

## Leave No Trace – Outdoor Ethics for Frontcountry

### Know Before You Go

- Be prepared! Remember food, water, and clothes to protect you from the cold, heat and rain.
- Use maps to plan where you're going. Check them along the way so you'll stay on course and won't get lost.
- Remember to bring a leash for your pet and plastic bags to pick up your pet's waste.
- Read books, check online and talk to people before you go. The more you know, the more fun you'll have.

### Stick To Trails

- Walk and ride on designated trails to protect trailside plants.
- Do not step on flowers or small trees. Once damaged, they may not grow back.
- Respect private property by staying on designated trails.

### Trash Your Trash And Pick Up Pet Waste

- Pack it in, Pack it out. Put litter – even crumbs, peels and cores – in garbage bags and carry it home.
- Use bathrooms or outhouses when available.
- Use a plastic bag to pack out your pet's waste to a garbage can.
- Keep water clean. Do not put soap, food, human or pet waste in lakes or streams.

### Leave It As You Find It

- Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others can enjoy them.
- Treat living plants with respect. Carving, hacking or peeling plants may kill them.

### Be Careful With Fire

### Keep Wildlife Wild

- Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed or follow them.
- Human food is unhealthy for all wildlife and feeding them starts bad habits.
- Protect wildlife and your food by securely storing your meals and trash.

### Share Our Trails And Manage Your Pet

- Be considerate when passing others on the trail.
- Keep your pet on a leash to protect it, other visitors and wildlife.
- Listen to nature. Avoid making loud noises or yelling. You will see more wildlife if you are quiet.
- Be sure the fun you have outdoors does not bother anyone else. Remember, other visitors are there to enjoy the outdoors too.

For more information on Leave No Trace, please visit

[www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or call 1.800.332.4100



## An ordinance to protect the environment

To ensure that our fragile desert environment is protected for future generations, the Phoenix City Council approved the Trail Ordinance on June 30, 1993. It defines designated and non-designated trails based on the protection of natural, cultural, historical and other resources of the parks and mountain preserves. Designated trails are marked by sign and are listed on this map.

This allows the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board to designate areas for revegetation and to block their access from main trails. The ordinance was created to stem the tide of damage and erosion caused by "trailblazers." It also sets a penalty of no less than \$50.00 and eight hours of community service for entering park areas closed to public use.

### General Trail Guidelines

Trail use recommended from sunrise to sunset  
Avoid wet or muddy trails  
Avoid taking shortcuts, cutting switchbacks, or creating new trails

### Specific Trail Guidelines

All downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic, no matter what type of user  
Bicyclists yield to all other trail users  
Hikers yield to equestrians  
Control your speed at all times

### Trail Etiquette & Safety

Everyone is on trails to enjoy the outdoors so please be considerate of other trail users  
Bring plenty of water, especially during the summer months  
Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return

### Important Numbers

Emergency 911  
Crimestop 602.262.6151  
South Zone Park Rangers Office 602.262.7393  
Parks Department Main Office 602.262.6862

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## South Mountain Eastern Portion

The history of South Mountain Park/Preserve as a city of Phoenix park dates back to 1924. Prominent local citizens, with the help of Sen. Carl Hayden, bought 13,000 acres from the federal government for \$17,000. In 1935 the National Park Service developed a master plan for the park with riding and hiking trails, picnic areas and overlooks, all in rustic regional character. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built many of the facilities in the park, based on this master plan. Visitation at the park has gone from 3,000 a month in 1924 to three million a year today. Photos and artifacts at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center give a glimpse into the early history of the park and the CCC's construction work.

South Mountain Park/Preserve actually consists of three mountain ranges, the Ma Ha Tauk, Gila and Guadalupe. They stretch diagonally from northeast to southwest. Diagonal mountain ranges that protrude from desert floors, like those of South Mountain, are typical features of the Sonoran Desert. Various minerals were mined in the park in the early 1900s before its birth as a park.

North

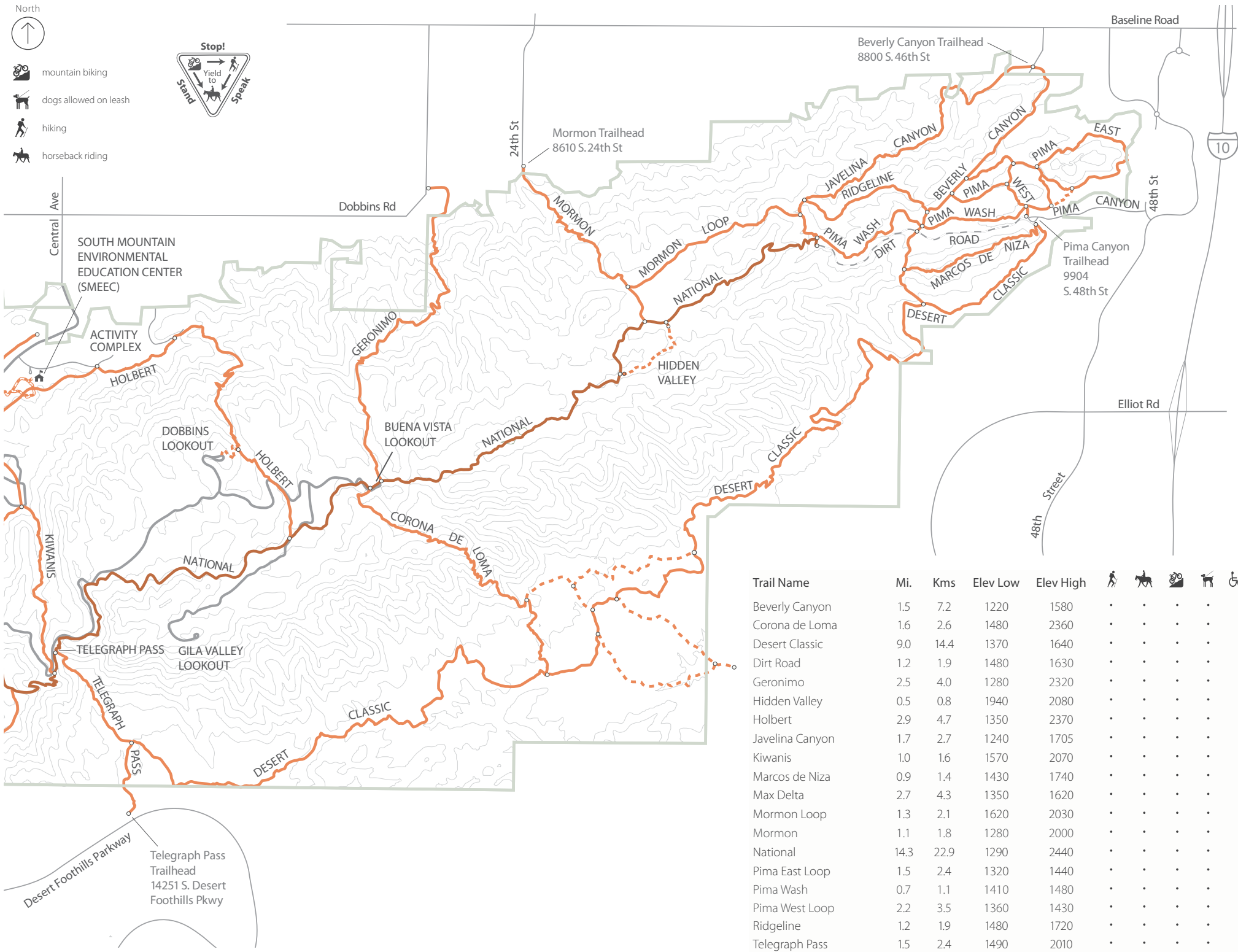


mountain biking

dogs allowed on leash

hiking

horseback riding



Trail Name	Mi.	Kms	Elev Low	Elev High					
Beverly Canyon	1.5	7.2	1220	1580	•	•	•	•	•
Corona de Loma	1.6	2.6	1480	2360	•	•	•	•	•
Desert Classic	9.0	14.4	1370	1640	•	•	•	•	•
Dirt Road	1.2	1.9	1480	1630	•	•	•	•	•
Geronimo	2.5	4.0	1280	2320	•	•	•	•	•
Hidden Valley	0.5	0.8	1940	2080	•	•	•	•	•
Holbert	2.9	4.7	1350	2370	•	•	•	•	•
Javelina Canyon	1.7	2.7	1240	1705	•	•	•	•	•
Kiwanis	1.0	1.6	1570	2070	•	•	•	•	•
Marcos de Niza	0.9	1.4	1430	1740	•	•	•	•	•
Max Delta	2.7	4.3	1350	1620	•	•	•	•	•
Mormon Loop	1.3	2.1	1620	2030	•	•	•	•	•
Mormon	1.1	1.8	1280	2000	•	•	•	•	•
National	14.3	22.9	1290	2440	•	•	•	•	•
Pima East Loop	1.5	2.4	1320	1440	•	•	•	•	•
Pima Wash	0.7	1.1	1410	1480	•	•	•	•	•
Pima West Loop	2.2	3.5	1360	1430	•	•	•	•	•
Ridgeline	1.2	1.9	1480	1720	•	•	•	•	•
Telegraph Pass	1.5	2.4	1490	2010	•	•	•	•	•