



# SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE



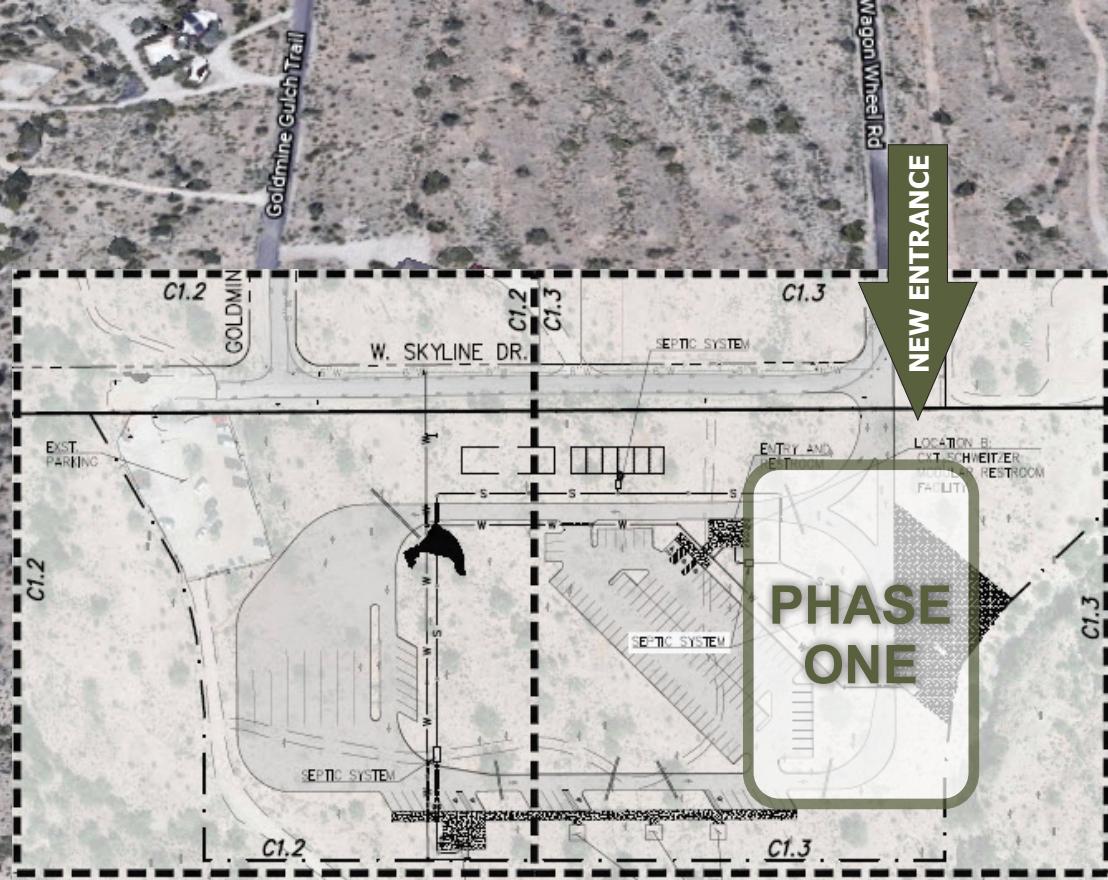
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Vision: To connect people with nature through regional parks, trails and programs, inspire and appreciation for the Sonoran desert beauty and natural open spaces, and create life-long positive memories.

Mission: Through responsible stewardship, provide quality parks, trails, programs, services and experiences that energize visitors and create life-long users and advocates.

## GOLDMINE TRAILHEAD

- **2004:** The newly revised San Tan Mountain Regional Park Master Plan called for a secondary trailhead at North Wagon Wheel Road.
  - A previously disturbed area located on the alignment of Goldmine Gulch Trail is currently being used as a trailhead parking area.
- **2015:** The Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, Town of Queen Creek, and Pinal County begin the planning process to improve the area. The public planning process included:
  - distribution of press releases
  - public outreach via news bulletin subscription service, social media, and website
  - public meetings, and
  - electronic surveys to collect feedback from the public
    - electronic survey garnered 336 responses
    - feedback from electronic public comment cards garnered 60 responses.
- **2016 - 2019:** Agencies worked together with public input to develop area concept and construction plans, secure archaeological site clearances, and obtain necessary permits.
- **2020:** Due to COVID-19 and subsequent funding reductions, a Phase I parking area will expand capacity, relocating the entrance and set the stage for implementation of future Phases of the project.



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### PARK INFORMATION

San Tan Mountain Regional Park, consisting of roughly 10,200 acres, is located in southeast valley. The park is one of eleven parks in Maricopa County's regional park system.

The park's hours are 6 am to 8 pm, daily. Due to COVID-19, the park's nature center is closed; however, staff are available by appointment. Staff may be reached by calling (602) 506-2930 ext. 7.

Additional park information can be found by visiting the website at [www.maricopacountyparks.net](http://www.maricopacountyparks.net).

### PHASE I SCOPE OF WORK

- The project will occupy the eastern third of the footprint of the future trailhead design.
- The lot, for approximately 80 parking spaces, will go on the east side of the Goldmine Trailhead property in line with North Wagon Wheel Road, further from nearby homes.
- This arrangement will keep trailhead traffic off west Skyline Drive and have a solar-powered entry gate programmed to park hours.
- Porta-Potties will be located in the far southeast corner of the lot away from adjacent properties.
- Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department staff will construct a short connecting trail from the south end of the lot to the existing trail.
- Staff resources will be used to grub and grade the area and install a solar-powered gate at the site.
- Neighborhood parking mitigation measures such as signage applied.
- On January 12, 2021, the Town of Queen Creek issued a letter of support for the project drainage plan.