

= Arizona State Route 88 =

State Route 88 (SR 88) is a 45 @. @ 67 mi (73 @. @ 50 km) long state highway in the U.S. state of Arizona . It runs from U.S. Route 60 (US 60) in Apache Junction through desert terrain to SR 188 near Roosevelt Dam . Following the Salt River for much of its length , the section east of Tortilla Flat is known as the Apache Trail and is part of the National Forest Scenic Byway system . The Apache Trail was built in the mid @-@ 1920s and the number 88 was assigned in 1927 . An eastern extension of SR 88 to Globe was redesignated as SR 188 in the late 1990s .

= = Route description = =

SR 88 begins at a diamond interchange with US 60 , the Superstition Freeway , in southern Apache Junction . The route follows Idaho Road northward through a residential area with four lanes . Following a junction with Old West Highway , SR 88 turns northeast onto Apache Trail and narrows to two lanes . The route exits the city limits of Apache Junction , entering desert terrain . Passing a ghost town known as Goldfield , Apache Trail enters Tonto National Forest just northwest of Lost Dutchman State Park . SR 88 nears Canyon Lake south of the Mormon Flat Dam and follows a part of the southern coast of Canyon Lake . Apache Trail heads away from the Salt River . It passes through the town of Tortilla Flat , becoming an unpaved dirt trail winding eastward through the Superstition Mountains . SR 88 again turns northeast and nears Apache Lake . The route follows the Salt River northeast to the Theodore Roosevelt Dam , near which the route is again paved . SR 88 intersects with SR 188 along the coast of Theodore Roosevelt Lake .

The highway is maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) , which is responsible for maintaining highways in the state , including SR 88 . As part of this role , ADOT periodically surveys traffic along its routes . These surveys are presented in the form of average annual daily traffic , which is the number of vehicles who use the route on any average day during the year . In 2009 , ADOT calculated that around as few as 400 vehicles used the route daily near the Roosevelt Dam and as many as 16 @, @ 000 daily at the US 60 interchange in Apache Junction . The section east of Canyon Lake is part of the Apache Trail National Forest Scenic Byway system . No part of the highway has been listed in the National Highway System , a system of roads in the United States important to the nation 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

The Apache Trail connected the Old Spanish Trail where Apache Junction is today and Roosevelt Lake with an unpaved road as early as 1925 , following much of the modern route . By the next year , SR 66 followed the Apache Trail and the Old Spanish Trail was numbered as US 80 . The number 88 was given to the route by 1927 , but continued past its current terminus east to US 180 west of Globe . US 60 and US 89 became concurrent with US 80 at the western terminus by 1935 , and the US 70 designation was added to the road by 1939 . The section of the route from Apache Junction to Canyon Lake was paved in the late 1940s . By 1958 , the section east of Roosevelt Dam was paved . The extra designations at SR 88 's western terminus were removed by 1971 , leaving only the US 60 designation . In 1999 , the section east of Roosevelt Dam was renumbered as SR 188 , cutting SR 88 back to its current terminus .

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