



Fountain Hills Hiking Challenge



1. Scenic Trail Loop - McDowell Mountain Regional Park (\$7.00 entrance fee)

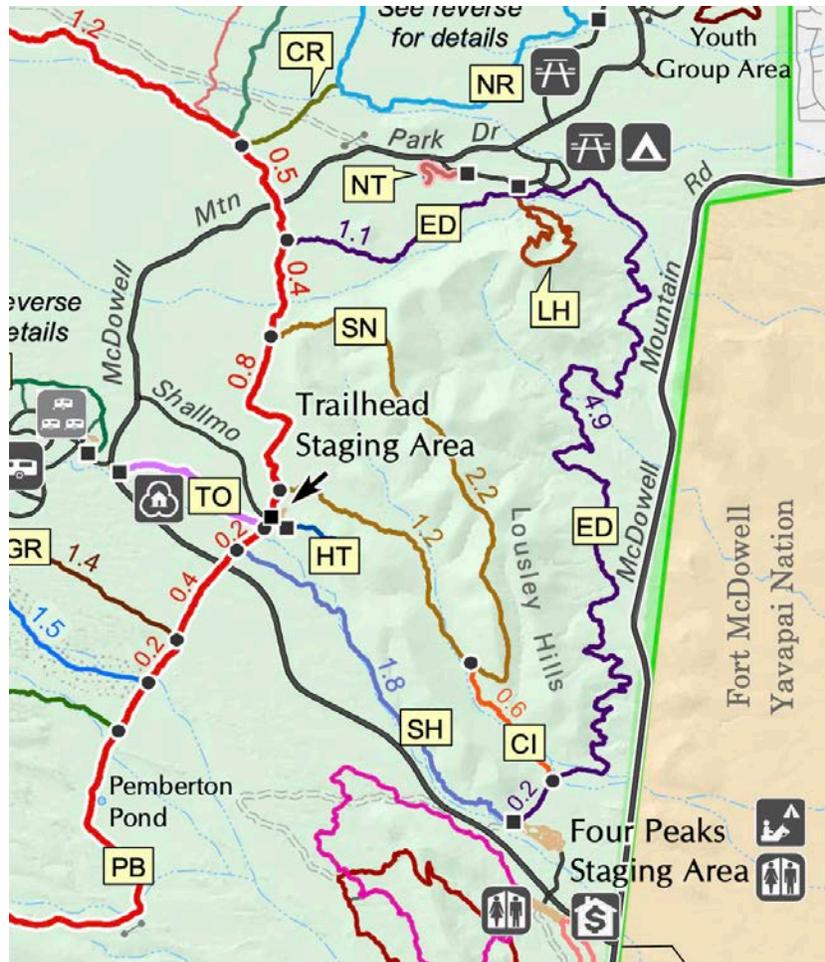
4.2 miles - 300 ft elevation gain - Easy to Moderate

Start at the Trailhead Staging Area. Follow the Pemberton Trail (PB) 0.8 miles to the Scenic Trail (SN). Follow the Scenic Trail 3.4 miles back to the trailhead

Extra Challenge

5.8 miles - 400 ft elevation gain - Moderate

Start at the Trailhead Staging Area. Follow the Pemberton Trail (PB) 0.8 miles to the Scenic Trail (SN). Then do the following loop: Scenic Trail to Cinch Trail (CI) to Escondido Trail (ED) to Shallmo Wash Trail (SH) to Pemberton (PB) and back to the trailhead



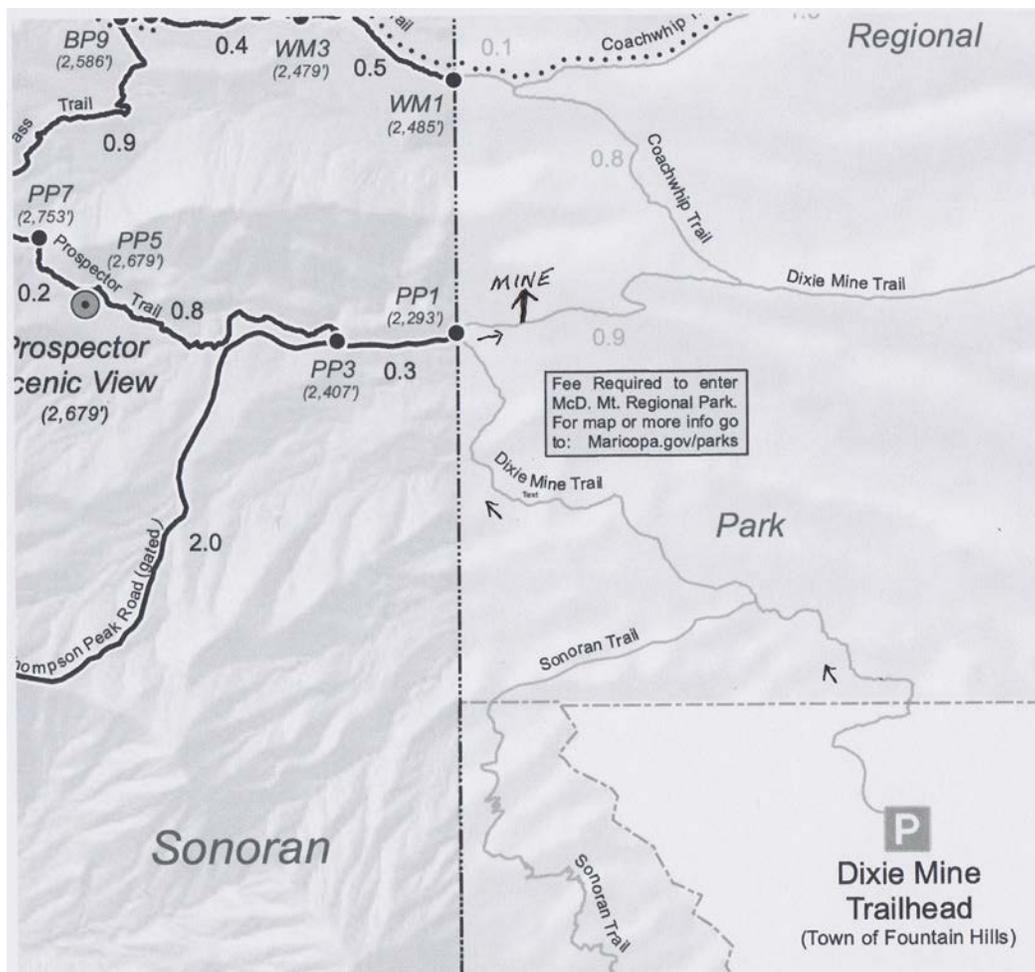
2. Golden Eagle to Dixie Mine and return

5.4 miles - 700 ft elevation gain - Moderate

Start at the Golden Eagle Trailhead at the end of Golden Eagle Blvd in Fountain Hills.

Follow the marked sidewalk and signs to the entrance to McDowell Mountain Regional

Park (\$2.00 Fee Required). Follow the Dixie Mine Trail to a road (**PP1**). Turn right. Go down a hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn left on an unmarked trail that will take you a short way to the Dixie Mine. Return the way you came.



3. Sunrise Trail to Andrews-Kinsey Trail and return

6.8 miles - 1,000 ft elevation gain - Moderate to Moderately Difficult

Start at the Sunrise Trailhead at the east end of Via Linda in Scottsdale

Follow the Sunrise Trailhead to the Andrews-Kinsey Trail sign then return back to the trailhead.

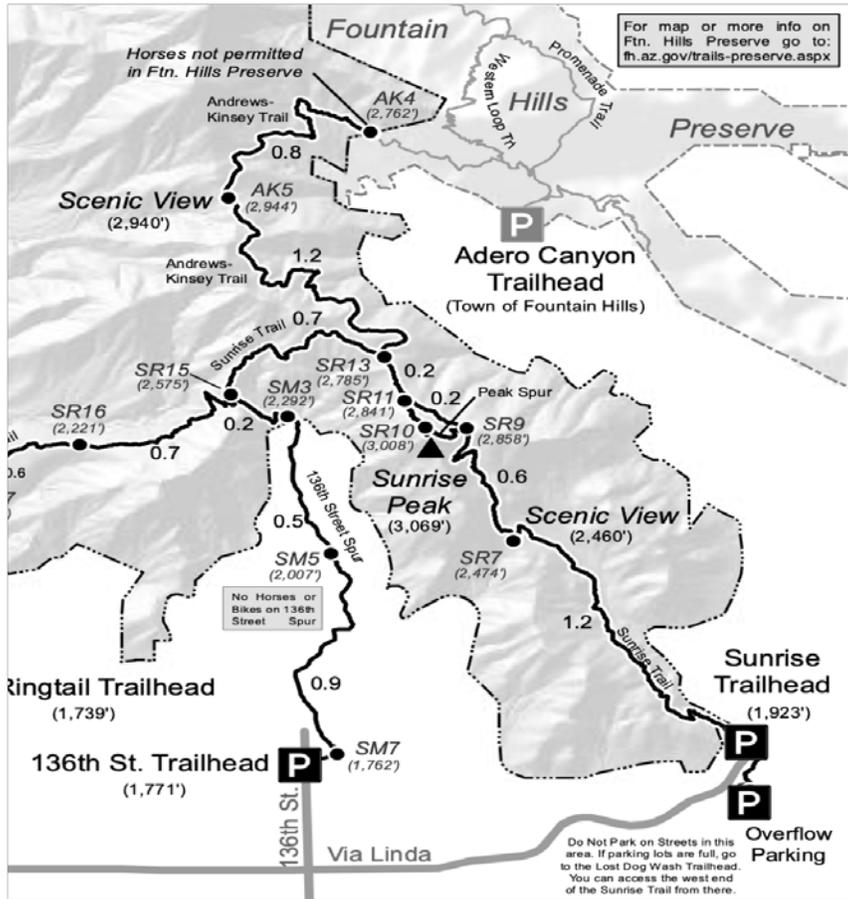
Parking is limited at the Sunrise Trailhead.

Extra Challenge

6.8 miles - 1,100 ft elevation gain - Moderately Difficult to Difficult

Follow the instructions above, but in 1.8 miles take the trail to your left to

Sunrise Peak and follow the trail from the peak back to the main Sunrise Trail.



4. Golden Eagle to the Fountain Hills

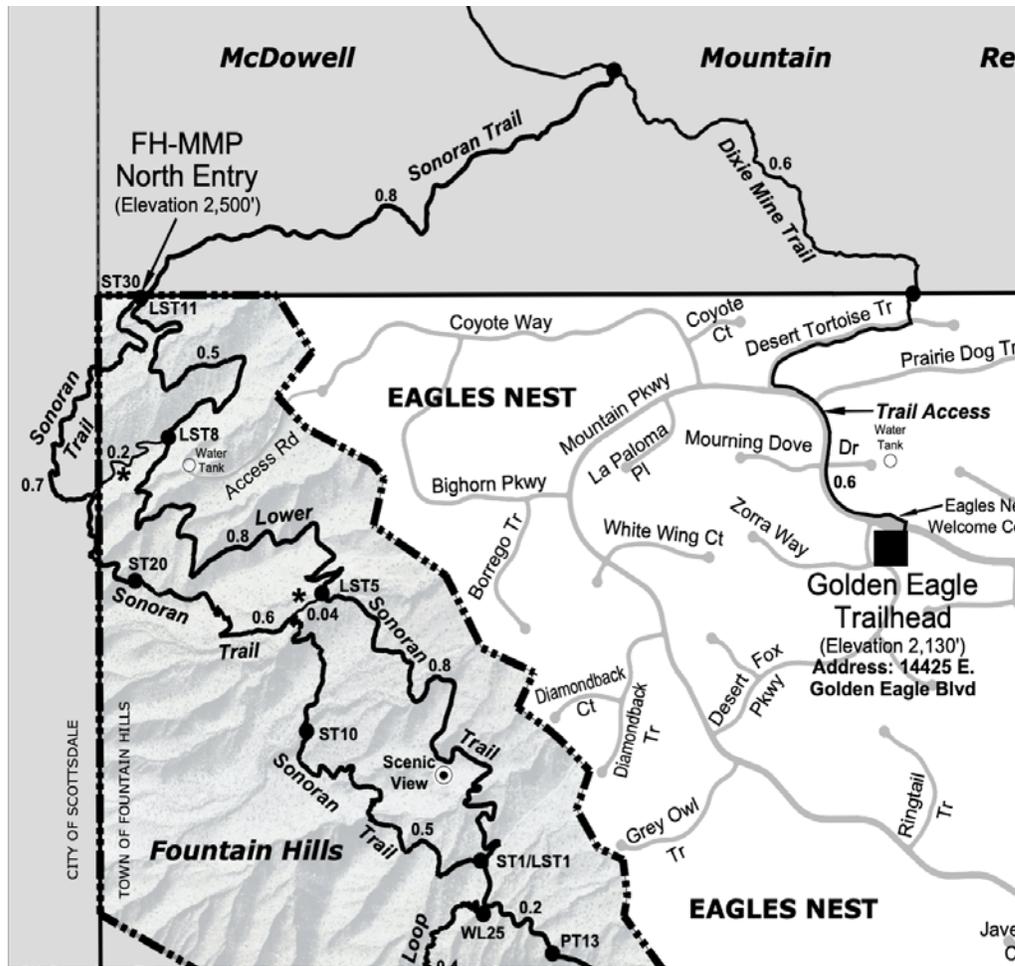
Preserve Sonoran Trails and return

7.9 miles, 1500 Ft elevation gain - Moderately Difficult to Difficult

Start at the Golden Eagle Trailhead in Fountain Hills. Follow the sidewalk markings and signs to the entrance to McDowell Mountain Regional Park (\$2.00 Fee required). Follow the Dixie Mine trail for just over 1/2 mile, turn left on the Sonoran Trail and follow past the entrance to the Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preserve. Turn left on the Lower Sonoran Trail and follow it for 2.1 miles to the intersection with the Sonoran Trail and the Promenade Trail. Follow the Sonoran trail back to the Dixie Mine Trail. Turn right to return to the Golden Eagle Trailhead.

Easier Option: Note that once you are on the Lower Sonoran Trail there are two crossovers to the Sonoran Trail which will enable you to shorten your hike.

Extra Challenge: Once you have reached the Promenade Trail explore more of the Fountain Hills Preserve. Just remember you have to return the way you came!



5. Golden Eagle to Bell Pass Trail and Return

8.0 miles, 1500 ft elevation gain - Moderately Difficult to Difficult

Start at the Golden Eagle Trailhead at the end of Golden Eagle Blvd in Fountain Hills.

Follow the marked sidewalk and signs to the entrance to McDowell Mountain Regional

Park (\$2.00 Fee Required). Follow the Dixie Mine Trail to a road. Turn left. In .3 miles turn right on the Prospector Trail. Follow it until it ends at the Bell Pass Trail. Return the way you came.

Extra Challenge -

8.8 miles, 1775 elevation gain - Moderately Difficult to Difficult

Follow the preceding instructions. However, when you get to the Bell Pass Trail turn left. The top of Bell Pass will be .4 miles up the trail! Enjoy the view and return the way you came!

