



# *Skyline Serenity*

4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY  
HIKE MAY 24, 2025

## *Gila County Trail*

**We will hike 2 to 5 miles out-and-back. (We hike till half-tired then turn back. Prepare to enjoy views of the Mazatzal wilderness**

*We Will Meet at the Trailhead @ 10:15 AM  
HIKE starts at 10:30*

*It is recommended to leave Mesa by 8:30*

### **BRING:**

Newcomer, Water,  
Lunch. & PMA



Call to let us know to expect you:  
Chuck H 480-236-4859

### **DIRECTIONS:**

After arriving to Payson from the south side of town. Turn LEFT [West] at the stoplight at the Casino. This is Green Valley Parkway. The road dead ends about 1/4 mile and on the North side of the road is a little parking area and it has a trailhead sign. This is where we meet.

*We Will Find A Cozy Spot To Have an NA Meeting*  
<http://arizona-na.org>

# Gila County Trail

Payson Area trails system (PATs) is an in-process interconnecting trail system. They will be using roads, sidewalks, existing forest trails, and roads as well as new trails. There are some of the trails that are outside the city limits of the Town of Payson as well as going thru town. Some of the trails are completed but there are still some that they are working on.

## **Hike**

The trail starts south of the Event Center. The trail takes off behind a forest service gate with the words "Trail" on it. Here the trail winds all thru the Tapeats sandstone and pinon trees and juniper trees. This is a nice easy hiking area for about the first half-mile. There it meets a forest road and we take a right to the west. The road drops down steeply. Here you can see the Mazatzal range for the first time. This part of the road is super rocky and you need to watch your step carefully. This road basically is a trail again, I can't imagine that anyone could drive right here. This continues down past an old miners' house that is only a few walls a couple of feet tall now. This ruin might also be a CCC construction. There are also old mines in the area too. Then we meet up with another road and follow it along. Here you can tell that there has been vehicle activity and may be busy on the weekends. The road winds along down in a valley to a stand of cottonwoods. There may be areas of water. The trail then follows a creek bed and ends up on another road with an easier hike out up a road. This road connects up to the Peach Orchard Trailhead.