

Rules for Activity at Trail Heads

In recognition of the passionate public debate about the proposed Desert Discovery Center, we have recently received several questions/concerns regarding rules and appropriate behavior when distributing information to those using Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Following up on information sent out last year, please be aware of the following Preserve rules if you plan to distribute material in the Preserve (includes signature collection):

- Please be considerate of trail users and be sure your activities do not infringe on the use or access to the Preserve and trails.
- Speaking to visitors in the Preserve during operational hours is permitted
- Directly handing brochures or flyers to people is permitted
- Note: commercial advertising flyers, coupons, etc., are not allowed.
 - You may have a hand carried sign.
 - The sign is to be with you at all times and not be placed in front of preserve or city notices.
 - No signs are to be staked into the ground, affixed to any building, walls, signage, posts or vegetation.
- Anything you bring to the trailhead to express your opinion needs to be removed each day and stored off the preserve.
- Tables and/or tent structures are not allowed - *requires permit approval in advance.*
- To keep trails and trailheads clean, the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Ordinance (Chapter 21 of the Scottsdale City Code) specifically restricts leaving printed materials (pro or con) at trailheads, accesses and parking areas. Sec. 21-12.b.31 states that printed material:
 - Cannot be placed on cars in parking lots at Preserve trailheads
 - Cannot be placed upon any structure at trailheads, accesses or parking areas
 - This includes brochure racks that are used to distribute official Preserve maps and materials
 - This includes city signs such as those providing public notice about upcoming public meetings
- Additionally, if you plan to speak to a large crowd, be aware that:
 - ·No sound amplification systems are allowed in the Preserve (Sec. 21-12.b.30) and,
 - ·Activities with 35 or more people require a permit in advance.
- If your organization is handing materials out to people, please make sure that none of it ends up as litter in the Preserve.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and feel free to contact me with your questions.

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