Feliz Paseos Park is a 57-acre Pima County Natural Preserve and Trails Park that is located in the Tucson Mountain foothills 15 minutes west of downtown. It was developed in 2006 for two main purposes: to protect a beautiful swath of the Sonoran Desert, and to develop trails to enable people with physical challenges to enjoy natural open space. The property was originally a part of Rancho Las Lomas that was designed by Margaret Fulton Spencer in the 1930s and 1940s. Spencer was one of the earliest female architects in the United States.

Feliz Paseos has 2 miles of terrific trails that are open to all people on foot or in a wheelchair, disabled or not. The paths are paved (0.2 mile) and natural-surface (1.8 miles). The park has numerous interpretive signs that tell the story of the Sonoran Desert. Wildlife that visit regularly include kangaroo rats, snakes, lizards, coyotes, bobcats, deer, javelina and all manner of native birds.

The park has a large entry ramada with accessible restrooms, drinking fountains and seat walls. There are also three smaller shade ramadas to provide a respite from the Arizona sun. One of the shade ramadas is adjacent to the Camino de Oeste Wash, and provides park users with the opportunity to view wildlife in a natural setting.

From the paved trail, each visitor has the opportunity to take one of several natural-surfaced trails that are signed using the Universal Trail Assessment Program (UTAP). UTAP is a trail technology that indicates grade, cross slope, tread conditions and distance to allow each park user to determine whether or not they want to undertake the challenge. Dogs are allowed on the trails but must be leashed at all times.

We hope you will enjoy walking or biking the paths around the park and enjoying this example of the natural Sonoran Desert.

## Help maintain its terrific quality by observing the following rules:

- ♦ The park is open from dawn to dusk.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park.
- It is illegal to remove or disturb any natural or cultural resources.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times. Please pick up after your dog.
- No geocaching.
- 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.

## Safety Checklist

- Take an ample supply of water with you.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat or a helmet if you are a cyclist or equestrian.
- Use plenty of sunscreen.
- Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.
- 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.
- ♦ Do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out.
- Be aware of cacti and venomous creatures.

## Trail Courtesy

- All trail users should yield to people with disabilities.
- Always practice trail courtesy: yield to horses first, then pedestrians, then cyclists.





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