INTRODUCING

The Arizona Premier Trail System

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WHAT IS APTS?

• The Arizona Premier Trails System has been established to recognize and promote 100 non-motorized trails that are of special significance to Arizona residents and visitors – essentially highlight the “best of the best.”

• This will be a dynamic list, subject to change on an annual basis.

• Brought to you by the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), on behalf of the Arizona State Parks.
CATEGORIES

• Recreation
• Interpretive
• Historic/Cultural

• Scenic
• Water /Riparian
• National
• Trail System
NOMINATION CRITERIA

• Must be existing trails

• Must be publicly owned/managed and available for public use

• Only non-motorized trails

• Trail must be a minimum of one-mile in length, unless it demonstrates unique characteristics

• Must be open for public use the majority of the season
HOW TO APPLY

• Application Forms on Trails Program page

• Rolling application, ASCOT reviews annually in January

• Nominations will be reviewed by a committee, representing trail managers and trail users.

• Successful trails will be included in the system for 5-years, and can re-apply after the 5-year period to remain in the system.
BENEFITS

• Opportunities for increased exposure to your trail(s)
• Tourism potential
• Possibility of attracting volunteers to help with trail maintenance
• Improved grant funding potential
• Prestige and recognition to your trail(s) and area!

2010 – 2014 Outdoor Activity Increases

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• ASCOT subcommittee review

• Review committee includes ASCOT members, government trail managers, trails partners, ASP staff and an “at large” member from the trail community

• Designated trails announced annually in March
QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

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