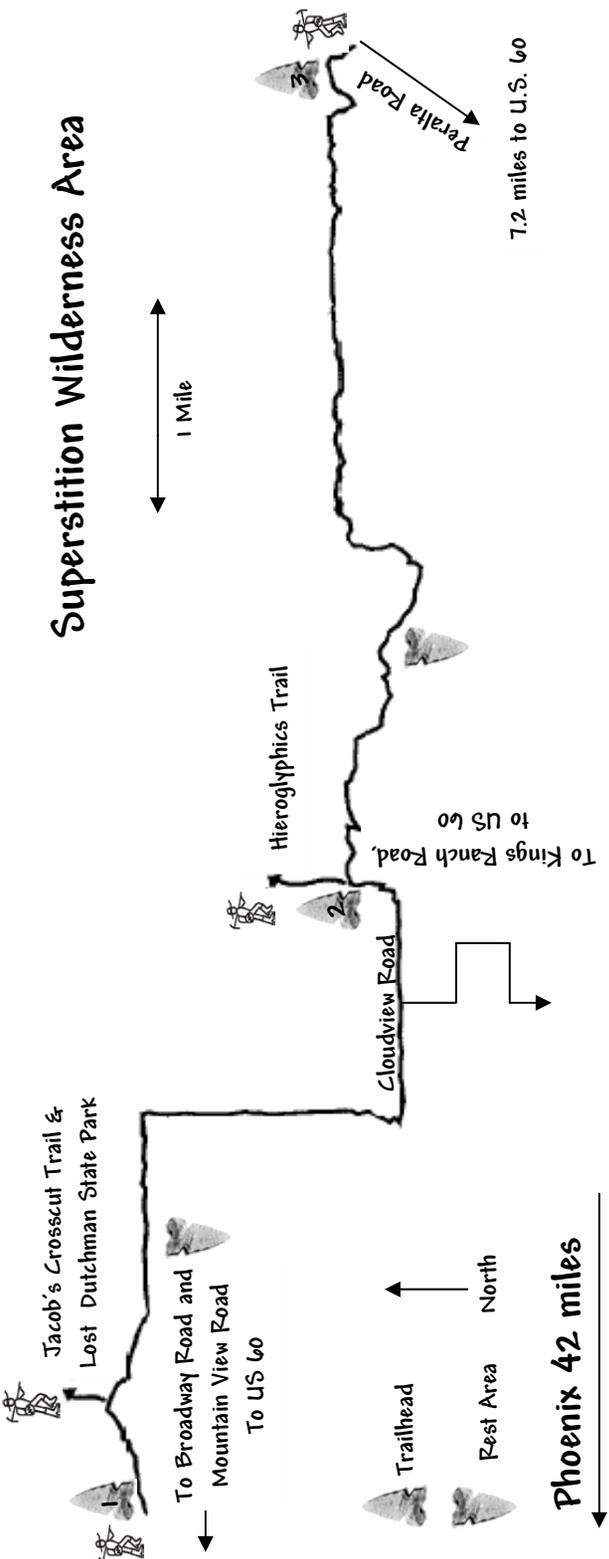


# Superstition Wilderness Area



## Directions to the Lost Goldmine Trailheads



Exit at Mountain View Road (mile marker 199), go 2.5 miles to Broadway, right on Broadway one mile to limited trailhead.



Kings Ranch Road (mile marker 203): 3 miles north to Baseline Road, right ¼ mile to Mohican, left on Mohican to stop sign at Valley View, left to Whitetail to Cloudview, right to trailhead.



Peralta Road (mile marker 204): Left 7.2 miles to trailhead. Last 6 miles are gravel.

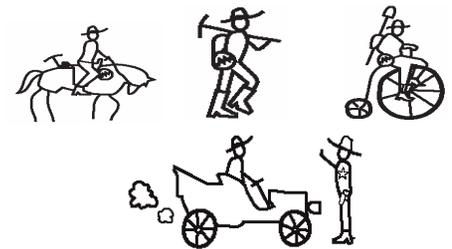


## The Lost Goldmine Trail

Eleven miles of hiking, biking, horseback riding, and history.



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## History on the Trail

The rocky washes and saguaro-studded hills at the base of the Superstition Mountains have lured adventurers for nine thousand years.

Salado, Ho Ho Kam and Apache Indians gathered here years before the white man arrived. Spanish explorers sought gold and souls.

Mexican miners like the Peralta brothers were said to have taken tons of precious metal from mines in these mountains.

Trappers and adventurers migrated to the area. Ranchers drove their cattle up the dusty trails. Farmers tried to scratch a living from the rocky soil. Eventually the U.S. Cavalry was sent in to patrol the area and protect the expanding population.

A miner named Jacob Waltz ventured into these hills and brought back gold so pure that when he died in 1891 without revealing its source a legend was born. For more than a century prospectors have returned to the Superstition looking for the "Dutchman's" lost mine but to this day no one has found it.

In recent years the pristine desert, abundant wildlife and star studded nights have lured adventurers of a new sort -- horsemen, mountain bikers and hikers anxious to share in the wilderness experience.

Concerned that the only way access to the Superstition Mountains could be gained was by trespassing, the Superstition Area Land Trust, together with Pinal County obtained a federal transportation grant for the trail in 1994. With the help of volunteers, the 11-mile trail was completed in January of 2002. Enjoy your journey in the footsteps of the past.



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