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HIKE: C Hike - McDowell Mountain RP - Scenic Trail (PCHC # 84).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. The trail is accessible off McDowell Mountain Park Drive, which is reachable by driving through Fountain Hills. After good Winter rains there will be fields of brittlebush, lupine, owls clover, Mexican poppies, and other wildflowers. There is also a crested saguaro on the left on top of the hill (back side of trail). Take Pemberton Trail north .2 mile to Scenic Trail junction. Continue past this junction to another junction with the Scenic Trail a further .6 mile along the Pemberton Trail. Turn Right on Scenic Trail and follow up and over the hill. In 3.8 miles the Scenic Trail meets the Pemberton Trail. Turn Left and return to the parking lot in .2 mile.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Pemberton Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pemberton Trail, Scenic Trail, Pemberton Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Mountain Regional Park Scenic Trail: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East to Route 202 East exit onto Gilbert Road. Turn left onto Gilbert Road to Route 87. Turn right onto Route 87 to Shea Boulevard. Turn left onto Shea Boulevard to Saguaro Boulevard. Turn right onto Saguaro Boulevard to Fountain Hills Boulevard (which McDowell Mountain. Road). Turn right onto Fountain Hills Boulevard, the road heads north away from Fountain Hills. Turn left at the entrance to McDowell Mountain Park. Take the park drive past the family and group campgrounds to Shalimo Drive. Turn right and follow road to the Pemberton Trailhead **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 120 miles

URL PHOTOS: <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellMountainRegionalPark/Scenic-Trail>

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