

SCOTTSDALE

SPRING 2020 - APR | MAY

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SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO ENJOY THE PRESERVE!

Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve encompasses over 30,500 acres of permanently protected Sonoran Desert and mountains. It is home to a magnificent array of desert adapted plants and animals, and affords stunning views of the McDowell Mountains.

The Scottsdale Preserve also boasts an interconnected network of over 225 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The trails can be accessed from one of eight major trail head facilities, and are open sunrise to sundown. Amenities vary at each trail head; visit the City's website for more details.

Trail maps are available free of charge at all major trail heads, and can also be downloaded by visiting ScottsdaleAZ.gov and searching 'Preserve maps.'

The Preserve is divided into two primary regions – the Southern and Northern.

- The **Southern Region** is home to the McDowell Mountains, and contains some of the steeper and more challenging trails of the Preserve. The trails of the southern region are very rocky, so be sure to wear sturdy footwear.

Trailheads: Sunrise, Lost Dog Wash, Gateway, Tom's Thumb

- The terrain of the **Northern Region** is comprised mainly of rolling desert topography, punctuated by a series of smaller mountains. The trails are much smoother than the south, with dramatically less rock. Because of these characteristics, the Northern Region is very popular with mountain bikers and equestrians.

Trailheads: Pima Dynamite, Brown's Ranch, and our NEW Fraesfield and Granite Mountain Trailheads.

PINNACLE PEAK PARK



Pinnacle Peak Park | 26805 N. 102nd Way

Pinnacle Peak Park features a moderate out-and-back trail through the pristine Sonoran Desert environment. The park is a total of 150 acres, and the trail length is 1.75 miles, one way. It's a great hike for all ages and activity levels – with fantastic views!

Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search 'Pinnacle Peak Park' for more information about the park, trail information, hours and more.

**Dogs are not allowed on the Pinnacle Peak Park trail.*

COMMON MAMMALS YOU MAY SEE AT THE PRESERVE:



Bobcat



Coyote



Desert Mule Deer



Javelina



Mountain Lion



HIKE WITH YOUR TYKE

(3-9yrs) Hike the beautiful Gateway Trailhead location in Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will also be on the trail with them.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 9-10am

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TRAIL TIPS

- Entrance is free
- Trails are open sunrise to sunset
- Motorized vehicles, including electric bikes, are prohibited
- Dogs are welcome at the Preserve (not at Pinnacle Peak Park), but must remain on a leash at all times and you must clean up after them.
- Please stay on the official signed trails
- Know your limitations and choose a Preserve adventure that matches your abilities
- Bring ample water for you and your dog.
- Drink water before you arrive, so your body is pre-hydrated.
- Wear sunscreen and dress appropriately with light colored breathable clothing that covers your skin.



MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY



Science is in our Nature

Free Guided Hikes

For a complete list visit our website!

Granite Mountain Loop Fitness Hike

Friday April 3, 2020 7:30 a.m.

Granite Mountain Trailhead

Geology Educational Ride

Saturday April 4, 7:30 a.m.

Brown's Ranch Trailhead

Latigo, Cone Mountain Loop Fitness Hike

Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 a.m.

Brown's Ranch Trailhead

Gateway Loop Fitness Hike

Sunday, April 12, 7:30 a.m.

Gateway Trailhead

Free Lectures

Join the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy at the Mustang Library for upcoming lectures:

"Human History II"

presented by **Dr. Mark Tebeau**

Exploring the history of the McDowell Mountains in the 20th century.

Tuesday April 7, 5:30 p.m.

"Nature as Therapy"

presented by **Toni Vallee & Katy Linberg**

Learn how to apply the latest international research on the benefits of spending time in nature to improve your overall well being!

Tuesday May 5, 5:30 p.m.

Become a Conservancy Hero and Protect the Preserve!

You can protect the McDowell Sonoran Preserve by joining Conservancy Heroes. Your donation of \$60 per person or \$120 per family provides the tools needed to maintain and repair trails, study ecosystems and safeguard habitats of the animals that call the Preserve home.

Visit: www.mcdowellsonoran.org/support/



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