TREASURE LOOP TRAIL  56

Superstitions Mountains showcase many colorful spring wildflowers.

TRAIL NARRATIVE
From the Cholla day-use area at the Lost Dutchman State Park, trail users can find a sign depicting a hiker. This is the trail’s beginning. The trail passes through a gate; the grade is moderate to the junction with Jacob’s Trail 58 (at Mile 0.4). The grade gradually becomes steeper and follows a ridge overlooking two deep washes. At Mile 1.3 the Treasure Loop Trail junctions with Prospector’s Trail 57. The trail then starts down a series of steps and switchbacks around very large boulders. It then quickly descends to intersect again with Jacob’s Trail. Once back at the Lost Dutchman State Park (near trail’s end), there are two trails that lead to the Saguaro day-use Area -- or bypass these short trails and bear to the right and return to Cholla day-use area. Livestock and bicycles are prohibited on this trail above the junction with Jacob’s Trail 58.

CONSIDERATIONS
• Livestock and bicycles are only allowed on the lower part of the trail (that portion which is below its junction with Jacob’s Trail 58).
• After a rain, travel can be difficult.
• Practice “Leave No Trace” ethics including: If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!
• Hot summer temperatures require trail users to take precautions.
• One gallon of water per/person, per/day.
• Although this trail is essentially within the Tonto National Forest, trailheads are in Lost Dutchman State Park. The trail is maintained by the state under a cooperative agreement.
• Do not drink untreated water

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