

Lost Goldmine Trail

Lost Goldmine Trail runs along the base of the Superstition Mountains between Broadway Road near Apache Junction and Peralta Road east of Gold Canyon. It crosses 11+ miles of beautiful Sonoran Desert foothills immediately adjacent to the Superstition Wilderness. The landscape is breathtaking, and the towering cliffs of the nearby mountains are stunning. Although desert bighorn sheep sightings are common, the area is also home to more secretive species like the Sonoran Desert tortoise and Gila monster. Reptiles, birds and smaller mammals are abundant, as are native plants like Saguaro, Palo Verde, Cholla, and Brittlebush.

The Partnership

Lost Goldmine Trail is a partnership between the Superstition Area Land Trust (SALT), Pinal County Open Space & Trails Department (PCOSTD), and the Tonto National Forest (NF). It was built by volunteers, and completed in 2002.

The trail's western 11+ miles is in the Tonto National Forest. Most of the remainder falls within a 25-foot easement through Arizona State Trust Land, except for a central short section through private land and along Cloudview Rd. This allows recreationist's access to the Superstitions without trespassing on private or State Trust lands. It is free and open for public use every day of the year, and no permit is required for use of the trail. Lost Goldmine Trail has many opportunities, whether you are looking for a short hike of a few hours or a longer connection to Lost Dutchman State Park or other Superstition Wilderness trails. It is open to all non-motorized forms of recreation, including hiking, running, backpacking, horseback riding, and mountain biking (bicycles ARE NOT allowed in the adjacent Superstition Wilderness Area).



History of the Lost Goldmine Trail

The need for permanent public access to the Superstition Area Wilderness grew as subdivisions sprang up during the building boom of the early 1990s. Hikers, horsemen and bicyclists found themselves cut off to old trails by development, creating parking and sanitation problems for local residents.

In 1993 Pinal County approached SALT to co-sponsor a federal grant proposal that required support from local non-profit organizations. It took \$350K to permanently lease the trail right-of-way from the Arizona State Land Department and another grant from AZ State Parks to erect signs and build parking lots. Through the combined efforts of county, state and federal governments, hundreds of volunteers from SALT, ADOBE, Superstition Horsemen, and homeowner groups, the Lost Goldmine Trail is here in perpetuity for the thousands of outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy it each year.

Directions to Lost Goldmine Trailheads

Broadway Road Parking Lot:

From U.S. 60, turn N on Mountain View Road in Apache Junction (Mile Marker 199). Continue 2.5 miles to Broadway Road. Turn right and proceed 1 mile E to a small parking area on the left.

Cloudview Road Parking Lot:

From U.S. 60, turn N on Kings Ranch Road in Gold Canyon (Mile Marker 203). Proceed 3 miles to Baseline Road. Turn right and drive E 1/4 mile to Mohican. Turn left and continue N 1/3 mile to Valley View Road. Turn left and continue 1/2 mi. to Cloudview Road (After the right-hand curve, Valley View becomes White Tail Road.) Turn right on Cloudview, and proceed 1/2 mi. to the large parking area at the end of the road.

Peralta Road Parking Lot:

From U.S. 60, turn N on Peralta Road (Mile Marker 204). Continue N for 7.2 miles; 6 miles are on a well-graded gravel road. Turn left at the "Lost Goldmine Trail" sign into the large parking area.



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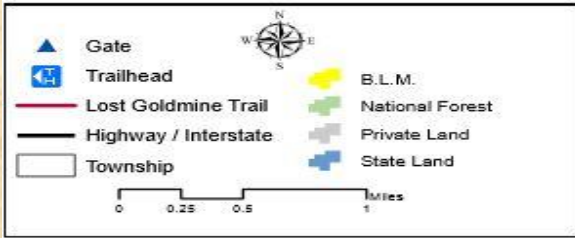
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Trail Rules



- Obey signs and respect fences
- Close all gates behind you
- Be courteous to other trail users
- Dogs must be leashed
- Do Not disturb wildlife
- Do Not disturb cultural resources
- Take nothing but photos
- There are no water or sanitary facilities on the trail
- Pack it in, pack it out - leave no trace
- Stay within the trail easement - do not trespass
- Trail use is at your own risk
- In an emergency, call 911
- NO Bicycles allowed in the Wilderness area
- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE TRAIL

