

SOUTHERN REGION TRAILS

LOST DOG WASH TRAILHEAD

- Emergency Markers

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Peaks

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High Voltage Towers

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Scenic Points

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No Parking
- Trails

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Streets

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Preserve Boundary

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Maricopa Trail

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Parking

PLAN YOUR ROUTE

EMERGENCY MARKERS

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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

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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

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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](http://Maricopa.gov/parks/MaricopaTrail).

TRAIL GUIDELINES

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

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

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Motorized vehicles, including electric bicycles, are prohibited.

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

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

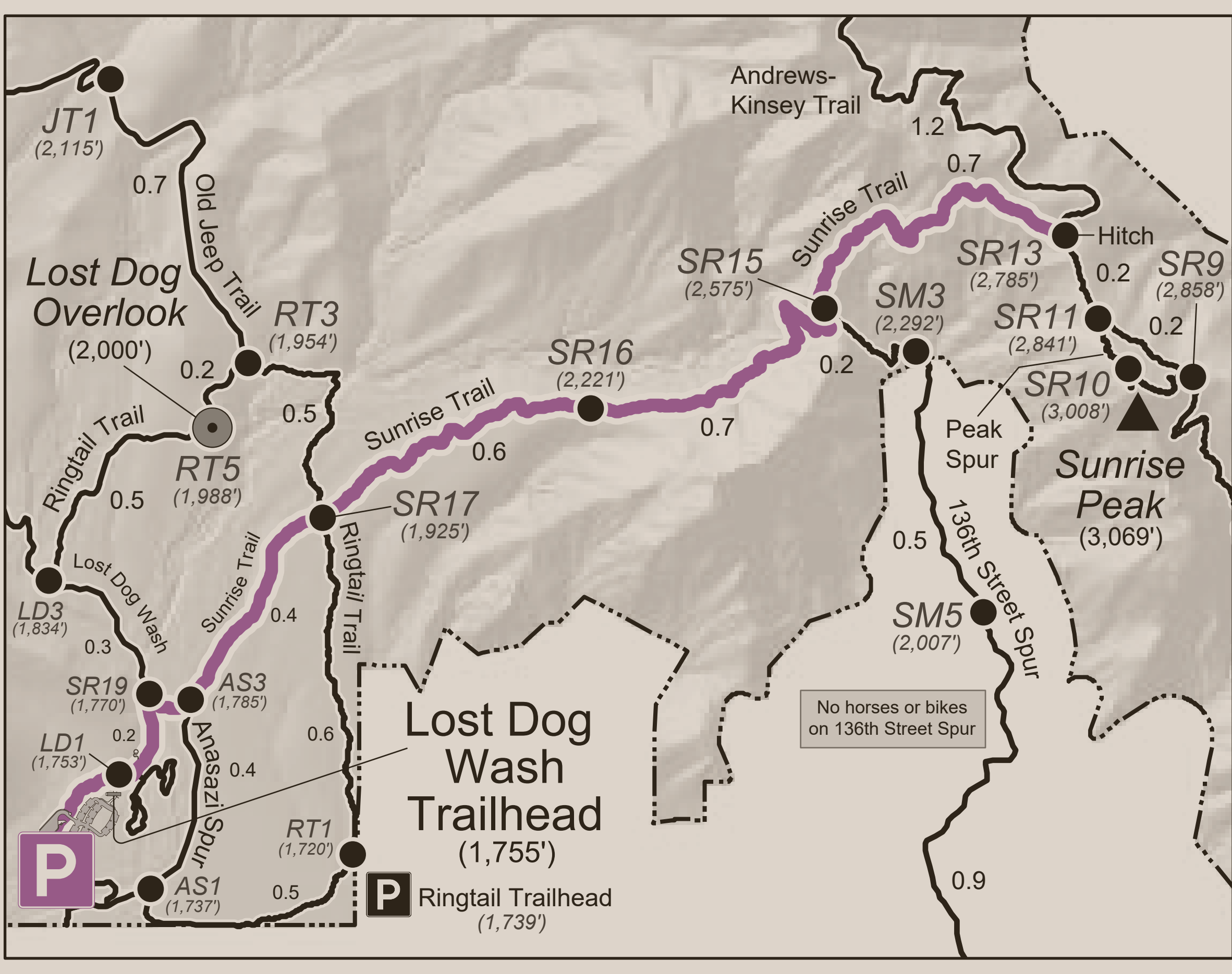
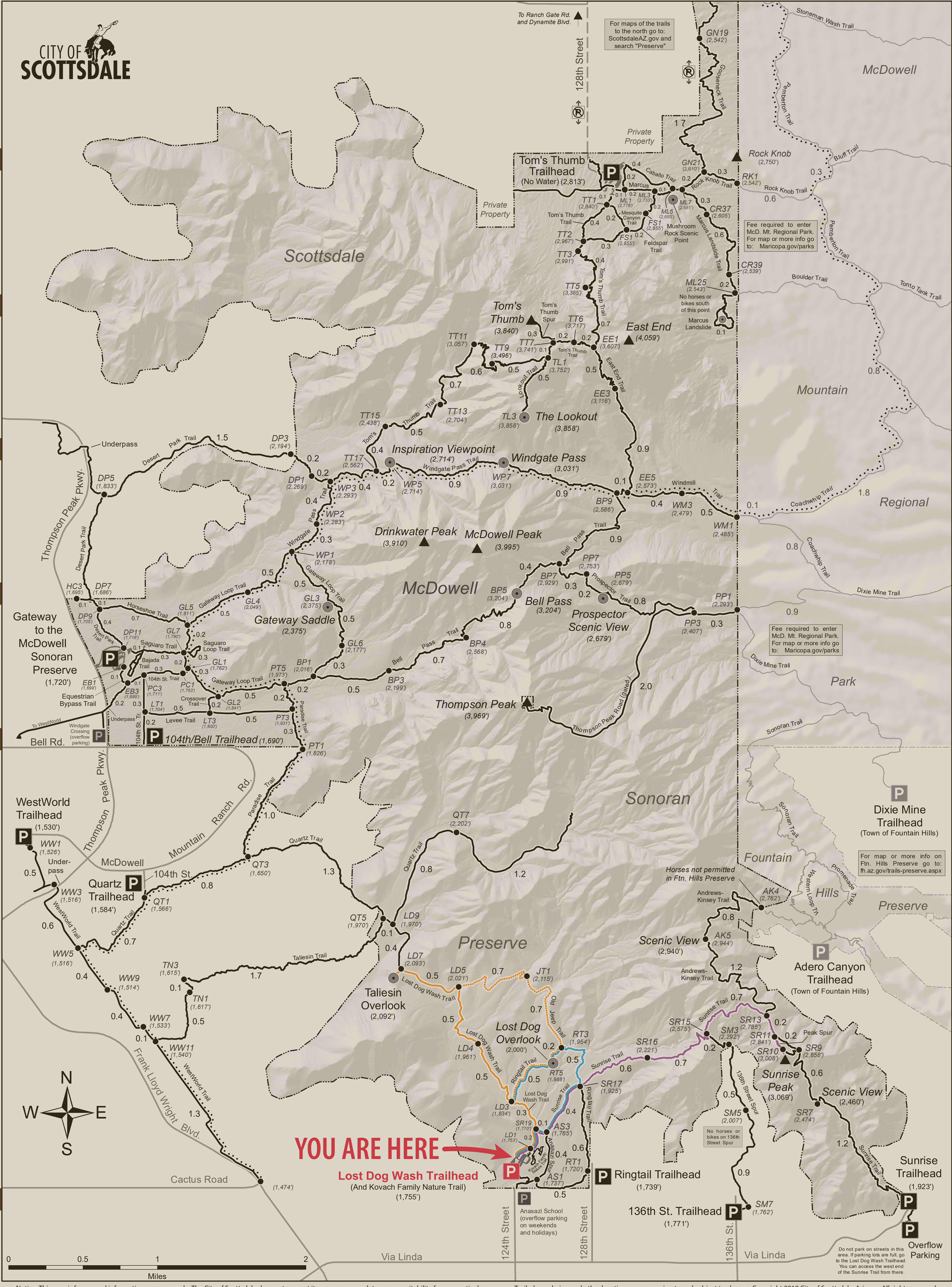
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Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please pick up after your dog. There is no Poop Fairy. 🌟

HOURS

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



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.

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Clothing

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search 'Preserve'

EASY ROUTE

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Route: Lost Dog Wash/Ringtail/Sunrise/Lost Dog Wash

RINGTAIL TRAIL/LOST DOG OVERLOOK LOOP

This relatively easy loop trail takes you to the Lost Dog Overlook and affords outstanding views of the higher peaks of the McDowell Mountains to the north, and the Lost Dog Wash bajada to the south, and even views to the distant San Tan Mountains. This route is very rocky and users should plan accordingly.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
2.3 miles	30 minutes	247 feet

MODERATE ROUTE

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Route: Lost Dog Wash/Taliesin Overlook/Lost Dog Wash

LOST DOG WASH TRAIL TO TALIESIN OVERLOOK

On this route you will parallel the Lost Dog Wash as it spills out of the McDowell Mountains. Your destination is the Taliesin Overlook, where you will enjoy scenic views of north Scottsdale and Phoenix to the west. You will also catch a distant glimpse of Frank Lloyd Wright's desert masterpiece, Taliesin West, from the overlook. This route is very rocky and users should plan accordingly. Taking the alternate route back on Old Jeep Trail will add 1.1 miles to the route.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
4.1 – 5.2 miles	1 hour	337 feet

DIFFICULT ROUTE

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Route: Lost Dog Wash/Sunrise/SR13/Sunrise/Lost Dog Wash

SUNRISE TRAIL TO SR13

From its junction with the Lost Dog Wash Trail, the Sunrise Trail climbs steadily along mountain ridges studded with lush Sonoran Desert vegetation. This route is steep and very rocky in places with several sets of switchbacks. Recommended for experienced and well prepared users only.

ROUND TRIP:	APPROXIMATE TIME:*	ELEVATION CHANGE:
5.8 miles	1.5 hours	1300 feet

\* Calculated on horse pace of 4 to 5 MPH.

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