

# McDowell Mountain Regional Park

- Entrance Station
  - Horse Staging & Primitive Equestrian Camping
- Nature Center
- Group Campground
  (By reservation)
- Family Campground
- Group Picnic Ramada\*
  (By reservation)
- Picnic Area (Day use only)
- ▲ Tent Campsites
- Maricopa Trail'
- Preserve Trail
  \*Trail color varies by name.
- Trailhead/Track Starting Point
- ▲ Access Gate (Limited parking)

- 1:60,000 2000 0 2000 4000 6000 Feet 500 0 500 1000 1500 Meters
- Lengths shown at right are one-way unless indicated by \* for round-trip distance and \*\* for loop distance.
- Lengths on map are for segments between trail junctions (●), or junction and trailhead. (Road crossings excluded.)
- Due to rounding, segment lengths may not add up to trail totals.
- Elev Diff is difference in elevation between low and high points, which may or may not match end points of trail. Gross change may be greater.
- <sup>†</sup>Lengths and Elev Diff include continuation outside park.
- Spur Trails to north boundary are Multiple Use

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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| M = Multiple Use (all | H = Hike Only     | <ul><li>Easy</li></ul> |
| non-motorized         | BF = Barrier-free | Moderate               |
| access allowed)       | Y = Youth Groups  | ♦ Mod Diff.            |
| H/B = Hike/Bike Only  | Only              | Difficult              |

| Trail<br>Code | Trail Name    | Length<br>Mi     | Use    | Difficulty<br>Rating | Elev Diff<br>Feet |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|
| BF            | Bluff         | 2.2              | М      |                      | 334               |
| ВО            | Boulder       | 1.1              | М      | <u> </u>             | 263               |
| CR            | Chuparosa     | 0.5              | Н      |                      | 51                |
| CI            | Cinch         | 0.6              | М      |                      | 58                |
| CO            | Coachwhip     | 2.6              | M      | $\Diamond$           | 269               |
| DL            | Delsie        | 2.5              | M      |                      | 306               |
| DX            | Dixie Mine    | $5.6^{\dagger}$  | M      | $\Diamond$           | 403 <sup>†</sup>  |
| EG            | Eagle         | 0.4**            | H (Y)  | $\diamond$           | 35                |
| ED            | Escondido     | 6.2              | M `    |                      | 284               |
| GR            | Granite       | 3.5              | M      |                      | 332               |
| HT            | Hilltop       | 0.5*             | Н      |                      | 76                |
| LR            | Lariat        | 1.5              | M      |                      | 113               |
| LH            | Lousley Hill  | 1.2*             | Н      |                      | 295               |
| NR            | North         | 2.9*             | Н      |                      | 138               |
| NT            | Nursery Tank  | 0.6*             | BF     | Ŏ                    | 27                |
| PB            | Pemberton     | 15.3**           | M      | •                    | 667               |
| RK            | Rock Knob     | 1.1 <sup>†</sup> | M      |                      | $261^{\dagger}$   |
| SN            | Scenic        | 3.5              | M      |                      | 278               |
| SC            | Scout         | 0.8**            | H/B (Y | <b>(</b> )           | 30                |
| SH            | Shallmo Wash  | 1.8              | M      |                      | 196               |
| SO            | Sonoran       | 0.8              | M      |                      | 330               |
| SM-W          | Stoneman Wasl | h 4.3            | M      | •                    | 460               |
| TT            | Tonto Tank    | 2.7              | M      |                      | 446               |
| TO            | Tortoise      | 0.7              | H/B    |                      | 101               |
| VD            | Verde         | 2.9              | H/B    |                      | 281               |
| WG            | Wagner        | 1.1              | H/B    |                      | 124               |
| WM            | Windmill      | 1.1 <sup>†</sup> | M      | $\Diamond$           | 149 <sup>†</sup>  |
|               |               |                  |        |                      |                   |

## Welcome to McDowell Mountain Regional Park

McDowell Mountain Regional Park is northeast of Scottsdale in the lower Verde Basin. This 21,099-acre Sonoran Desert park is one of Maricopa County's largest. Elevation ranges from 1,550 to 3100 feet.

## Park Rules

PLEASE OBSERVE PARK RULES! Park rules are posted throughout the park; they are also available as a handout.

## **Picnicking**

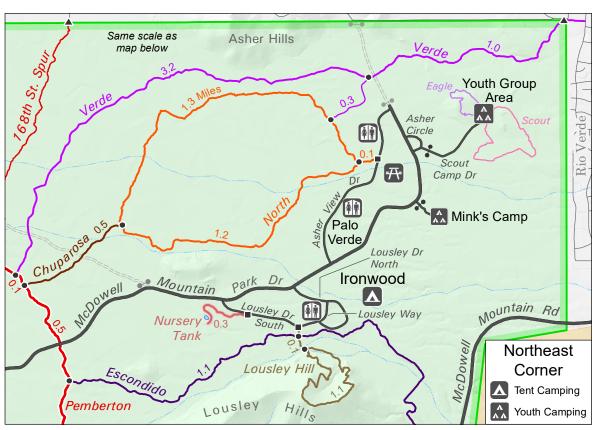
McDowell Park offers two day-use areas: Palo Verde, dispersed picnic tables for small groups, no reservation necessary; or the Trailhead Staging Area picnic ramadas, two large ramadas with four picnic tables each. By reservation only.

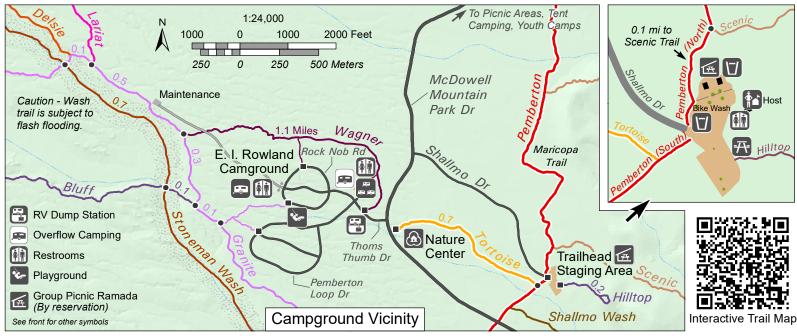
#### Camping

The E. I. Rowland Family Campground consists of 80 camping sites for tents or RVs up to 45-feet long. Each site has water and electric hook ups. An RV dump station is available. There is a 14-day stay limit.

Tent camping is available in the **Ironwood Tent Loop**. No hook-ups. Nearby is a bathroom with water.

Reservations for RV and tent campsites are available: <a href="https://maricopacountyparks.org">https://maricopacountyparks.org</a> or 1-833-505-0779.





The **Group Campground** accommodates up to 12 RV units. No hook-ups. Restrooms have flush toilets and hot showers. For youth groups, the park offers the **Youth Group Area** for day use and overnight camping. Also available is a smaller group area, **Mink's Camp**. All Group areas can be reserved by calling (602) 506-2930 option #3.

## Trails

The park offers some 67 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails of various lengths and difficulties. The **Trailhead Staging Area** is open to all trail users; **Four Peaks Staging Area** is available for equestrian use daily and is often used for large special events. Smaller trailheads are near the campground and picnic areas. Detailed trail info is available.

## **Competitive Track**

The Competitive Track provides 14 miles of challenging, strenuous, and high-speed recreation for individuals, groups,

and organized events. It is shared use and is open to runners, mountain bikers, and equestrians. Please obey the one-way signs. A detailed map is available.

# Other Activities

The park offers interpretive hikes and programs yearround, usually at no extra charge. The Nature Center has educational media and desert animals on display. Snacks, drinks, books and gifts are for sale.



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# **General Information**

Park hours vary by season and gates close nightly. A per-vehicle entry fee is required. Please use the self-pay station when the entrance booth is not staffed. For further information please contact the Park Office.

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