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

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

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 Fair.

HOURS

The Preserve is open only during daylight hours. Nighttime use is not recommended for the wildlife.

REMEMBER TO C.H.E.F.K

- Clean up after yourself
- Hang your food
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Know where you are going and what your abilities are.

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

TRAILHEAD ADDRESSES

Gateway
10331 N. Thompson Pkwy
Lost Dog Wash
1901 E. 1st Ave
Quartz
12015 E. McDowell Rd.
Ringsail
12306 N. 62nd St.
Sunrise
12101 N. 145th Way
Tom’s Thumb
20305 E. Via Linda
Westworld
15999 S. 96th St.

SOUTHERN REGION TRAILS

EASY ROUTE

Route: Tom’s Thumb/Feldspar/Mesquite Canyon/Tom’s Thumb

**TOM’S THUMB/FELDSPAR/MESQUITE CANYON LOOP**

Feldspar is one of the three minerals that make up the granite boulders prominent in this area. This scenic loop route follows along the base of the northern slopes of the McDowell Mountains with views of the basaltic rocks and rock formations that are prominent in this area.

**ROUND TRIP: APPROXIMATE TIME: ELEVATION CHANG**

1.7 miles 10 minutes 150 feet

EASY ROUTE

Route: Caballito/Marcus Landslide/Caballito

**MARCUS LANDSLIDE INTERPRETIVE TRAIL OUT-AND-BACK**

This short, easy trail with a turnaround at ML2 is fairly wide and has great views of Four Peaks and Weavers Needle. Follow the trail for approximately 0.5 miles, then return.

**ROUND TRIP: APPROXIMATE TIME: ELEVATION CHANG**

2.6 miles 45 minutes 233 feet

MODERATE ROUTE

Route: Caballito/Marcus Landslide/Rock Knob/Gosseneck/Rock Knob/Marcus Landslide/Caballito

**GOOSENECK TRAIL OUT-AND-BACK**

This easy route with a turnaround at GT451 explores the Gooseneck corridor, connecting the northern and southern sections of the Preserve. This route is moderate in difficulty and is a great introduction to the Preserve.

**ROUND TRIP: APPROXIMATE TIME: ELEVATION CHANG**

6.2 miles 1.5 hours 389 feet

**MODERATE ROUTE**

Route: Caballito/Marcus Landslide/Rock Knob/Gosseneck/Service Road/Gooseneck/Rock Knob/Marcus Landslide/Caballito

**GOOSENECK TRAIL/SAGUARO NEST LOOP**

For a longer ride with a bit of the element of surprise, combine this moderate loop trail with the Gooseneck Trail to create a longer, more scenic ride that will offer new perspectives and experiences.

**ROUND TRIP: APPROXIMATE TIME: ELEVATION CHANG**

9.4 miles 2 hours 529 feet

**VERY DIFFICULT ROUTE**

Route: Tom’s Thumb Tom’s Thumb Spur/Loop (optional)/Tom’s Thumb

**TOM’S THUMB TRAIL TO THE BASE OF TOM’S THUMB**

This route is recommended only for the most experienced users. This trail is steep and climbs through the basaltic rock formations that are common in the McDowell Mountains. It provides some of the best views in the Preserve. Due to the steep inclines and the narrow trails, this route is not recommended for young children or pets.

**DESTINATION ROUND TRIP APPROXIMATE TIME: ELEVATION CHANG**

Harriman’s Flank Vista - 1.2 miles 15 minutes 107 feet
Raven Rock Scenic View - 2 miles 20 minutes 528 feet
Valleymore Scenic Point - 2.4 miles 35 minutes 864 feet
Painting Ball Overlook - 2.8 miles 40 minutes 871 feet
Base of Tom’s Thumb - 4.4 miles 60 minutes 1033 feet
The Lookout - 5.1 miles 75 minutes 1045 feet

*Calculated on bone mass of 40 to 50%