

Mt. Lemmon Campout

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND 2021

Thursday July 2nd thru Sunday July 5th

ARRIVAL time is 1PM Thursday, Check Out 11AM Sunday!

Just an hour northeast of Tucson!

Beat the heat camping on Mt. Lemmon near 8000 ft. surrounded by the cool pines above Tucson.

A little different this year as we have Whitetail site #1 reserved. It's more cozy but still has a large Ramada, electricity, water, grills and terraced tent sites along the hill.

Getting to the campsite is a memorable trip up the Sky Island Scenic Byway, a recently improved road that has changing vegetation from the desert floor to the fir tree forest above. Figure about two hours from Phoenix to Tucson and another hour up the hill.

It's just a short walk to a dramatic view of Tucson. Great hiking trails are all around. If there is interest an organized hike will be planned. In addition, there are many things to explore up on the mountain. The Mt. Lemmon ski area operates its lift year round. The Iron Door Restaurant is open for lunch. There's the little vacation village of Summerhaven only 4 miles up the road where you can find eats, ice cream and a small general store for ice. There is a restaurant open for brunch and dinner called Sawmill Run. You might want to explore the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the Lemmon Summit Trailheads. Hopefully you'll also have time for a quiet afternoon in the cool air.

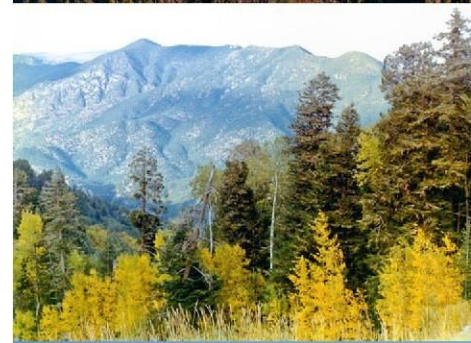
The campsite is optimized for tent camping. Because of space limits expect to share your terrace with at least one other tent. Each terrace is a good size. Parking space is strictly limited to 10 vehicles. Carpooling is recommended. When we reach 10 vehicles it will be necessary to park across the highway along a side road.

A **BYOB** is planned for Saturday from 5pm till 6pm. **Please bring something to share for the cocktail hour.** A Saturday meal will be provided for 6:00 PM and those wishing to come for the meal only are welcome. We will provide coffee and snacks for the mornings. Please bring firewood. (A number of times there have been fire restrictions but near the 4th there usually has been rain.) (The camp host usually has some for sale.) We hope that people from Phoenix and Tucson will join us for the hikes and meal.

2 days tenting: \$40 per person for members, \$45 per person for non-members
3 days tenting: \$50 per person for members, \$55 per person for non-members
Saturday meal only is \$10 member / \$15 non-member

Directions:

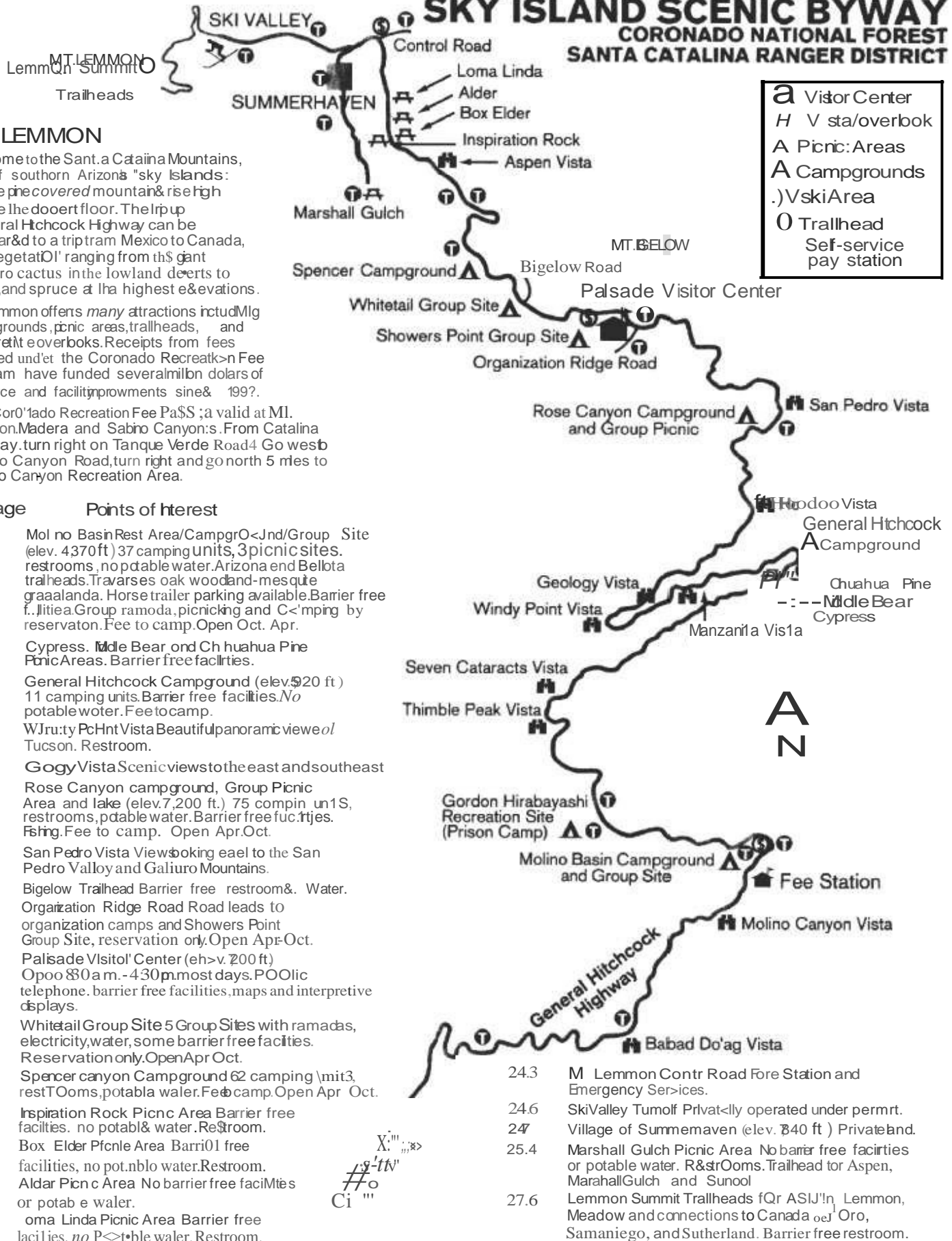
From the 10 take Ina Rd. east. Following the main road bear right as it turns into Skyline then Sunrise Dr. Turn right at Kolb Rd. and follow it about four miles to Tanque Verde Rd. Turn Left on Tanque Verde Rd. and follow it to the Catalina Highway (Last chance shopping center). Turn left on Catalina and follow it up the mountain. Do not pay at the fee station. Watch carefully at about the 21 mile marker and turn left into the campground. You will likely have to open the gate. Proceed to the camp host and then down to the first site on the left.



SKY ISLAND SCENIC BYWAY

CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST

SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT



MT. LEMMON

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 on Sabino Canyon Road, turn right and go north 5 miles to Sabino Canyon Recreation Area.

Mileage Points of Interest

5.7	Molino Basin Rest Area/Campground/Group Site (elev. 4,370 ft) 37 camping units, 3 picnic sites, restrooms, no potable water. Arizona and Bellota trailheads. Travels oak woodland-mesquite grasslands. Horse trailer parking available. Barrier free facilities. Group ramada, picnicking and camping by reservation. Fee to camp. Open Oct. - Apr.	
115	Cypress, Middle Bear, and Chuhua Pine Picnic Areas. Barrier free facilities.	
120	General Hitchcock Campground (elev. 5,200 ft) 11 camping units. Barrier free facilities. No potable water. Fee to camp.	
14.0	Wright Point Vista Beautiful panoramic view of Tucson. Restroom.	
14.3	Gogy Vista Scenic views to the east and southeast	
17.0	Rose Canyon campground, Group Picnic Area and lake (elev. 7,200 ft.) 75 camping units, restrooms, potable water. Barrier free facilities. Fishing. Fee to camp. Open Apr.-Oct.	
17.4	San Pedro Vista Views looking east to the San Pedro Valley and Galiuro Mountains.	
195	Bigelow Trailhead Barrier free restroom & water.	
195	Organization Ridge Road Road leads to organization camps and Shoshone Point Group Site, reservation only. Open Apr.-Oct.	
19.6	Palisade Visitor Center (elev. 7,200 ft) Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. most days. Public telephone, barrier free facilities, maps and interpretive displays.	
206	Whitetail Group Site 5 Group Sites with ramadas, electricity, water, some barrier free facilities. Reservation only. Open Apr.-Oct.	
21.3	Spencer canyon Campground 62 camping units, restrooms, potable water. Fee to camp. Open Apr. - Oct.	
23.2	Inspiration Rock Picnic Area Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.	
23.2	Box Elder Picnic Area Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.	
23.4	Alder Picnic Area No barrier free facilities or potable water.	
23.7	Loma Linda Picnic Area Barrier free facilities, no potable water. Restroom.	
24.3	Mt. Lemmon Contr. Road Fire Station and Emergency Services.	
24.6	Ski Valley Tunnel Privately operated under permit.	
24.7	Village of Summerhaven (elev. 8,400 ft.) Private land.	
25.4	Marshall Gulch Picnic Area No barrier free facilities or potable water. Restrooms. Trailhead for Aspen, Marshall Gulch and Sunol	
27.6	Lemmon Summit Trailheads for Aspen, Meadow and connections to Canada, Oro, Samaniego, and Sutherland. Barrier free restroom.	