

# PATS Trail Narratives - Peach Orchard to Event Center/Gila County Trailhead & Peach Loop Trails



**Peach Orchard Trail** (3.7 miles to Event Center/Gila County Trailhead)

**Peach Loop Trail** (2.2 miles on the Loop itself; 2.6 miles from Trailhead)

This USFS trail begins across the street from the Payson Golf Course, after entering through a public easement and private gate. The public easement passes in front of two private residences, so trail users will need to pass through the gate and park on the USFS side (north) of the trailhead. A trailhead sign will be visible from Doll Baby Ranch Rd.



This is a PATS/USFS trail that currently does not prohibit motorized vehicle use at this time. Trail users will have an option 0.2 miles after the trailhead to take a side route on the Peach Loop, which provides excellent views of Green Valley Lake, surrounding neighborhoods and the Mazatzal Mountains.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way on the north section of the Peach Loop Trail, expect strenuous hiking conditions on a very steep graded hill that is used annually for the Payson 24-Hour Mountain Bike Race.

Trail users who follow the Peach Orchard Trail all the way to the Event Center/Gila County Trailhead will encounter moderately difficult hiking, with periodic hills and loose rocks. Beautiful views of the Mazatzal Mountains abound, and halfway through the trail meanders through a riparian area and seasonal wash.

## Driving Directions

From 87 N (Beeline Highway)

Turn left (west) on Main Street, which is the second light from the south when you enter Payson Town limits

Head 1.7 miles west until you see the Payson Golf Course Clubhouse on right

Turn immediately to your left into the public access into the Peach Orchard Trailhead. You will pass through two front yards, but it is official public access. Please open and shut the gate behind you and read the Trailhead information. Parking is available on USFS undeveloped land on the south side of the gate.