General Rules

- The Preserve is open from sunrise to sunset.
- Stay on designated and posted trails.
- No smoking, fireworks, or open flame.
- No motor vehicles including electric bikes.
- Dogs must be on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) at all times and owners must immediately pick up and deposit waste in a trash receptacle.
- Take off and landing of drones is prohibited.
- Do not disturb wildlife or alter, deface, place or remove any materials, including rocks, animals or vegetation, alive or dead.
- No alcohol or glass containers.

Trail Etiquette

- Be considerate of other trail users- you are all here for the same reason.
- Downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic.
- All trail users should yield to horses. Slow down and alert other users when approaching from the rear.
- Bicyclists should consider using a bell or similar device.
- Always travel at safe speeds.
- Do not use trails when wet or muddy.
- Sound travels far in the desert environment, so please speak quietly.

We Need Your Help

If you see any suspicious behavior including the following violations in the Preserve, please report it by calling the Scottsdale Police non-emergency number:

- Loose or Roaming Horses/Livestock
- Dogs Off Leash
- Vandalism or Cutting of Fences

Non-Emergency Number 480-312-5000

Trailhead Addresses

Brown's Ranch Trailhead
33931 N. Alma School Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Frasial Trailhead
13400 E. Rio Verde Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Pima Dynamite Trailhead
2814 N. Fraesfield Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Granite Mountain Trailhead
31602 N. 136th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Gateway Trailhead
18313 N. 143rd Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Lost Dog Wash Trailhead
12251 N. 124th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Sunrise Trailhead
12101 N. 146th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Tom's Thumb Trailhead
23053 N. 126th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

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Use this Map to Plan a Safe outing in the Preserve

This map contains valuable information about the trails. Understanding how to use it is one of the keys to planning a safe and enjoyable experience in the Preserve.

Emergency Markers

These markers are located on sign posts throughout the Preserve and are labeled on the map. Each marker has a unique combination of letter and numbers. If you need help, refer to the nearest marker to assist emergency personnel in identifying your location.

Trail Segment Lengths

The trails in the Preserve are comprised of segments divided between emergency markers. Each segment is labeled with the length in miles, rounded to the nearest tenth. As you plan your journey, add the segment lengths together to determine the total length of your route.

Elevation

Each emergency marker, trailhead and scenic point is labeled on the map with the elevation above sea level. Use these labels to understand the elevation change along the trail segments you plan to travel. You can get an idea of the trail segment difficulty by determining the amount of elevation gain or loss you will experience over the length of that segment.

TRAIL SAFETY TIPS

Safety while in the Preserve begins with you. The Preserve is a remote area with a potential for extreme conditions. Emergency response can take some time. Please take responsibility for your own safety.

- Bring ample water for you AND your dog. When your water is half gone, turn around.
- Start drinking water before you arrive so your body is pre-hydrated.
- Bring a fully charged cell phone.
- Know your abilities and health limitations. Don’t take on more than you can safely accomplish.
- Check the hourly weather forecast.
- Temperatures can climb dramatically after a relatively cool morning. Be active in the cooler parts of the day and leave your dog at home when it is over 90°F.
- Shade is very limited in the Preserve, so wear sunscreen and dress appropriately with a hat and light colored breathable clothing that covers your body.
- Wear sturdy footwear with a good tread.
- Pay attention to the emergency markers so you can reference them in case of an emergency.
- Know your trail route and where you started.
- Take note of the trailhead address on this map in case of an emergency.
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Leave your valuables at home.