**Tucson Mountain Park Rules**

ALL PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION PARK RULES AS WELL AS STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED. Complete rules available at www.pima.gov/nrpr:

- Tucson Mountain Park is open from dawn to dusk.
- No alcohol is allowed in the park.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Motorized vehicles, including e-bikes, are prohibited off roads.
- No drones.
- It is illegal to remove or disturb any natural or cultural resources.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Washes and streams can fill up quickly after a rainstorm.
- No littering—pack it in, pack it out.

**Safety Checklist**

- Take an ample supply of water with you.
- Use sunscreen.
- Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.
- Know your route.
- Have a friend.
- Inform someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Know your limitations.
- Carry a cell phone but be aware that reception may not be available in all areas.
- Do not litter—pack it in, pack it out.
- Be aware of cacti and venomous animals.
- Washes and streams can fill up quickly after a rainstorm.
- Stay away from the banks and do not attempt to walk or drive across washes, streams, or rivers.

**Viewing Wildlife**

**WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS**

**Slow down!**

Stop and look for several minutes and use all of your senses to observe.

Look for tracks and other signs of wildlife using the area.

Be patient. Sit in one place and wait. Try to blend in with the landscape.

Watch for color or movement that seem out of place.

Listen for rustling in the bushes. Be alert to changes in sounds. Silence can be a clue that a predator is near.

Be quiet. Talk quietly in a soft voice.

**WHEN TO LOOK**

Dawn and dusk are the most active times for the majority of wildlife species.

Certain seasons may be the only time some wildlife appear. Enjoy the seasonal patterns of activity. The Sonoran Desert is home to both resident and migratory wildlife.

**Consider the weather.**

Most animals are inactive in the heat of the day. Tucson Mountain Park comes alive after a summer rainshower when animals take advantage of the damp, cooler temperatures.

**Tucson Mountain Park**

Tucson Mountain Park was created in 1928 to preserve the unique vegetation, wildlife, and terrain of the Sonoran Desert. Its plants and animals have remarkable physical characteristics and behaviors that allow them to thrive in this land of temperature extremes and scant rainfall. An array of habitats from rocky mountain slopes to expansive valleys and arid desert corridors offer inspiring views and dramatic sunsets. The ever-changing beauty of the park deserves many return visits.

Tucson Mountain Park’s extensive trail system provides hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding opportunities on trails that range from leisurely to challenging. Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NPR) is working diligently to eliminate unauthorized trails to protect the park’s natural resources. Trail users are asked to support this effort by staying on designated trails.

Tucson Mountain Park also offers excellent wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking, camping, shooting, archery, and locations for special events. You can learn more about the Sonoran Desert through one of NPR’s enjoyable and educational interpretive programs. For more information, visit www.pima.gov/nrpr.