



SAGUARO

NATIONAL PARK

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Saguaro National Park was created in 1933 to preserve a dense stand of saguaro cactus and the surrounding desert community. Today the park encompasses 91,327 acres of prime Sonoran Desert habitat, from creosote flats to forested mountain slopes, in two districts about 30 miles apart, separated by the sprawling city of Tucson.

Hours and Fees:

The park roads are open daily from 7:00 a.m. to sunset. Visitor center hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MST) Closed Christmas day. Entrance fees are \$16 per vehicle and \$5 for foot and bicycle entry. All federal interagency passes are available and honored for entry. Other rates apply for groups and commercial tours. See our website for information.

Programs and Activities:

Both visitor centers offer introductory video programs throughout the day. Naturalist programs are available daily from Nov. to Apr. and on a limited basis in the summer. Program schedules can be found on the park website under Plan Your Visit/Things To Do/Guided Programs. Children can participate in the Junior Ranger program available at both visitor centers. Evening explorations of the desert are offered on a reservation basis; call either visitor center (phone #'s on reverse) for the next available date.

www.nps.gov/sagu



Hohokam petroglyph, Signal Hill, Tucson Mountain District

Facilities and Services:

Visitor Centers in both districts provide exhibits and information about the park and its resources. Self-guiding nature trails introduce visitors to the plant and animal life of the Sonoran Desert. Picnic areas are available in both districts, with shade ramadas, fire rings or grills, tables, and restrooms but no water. A variety of hiking trails, from easy desert strolls to challenging mountain treks, provides opportunities for all abilities.

The **Tucson Mountain District**, located west of Tucson, embraces a variety of desert life set against the backdrop of the rugged Tucson Mountains. This district also includes prehistoric Hohokam and historic CCC sites. An unpaved 5-mile loop drive takes visitors into the heart of a vibrant aguaro forest. Trails lead to the 4,687-foot summit of Wasson Peak.

The **Rincon Mountain District**, east of the city, features a forest of large saguaros and other colorful cacti at the foot of the majestic Rincon Mountains. An 8-mile paved loop road with interpretive signs provides easy viewing. Trails in this district travel from desert to oak woodland to ponderosa pine forest on a “sky island” at 8,666’ atop Mica Mountain. Backcountry camping is available in this district; see website for details.

Rincon Mountain District (east) - (520) 733-5153

Tucson Mountain District (west) - (520) 733-5758

