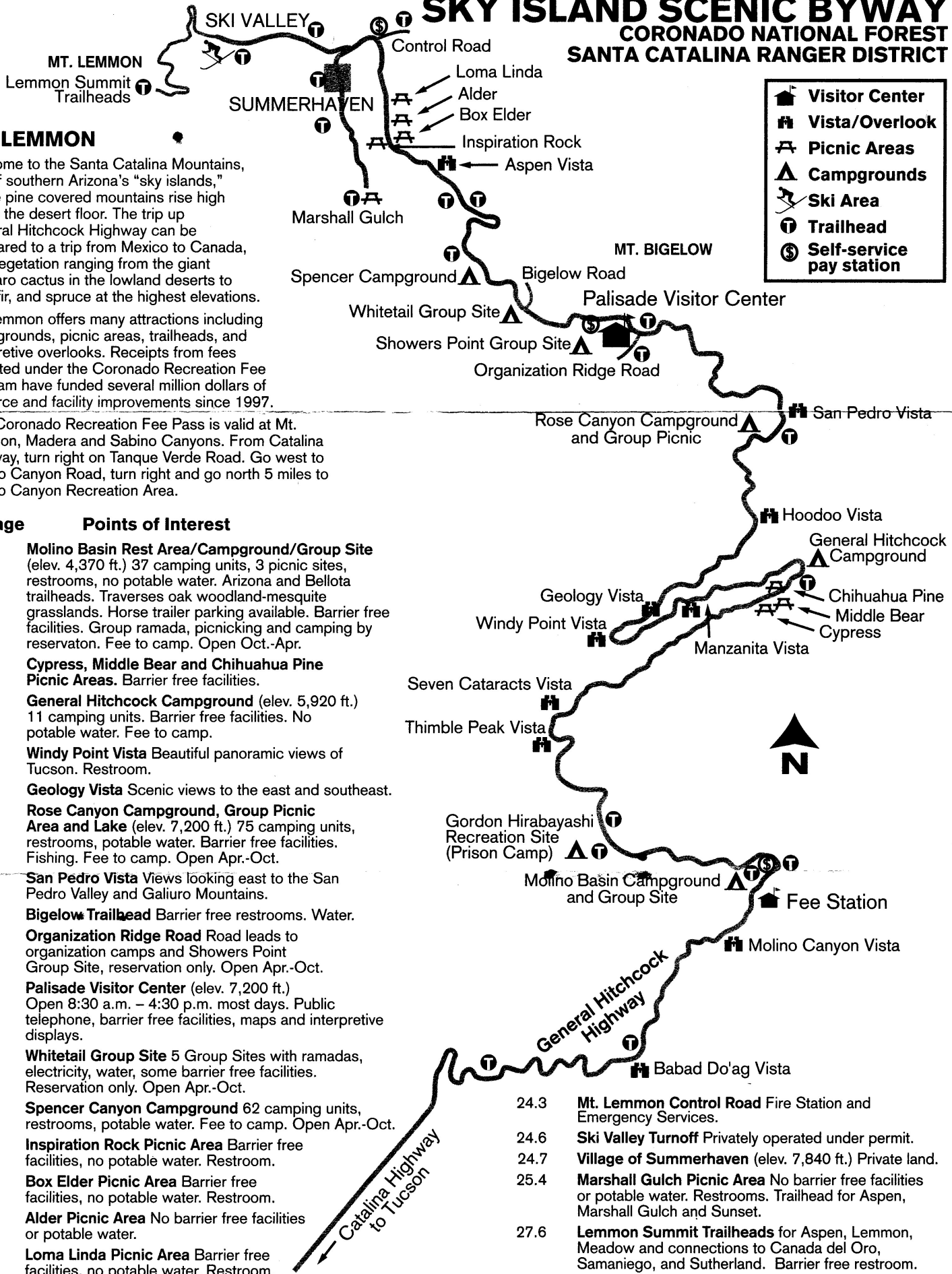


# SKY ISLAND SCENIC BYWAY

CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT



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Welcome to the Santa Catalina Mountains, one of southern Arizona's "sky islands," where pine covered mountains rise high above the desert floor. The trip up General Hitchcock Highway can be compared to a trip from Mexico to Canada, with vegetation ranging from the giant Saguaro cactus in the lowland deserts to pine, fir, and spruce at the highest elevations.

Mt. Lemmon offers many attractions including campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, and interpretive overlooks. Receipts from fees collected under the Coronado Recreation Fee Program have funded several million dollars of resource and facility improvements since 1997.

Your Coronado Recreation Fee Pass is valid at Mt. Lemmon, Madera and Sabino Canyons. From Catalina Highway, turn right on Tanque Verde Road. Go west to Sabino Canyon Road, turn right and go north 5 miles to Sabino Canyon Recreation Area.

### Mileage

### Points of Interest

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| <p>5.7 <b>Molino Basin Rest Area/Campground/Group Site</b> (elev. 4,370 ft.) 37 camping units, 3 picnic sites, restrooms, no potable water. Arizona and Bellota trailheads. Traverses oak woodland-mesquite grasslands. Horse trailer parking available. Barrier free facilities. Group ramada, picnicking and camping by reservation. Fee to camp. Open Oct.-Apr.</p> <p>11.5 <b>Cypress, Middle Bear and Chihuahua Pine Picnic Areas.</b> Barrier free facilities.</p> <p>12.0 <b>General Hitchcock Campground</b> (elev. 5,920 ft.) 11 camping units. Barrier free facilities. No potable water. Fee to camp.</p> <p>14.0 <b>Windy Point Vista</b> Beautiful panoramic views of Tucson. Restroom.</p> <p>14.3 <b>Geology Vista</b> Scenic views to the east and southeast.</p> <p>17.0 <b>Rose Canyon Campground, Group Picnic Area and Lake</b> (elev. 7,200 ft.) 75 camping units, restrooms, potable water. Barrier free facilities. Fishing. Fee to camp. Open Apr.-Oct.</p> <p>17.4 <b>San Pedro Vista</b> Views looking east to the San Pedro Valley and Galiuro Mountains.</p> <p>19.5 <b>Bigelow Trailhead</b> Barrier free restrooms. Water.</p> <p>19.5 <b>Organization Ridge Road</b> Road leads to organization camps and Showers Point Group Site, reservation only. Open Apr.-Oct.</p> <p>19.6 <b>Palisade Visitor Center</b> (elev. 7,200 ft.) Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. most days. Public telephone, barrier free facilities, maps and interpretive displays.</p> <p>20.6 <b>Whitetail Group Site</b> 5 Group Sites with ramadas, electricity, water, some barrier free facilities. Reservation only. Open Apr.-Oct.</p> <p>21.3 <b>Spencer Canyon Campground</b> 62 camping units, restrooms, potable water. Fee to camp. Open Apr.-Oct.</p> <p>23.2 <b>Inspiration Rock Picnic Area</b> Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.</p> <p>23.2 <b>Box Elder Picnic Area</b> Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.</p> <p>23.4 <b>Alder Picnic Area</b> No barrier free facilities or potable water.</p> <p>23.7 <b>Loma Linda Picnic Area</b> Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.</p> | <p>24.3 <b>Mt. Lemmon Control Road Fire Station</b> and Emergency Services.</p> <p>24.6 <b>Ski Valley Turnoff</b> Privately operated under permit.</p> <p>24.7 <b>Village of Summerhaven</b> (elev. 7,840 ft.) Private land.</p> <p>25.4 <b>Marshall Gulch Picnic Area</b> No barrier free facilities or potable water. Restrooms. Trailhead for Aspen, Marshall Gulch and Sunset.</p> <p>27.6 <b>Lemmon Summit Trailheads</b> for Aspen, Lemmon, Meadow and connections to Canada del Oro, Samaniego, and Sutherland. Barrier free restroom.</p> |
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