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Saguaro National Park East-Hiking

Part of the Wild Horse Trail was confusing because the park is currently working on re-routing this section due to heavy erosion. The park is adding more switchbacks to this steep grade to slow down water flow after heavy rains. There weren't any new markers indicating where the "new" trail took off ...

SNP is implementing its Comprehensive Trails Management Plan, which was approved on July 31, 2009. The objectives of the plan include

- Provide for a variety of trail experiences.
- Prevent impairment and unacceptable impacts on natural and cultural resources.
- Provide for reasonable trail access and a clearly designated trail system.
- Consolidate parallel/duplicate trails.
- Ensure that the resulting trails network is safe and maintainable.

This trail work includes

- Construction of a short trail, connecting the western end of the Bajada Vista Trail to the Squeeze Pen Trail, will be completed.
- Work will continue to repair a badly-eroded section of the Three Tanks Trail, just east of the Wildhorse intersection.
- The Kennedy Trail, between Vancouver and Carrillo trail, will be closed and restored.
- The Wentworth Trail, between the Kennedy and Garwood Trails, will be closed and restored. (The new trail is now called the "Converse Trail."
- The Wagon Spur Trail will be closed and restored.
- The Freight Wagon Trail will be closed and restored.

Maps of SNP-E don't reflect the current changes...

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