

# TRAIL ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

**Be courteous and share the trail:** All users must slow and stop for horses. Cyclists must yield to hikers and horses. Be respectful of other trail users.

**Pack it in – pack it out:** Keep your impact to a minimum when on the trail; take your trash out with you. Leave no trace.

**Stay on established trails:** Well-built trails are designed to protect the land from erosion and promote preservation. When users cut switchbacks, they promote degradation of the fragile landscape and wildlife habitat.

**Keep dogs leashed:** Promote wildlife preservation, enhance the wilderness experience for others and keep your pet safe.

**Clean up after your dog:** Not only does dog excrement stink, but it also spreads disease to other dogs and pollutes water

**Archeological sites are protected by law:** Please leave them as you find them.

**Carry a minimum of two liters of water per person:** There are NO water stations and little shade along the trails.

**Wear appropriate attire:** Wear a hat, suitable hiking boots, and a long-sleeved shirt. Sunglasses and sunscreen are highly recommended.

For emergencies dial 911: You can contact the Marana Police Department at (520) 382-2000, or Northwest Fire/Rescue at (520) 887-1010.



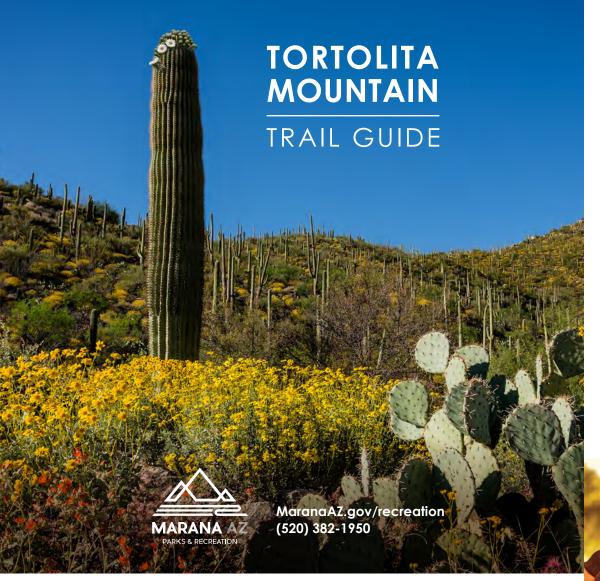
Weather is upredictable and changes very quickly. Pay attention to the weather while on the trail and be prepared to change your plans to stay safe. Summer brings exreme heat, intense sun exposure,

and violent thunderstorms. During these months, start early in the morning and be sure to pack extra water, sunscreen, and protective clothing.

For your safety, DO NOT enter washes when flooded.



Share the trails! Yield accordingly.



### DISCOVER MARANA

#### Stay the Night

Marana's affordable hotels, immediately accessible from I-10, make this community the perfect place to lay your head. Want a rejuvenating respite deep in the hills? Enjoy the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, a Five-Star, Five-Diamond resort in our backyard, tucked among the desert flora. With so many options, this community can put a roof over any traveler's head.

#### Gear Up

Traverse the Town as you discover a variety of shopping options. The premium outlets at Marana Center offer all the gear you'll need for any desert adventure. Our open-air shopping centers allow you to delight in Marana's comfortable climate as you pursue the perfect purchase.

#### Hit the Trail

Outdoor enthusiasts revel in Marana's wide open spaces. Miles of trails venture deep into a desert jungle of saguaro, cholla, prickly pear, and palo verde. In addition to their natural wonders, these trails invite hikers to enjoy well-maintained paths that preserve the land in its natural state. The Wild Burro Trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail and the entire trail network is a certified Arizona State Trail system. These honors recognize not only the impressive landscapes of the Tortolita Mountains, but also the dedicated service of Marana's trail crews. As you trek through a landscape unlike any other, let your inner wanderer lead the way.

### HIKING AND BIKING IN THE TORTOLITA MOUNTAINS

The secluded Tortolita Mountains offer intrepid hikers and mountain bikers exclusive access to some of the most picturesque landscapes in Southern Arizona. This peaceful landscape is exploding with life, including a rare density of crested saguaros, colorful migratory birds in the spring and fall, and a vibrant array of palo verdes, mesquites, ironwoods, and cacti. In the spring, a carpet of desert wildflowers spreads over these slopes, transforming the rocky hills with their vibrant colors. Venture into these wild canyons to discover our beautiful corner of the Sonoran Desert.

# TRAILHEAD LOCATION AND ACCESS

# Wild Burro Trailhead

The Tortolita Mountains are a rugged range with a network of trails maintained by the Town of Marana. A trailhead at 14810 N. Secret Springs Drive leads users northeast into Wild Burro Canyon, allowing access to trails that trace the ridge above Cochie Canyon to the northwest, cross neighboring terrain to the north, and follow Ruelas Canyon to the east. The Tortolita Mountain trails range in elevation from 2,800 feet at the valley floor to 4,300 feet on the high slopes.

# Tortolita Preserve

To the south, Marana's 2,400-acre Tortolita Preserve features another nine miles of trails. Here, trails suitable for hiking, mountain biking, trail running, and equestrian activities feature magnificent vistas, geologic wonders, and the distinct plant and wildlife of the Sonoran Desert. Access these trails from N. Dove Mountain Blvd. Turn left (west) at Moore Road, and at the end of the pavement, pass through the gate (be sure to close the gate behind you). The trailhead is approximately 100 yards past the gate on the right.









### **Bike the Mountains**

For those who don't believe the adventure begins until the pavement ends, Marana has the perfect playground in the Tortolita Mountains. While some trails through this range offer a refreshing and restful explorative experience, the rugged upper trails can offer up to 1000 feet of elevation gain and are sure to challenge even the most seasoned hikers and mountain bikers.

### **Find Your Links**

Experience four of Southern Arizona's best courses and practice facilities. Whether you're looking for a casual afternoon on the course or an unforgettable round on a world-class fairway, Marana is your golf destination. Our year-round sunshine makes our greens the perfect place for old friends to connect and new bonds to grow.

#### Feast in Style

From elegant dining rooms to casual patios, Marana's food scene has it all. Indulge in a charbroiled burger grilled to perfection made from local beef. Savor spicy green chili with slow-cooked, tender pork morsels. Delight in Old World Italian dishes prepared from recipes passed down through generations. Explore, discover, and feast in a culinary landscape as sizzling as the desert that surrounds it.

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