

**McKenzie Ranch Trails Park** is a 1,700-acre natural open space park located on the far east side of Pima County and north of Marsh Station Road, at 12725 S. Red Hill Ranch Road.

The park is named for Asa McKenzie, a native of Virginia, who established the ranch about 1860 at the age of 20. McKenzie was the only settler on the Butterfield Trail line between New Mexico and Tucson, and survived an Indian attack that burned his ranch house to the ground.

The park is situated in the foothills of the southern Rincon Mountains, and is located in a transition zone between the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts. It occupies almost three sections of land; the western and central sections are mostly flat and have gently rolling terrain, with the eastern section being more hilly with small canyons.

A 3.2 mile stretch of the Hohokam Trail runs east and west across the park, and a 10-mile competition course is located in the eastern section of the park consisting of two loops for mountain bicyclists and runners.

The park's trails are available from dawn to dusk 7 days a week, and the competition course is available when it isn't occupied by a scheduled event. There are roughly 4 events per year, usually held on weekends.

***You can help maintain the terrific quality of the trails at McKenzie Ranch Trails Park by observing the following rules:***

- ◆ The park is open for trail use from dawn until dusk.
- ◆ Alcohol is prohibited. No commercial activity unless expressly permitted by NRPR.
- ◆ Stay on designated trails. Motorized vehicles are allowed on roads only in the park; electric bicycles are *not* allowed on trails.
- ◆ Do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out. Trash Free Trailhead.
- ◆ Dogs must be leashed at *all* times (the law in Tucson and Pima County). Please pick up after your dog. This applies only to the Hohokam Trail. Dogs are not permitted on the Mountain Bike Competition Course.
- ◆ It is illegal to remove or disturb *any* natural or cultural resources. No geocaching.
- ◆ Do not feed wildlife.
- ◆ No loitering at trailheads or in other areas. Trailheads are for access only. Park only in the designated parking area.

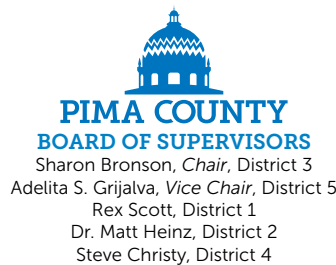
Please be aware that all Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation park rules, as well as state and federal regulations, will be enforced. For more information, go to [pima.gov/nrpr](http://pima.gov/nrpr).

***Safety Checklist***

- ◆ Take an ample supply of water with you.
- ◆ Wear a wide-brimmed hat or a helmet if you are a cyclist or an equestrian.
- ◆ Use plenty of sunscreen.
- ◆ Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes or riding apparel.
- ◆ Know your route.
- ◆ Hike or ride with a friend.
- ◆ Inform someone of where you are going and when you expect to return.
- ◆ Know your limitations.
- ◆ Carry a cell phone with you but be aware that reception may not always be available.
- ◆ Be aware that cacti and venomous creatures are always around; act accordingly.
- ◆ Avoid walking dogs when the temperature exceeds 80 degrees and always carry water for your pets.

***Trail Courtesy***

- ◆ All trail users should yield to people with disabilities.
- ◆ On the Hohokam Trail always practice the "Trails Triangle:" yield to horses first, then pedestrians, then cyclists.
- ◆ People traveling on up-hill sections of trail should be given the right of way.



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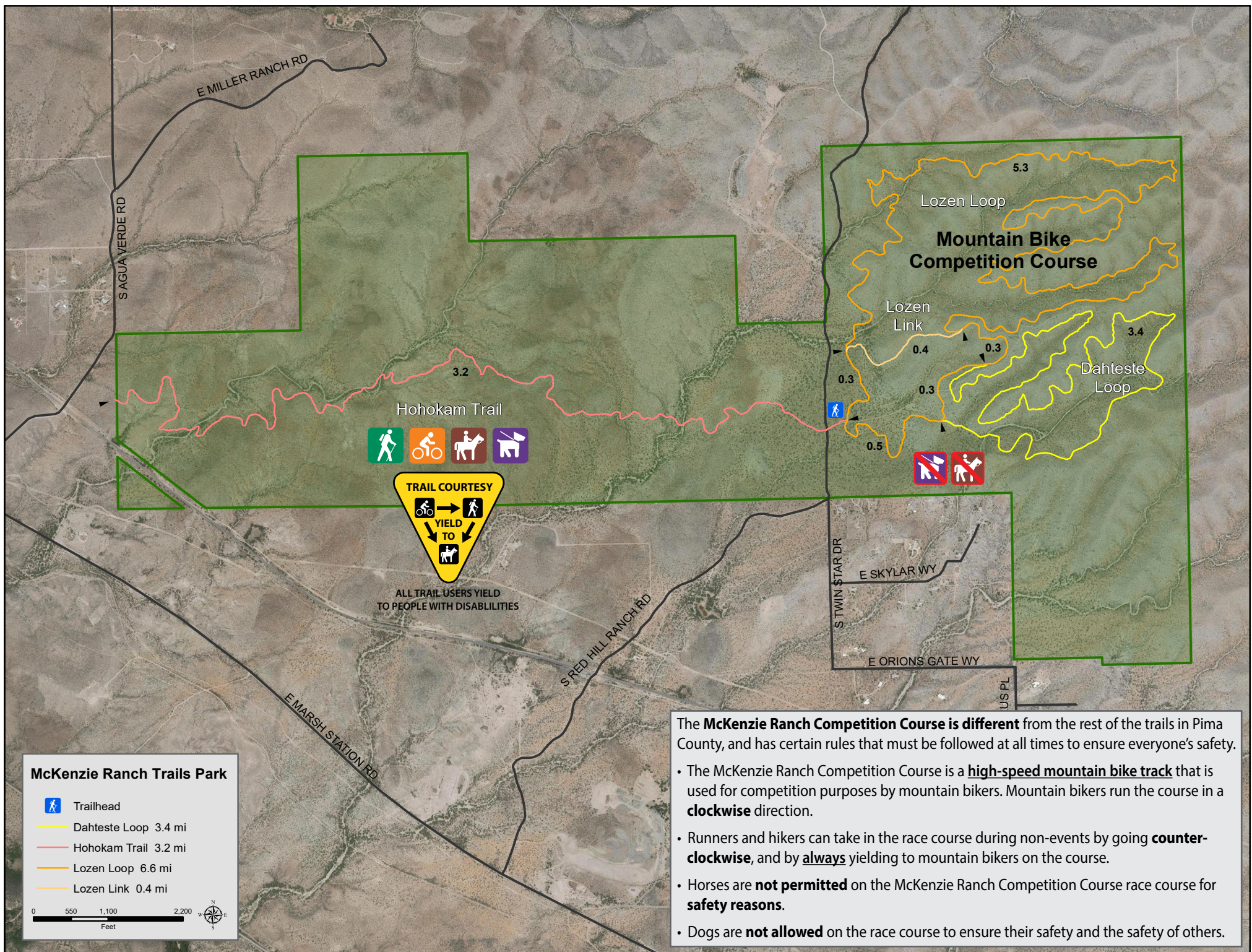
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**TRAILS PARK**

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The **McKenzie Ranch Competition Course** is different from the rest of the trails in Pima County, and has certain rules that must be followed at all times to ensure everyone's safety.

- The McKenzie Ranch Competition Course is a **high-speed mountain bike track** that is used for competition purposes by mountain bikers. Mountain bikers run the course in a **clockwise** direction.
- Runners and hikers can take in the race course during non-events by going **counter-clockwise**, and by **always** yielding to mountain bikers on the course.
- Horses are **not permitted** on the McKenzie Ranch Competition Course race course for **safety reasons**.
- Dogs are **not allowed** on the race course to ensure their safety and the safety of others.