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MS 1106**Pinacate Peak Summit Register
November 1968 – November 1984****DESCRIPTION**

Notebook placed upon Pinacate Peak (Cerro de Pinacate) by the Southern Arizona Hiking Club. Contains names and comments of visitors to the peak from the late 1960's to the early 1980's.

1 Box, .1 linear feet

HISTORICAL NOTE

Located in Northern Mexico, between the U.S. Border and the Gulf of California, Pinacate Desert Park encompasses 700,000 acres and is home to more than 500 volcanoes. First discovered in 1698 by Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, the volcanic region offered an overland route to California for Spanish settlers and was part of the notorious "Devil's Highway" that claimed the lives of many in the California Gold Strike. First mapped by American scientists in 1907, Pinacate is the region's highest peak, at 4235 feet.

The Pinacate region has remained relatively pristine, and serves as a laboratory for geologists, botanists and archeologists. However, the region is endangered by tourism, mining and ranching operations, as well as illegal woodcutting and poaching. Several attempts to create a multi-national park area, to be jointly administered by the United States and Mexico, which would merge the Pinacate region with the nearby Organ Pipe National Park have met with no success. In 1988, it was recommended that the Pinacate region become an internationally protected area known as a Biosphere Reserve.

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