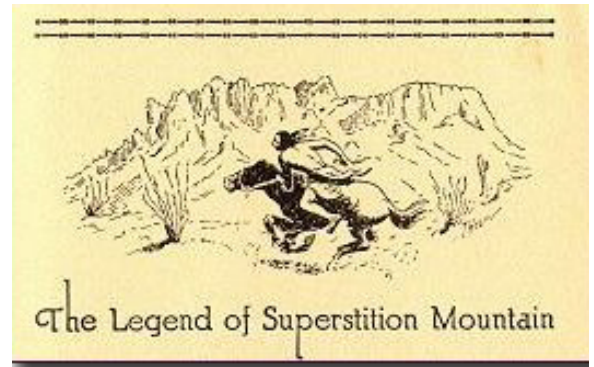




THE GOLD OF THE LOST DUTCHMAN

Legend has it that a cargo plane had crashed in these parts back in 1934, carrying a very precious item. Archaeologists were returning from the canyons of the Superstition Mountains after doing an extensive dig near an ancient Indian Pueblo. They were returning in great spirits, for they thought they had discovered The Gold of the Lost Dutchman. No landmark in the history of the Southwest has generated so many interesting tales of lost gold and resulted in more deaths than Superstition Mountain. According to some, Weaver's Needle serves as monument to those who have searched and died for the gold of Superstition Mountain.

It has been told that a prospector named Jacob Waltz had a rich gold mine deep in the rugged mountains east of Apache Junction. The story tells of a German prospector who made periodic trips into the Superstition Mountains and returned to Phoenix with quantities of bonanza gold ore. This old prospector braved the dangers of the marauding Apaches prior to the 1886 surrender of Geronimo at Skeleton Canyon.



The clues to Waltz's gold mine still ring clear through the towering peaks and deep canyons of the Superstition Wilderness Area. "No miner will find my mine. To find my mine you must pass a cow barn. From my mine you can see the military trail, but from the military trail you can not see my mine. The rays of the setting sun shine into the entrance of my mine. There is a trick in the trail to my mine. My mine is located in a north-trending canyon. There is a rock face on the trail to my mine".

Fast forward to 1934....The archaeologists' plane crashed down in some area of the Sonoran desert, somewhere in the Valley of the Sun. Legend has it that one man survived and wandered through the desert until this death a few years later. But before his death, he buried the treasure in an undisclosed location and took the secret to his grave.

We do have one clue. A piece of parchment was left behind which might help us find the Lost Treasure. Your goal today is to retrieve the treasure and return it to the representative of its rightful owner.



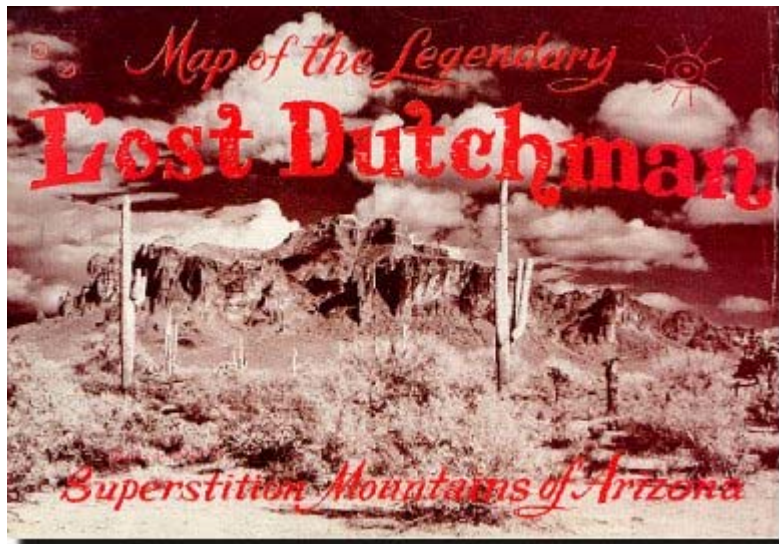
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How it works: The group is split into teams of 4-10 (team size varies based on group size). We encourage you to pick and choose teams prior to the day for strategic reasons. We have a pre-event briefing to explain the rules of the event, provide emergency numbers, colored bandannas, etc. Teams must interpret a number of cryptic clues to locate Route Markers positioned at local landmarks. Throughout the course, teams will come across a variety of interesting and exciting route markers that will take them throughout the Valley of the Sun, from Phoenix to Cave Creek, Carefree to Scottsdale (based on the course location).



The event will first start with each team completing a company specific/Arizona History crossword puzzle. Once each team has turned in the completed puzzle to our judges, they will receive a map and instructions that will direct them to a series of hidden locations where the Gold Treasure may be located. Upon reaching each control point (not in any specific order) and retrieving clues that will get the teams closer to their objectives, the teams will reach their final destination. There, they will present their findings to our event host and receive the final clue that will get them The Gold of the Lost Dutchman.

This is a low impact event with some amount of walking involved. This event can be done by all ages and fitness levels but it is essentially up to each team to use their initiative and creativity to get from start to finish by the quickest and easiest possible route.



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