



# DESERT FOOTHILLS

— LAND TRUST —

*Protecting the landscape you love*

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# Overview



## Mission:

*Connect people to nature by working with communities and partners to protect, preserve and steward sensitive lands and species for the survival of the fragile Sonoran Desert.*



- One of 280 nationally accredited land trusts
- Protect over 680 acres on 22 preserves
- Many preserves open for recreation – hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, photos
- 3 staff members, 14 volunteer Board members
- Approximately 300 donors
- Founded 1991 - 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust

*Daisy Mountain. Photo by Andrea Searle.*

# What We Do

- Permanent land protection through donations of land and conservation easements, fee-simple purchases of land, partnerships.
- Perpetual stewardship of protected lands.
- Host hikes and other events and community engagement activities throughout the year.



Daisy Mountain. Photo by Michael Graham.





# DFLT Protected Lands

- Community loved lands such as:
  - Jewel of the Creek Preserve
  - P.A. Seitts Preserve at Go John Canyon
  - *Caroline Bartol Preserve at Saguaro Hill >>*
  - Preserves on Black Mountain, along New River, & along Cave Creek
- Lands privately owned but permanently protected by conservation easements such as:
  - *The Preserve at the Cave >>>>*
  - H.B. Wallace Preserve at Lone Mountain



*Caroline Bartol Preserve at Saguaro Hill.*



*The Preserve at the Cave*

# Conservation Priority – Daisy Mountain



*NCC and DFLT volunteers, board members and staff.*



*Daisy Mountain. Photo by Michelle Nicholas.*

- Daisy Mountain - State Trust Land is NOT protected from development
- 2013 - DFLT merged with North Country Conservancy (NCC)
- DFLT's *Save Daisy Mountain Committee*
  - Builds on NCC's efforts
  - Members from Anthem, New River, Desert Hills & North Phoenix ("Daisy Mountain Community")
  - Public outreach events, hikes, publications, research

# Upcoming Activities

- *Mountains of the Land Trust Photo Contest* (online, deadline 11/3)
- *Focus on the Foothills Field Course* (4 Saturdays, 9/20 – 10/11, \$35 per person)
- *Guided preserve tours* (TBD, free)
- *Daisy Mountain Hikes* (more info @ [www.onlineatanthem.com](http://www.onlineatanthem.com), free)
- *Anthem Autumnfest* (10/25&26)
- *Desert Discovery Day, Jewel of the Creek Preserve* (11/15, free) >>>>
- *Maricopa Trail Work Day* (12/6)
- *Sonoran Stars* (May 2, 2015)



\*\*\*\*\**Details at [www.dflt.org](http://www.dflt.org)*

*Daisy Mountain Photo Contest finalist by Sam Wilson*



# Get involved!

- **Volunteer** – our conservation work is only possible because of our incredible volunteers!
- **Donate** – as a nonprofit organization, we are generously supported by donations from businesses, organizations and individuals who value local land conservation efforts.
- **Become an ambassador** – support land conservation, outdoor education and recreation efforts in our communities!
- **Help us get the word out!**



# For More Information



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