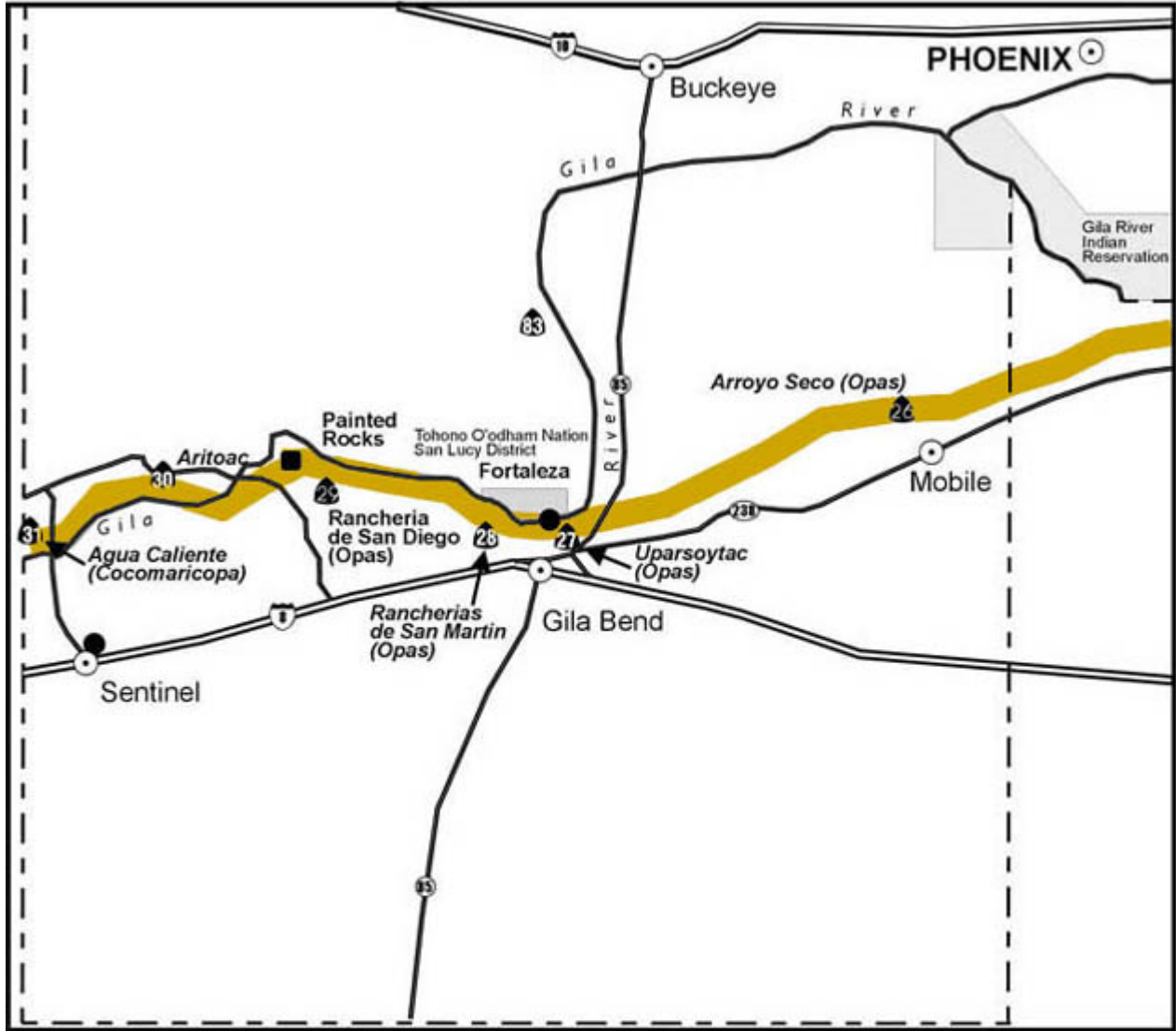





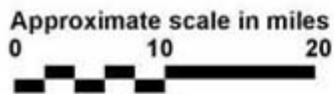


Arizona - Maricopa County



Legend

-  Historic Trail Corridor
-  Historic Site
-  Interpretive Site
-  County Boundary
-  Numbered Expedition Camp Site



Historic Route. The historic route enters Maricopa County shortly after leaving the Gila River to cut off the large bend, rejoining the river in the vicinity of Gila Bend. The route then follows the Gila River to the western Maricopa County line.

Federal Components

Painted Rocks petroglyph unit (BLM)

High Potential Route Segments

Several miles of the historic route on public

lands east of Gila Bend are marked as a remnant of the Butterfield Overland Mail route and maintained by a volunteer organization under the auspices of the BLM. It is now also marked as the Anza Trail.

Other portions of the route along the Gila River across BLM-administered lands may have potential for recreational trail development.

Interpretive Sites

San Lucy District of the Tohono O'odham could interpret the Villages of the Opas and camps #27 and 28

Roadside rest along I-8 at Sentinel could interpret camp #31. Access to the site can be made from Sentinel.

Recreational Trail

A bicycle route along roads in the county is potential.

Auto Route (marked)

Interstate 8 (I-8) may be marked as the auto route. However, a combination of earth and gravel roads follow the historic route more closely. These include highway 238 from Mobile to Gila Bend and roads from Gila Bend past Painted Rocks to Hyder. If these can be maintained as year round routes, they would appropriately be marked as the historic route.

Agency/Organization Coordination

Army Corps of Engineers

Arizona Office of Tourism

Bureau of Land Management

City of Gila Bend

Gila Bend Indian Reservation

Maricopa County

- Parks & Recreation Department

- Trails Committee

- Department of Planning & Development

State of Arizona

- Department of Parks and Recreation

- Department of Transportation

- Game & Fish Department

- Office of Historic Preservation

Tohono O'odham Nation, San Lucy District

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
