**Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve**

Northern & Central Regions  Spring 2024

Maps of McDowell Sonoran Preserve

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

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- Always travel at safe speeds.
- Do not use trails when wet or muddy.
- Speak quietly in the desert environment.

**RULES**

- Dogs must be on a hand-held leash no greater than 6 ft at all times.
- Dog waste must be picked up immediately and disposed of in a trash container. DO NOT leave bagged waste along the trail.

**SAFETY**

- The desert heat can KILL YOUR DOG, and you should be aware of animal cruelty under A.R.S. 13-2910. Dogs do not sweat like we do and can be overtaken by the heat quickly. Once your dog shows signs of heat stress, it is often too late.
- Tips to avoid a heat emergency:
  - Check the hourly weather forecast BEFORE bringing your dog to the Preserve. It will be 90°F or more during your outing, leave your dog at home.
  - Carry plenty of water for you and your dog.
  - Warning signs of heat stress:
    - Heavy panting, bright red tongue and thick saliva.
    - Condition worsens if dog vomits, becomes unsteady, lethargic or unwilling to move.
    - Advanced heat stroke signs are lips/membrane become blue/grey, rapid on-set collapse, unconsciousness and DEATH.
  - What to do:
    - Remove the dog from the heat and cool the dog’s body with water.
    - If the dog is conscious, give access to cool drinking water.
    - Get to a veterinarian immediately.

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