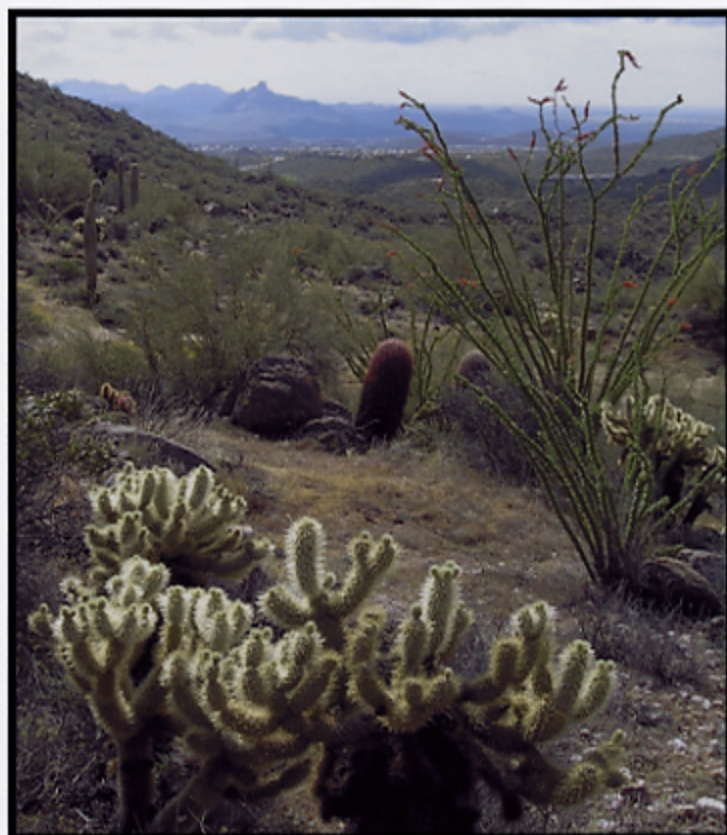


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