

## Nearby Parks

If you're having a great time here, don't forget to visit one of the two nearby state parks!

**Oracle State Park (24 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

**Picacho Peak State Park (37 miles)** A centuries-old historic landmark, this park offers day-use picnic areas, overnight and RV camping, and hiking trails on and off the peak. Enjoy the view from the top of Picacho Peak, but make sure you bring plenty of water. (520) 466-3183

## Hiking Safety Tips

- Tell someone where you're going, when you plan to return, and then stick to your plan.
- Take one gallon of water per person per day of your trip. If water is limited, don't talk, eat, smoke, drink alcohol, or consume salt.
- **Keep an eye on the sky!** Thunderheads may signal flash floods, even if it's not raining.
- If you get lost and find a road, stay on it.
- Get out of the sun when you're not moving: use available shade or make shade with blankets, tarps, or coats.
- **Keep your clothes on** to regulate your body temperature and reduce dehydration.
- Wear a hat or other head covering. If necessary, improvise head covering.
- Rest at least 10 minutes per hour, 30 minutes if you are not regularly physically active. Loosen your shoes, but keep them on.



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### Catalina State Park

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Sitting at the base of the majestic Santa Catalina Mountains, **Catalina State Park** is a haven for desert plants, wildlife, and archaeology. The 5,500 acres of foothills, canyons, and riverbeds invite camping, picnicking, and bird watching—more than 150 species of birds call the park home.

The park provides miles of hiking and biking trails that wind through the park and into the Coronado National Forest. The park also hosts an equestrian center where visitors can saddle up their horses in our staging area and take the trails on horseback. Trails in the national forest provide beautiful scenery to some of the area's most challenging hikes, so be sure to bring plenty of water before you start your journey.

So bring along your sense of adventure as you take in the beautiful desert mountain scenery.

**Thank you for visiting!**



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## Hiking Trails

Hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling on the trails are popular activities. Please review our Hiking Safety Tips and Trail Etiquette before heading out.

**50-year Trail:** A 7.8-mile trail that begins at the park's equestrian center and follows a ridgetop for 2.6 miles on the northern half of the park. Continues another 5.2 miles on state trust land. Plan 4 hours hiking each way.

**Birding Trail:** An easy 1-mile loop that passes through three different types of habitat. The trail crosses a wash so seasonal streamflow may occur. **Hikers and bicycles only.**

**Bridle Trail:** An easy 1.4-mile flat trail connecting the Equestrian Center to the Trailhead.

**Canyon Loop Trail:** A 2.3-mile loop that starts at the park Trailhead on the Romero Canyon Trail and follows a crosscut to the Sutherland Trail. The trail crosses a wash several times so seasonal streamflow may occur. Plan 60 minutes to complete the loop.

**Nature Trail:** An easy 1-mile loop that meanders through lower foothills and desert scrubland. Plan 45 minutes to complete the loop. **Hikers and bicycles only.**

**Romero Canyon Trail:** A moderately difficult hike that starts at the park Trailhead and immediately crosses a wash so seasonal streamflow may occur. Montrose Pools (usually dry) are within one mile of the trail. Romero Pools is within three miles of the trail after an elevation gain of 1000 ft. After Romero Pools, the trail enters unmaintained wilderness. Trail ends at Romero Pass where it intersects with the Mt. Lemmon Trail and West Fork Sabino Trail. **Horses are not recommended and bicycles and dogs are not allowed past Montrose Pools.**

**Romero Ruins Interpretive Trail:** An easy 0.75-mile loop that starts at the parking lot on the main road near the picnic area. Interpretive signs explain the history and culture of the Hohokam village. Trail crosses a wash so seasonal streamflow may be present. **Hikers Only.**

**Sutherland Trail:** A difficult 10.8-mile trail that climbs 700 ft, from the park into the Coronado National Forest, through Cargodera Canyon and intersects with the Mt. Lemmon Trail. The trail crosses a wash so seasonal streamflow may occur.

## Park Rules

### General Rules

- Do not litter! Recreate responsibly and pack out what you bring in, or use the trash receptacles provided in the park.
- Drive your vehicle only on designated paved surfaces. Park only in designated parking areas. Do not park on the side of the road.
- Stay on designated trails. Cutting trails degrades habitat and harms the landscape.
- Do not use glass containers in the park.
- All of our parks adhere to firearm and hunting regulations. Please familiarize yourself with this information.

### Fires

- Keep fires in grills or designated state parks fire rings. Never leave fires unattended!
- Wood fires are allowed only at the Equestrian Center and in the Group Areas.
- **Do not gather firewood in the parks.** Firewood is for sale in most park stores.
- Fireworks are not permitted in state parks.
- Be "fire smart" and check fire restrictions at [azstateparks.com/fire-safety](http://azstateparks.com/fire-safety).

### Camping

- Campsites are limited to up to six adults and up to 10 people total.
- There are designated dump facilities at the park for your convenience.

### Pets

- Keep your pets on a maximum six-foot leash at all times.
- **Pick up after your pet.**
- For additional information related to pets, visit our website or ask park staff.

The rules of this park are not limited to the rules listed above. Additional park rules may be found at [azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com).

### Trail Etiquette

- Hikers traveling uphill have the right-of-way.
- Horses always have the right-of-way.
- Move to the side to allow hikers to pass.
- Please practice "recreate responsibly" and pack out what you pack in.
- Shortcutting switchbacks causes erosion.

