

Nearby Parks

If you're having a great time here, don't forget to visit one of the three other state parks in the area!

McFarland State Historic Park (38 miles) Named after Governor Ernest W. McFarland, who signed the bill to form Arizona State Parks & Trails, the building has served as the county courthouse, sheriff's office, and jail until converting to a county hospital. (520) 868-5216

Oracle State Park (48 miles) This 4,000-acre wildlife refuge is located in the eclectic town of Oracle in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains. The park offers day-use picnic areas, over 15 miles of hiking trails, and intersects with the Arizona Trail. (520) 896-2425

Catalina State Park (36 miles) With miles of hiking, birding, biking, and equestrian trails winding through the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Coronado National Forest, this park is truly a haven of desert wilderness. Canyons, pools, and saguaros beckon to visitors! (520) 628-5798



Picacho Peak State Park

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PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK



Visitors traveling through southern Arizona on Interstate-10 can't miss the prominent point of Picacho Peak State Park. The peak has been used as a landmark by travelers for centuries!

Picacho Peak is also the location of the most-western conflict of the Civil War, "The Battle of Picacho Pass," a skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers. You can learn more at the Ranger Station and from the interpretive trail in the park.

Enjoy the view as you hike the trails that wind up the peak. The park and its surrounding area are known for their unique geological significance, outstanding and varied desert growth, and historic significance.

The park includes a visitor center, park store, campgrounds, picnic areas, ramadas, grills, hiking trails, and a playground.

Thank you for visiting!



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Hiking Trails

Hunter Trail: A difficult 1.6-mile trail that begins on the north side from Barrett Loop and goes to the top of the peak. The trail climbs a resistant path typical of the Sonoran desert. The route is steep and twisting with steel cables anchored in the rock where the surface is bare. Gloves are strongly recommended. A difficult but rewarding hike.

Sunset Vista Trail: A 2.6-mile trail that is moderate for the first 2 miles and becomes difficult as it goes up the peak to the saddle where it joins the Hunter Trail. The Sunset Vista trail starts from the western parking area and travels on the south side of the peak. Total distance from the trailhead to the peak is 3.1 miles.

Calloway Trail: A moderate 0.5-mile trail that leads to an overlook.

Nature Trail: An easy 0.4-mile trail with interpretive signs.

Children's Cave Trail: An easy 0.2-mile trail that leads to a small alcove in the mountain.



Hiking Tips

Please use caution and carry a map. Those planning to hike the longer trails should carry at least two to three quarts of water per person and wear proper footwear. Please remember that summer temperatures often exceed 100° F.

Group Day-Use Areas

Four day-use ramadas are available for your event. Each ramada has picnic tables and charcoal grills. Some ramadas have electricity, and most have restrooms nearby.

Things to Know: Park Guidelines

While visiting the park, please help us protect this special space for your future enjoyment.

General Information

- Please practice "Leave No Trace" and pack out what you bring in.
- For everyone's safety, please drive your vehicle only on paved surfaces and stay on designated trails.
- For your safety, please don't use glass containers in the park.
- All of our parks adhere to firearm and hunting regulations. Please familiarize yourself with this information.

Fires

- For your safety, please keep your fire attended to and only in approved, designated fire rings or grills.
- Firewood is for sale in our park store; you may not gather firewood in the parks.
- Please don't use fireworks in the parks!
- You can find up-to-date fire restrictions at azstateparks.com/picacho.

Camping

- Your campground is designed for up to six adults and up to 12 people total. Please enjoy your experience!
- We have designated dump facilities at the park for your convenience.
- To reserve group campgrounds, please contact the park directly.

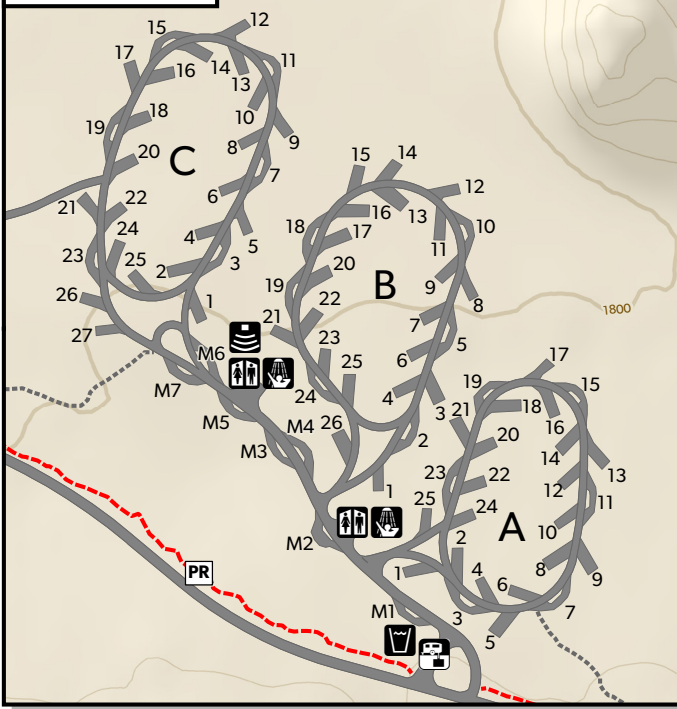
Pets

- For the enjoyment of your visit and the consideration of our other guests, we ask that you keep your pet on a maximum six-foot leash at all times.
- For additional information related to pets, we encourage you to visit our website or ask park staff.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe experience in our parks! All guidelines for this park can be viewed on our website at azstateparks.com.

PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK

Campgrounds



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| | Amphitheater | | Restroom |
| | Drinking Water | | Shower |
| | Dump Station | | Viewpoint |
| | Gift Shop | | Peak |
| | Parking | | Junction |
| | Picnic Table | | Trailhead |
| | Playground | | Gate |
| | Point of Interest | | Trail |
| | Ramada | | Park Boundary |
| | Ranger Station | | |

