

## 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.
- Do not lie on or sit on the ground, as it might be 30 degrees hotter than the air.
- If you become 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.



### 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. Lemon 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. Lemon Trail. The trail crosses a wash so seasonal streamflow may occur.

## 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/catalina](http://azstateparks.com/catalina).

### 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.

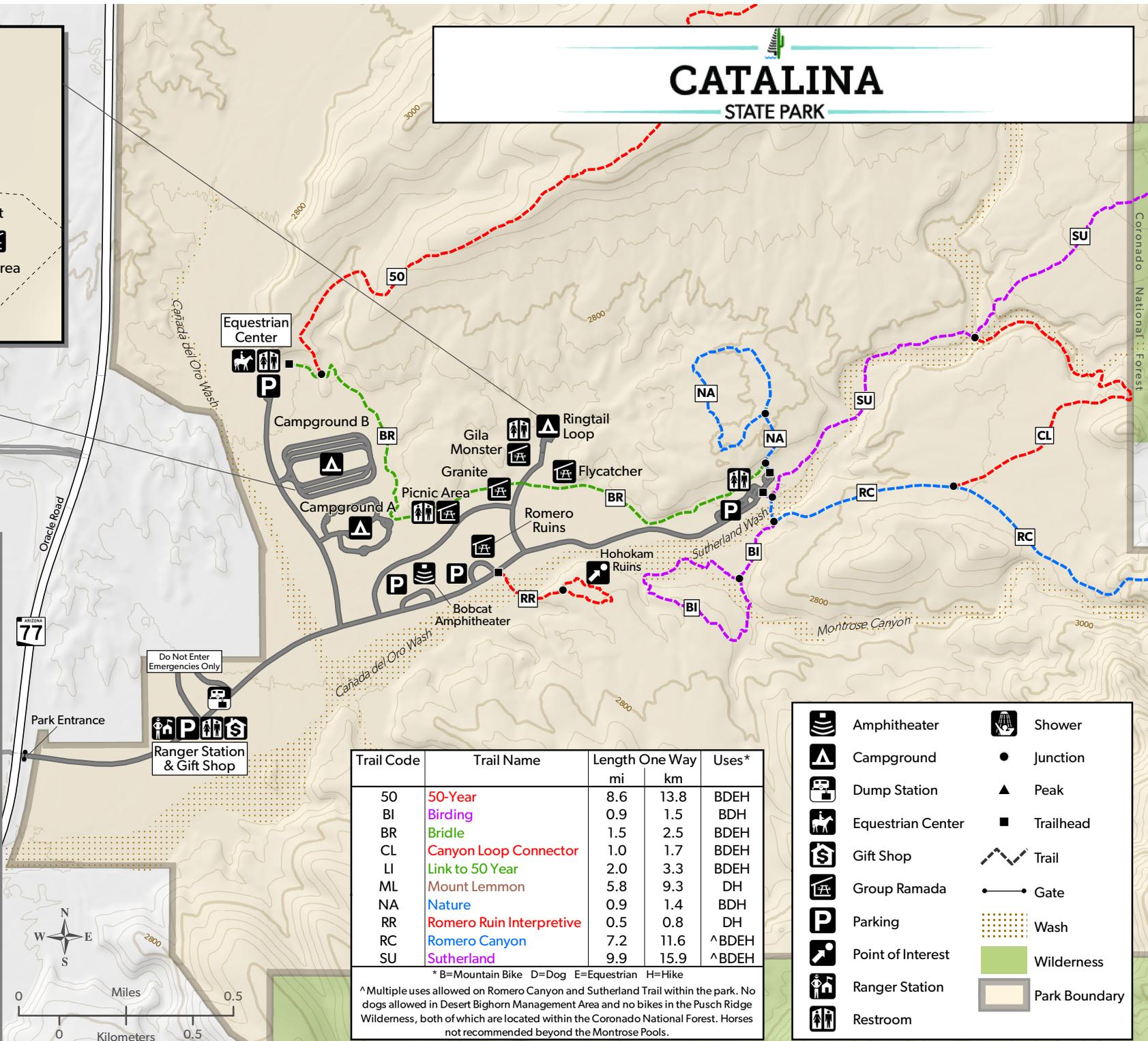
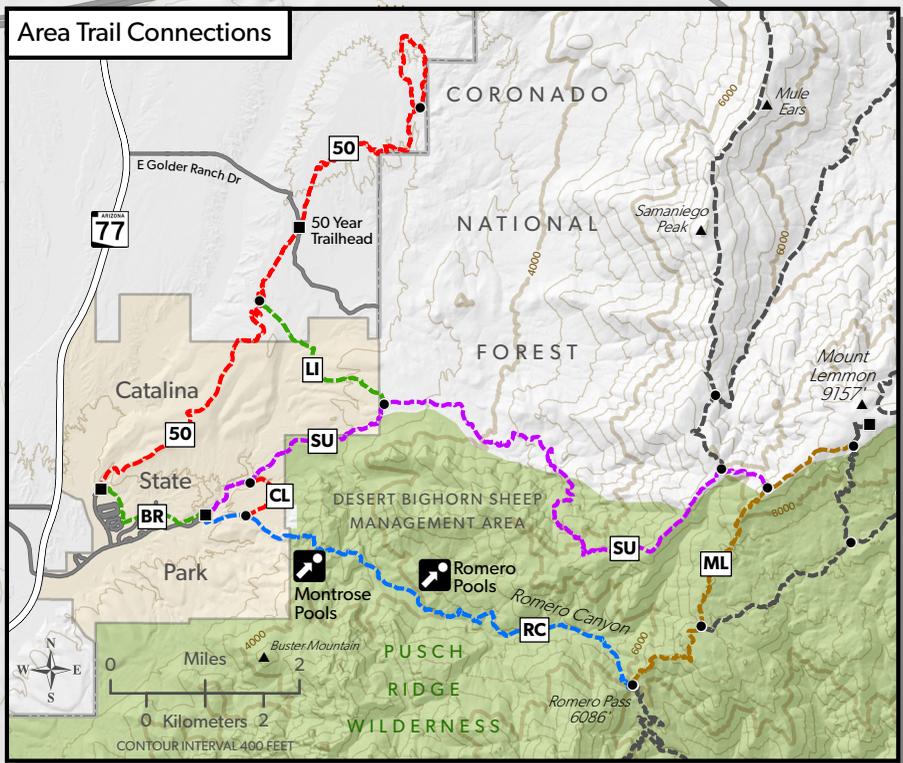
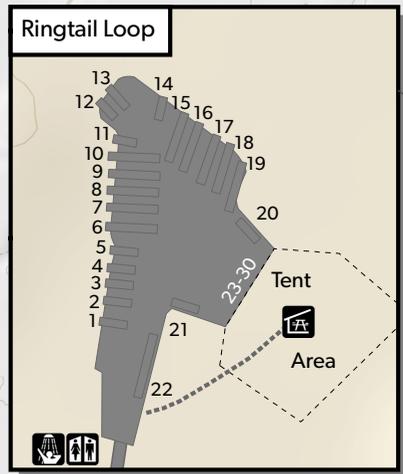
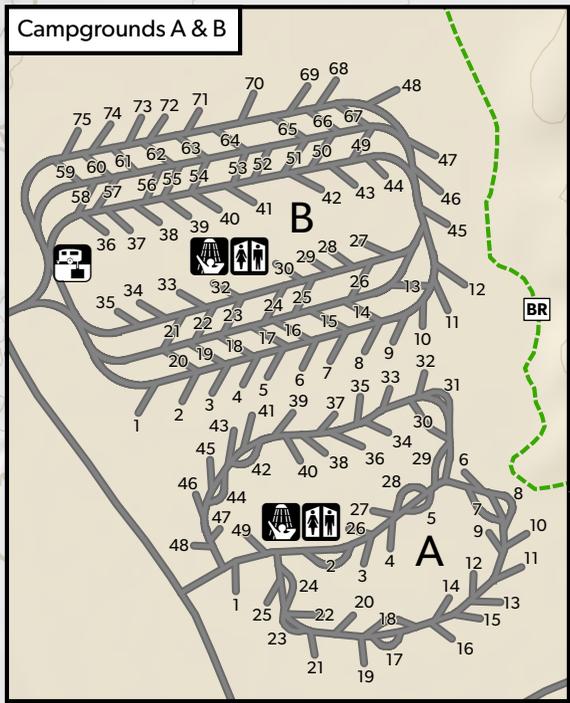
### Pets

- 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](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 "Leave No Trace" and pack out what you pack in.
- Shortcutting switchbacks causes erosion.



Trail Code	Trail Name	Length One Way		Uses*
		mi	km	
50	50-Year	8.6	13.8	BDEH
BI	Birding	0.9	1.5	BDH
BR	Bridle	1.5	2.5	BDEH
CL	Canyon Loop Connector	1.0	1.7	BDEH
LI	Link to 50 Year	2.0	3.3	BDEH
ML	Mount Lemmon	5.8	9.3	DH
NA	Nature	0.9	1.4	BDH
RR	Romero Ruin Interpretive	0.5	0.8	DH
RC	Romero Canyon	7.2	11.6	^BDEH
SU	Sutherland	9.9	15.9	^BDEH

\* B=Mountain Bike D=Dog E=Equestrian H=Hike  
 ^ Multiple uses allowed on Romero Canyon and Sutherland Trail within the park. No dogs allowed in Desert Bighorn Management Area and no bikes in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness, both of which are located within the Coronado National Forest. Horses not recommended beyond the Montrose Pools.

- Amphitheater
- Shower
- Campground
- Junction
- Dump Station
- Peak
- Equestrian Center
- Trailhead
- Gift Shop
- Trail
- Group Ramada
- Gate
- Parking
- Wash
- Point of Interest
- Wilderness
- Ranger Station
- Park Boundary
- Restroom