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Mt. Wrightson "summiteers" might find this of interest. The [Tucson Trail Runs Yahoo Group](#) is sponsoring the annual Multiple Wrightson Massacre on May 15. The objective of this event is to run up and down Mt. Wrightson as many times as possible between first light and dusk. This year at least one member has vowed to break the record which has stood for almost 25 years:

"My goal is to run 6 complete trips between the astronomical twilight hours. That means I would have to do 1:30 ascents and sub 1:15 descents with less than a 5 minute break at the Round-up parking lot where I will grab a fresh Camelbak and food bag and head back up the hill. This equates to an average round trip of 2 hours and 49 minutes multiplied by 6 trips for a total of 16 hours and 55 minutes, 62.4 miles and 24,000 feet of elevation gain and loss in arguably the world's toughest ultra-marathon."

Here's some interesting excerpts from postings about the current record holder:

"...the Multiple Wrightson Massacre has a history that goes back almost 30 years to 1981 when Ken Young did the first recorded double-Wrightson. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the all-time record established by Wally Shiel, age 33 at the time. Wally amassed 5 complete ascents and descents via the Old Baldy Trail which is 10.4 miles round trip with an elevation gain over 4,000 feet for each trip. He did this in a total time of 13 hours and 45 minutes between first light and dusk. It must have been a good day because even Ross Zimmerman, age 32, completed 4 trips in 13:07. On the women's side it has been recorded that a couple of women have completed 3 trips over the years but in 1984 Linda Byrd, age 31, completed 3 trips in 9:43."

"Wally holds the descent record for Wrightson, 36:20."

For those interested in reading more about the Multiple Wrightson Massacre, here's a link to the TTR thread: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ttr_az/message/4480