

NORTHERN REGION TRAILS

BROWN'S RANCH TRAILHEAD

PLAN YOUR ROUTE

EMERGENCY MARKERS



These markers are posted throughout the Preserve and are labeled on the map. Reference the nearest marker to assist emergency personnel in identifying your location.

TRAIL SEGMENTS

0.5

Trail segments are divided between emergency markers and labeled with the length in miles. Add the segments together to determine the total length of your route.

ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL

(1,124')

Use these labels to understand the elevation change (gain or loss) between trail segments and determine the level of difficulty you will experience along the trail.

MARICOPA TRAIL

This 315 mile trail loops the Phoenix Metro area and links nine of Maricopa County's Regional Parks. For more info please visit: Maricopa.gov/parks/MaricopaTrail.

TRAIL GUIDELINES



Yield to horses. Sudden movements or loud noises could startle them.

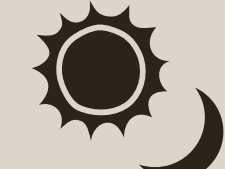


Bicyclists and trail runners should travel at safe speeds and yield to all others. Slow down and announce your approach.

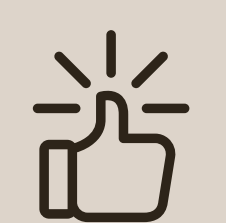


Motorized vehicles, including electric bicycles, are prohibited.

HOURS



The Preserve is open only during daylight hours. Nighttime use is reserved for the wildlife.



Please be courteous and share the trail. When in doubt, give others the right of way.



Protect the Preserve. Stay on the trail, avoid wet or muddy trails and do not disturb or remove plants, rocks or animals.



Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please pick up after your dog. There is no Poop Fairy. 🐾

REMEMBER TO C.H.E.C.K.



Clothing

Appropriate clothing like sturdy footwear, a hat and light-colored, breathable clothing can protect you from the harsh desert landscape and sun.



Hydration

Bring plenty of water for both yourself and your horse. When your water is half gone, turn around. Know how to check for signs of dehydration.



Environment

It is important to be aware of the terrain and length of your planned route. Know both yourself and your horse's capabilities in the desert.



Communicate

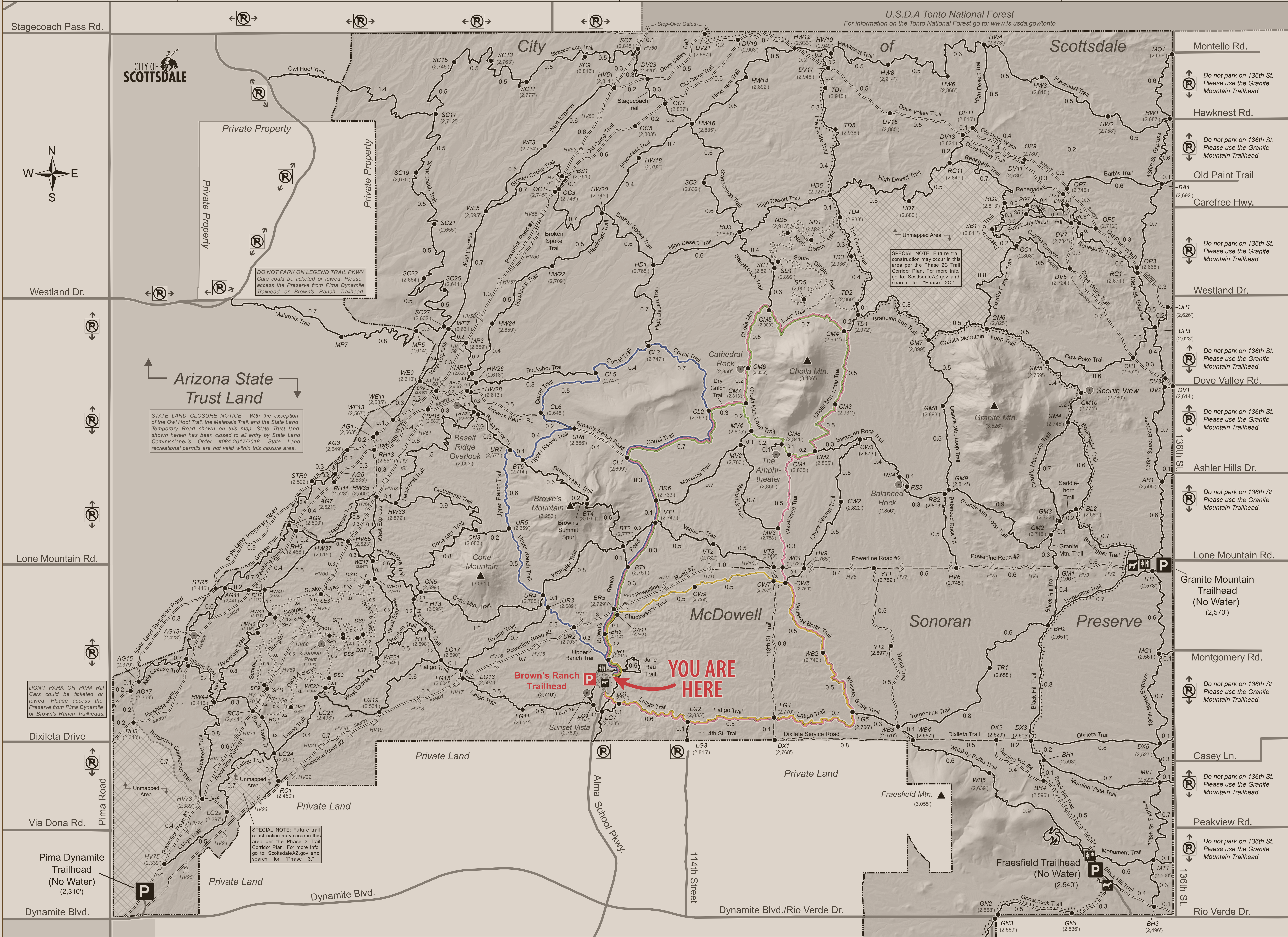
Let other visitors know how to interact with your horse in a safe manner. Share your planned route with someone. Bring a charged cell phone and note that cell service can be limited.



Keys

Valuables like keys are commonly lost in the Preserve when they are dropped or fall out of pockets. Make sure all items are secured or packed before beginning your ride.

For more information, go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search 'Preserve'



EASY ROUTE



Route: Latigo/Whiskey Bottle/Chuckwagon/Browns Ranch Road

LATIGO/WHISKEY BOTTLE/CHUCKWAGON LOOP

After a short rocky uphill at the start, this is an easy loop with great views of Four Peaks, Pinnacle Peak, and other mountains to the southeast and southwest. Chuckwagon is a soft, easy rolling trail for a quick return to the trailhead.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
4.3 miles	1 hour	100 feet

MODERATE ROUTE



Route: Browns Ranch Road/Corral/Browns Ranch Road/Upper Ranch

CORRAL/UPPER RANCH TRAIL LOOP

This easy route is mostly gentle ups and downs. Corral and Upper Ranch Trail along the backside of Brown's Mountain are a little rocky but provide spectacular views. Corral Trail passes through areas that were used to corral cattle when Brown's Ranch was a working ranch. The Upper Ranch Trail name comes from originally being the 'upper ranch' of the famed DC Ranch.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
6.3 miles	1.5 hours	90 feet

MODERATE ROUTE



Route: Browns Ranch Road/Corral/Dry Gulch/Cholla Mountain Loop/
Dry Gulch/Corral/Brown's Ranch Road

CHOLLA MOUNTAIN LOOP TRAIL

There is plenty to see on this ride, from the site of the historic Brown's Ranch to the Amphitheater and Cathedral Rock formations. At Cathedral Rock, look for the indentations in the bedrock, known as metates, where Native Americans ground mesquite pods into flour. As you pass along the southeast side of Cholla Mountain you will see how it earned its name.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
8.0 miles	2 hours	300 feet

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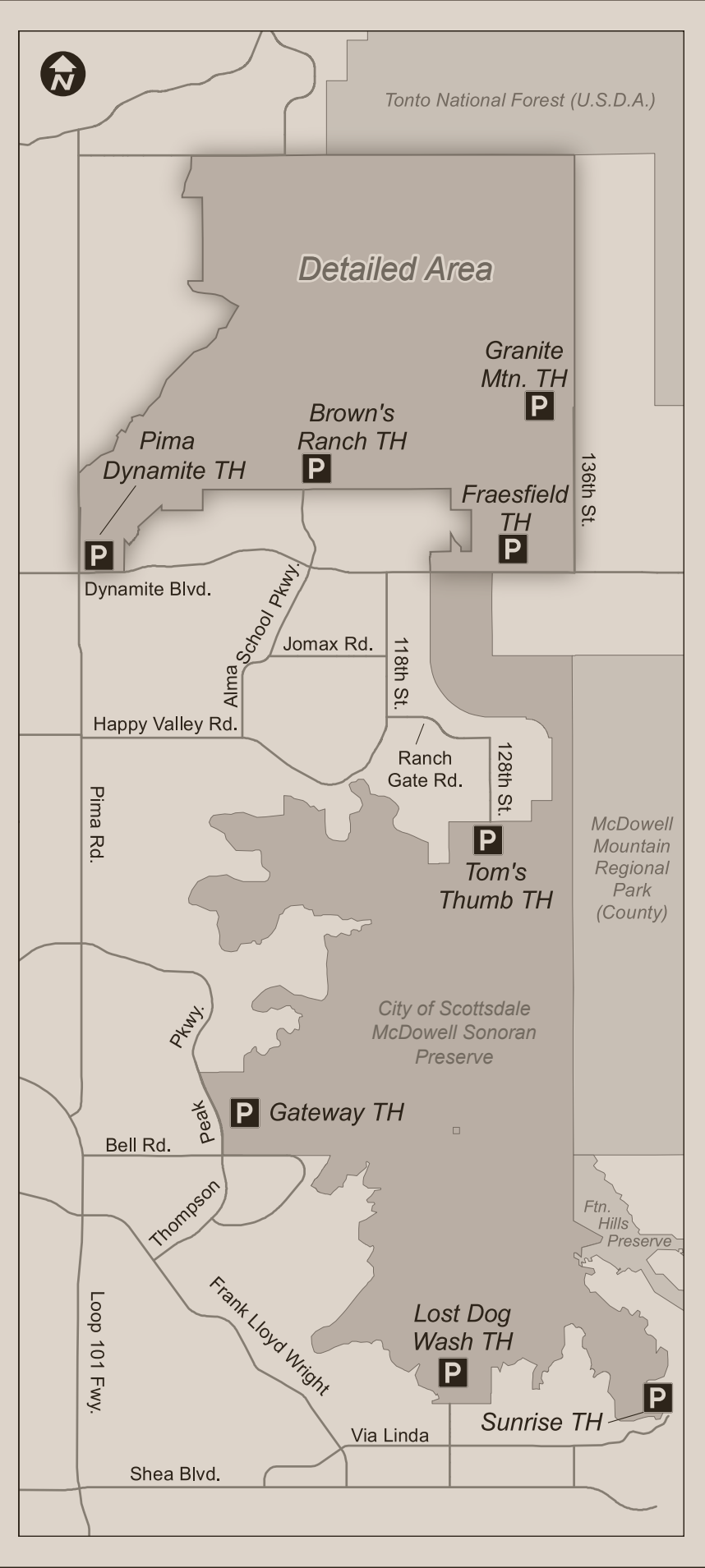
Route: Latigo/Whiskey Bottle/Watershed/Cholla Mountain Loop/Dry Gulch/
Corral/Browns Ranch Road

WATERSHED/CHOLLA MOUNTAIN LOOP

This moderate route begins with a steady climb through a diverse landscape and has views from some of the most picturesque trails in the area. At Cathedral Rock, look for the indentations in the bedrock, known as metates, where Native Americans ground mesquite pods into flour. The difficulty is based on the length.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
8.7 miles	2.5 hours	200 feet

* Calculated on horse pace of 4 to 5 MPH.



Trailhead Addresses

Brown's Ranch

30301 N. Alma School Pkwy.

Granite Mountain

31402 N. 136th St.

Fraesfield

13400 E. Rio Verde Dr.

Pima/Dynamite

28777 N. Pima Rd.