

*“When you put your hand in a flowing stream,
you touch the last that has gone before and the
first of what is still to come.”*

Leonardo da Vinci



Miller Creek near downtown Prescott.

MISSION STATEMENT

Prescott Creeks is a non-profit organization striving to protect the ecological integrity of Central Arizona’s riparian (streamside) systems and their associated wetlands through preservation, conservation, and education.

Simply put, we protect, restore, and celebrate riparian ecosystems by providing people meaningful interactions with the creeks.



Prescott Creeks Preservation Association
P.O. Box 3004
Prescott, AZ 86302

**PRESCOTT CREEKS
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

*Preserving, Restoring & Celebrating
Prescott’s Creeks*



PRESCOTT CREEKS

We educate the community about the importance our creeks and how people affect them. Community involvement and stewardship are vital to the health of Prescott’s many creeks. Our programs and projects involve the public and include collaboration with a rich cross section of partners. Prescott Creeks works with the community to focus on practical solutions to local creek-related issues.



Velvet Ash at West Granite Creek Park

A mile above the lower deserts, eight creeks quietly wind their way through the City of Prescott. These cool, shady greenways are a haven to humans and wildlife. Granite Creek, its seven tributaries, and the water they provided the early settlers is a primary reason Prescott was established in its current location.

This brochure was made possible by a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation.



WATSON WOODS RIPARIAN PRESERVE

Watson Woods is an oasis for wildlife and humans alike. The Preserve was established in 1995 to protect the area, its wildlife and its rare cottonwood/willow forest-type.

The remnant forest here was once a 1,000-acre riparian forest that reached four miles upstream into what is now downtown Prescott. The cottonwoods and willows created a “gallery” with diverse trees, shrubs, and herbs in the understory.

With the help of the thousands of volunteers, local business partners, and the City, Prescott Creeks is repairing nearly 150 year’s of damage at Watson Woods. Through on-going restoration and research projects, people like you are helping Watson Woods.

The Preserve is located in northeast Prescott, Arizona. To get there, take Highway 89 North to Prescott Lakes Parkway, go east, and then turn left on Sundog Ranch Road. Turn left again into the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and Peavine Trail parking area.



PRESCOTT CREEK WATCH NETWORK

The Prescott CreekWatch Network helps neighborhood groups explore the rich natural and cultural history of the creeks winding through our area. Each group works and plays together to protect, restore, and celebrate “their” creek.

Granite Creek and its tributaries begin in the Prescott National Forest at the junction of the Bradshaw and Sierra Prieta Mountains and then flow through the Prescott Basin. These creeks represent the beginning of the Verde River, so we have a responsibility to maintain and enhance the health of the creeks for our downstream neighbors. Prescott’s Creeks include:

- Bannon Creek
- Manzanita Creek
- Aspen Creek
- Butte Creek
- Miller Creek
- Willow Creek
- North Fork of Granite Creek
- Granite Creek



WATERSHED MONITORING

Watershed \Wa”ter*shed`, n.
 1. The whole region or extent of country, which contributes to the supply of a river or lake.
 2. The line of division between two adjacent rivers or lakes with respect to the flow of water by natural channels into them; the natural boundary of a basin.

A stream is only as healthy as the watershed where it is located. Therefore, monitoring the condition of the creeks is the best way to gauge the condition of the Upper Granite Creek Watershed.

Watershed Monitoring helps answer the often-asked question: “How healthy are the creeks?” Prescott Creeks is answering this question with help from many partners and community volunteers. Working together, we can learn more about our creeks.



HOW CAN YOU HELP PRESCOTT’S CREEKS?

Prescott Creeks is a community-based non-profit organization supported by passionate membership and community volunteers. To participate in the preservation, restoration, and celebration of Prescott’s Creeks you can:

- Join Prescott Creeks as a dues-paying member
- Make a tax-deductible donation of cash, goods or services
- Contribute your time to one of many exciting creek-related projects
- Join a group in the Prescott CreekWatch Network
- Share your knowledge of Prescott Creeks and the important work we do

Detach and Return

Prescott Creeks Preservation Association Membership Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____


Forest (\$1000+) Lifetime Member Seed (\$25)

Tree (\$100) Soil (Volunteer 24 hrs./year)

Root (\$50) Other

In addition to my membership dues, I am making a tax deductible donation of \$ _____ to PCPA.

Make checks payable to PCPA. Detach and return with payment to:



PCPA
PO Box 3004
Prescott, AZ 86302