

McDowell Mountain Regional Park

- Entrance Station
- Nature Center
- Parking (Day use)
- Picnic Area (Day use only)
- Horse Staging
- Family Campground
- Group Picnic Ramada* (By reservation)
- Semi-Developed Camping
- Group Campground
- Group Campground (By reservation)

- Park Road
- Park Trail
- Maricopa Trail¹ (Park Portion)
- Maricopa Trail
- Trailhead/Track Starting Point
- Access Gate (Limited parking)
- Trail Junction
- Peak (Elevation in Feet)

- Easiest
- Easy
- Moderate
- Mod. - Diff.
- Extremely Diff.
- M = Multiple Use (all non-motorized access allowed)
- H/B = Hike/Bike Only
- H = Hike Only
- BF = Barrier-free
- Y = Youth Group Only

- 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.
 - ¹Lengths and Elev Diff include continuation outside park.
 - Spur Trails to north boundary are Multiple Use.
 - ¹Pemberton Trail is also known as the McDowell section of the Maricopa Trail.

Trail Code	Trail Name	Length Mi	Use	Difficulty Rating	Elev Diff Feet
BF	Bluff	2.2	M		334
BO	Boulder	1.1	M		263
CR	Chuparosa	0.5	H		51
CI	Cinch	0.6	M		58
CO	Coachwhip	2.6	M		269
DL	Delsie	2.5	M		306
DX	Dixie Mine	5.6+	M		403+
EG	Eagle	0.4**	H (Y)		35+
ED	Escondido	6.2	M		280
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		138
NT	Nursery Tank	0.6*	BF		27
PB	Pemberton ¹	15.3**	M		667
RK	Rock Knob	1.1+	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	0.8	M		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	2.9	H/B		281
WG	Wagner	1.1	H/B		124
WM	Windmill	1.1	M		149+

McDowell Mountain Regional Park is northeast of Scottsdale in the lower Verde Basin. This 21,105-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

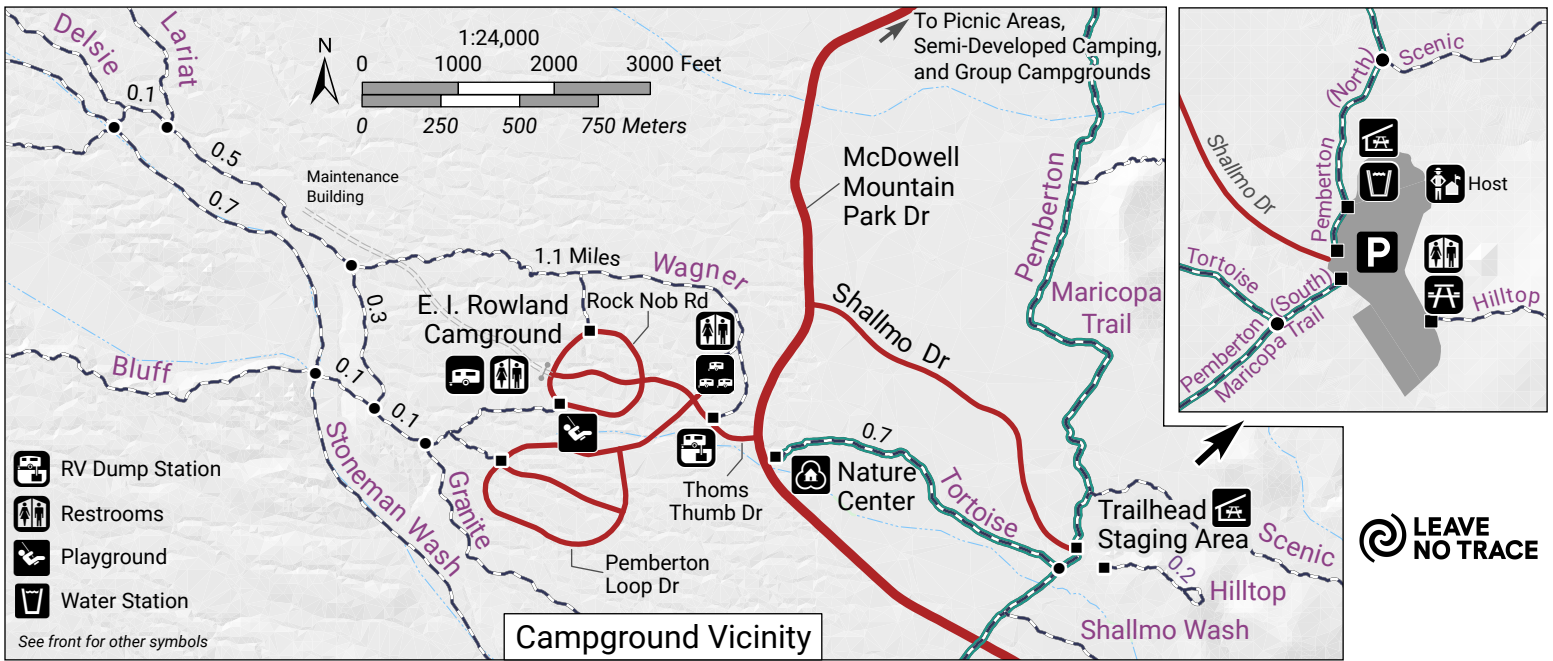
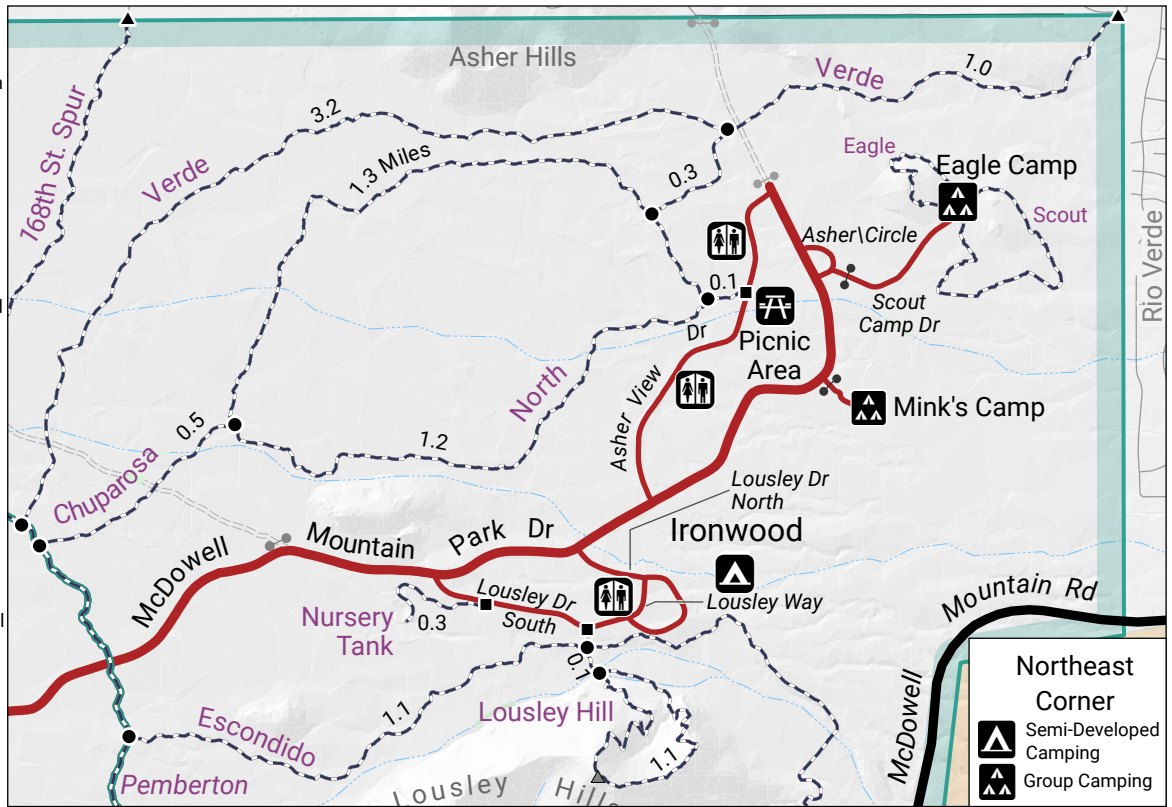
McDowell Park offers two day-use areas: **Picnic Areas**, on Asher View Dr. are dispersed picnic tables for small groups, no reservation necessary; or the **Trailhead Staging Area** picnic ramadas, two large ramadas with four picnic tables each. By reservation only.

Camping

The **E. I. Rowland Family Campground** consists of 80 camping sites for tents or RVs up to 45-feet long. Each site has water and electric hook ups. An RV dump station is available. There is a 14-day stay limit.

The **Ironwood Campground** offers 15 semi-developed campsites for tents, van, and small trailers under 16 feet. There are no hook ups and generators are not allowed. In close proximity to restroom and shower facility.

Reservations for RV and tent campsites are available: 1-833-505-0779 or www.exploremaricopacountyparks.org.



The **Group Campground** accommodates up to 12 RV units. No hook-ups. Restrooms have flush toilets and hot showers. For youth groups, the park offers the **Eagle Camp** for day use and overnight camping. Also available is a smaller group area, **Mink's Camp**. All Group areas can be reserved by calling (602) 506-2930 option #3.

Trails

The park offers some 83 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 and is often used for large special events. Smaller trailheads are near the campground and picnic areas. Detailed trail info is available.

Competitive Track

The Competitive Track provides 14 miles of 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 and programs year-round, usually at no extra charge. The Nature Center has educational media and desert animals on display. Snacks, drinks, books and gifts are for sale.

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Interactive Trail Map

General Information

Park hours vary by season and gates close nightly. 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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