



GENERAL RULES

McDowell Sonoran Preserve



- (a) All persons using the preserve shall comply with all federal and state laws, and county and city ordinances, rules and regulations.
- (b) All persons using the preserve shall comply with the following, except as may be specifically authorized by a permit or permits issued as provided in this section, or in sections 21-22 or 21-23 of this chapter:
 - (1) No person shall possess a deadly weapon, or an air rifle, air pistol or slingshot in the preserve, or a firearm in any developed or improved area, as defined in A.R.S. § 13-3108, except as otherwise permitted by law.
 - (2) No motorized vehicles shall be allowed in the preserve, except in designated parking areas. This provision shall not be construed, however, to prevent the use and operation of a motorized wheelchair by a person who ordinarily uses such equipment, when the person is engaged in activities otherwise permitted in the preserve.
 - (3) No camping shall be permitted in the preserve.
 - (4) No person shall discharge a firearm, air rifle, air pistol, or slingshot in the preserve, except as otherwise permitted by law.
 - (5) No fires are allowed in the preserve, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Cooking with charcoal or camp stoves may be allowed, however, but only in designated areas. The fire department, in cooperation with the preserve director, may institute more restrictive policies if required by emergency or other conditions.
 - (6) All preserve users must remain on designated and posted trails to prevent damage to the land and all other areas shall be considered "off limits" for any use.
 - (7) No person shall use any preserve facility, or any area in the preserve which has been declared "closed" and which has been so designated and posted by the city,
 - (8) No person shall remain in the preserve after the hours established for public use by this chapter.
 - (9) The sale of food, beverages or other merchandise is prohibited. (10)

No person shall possess or shoot a bow and arrow in the preserve, except as permitted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department hunting rules and in locations designated for that purpose. All persons engaging in such lawful hunting shall have a valid and current Arizona hunting license in their possession.
 - (11) No smoking shall be permitted in the preserve.

- (12) No person shall possess or consume any spirituous liquor, including beer, in or from an open container, in the preserve, except that that beer in an open container may be consumed or possessed pursuant to a permit issued by the preserve director, as provided in section 21-23, below.
- (13) No person shall remove, deface, damage, disturb or excavate any materials from or in the preserve, or any historical, prehistorical, archaeological, paleontological, or geologic site or feature situated within the preserve, including, but not limited to, plants, rocks, any other earth material, historical or other archaeological resources, such as petroglyphs and dead and/or decaying plant materials.
- (14) No person shall deface, damage or inscribe a message, slogan, sign or symbol upon any natural feature in the preserve, including the ground itself, using any material, including paint or markers of any kind.
- (15) No person shall destroy, dig up, mutilate, collect, cut, harvest or remove any live or dead tree or plant material in or from the preserve.
- (16) No person shall dig, remove or excavate any sand, gravel, rocks or soil from within the preserve.
- (17) No person shall knowingly, intentionally or recklessly litter, or throw, toss or otherwise propel, or break any glass, ceramic or breakable container in the preserve.
- (18) No person shall feed, threaten, harass, disturb or collect wildlife in the preserve.
- (19) No person shall remove any wildlife from the preserve, or release, abandon, place, bury or otherwise dispose of any animal, carcass or remains of an animal in the preserve.
- (20) No person shall erect any temporary structures, including tents, tarps and canopies, in the preserve.
- (21) No person shall undertake mechanical repair or maintenance of any vehicle in the preserve, including but not limited to automobile oil changes and engine tune-ups, except in the case of any emergency when the vehicle is inoperable. No washing or waxing of vehicles shall be permitted in the preserve.
- (22) Gas powered model aircraft and incendiary model rockets are prohibited in the preserve.
- (23) Possession or use of fireworks in the preserve is prohibited.
- (24) No person shall collect firewood in the preserve.

- (25) No person shall tether, launch or land a hot air balloon in the preserve, except in the case of emergency.
- (26) No glass, ceramic or breakable plastic food or beverage containers are permitted in the preserve, except within a motor vehicle in a designated parking area.
- (27) Dogs are restricted to access areas and designated trails, except dogs assisting in official search and rescue activities or dogs assisting physically challenged individuals.
- (28) Dogs must be secured on a leash at all times while in the preserve. The owner or custodian of a dog is responsible for the acts and conduct of the dog at all times when the dog is in the preserve.
- (29) The owner or person in custody of a dog shall immediately pick up all dog droppings (fecal matter), place them in a closed or sealed container and deposit them into a trash receptacle or remove them from the preserve. The owner or person in custody of a dog must carry/have in their possession a waste container for pick up purposes.
- (30) No person shall operate any sound amplification system in the preserve "sound amplification system" as used in this subsection means any device, instrument or system, whether electrical or mechanical or otherwise, for amplifying sound or for producing or reproducing sound, including, but not limited to any radio stereo, musical instrument, phonograph, or sound or musical recorder or player.
- (31) No person shall throw, deposit or place any commercial or non-commercial handbill in or upon any attended or unattended vehicle parked or located in the preserve, or upon any structure within the preserve trailhead, access or parking areas.
- (32) All motor vehicles operated in the preserve trailhead/access/parking areas must have current legal registration, display number plates for the current registration year and be operated only by properly licensed drivers.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons or groups which have been issued a permit by the preserve director, as provided in sections 21-22 and 21-23, below, to engage in such activities. Also, the provisions shall not apply to: city police personnel or other law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and other city employees, in the course of their official duties; or others authorized by the city to perform inspection, repair or maintenance work, persons providing emergency, search and rescue, medical or veterinary services; vendors or others on preserve related business, when authorized by the preserve director.

Sec. 21-13. Preserve hours; use.

Hours for public use of the preserve, including access areas, parking areas, trailheads and trails, shall be from sunrise to sunset, as determined by the United States Weather Service, unless authorized by permit issued by the city, or as otherwise provided by the preserve director.

Sec. 21-14. Penalties

(a) A violation of any of the provisions of subsection (b)(1) through (b)(3) of section 21-12 above shall be punishable as class one (1) misdemeanors are punishable under state law.

(b) A violation of any of the provisions of subsection (b)(4) through (b)(25) of section 21-12 above shall be punishable as class two (2) misdemeanors are punishable under state law.

(c) A violation of any of the provisions of subsection (b)(26) through (b)(31) of section 21-12 above shall be punishable as class three (3) misdemeanors are punishable under state law.

(d) A violation of subsection (b)(32) of section 21-12 above shall constitute a civil offense, which shall be punishable by a civil sanction in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).