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SOUTHERN GREENLEE COUNTY TRAILS

Scenic rivers, wide desert vistas, rugged mountains, deep canyons, and rich Arizona history make Greenlee County a natural destination for exploration and outdoor recreation. Whether you're a modern-day adventurer, naturalist, love to hike or bike, enjoy birding, horseback riding, or crave a unique off-road experience, the trails in southern Greenlee County can offer a truly unforgettable outdoor experience.

RUGGED backcountry
DEEP canyons

SCENIC rivers
DESERT vistas



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Arizona's Trust Land is managed by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD); Trust land is NOT public land. Limited access is allowed on State Trust Land via temporary recreation permits that are revocable at any time. There are four types of state land permits:



The Individual Permit:

Allows the signatory limited privileges to use State Trust Land for some recreation. The recreation activities allowed are hiking, horseback riding, picnics, bicycling, photography, sightseeing, and bird watching. Camping is restricted to no more than 14 days per year.



The Family Permit:

Extends the same privileges and responsibilities of the Individual Permit to a family unit (limited to 2 adults and children under 18 years of age).



The Group Permit:

For Groups and Clubs is designed to provide for non-consumptive and environmentally compatible recreational activities on State Trust lands. The permit is limited to less than 20 people for less than 5 days.

The Special Land Use Permit (SLUP):

Required for all competitive and commercial recreation. A pre-application meeting is required during which a SLUP application will be provided.

Permit information and applications are available at www.azland.gov/programs/natural/recreation_permit.htm or call (602) 364-2753.



Gila Mountains

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) is a vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unimproved terrain and having an unladen weight of 1,800 pounds or less. Such vehicles require the annual purchase of an OHV decal to operate on public and state lands. The decal must be displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate.

The decal allows the user to cross Arizona State Trust Lands when operating on existing roads, trails (unless otherwise prohibited), and designated routes. The decal can be used to cross Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands but some roads may also require the vehicle to be street legal.

Decals do not allow access to private land. Ask for permission before operating an OHV on private roads and trails. Do not trespass—there are criminal and civil penalties for violating trespass laws.

Before operating an OHV off highway, always contact the appropriate land manager to check on the type of OHV recreation opportunity available, route closures, fire danger, local conditions, special permits or permission needed, OHV rules, and maps of routes and area information.

OHV Resources

Find out which roads require a street legal vehicle through U.S. Forest Service (www.fs.fed.us) and Bureau of Land Management (www.blm.gov/az) land.

Learn more about street legal requirements from the Arizona Game and Fish Department: (www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/off_highway.shtml)



San Francisco River

SAFETY

Trail and weather conditions are dynamic and can change rapidly so consider the following precautions:

- ✓ Dress for the weather and terrain.
- ✓ Check with locals regarding status of trail conditions
- ✓ Take water and snacks if you plan to be gone for several hours.
- ✓ Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.
- ✓ Keep alert and stay on designated trails.
- ✓ Always ride or hike within your ability.
- ✓ Be aware that cell phone service may be intermittent in many areas of the county.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- ✓ Faster trails users should yield to slower traffic.
- ✓ Move off the trail when stopped to allow others to pass.
- ✓ Bike users should ring a bell or give clear verbal warning by saying "passing" or "on your left" to nearby trail users before passing.
- ✓ Stay on the trails to protect vegetation and minimize potential erosion; don't disturb wildlife or plants.
- ✓ Leave no trace. Keep trails litter free by carrying out anything you carry in.
- ✓ Keep pets on a leash within 4 feet and pick up all pet waste.
- ✓ Many of the trails have livestock gates. Users are asked to always leave the gate as they found it. And when in doubt, close the gate.



CONTACTS

Call 911 for emergencies; all other reasons call the Greenlee County Sheriff at (928) 865-4149

MORE INFORMATION
www.visitgreenleecounty.com

CLIFTON



About Clifton

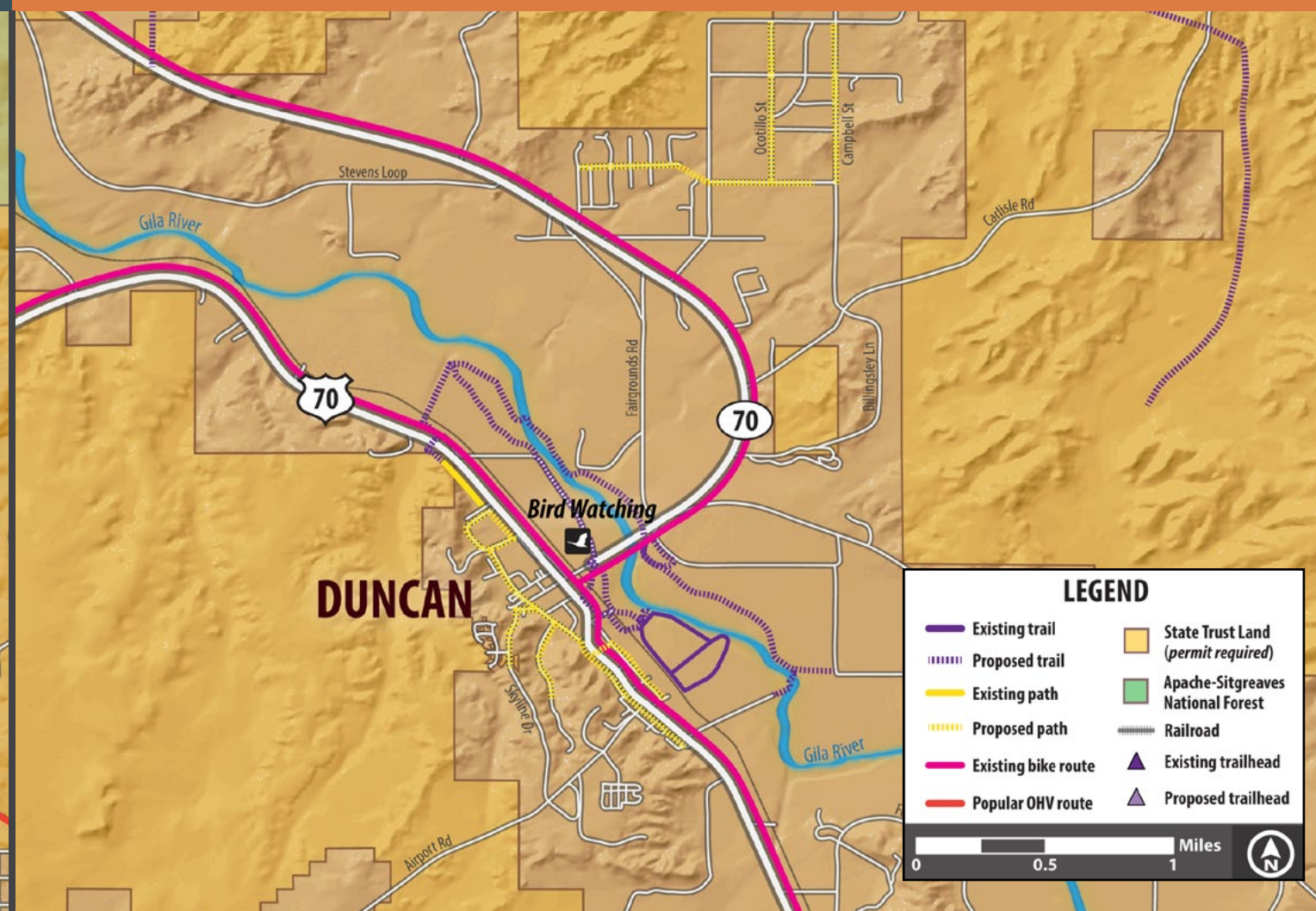
The Town of Clifton is set in a rugged mountain canyon formed by the San Francisco River. Founded in 1873 when the Lesinsky brothers leveraged Clifton's proximity to water to build a smelter, Clifton was originally the heart of Greenlee County's mining industry. Now the county seat of Greenlee County, Clifton has developed into an area trading center as mining activities have shifted to nearby Morenci.

Clifton is characterized by steep cliffs, rugged mountain canyons, the winding San Francisco River, and a rich history still enjoyed today through Clifton's Historic District.

Looking east at downtown Clifton



DUNCAN



About Duncan

Founded on the Gila River in southern Greenlee County, Duncan is characterized by flatter, open land, wide desert vistas, and ranching and agricultural land use. The area outside of Duncan is well-known for its cultural artifacts such as cave paintings, arrow heads, pottery, burial sites, and other remnants of the Anasazi and other pre-historic cultures, as well as artifacts from garrison camps of the expedition of Francisco Vázquez de Coronado.

The Duncan Valley offers excellent dove and quail hunting, rich deposits of chalcedony and fire agate, and wonderful opportunities for bird-watching.



Bridge crossing



POINTS OF INTEREST

The varied landscape of Greenlee County has two basic climatic zones: the desert basin and range lowlands in the southern half, where mesquite grass, yucca, creosote and salt bush grow; and the wooded highlands and mountains in the north with yellow pine, douglas fir, alpine flowers, bear, mountain lion, wild turkey, elk, and other wildlife.

1 CORONADO TRAIL
The Coronado Trail follows Highway 191 as it travels into the southern Greenlee County area. The trail is essentially the same path the Spanish conquistadors traveled in search of the mythical Seven Cities of Gold. The road winds approximately 90 miles from 3,500 feet to 9,300 feet. As it enters the Morenci-Clifton area, it travels over the steep, craggy canyon of Chase Creek and past the Morenci Copper Mine. The trail, which can be biked or driven, ends at Clifton.



MORENCI OPEN PIT COPPER MINE
Developed more than 50 years ago, the open pit mine is rich in copper and has an exciting history which mirrors the development of the West. The colorful terraced Morenci mine is a spectacular sight. Tours of the working mine provide a fascinating glimpse into the mining process.

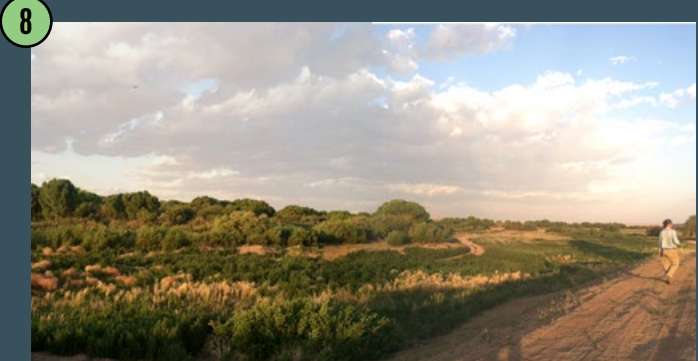
3 SAN FRANCISCO RIVER
This majestic wild river flows year-round, tumbling through steep mountains before traversing the Town of Clifton on its way to the Gila River. Many different access roads lead to swimming, fishing, wildlife viewing, and rafting sites.

4 CLIFTON HISTORIC DISTRICT
The county seat of Greenlee County, the historic Town of Clifton is set in a rugged mountain canyon formed by the San Francisco River. Founded in 1873 as a mining center of Greenlee County, Clifton boasts several historic sites, including the old Clifton jail, the Arizona and New Mexico Railway Passenger Station, the County Courthouse, and the rebuilt Copperhead Train.

5 MORENCI GUEST HOUSE
The Morenci Guest House is a historic early-1900s guest house, built by Phelps Dodge for their visiting, out of town executives. It can be seen from Park Avenue.

6 MARES BLUFF VETERANS MEMORIAL
Located at the south end of Clifton, Mares Bluff offers scenic views of Clifton and a veterans' memorial at the edge of the bluff decorated with flags and dog tags donated by local veterans.

7 GILA BOX RIPARIAN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
The 23,000-acre Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area is truly an oasis in the desert. Cliff dwellings, historic homesteads, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, and more than 200 species of birds make this a year-round watery desert refuge. Activities include rafting, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, birdwatching, fishing and hunting, wildlife and wildflower viewing, hiking, historic interpretation, camping, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle driving.



BIRDING IN DUNCAN
Duncan is a popular birding destination, and the town has made a trail along the Gila River to help birders discover the many species of the region. Sandhill Cranes winter on the Gila in Duncan from November through February, and Bald Eagles nest there every year.

9 LAZY B RANCH
Just a few miles south and east of Duncan is the Lazy B Ranch, the childhood home of retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. While the homestead is not accessible, the ranch welcomes rockhounds and other visitors to explore its back roads and stunning vistas. Round Mountain, renowned as a fire agate site, is also the epicenter of the 2014 earthquakes that shook southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico.

Note: The trails shown in this publication traverse both public and private lands. To respect the rights of property owners, please stay on designated trails. Failure to do so is trespassing, and jeopardizes every trail's future use. Public lands include the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Private lands include single owners to corporations. Arizona State Lands are not public lands but are lands held in trust, and managed, by the Arizona State Land Department to generate revenue for the State Trust land beneficiaries. The Arizona State Land Department allows limited access to these lands via permits that are revocable at any time.

