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October is Preserve month and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve is turning 25!

To celebrate the City of Scottsdale and the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy are planning additional activities for the entire month! Starting on Tuesday, October 1st at 3:00 p.m. with a special presentation celebrating the Preserve Pioneers at the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts. As part of the ongoing celebration we are bringing you several educational and outdoor activities in October. Please see the details below and visit mcdowellsonoran.org to register. We hope to see you there!



Activities and Events

Enjoy a variety of free lectures, family events and historical presentations throughout Scottsdale

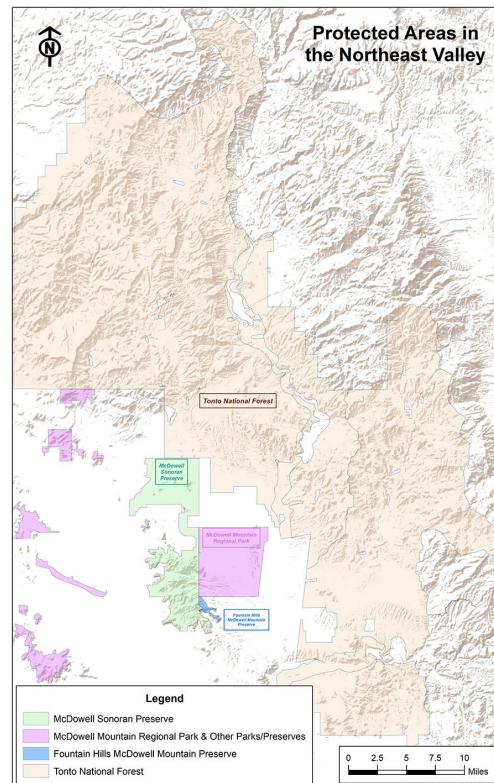
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts	3 - 4:30 p.m.	25th Anniversary Celebration - Join us for a special presentation and exhibit as we celebrate the McDowell Sonoran Preserve's 25th Anniversary.
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 City Hall Kiva	5 p.m.	City Council Meeting & Preserve Month Kickoff - Celebrate the Pioneers of the Preserve and help us kickoff Preserve month.
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Mustang Library	5:30 p.m.	Lecture - The Desert Ecology of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve
Thursday, October 3, 2019 Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park	5 - 7 p.m.	McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Meeting
Saturday, October 5, 2019 Scottsdale Civic Center Library	10:30 - 11 a.m.	Family Storytime - Listen to stories and participate in finger plays, music and rhyming activities.
Saturday, October 12, 2019 Arabian Library	1 - 3 p.m.	Lecture - Early History of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve
Sunday, October 13, 2019 DC Ranch Marketplace	6:30 a.m.	Tour de Scottsdale - The 16th annual 30/70 mile bike ride kicks off at Market Street in DC Ranch.
Friday, October 18, 2019 Fraesfield Trailhead	9 a.m.	Fraesfield & Granite Mountain Trailhead Dedication
Saturday, October 19, 2019 Appaloosa Library	10:30 - 11 a.m.	Family Storytime - Listen to stories and participate in finger plays, music and rhyming activities.
Sunday, October 20, 2019 Gateway Trailhead	3 - 4 p.m.	Family Sonoran Sunday: 10 Hiking Essentials Bring the whole family to learn the 10 essentials to hiking.
Monday, October 21, 2019 Fraesfield Trailhead	8 - 10 a.m.	Hike with Natural Resources Coordinator John Loleit Discuss various pertinent topics while hiking in the desert.
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Mustang Library	5:30 - 7 p.m.	Lecture - History of the Preserve and Conservancy
Saturday, October 26, 2019 Rio Verde Library	1 - 3 p.m.	Lecture - The Modern History of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve
Saturday, October 26, 2019 Gateway Trailhead	9 a.m.	Trailside Naturalist - Spooktacular Visitors of all ages have the opportunity to explore the remarkable plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Fraesfield Trailhead	8 - 11:30 a.m.	Stoneman Road Educational Bike Ride. Learn the history of the old military road while enjoying an intermediate bike ride through the Preserve.

Corridor Viability Project

Not only is McDowell Sonoran Preserve a place of wonder and beauty, but it also provides a crucial link for nearly 3 million acres of protected lands. This link allows wildlife to move within the Preserve as well as to the adjacent Tonto National Forest, McDowell Mountain Regional Park, and Fountain Hills Preserve. As development fills in around the Preserve and as traffic volumes increase on roads such as Rio Verde Dr., McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and our partners are interested in understanding how the wildlife community might be affected and to work toward maintaining the connectivity of these lands.

We are using a combination of wildlife cameras and telemetry to study how animals use the Preserve. We have found that the wildlife community differs between the north, central, and south areas of the Preserve and that the narrow “gooseneck” corridor is rarely used by species such as mule deer and grey fox. You can learn more about these studies on our website mcdowellsonoran.org or by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

We are working with City of Scottsdale and local developers to maintain vital movement corridors for wildlife.



2019 Tour de Scottsdale



The fifteenth (redux) annual Tour de Scottsdale, is Sunday, October 13, 2019. The event kicks off at Market Street in DC Ranch, which is located near the southeast corner of Pima Road and Thompson Peak Parkway in Scottsdale. The event features a 70-mile and 30-mile citizen's ride. Start time for the Tour de Scottsdale is 6:30 am for both the 70-mile and 30-mile ride.

The event beneficiary is the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, a nonprofit conservation organization in Scottsdale that protects and promotes the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The Tour de Scottsdale event is capped at 2,000 cyclists so register now! tourdescottsdale.net

The Tour de Scottsdale is produced and hosted by the DC Ranch Community Council. DC Ranch is proud to partner with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in providing a charity athletic event that circumnavigates the Preserve. For volunteer opportunities please visit tourdescottsdale.net/volunteer/

As if we needed more reasons to celebrate!
Please join us in recognizing the following days in October!



Friday, October 4th
World Animal Day

Monday, October 7th
World Habitat Day

The McDowell Sonoran Preserve is home to over 560 different species. The Conservancy is proud of its unique partnership with the City of Scottsdale that allows us to study, educate, and steward the land in which these species live.

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Be a **HERO** to the Conservancy Today!

Our desert is alive with more than just saguaros. Do your part to protect the life within!

As stewards of the largest urban preserve in North America, the Conservancy

- patrols over 220 miles of trails,
- helps maintain more than 30,500 acres of protected land,
- provides fun family activities, STEM education programs and science initiatives that safeguard the land.

But the Conservancy needs you. Become a Hero and safeguard our natural open spaces for all to enjoy!

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