

SOUTHERN REGION TRAILS

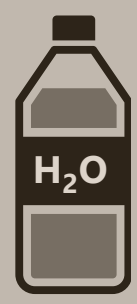
GATEWAY TRAILHEAD

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.



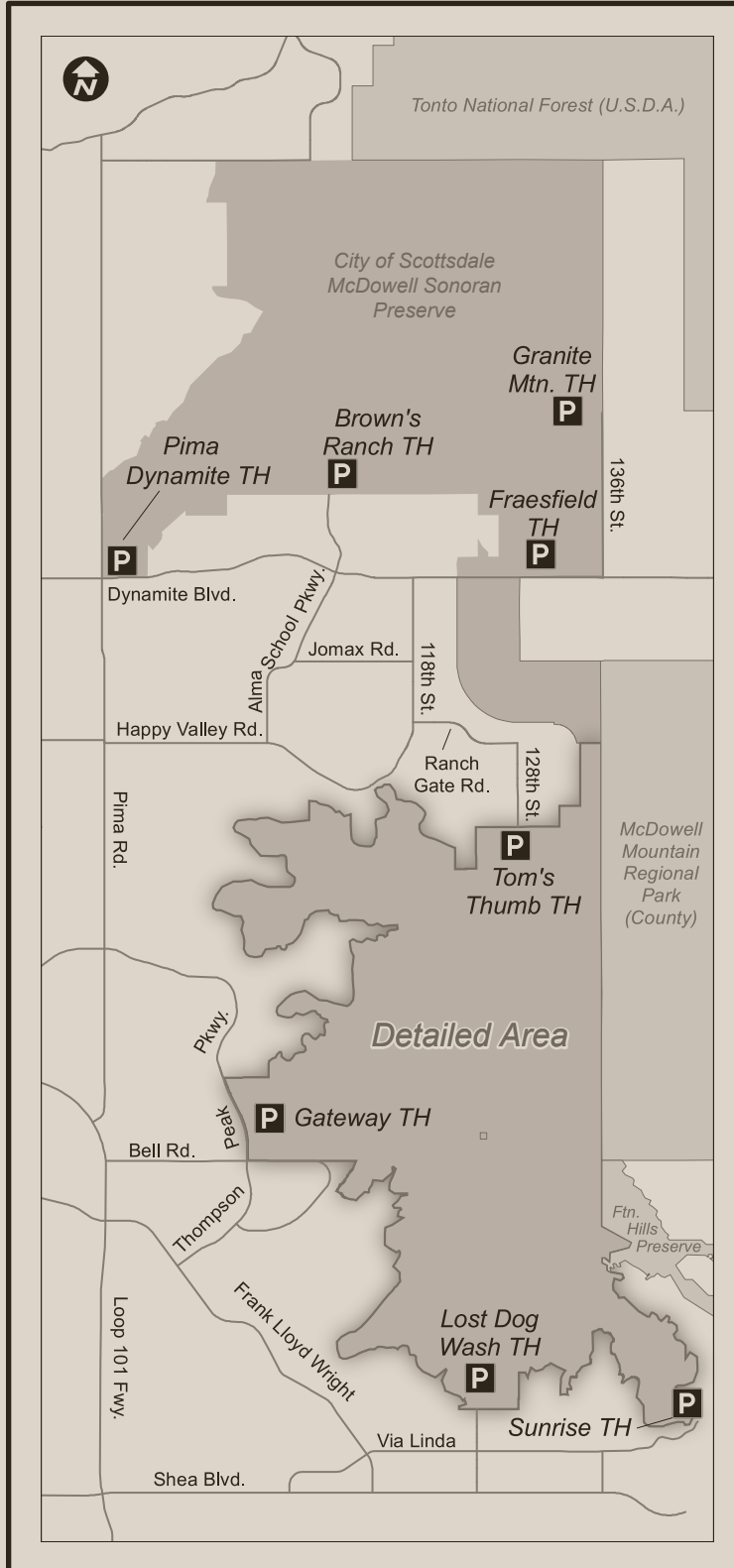
Communicate

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.



Trailhead Addresses

Gateway
18333 N. Thompson Pk. Pkwy.

Lost Dog Wash
12601 N. 124th St.

Quartz
10215 E. McDowell Mt. Ranch Rd.

Ringtail
12300 block of N. 128th St.

Sunrise
12101 N. 145th Way

Tom's Thumb
23015 N. 128th St.

WestWorld
15939 N. 98th St.

● Emergency Markers

— Trails

▲ Peaks

— Streets

⚡ High Voltage Towers

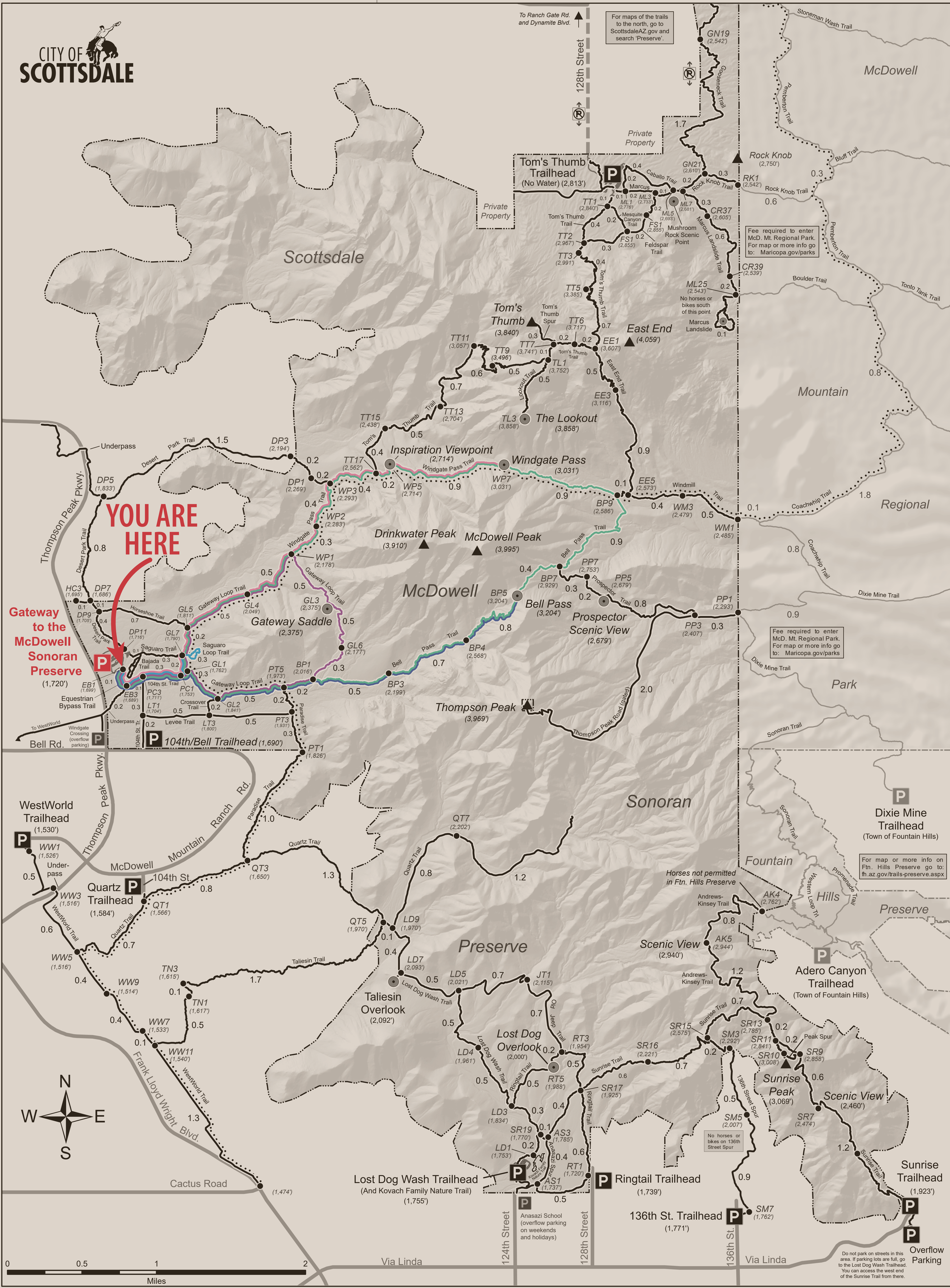
----- Preserve Boundary

● Scenic Points

● ● ● Maricopa Trail

Ⓡ No Parking

P Parking



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



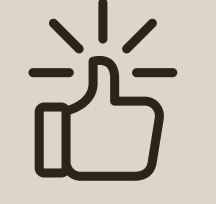
Yield to horses. Sudden movements or loud noises could startle them.



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.



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

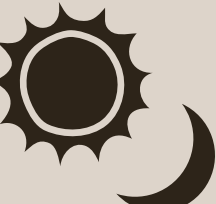


Protect the Preserve. Stay on the trail, avoid wet or muddy trails and do not disturb or remove plants, rocks or animals.



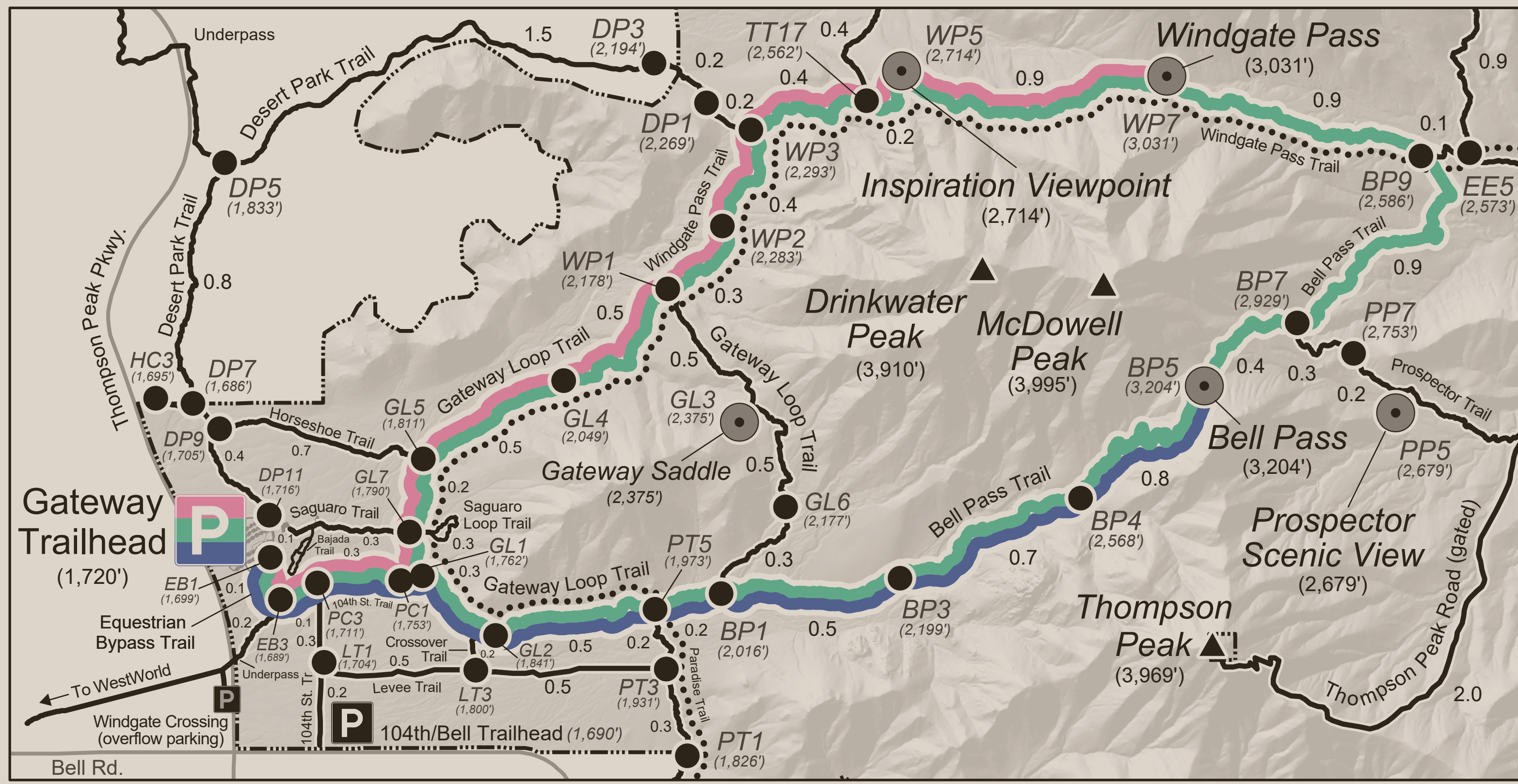
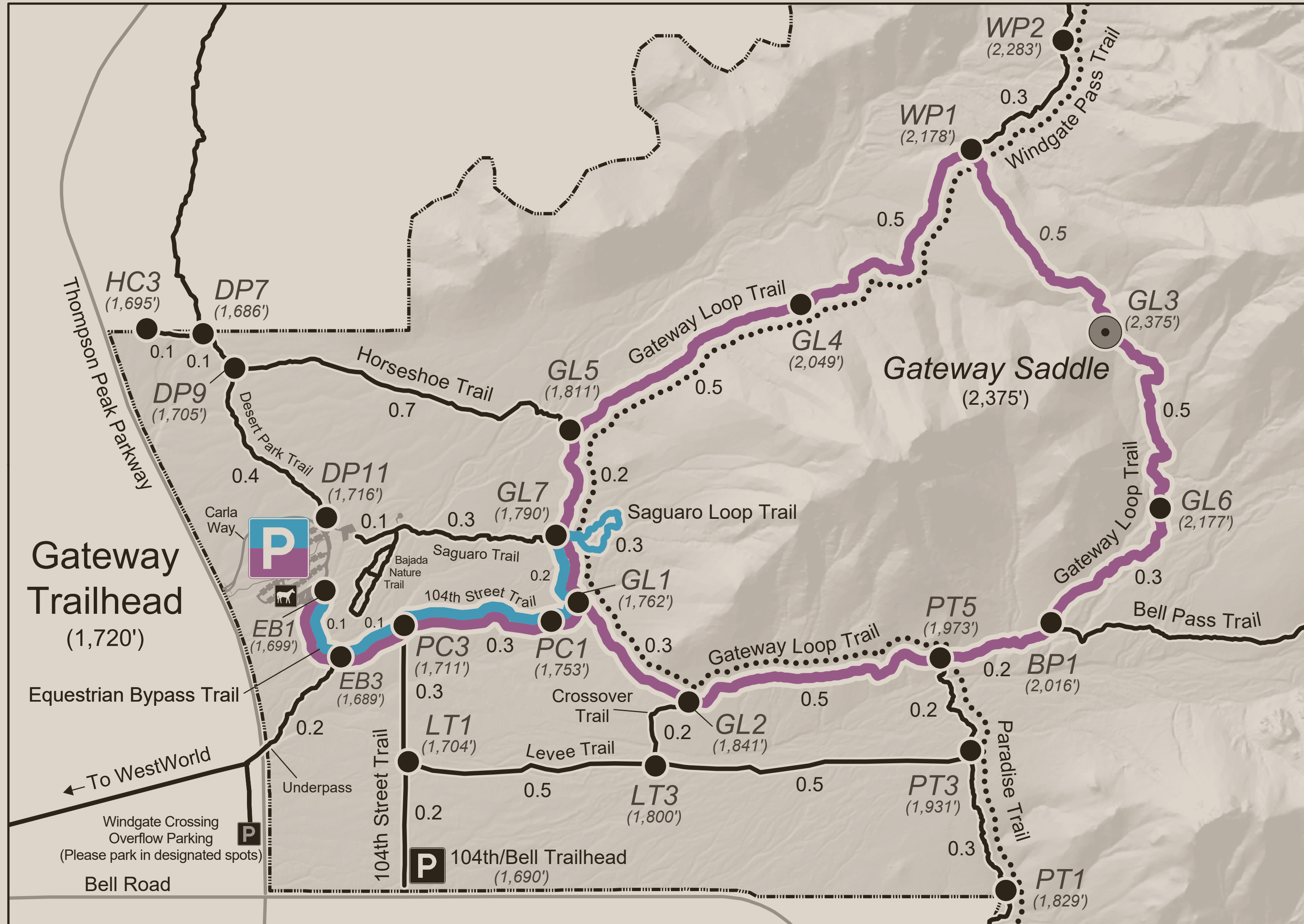
Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please pick up after your dog. There is no Poop Fairy. *

HOURS



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

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



EASY ROUTE



Route: Equestrian Bypass Trail/Saguaro Loop/Equestrian Bypass Trail

SAGUARO LOOP TRAIL

This trail keeps you close to the Gateway Trailhead, while also providing a great view of the surrounding area. The loop climbs ever-so-gently on the mountain slope, giving you wonderful western views.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
1.1 miles	30 minutes	125 feet

MODERATE ROUTE



Route: Equestrian Bypass Trail/Gateway Loop/Equestrian Bypass Trail

GATEWAY LOOP TRAIL

Being immersed in the serenity of the Sonoran Desert while providing a great fitness opportunity makes this one of the most popular trails in the Preserve. The Gateway Saddle is the high point of the route with views across Scottsdale and Phoenix to distant mountains. Bikers and equestrians will find this route very rocky and should plan accordingly.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
4.5 miles	1 hour	655 feet

DIFFICULT ROUTE



Route: Equestrian Bypass Trail/Gateway Loop/Bell Pass/Gateway Loop/Equestrian Bypass Trail

BELL PASS TRAIL TO BELL PASS

This challenging venture offers stellar views only recommended for experienced and well prepared users. The Gateway Loop trail starts out mellow but becomes more strenuous as you continue east on the Bell Pass trail. The valley walls narrow, and the trail steepens as you ascend towards Bell Pass. A breathtaking view opens to the east of the Verde River Valley to the Mazatzal Mountains (pronounced Ma-tuh-ZEL) with Four Peaks dominating the skyline. During the cooler months you may be treated to a view of snow-capped peaks.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
7.0 miles	1.5 hours	1484 feet

DIFFICULT ROUTE



Route: Equestrian Bypass Trail/Gateway Loop/Windgate Pass/Gateway Loop/Equestrian Bypass Trail

WINDGATE PASS TRAIL TO WINDGATE PASS

This strenuous uphill route offers spectacular city and mountain views. The first 1.5 miles are often crowded with hikers, but their numbers decrease along Windgate Pass. At Inspiration Point (WP5) take a break on the bench for the views. From there, Windgate Pass trail heads to the saddle (WP7), with longer level sections interspersed with shorter, steeper sections. Your reward at the saddle is breathtaking views of Four Peaks and the Superstition Mountains. Bikers and equestrians will find this route very rocky with some steep sections and should plan accordingly.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
7.6 miles	2 hours	1311 feet

VERY DIFFICULT ROUTE



Route: Equestrian Bypass Trail/Gateway Loop/Windgate Pass/Bell Pass/Gateway Loop/Equestrian Bypass Trail

WINDGATE AND BELL PASS LOOP

If you are an experienced and well-prepared hiker or rider looking for a challenging trek, this is the route for you. Stunning desert terrain, spectacular mountain and valley views, and a great workout are your rewards for tackling this calorie-crunching adventure known for its steep inclines and rugged stretches. Recommended for the most experienced and well prepared users only.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
9.6 miles	2.5 hours	1400 feet

* Calculated on horse pace of 4 to 5 MPH.

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