

PRESERVE UPDATE

Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve

March 2014

Come celebrate the Wildflowers of the Preserve and the Kovack Family Nature Trail!

The event will kickoff at 9 a.m. with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring Christine Kovach and family and featuring Scottsdale Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale City Council members, MSC Executive Director Mike Nolan, and Christine Kovach.

March 28, 2015

Lost Dog Wash Trailhead
12601 N. 124th St.

9 - 10 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Guided wildflower hike, demonstrations and activities



Hiking preparation for warmer temperatures

As the warm weather arrives, temperatures throughout the day are getting more extreme.

- Hike with a buddy
- Begin hydrating the day before your hike
- Have enough water for yourself and pet(s) you bring
- Bring a charged cell phone
- Wear sensible shoes: hiking boots or tennis/gym shoes
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- Tell friends where and when you are going and when you expect to return
- Know your location and the closest trailhead

And don't let our morning temps fool you. The days are warming up. Many of the emergency calls go on during this time of year are heat-related. Know your fitness level and choose your hike accordingly. Significant hydration prior to the hike and proper clothing will help reduce the risk of heat stress.



Photo by Marianne Wallace

Snakes on the trail

Remember the Preserve is for desert wildlife. There have been many reports of snakes out enjoying the weather as well as lots of trail users. If you do come upon one, just give it some space and remember you are visiting their home.



Dogs in the Preserve is a privilege

It is your responsibility to have your dog on a leash at all times. If you see a violation of the leash law, call 480-312-5000 and report it.

Summer Safety Tips

- Your dog's exertion should be minimal above 90 degrees.
- Dogs overheat easily, the temperature at the end of your hike matters.
- Carry enough water for both you and your dog.
- Watch for intense panting as this could be a sign of excessive heat.

There is no Poop Fairy

Dog waste doesn't biodegrade like wild animal waste. It sticks around for a long time. Please help keep our Preserve free of poop bags and piles by packing out your dog's waste.



Fairy Credit: Jefferson County, Colorado Open Space Parks and Trails

Pinnacle Peak Park will be closed March 26

Pinnacle Peak Park will be closed Thursday, March 26 for a major water supply line leak repair. We apologize for any inconvenience that this causes you. Trails in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve are open. The park will reopen on Friday, March 27 at 6 a.m. If you have questions, please call Pinnacle Peak Park at 480-312-0990.



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