

# McDowell Mountain Regional Park

- Entrance Station
- Horse Staging & Primitive Equestrian Camping
- Portable Restroom
- Nature Center
- RV Dump Station\*
- Group Campground (By reservation)
- Family Campground
- Playground\*
- Group Picnic Ramada\* (By reservation)
- Picnic Area (Day use only)
- Tent Campsites
- Youth Campground\*
- Restrooms\*

- Maricopa Trail\*
- Park Trail\*
- Barrier-free Trail
- Hazardous Trail (flash flooding)
- Competitive Track\*
- Trailhead/Track Starting Point
- Access Gate
- Locked Gate
- Service Road
- Regional Park Boundary

\*Trail color varies by name.

- Lengths shown at right are one-way unless indicated by \* for round-trip distance and \*\* for loop distance.

- Lengths on map are for segments between trail junctions (●), or junction and trailhead. (Road crossings excluded.)

- Due to rounding, segment lengths may not add up to trail totals

- Elev Diff is difference in elevation between low and high points, which may or may not match end points of trail. Gross change may be greater.

- †Lengths and Elev Diff include continuation in adjacent preserves.

M = Multiple Use (all non-motorized access allowed)    H = Hike Only    ● = Easy

H/B = Hike/Bike Only    BF = Barrier-free    ◻ = Moderate

Y = Youth Groups    ◻ = Mod. - Diff.

Only    ◆ = Difficult

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Trail Code	Trail Name	Length Mi	Use	Rating	Elev Diff Feet
BF	Bluff	2.2	M	●	334
BO	Boulder	1.1	M	●	263
CR	Chuparosa	0.5	H/B	●	51
CI	Cinch	0.6	M	●	58
CO	Coachwhip	2.6	M	◻	269
DL	Delsie	2.5	M	●	306
DX	Dixie Mine	5.6 <sup>††</sup>	M	◻	403
EG	Eagle	0.4*	H (Y)	●	35
ED	Escondido	6.2	M	■	284
GR	Granite	3.5	M	●	332
HT	Hilltop	0.5*	H	●	76
LR	Lariat	1.5	M	●	113
LH	Lousley Hill	1.2*	H	■	295
NR	North	2.9*	H/B	●	138
NT	Nursery Tank	0.6*	BF	○	27
PB	Pemberton	15.3 <sup>**</sup>	M	◆	667
RK	Rock Knob	1.1 <sup>†</sup>	M	■	261
SN	Scenic	3.5	M	■	278
SC	Scout	0.8*	H/B (Y)	●	30
SH	Shallmo Wash	1.8	M	●	196
SO	Sonoran	2.6 <sup>†</sup>	M <sup>††</sup>	● <sup>††</sup>	330
SM-W	Stoneman Wash	4.3	M	◆	460
TT	Tonto Tank	2.7	M	●	446
TO	Tortoise	0.7	H/B	●	101
VD	Verde	1.2	H/B	●	114
WG	Wagner	1.1	H/B	●	124
WM	Windmill	1.1 <sup>†</sup>	M	◻	149

\*See other side for location.

**Welcome to McDowell Mountain Regional Park**  
 McDowell Mountain Regional Park is northeast of Scottsdale in the lower Verde Basin. This 21,099-acre Sonoran Desert park is one of Maricopa County's largest. Elevation ranges from 1,550 to 3100 feet.

**Park Rules**

PLEASE OBSERVE PARK RULES! Park rules are posted throughout the park; they are also available as a handout.

**Picnicking**

McDowell Park offers two **day-use areas**, Ironwood and Palo Verde, totaling 88 sites with; open year-round. Each picnic area has restrooms and a playground. No reservations are necessary.

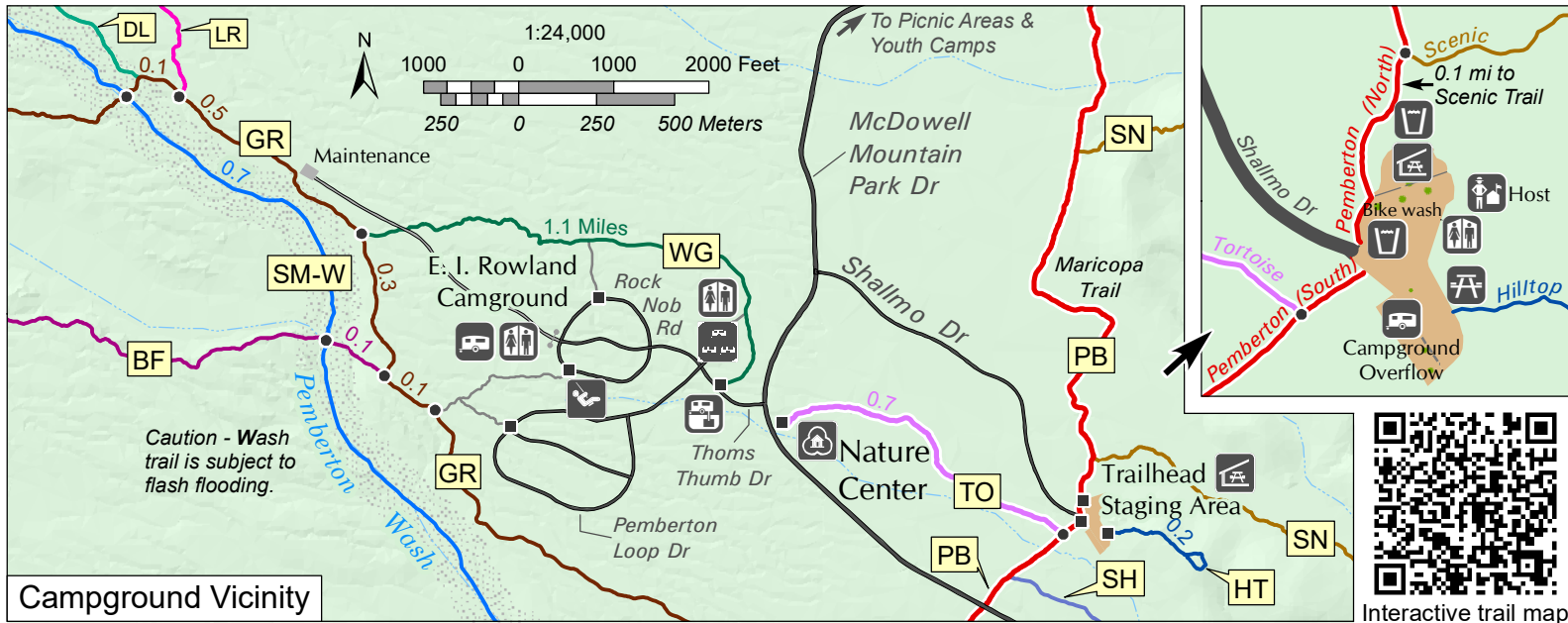
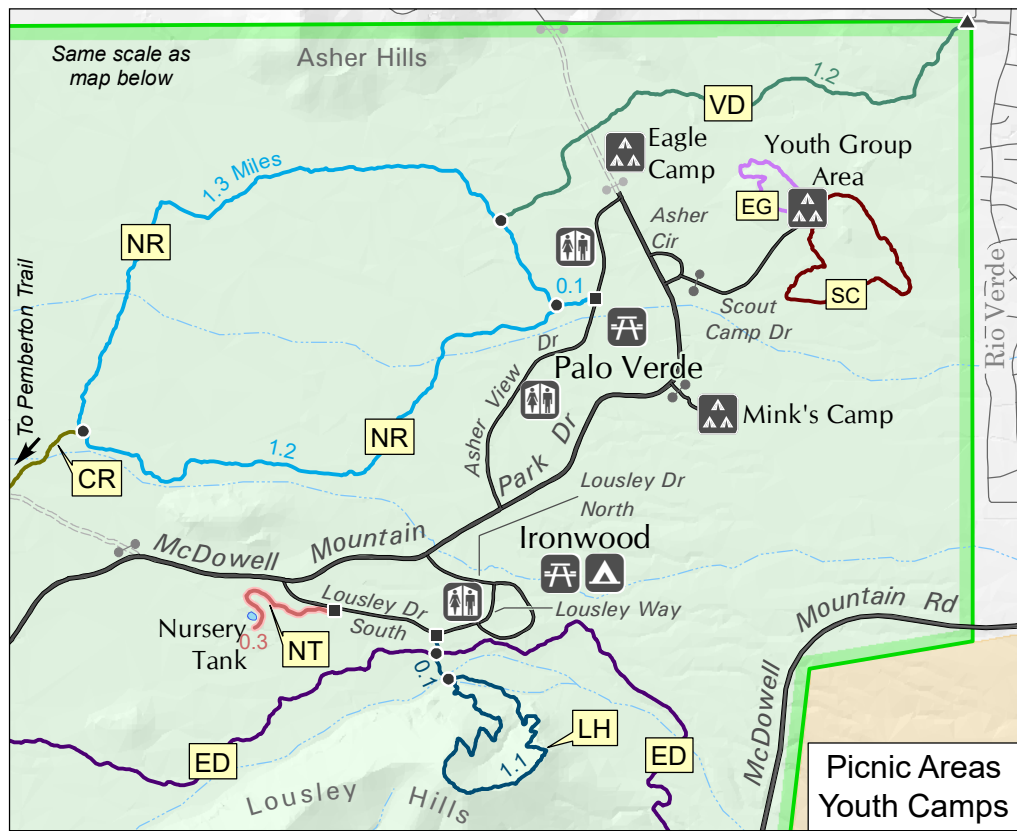
The **Group Picnic Ramadas** next to the Trailhead Staging Area offers two large ramadas with four picnic tables each. By reservation only.

**Camping**

The **E. I. Rowland family campground** consists of 76 camping sites for tents or RVs. Each site accommodates up to a 45-foot RV. The south loop also has handicapped-accessible restrooms. An **RV dump station** is available. There is a 14-day stay limit. The 3-acre **Group Campground** accommodates up to 30 RV units. No hook-ups. It can be reserved for day use or overnight camping at (480) 471-0173. Restrooms have flush toilets and hot showers.

For groups over 30 RV units, the **Group Picnic Ramadas** at the Trailhead Staging Area are available. Group Campground and Group Picnic Ramadas have a 6-unit minimum.

For youth groups, the park offers the **Youth Group Area** for day use and overnight camping. Also available are two



small, primitive camps, **Eagle Camp** and **Mink's Camp**.

**Tent camping** is available in the Ironwood Picnic Loop. Nearby is a bathroom with water.

Reservations for all campsites are available:  
<https://maricopacountyparks.org> or (602) 506-2930.

**Trails**

The park offers some 65 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails of various lengths and difficulties. The **Trailhead Staging Area** is open to all trail users; **Four Peaks Staging Area** is available for equestrian use daily; it also has become an important trailhead for all users and is sometime used for larger special events. Smaller trailheads are near the campground and picnic areas.

Note: Travel can be arduous; be prepared. Carry plenty of water, use sun protection, and let someone know where you are going. Enter the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office phone number of (602)-876-1000 into your cell phone prior to hiking. Emergency: 911.

**Competitive Track**

The **Competitive Track** provides challenging, strenuous, and high-speed recreation for individuals, groups, and organized events. It is shared-use and is open to runners, mountain bikers, and equestrians. Please obey the one-way signs. A detailed map is available.

**Other Activities**

The park offers interpretive hikes year-round, star gazing, and special programs, usually at no extra charge. The Nature Center has educational presentations and critters on display. Detailed trail info is available. Snacks, drinks, books and gifts are for sale.

**Hours of Operation and Contacts**  
**Sunday thru Thursday:** 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Friday and Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A per-vehicle entry fee is required. Please use the self-pay station when the entrance booth is not staffed. For further information please contact the Park Office.

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