

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



Established 1957

Picacho Peak State Park

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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, then becomes steep and difficult as it approaches the junction where it joins the Hunter Trail. Total distance from the trailhead to the peak is 3.1 miles. Trail starts from the westernmost parking area and travels on the south side of the mountain. This hike is not recommended during the hot summer months.

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 (38°C).

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.

Park Rules

General Rules

- Do not litter! "Leave no trace" 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!
- **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.

Camping

- Campsites are limited to up to six adults and up to 10 people total. Cabins are limited to six people total.
- There are designated dump facilities at the park for your convenience.
- To reserve group campgrounds, please contact the park directly.

Pets

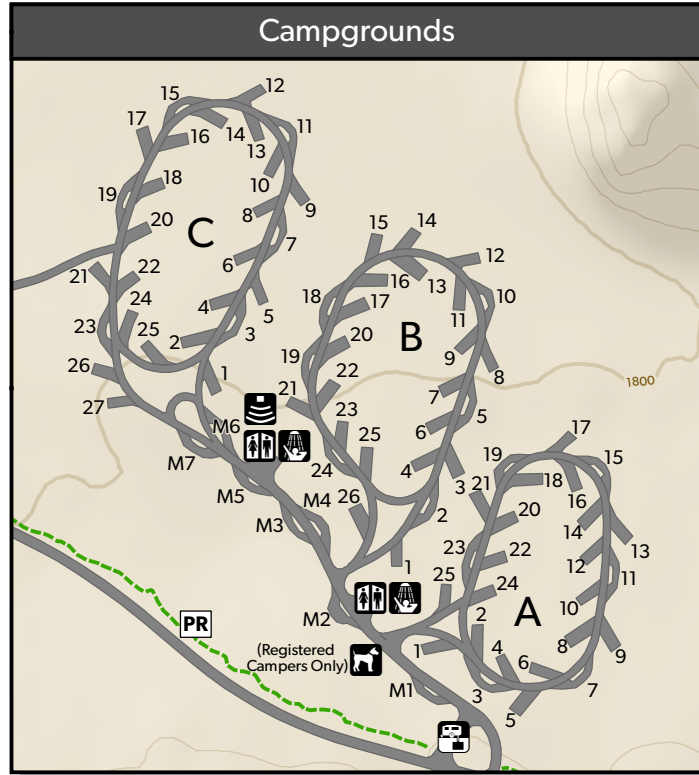
- Keep your pets on a maximum six-foot leash at all times. Pets must be attended at all times.
- **Pick up after your pet.**
- For additional information related to pets, visit our website or ask park staff.

Additional Rules

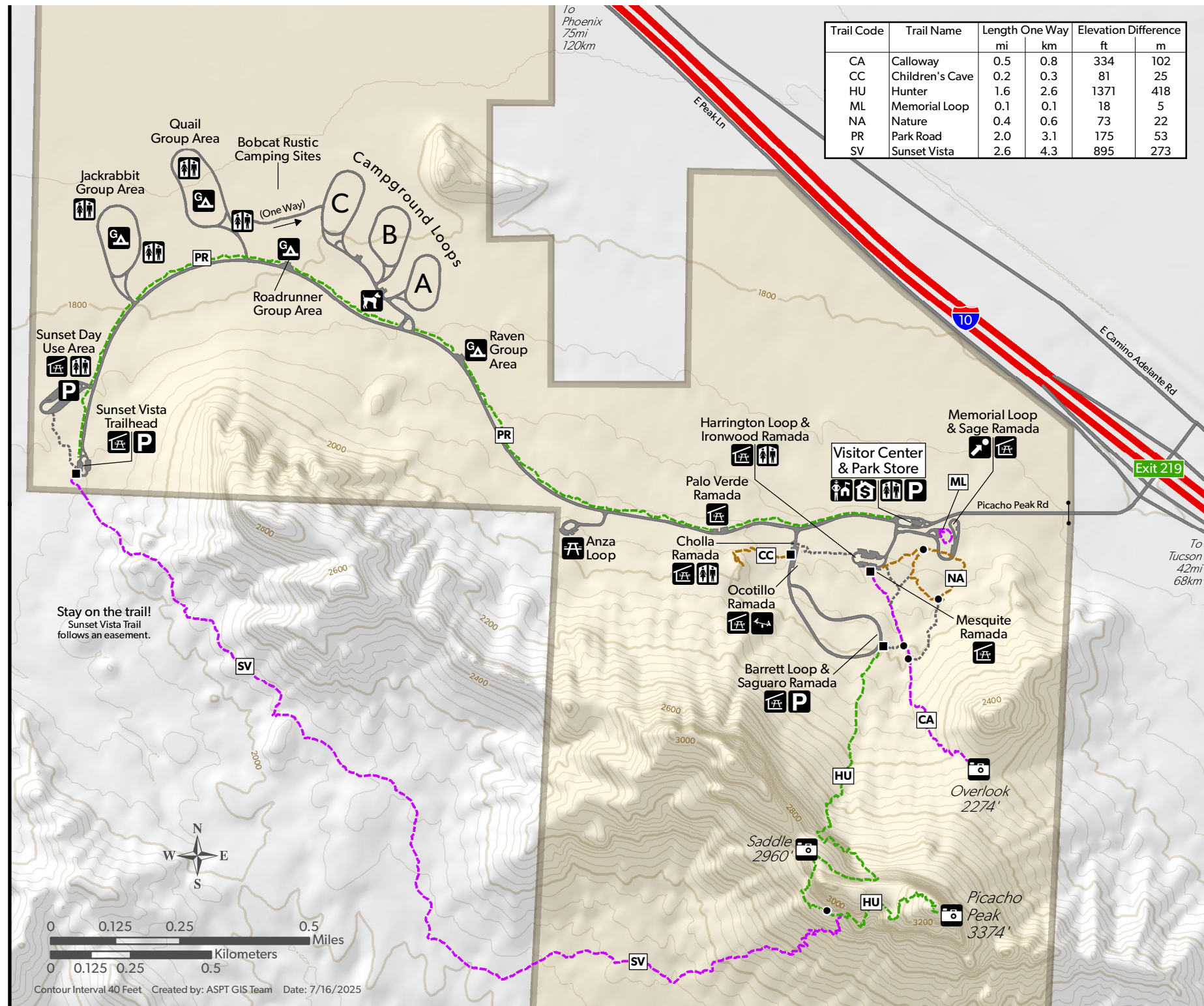
- Drones are not permitted.
- Rock-climbing and base-jumping are not permitted.

The rules of this park are not limited to the rules listed above. Additional park rules may be found at AZStateParks.com.

PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK



- Amphitheater
- Dog Park
- Dump Station
- Gift Shop
- Group Area
- Parking
- Picnic Table
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Ramada
- Ranger Station
- Restroom
- Shower
- Viewpoint
- Peak
- Junction
- Trailhead
- Gate
- Trail
- Park Boundary



Trail Code	Trail Name	Length One Way		Elevation Difference	
		mi	km	ft	m
CA	Calloway	0.5	0.8	334	102
CC	Children's Cave	0.2	0.3	81	25
HU	Hunter	1.6	2.6	1371	418
ML	Memorial Loop	0.1	0.1	18	5
NA	Nature	0.4	0.6	73	22
PR	Park Road	2.0	3.1	175	53
SV	Sunset Vista	2.6	4.3	895	273