

McDowell Mountain Regional Park

Scenic Trail (Ft. McDowell Regional Park). Ratings C. This is a 4.5+ mile hike in a scenic area of McDowell Mountain Park. The trail is accessible off of McDowell Mountain Park Drive, which is reachable by driving through Fountain Hills. After good Winter rains there will be fields of Brittlebush, Lupine, Owl's Clover, Mexican Poppies, and other wildflowers. There is also a Crested Saguaro on the left on top of the hill (back side of trail). Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is 120 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellMountainRegionalPark/Scenic-Trail>

Directions to McDowell Mountain Regional Park - Scenic Trail

I-10 east to Route 202 east exit onto Gilbert Road.

Turn left onto Gilbert Road to Route 87.

Turn right onto Route 87 to Shea Blvd.

Turn left onto Shea Blvd to Saguaro Blvd.

Turn right onto Saguaro Blvd to Fountain Hills Blvd (which McDowell Mtn. Road).

Turn right onto Fountain Hills Blvd, the road heads north away from Fountain Hills.

Turn left at the entrance to McDowell Mountain Park.

Pay \$7.00 park entrance fee.

Take the park drive past the family and group campgrounds to Shalimo Dr.

Turn right and follow road to the Pemberton Trailhead