

# **NEWS ALERT**



## **Interstate 11**

- **Public Meeting:**  
May 8 and May 11
- **Draft Impact Statement**  
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## **You are Invited:**

**TMA Desert Bloom Potluck**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

## **Brown Mountain Picnic Area**

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**TMA Members  
make an impact.  
Give a Membership today.**



## **Volunteer:**

**TMA Clean-Up Day**  
**Painted Hills Adopt-A-Park**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

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# Interstate 11: Draft Impact Statement released and Tucson meeting times set

In the latest TMA newsletter we all read about the upcoming I-11 plans and the potential detrimental effects to the Saguaro National Park and the Tucson Mountain Park if I-11 is located through Avra Valley. Well, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has now been published, and the public comment period is open! The comment period is only 56 days and includes two meetings in Tucson.

If you would like to voice your opposition you must sign up at the links provided.

These same links can be used to review the documents and write comments.

**Meeting One**  
**Wednesday May 8, 2019**  
**3:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Tucson Convention Center**

**ONLY 70 Speaker Spots available**

Sign up at: <http://origin.i11study.com/Arizona/Meetings.asp>

**Meeting Two**  
**Saturday May 11, 2019**  
**11:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Marana High School cafeteria**

**ONLY 70 Speaker Spots available**

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Tucson Mountains Association encourages its membership to speak up to oppose the construction of I-11 west of the Saguaro National Park. The proposed location would isolate wildlife, create substantial light pollution and ruin the visitor experience of the wilderness area to our west as rapid development would follow the interstate construction.

Please try to attend one of the above meetings, or voice your concerns in the comment area of the link. You can also request that the comment period be extended to 120 days.

Thank you.

## Let your voice be heard.



## Tucson Mountains Association

Join Promote Volunteer Advocate

## Be a part of the Action.

# Tucson Mountains Association Desert Bloom Potluck Picnic

**April 20, 2019 11-1 pm**  
**Brown Mountain Picnic Area**

**Members and Friends Invited**

**Celebrate the Spring!**

**Socialize & Have fun!**

**RSVP to Denise at [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net) W Gates Pass, R on Kinney Rd.**

**Water will be provided. Please bring a preferred dish.**

**It wouldn't be a celebration without you!**

**Please join the celebration of fresh life, bright colors of our desert  
and gratitude for the desert in which we live.**

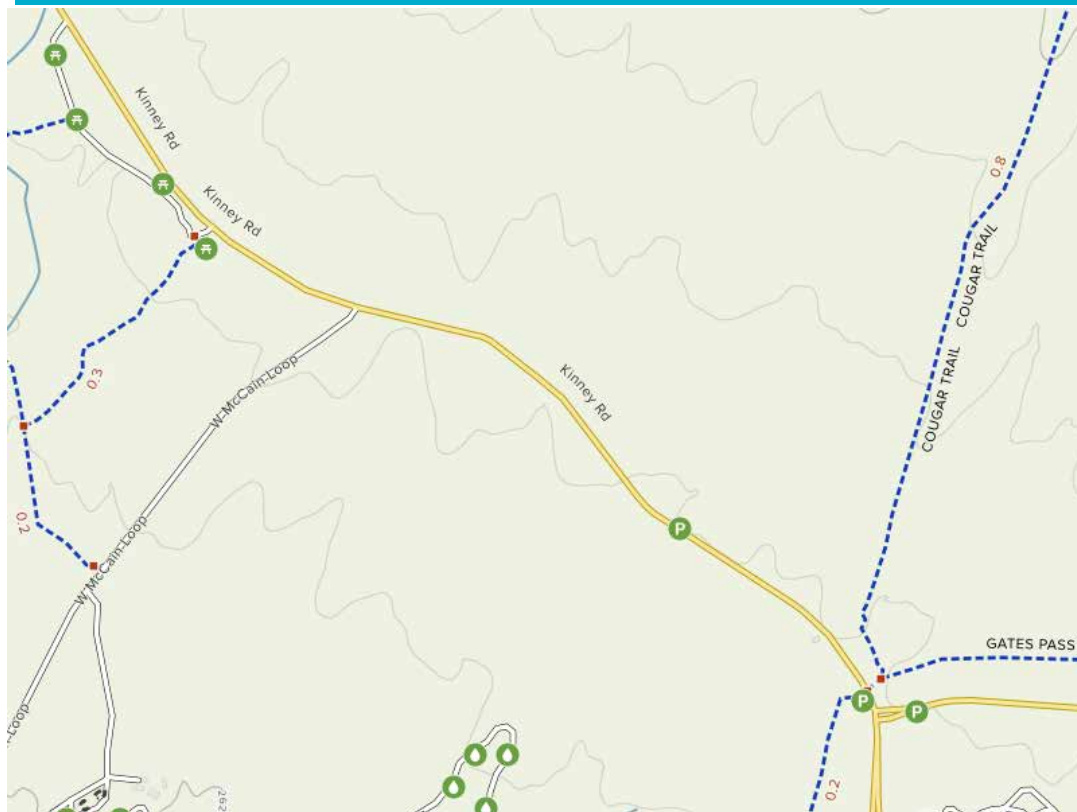
## **The Location: Brown Mountain Picnic Area**

Named in honor of CB Brown who worked tirelessly to establish Tucson Mountain Park and provide an ethos of preservation in the Tucson Mountains.

**What to Bring:** Yourself, a guest (if you wish) and a springtime dish. Water will be provided.

**Please RSVP:** Please contact Denise at [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net) to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

## Brown Mountain Picnic Area



## **DIRECTIONS**

**WEST** on Gates Pass Road.

**NORTH (R)** on Kinney Road

(pass McCain Loop on Left)

**Brown Mountain Picnic Area** is the next two **Left turns** after McCain Loop.



# Painted Hills Park: TMA successful preservation efforts

What once concerned Tucson Mountains residents at the Painted Hills property a few years ago was out of state developers with a desire for high-density development.

TMA joined the community wide effort to block the project. The story is complex but the ending is happy. When the County agreed to buy the land for open space, TMA ultimately contributed funds to develop trails and signage.

Now, TMA was accepted to adopt the Painted Hills Park and will be responsible, to clean the park and trails. Only when something is nearly lost does one realize the honor to care for such beauty and space.

**Volunteers are needed for the Clean-Up Team. The first Clean-Up Day is on Saturday May 4, 2019.**

Join your friends and help take care of this park! Please RSVP to Denise at [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net)

## Tucson Mountains Association Painted Hills Adopt-A-Park Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 4, 2019

### Volunteers Needed

*It's as easy as:*

1. RSVP: Email Denise at: [Denise2b@cox.net](mailto:Denise2b@cox.net)
2. Show up: **YOU make the difference!**
3. Have fun! Take pictures & Send to TMA: [TMA Facebook](#) or email Denise: [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net)

**TMA Members in Action**  
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## Painted Hills Park Information

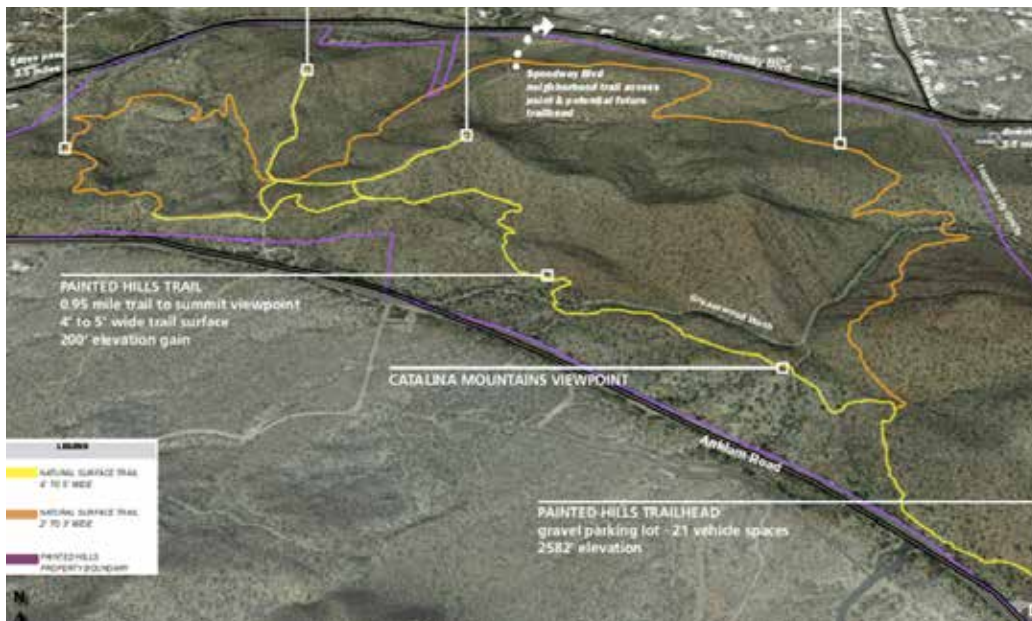
### Painted Hills Park Facts

The Painted Hills park includes 289 acres with a four mile trail system that is accessed from Anklam. Trails include:

- Painted Hills Trailhead: .95 m
- Anklam Loop: .9 mile
- Perimeter Trail: 1.4 mile
- Mini Trail: .2 mile

**Join the TMA Adopt-a-Park Clean-Up Team today!**

Questions? Please contact Denise: [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net)



# Cooper Center for Environmental Learning

► **Help Create the next generation of Environmental Enthusiasts in the Tucson Mountains.**

Tucson Mountains Association has long supported the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning, known to many as "Camp Cooper." Cooper provides memorable overnight and day field trip experiences for thousands of public schoolchildren from across Southern Arizona each year.

April is crowdfunding month at Camp Cooper, where supporters from the community band together to help raise funds for the educational staff that make their field trip experiences so memorable.

**To make a contribution,  
or learn more about  
Cooper, visit:**

<http://crowdfund.arizona.edu/cooper2019>



Their goal is to raise \$30K in 30 days. **The campaign ends on April 30th.** We all love the natural beauty of our Sonoran Desert, and what better way to preserve that beauty than by inspiring the next generation through Cooper programs.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Cooper Center Director Colin Waite at [cwaite@email.arizona.edu](mailto:cwaite@email.arizona.edu) or (520) 626-1825.

## Gift a Membership

**Tucson Mountains Association**

**Strength in Members  
and Action.**

**1 Year for \$30**

**TMA needs your support.**

*Join at:*

[TucsonMountainsAssoc.org](http://TucsonMountainsAssoc.org)

**Save the  
Tucson Mountains**

*We should seek the greatest value of our action..*

*Steven Hawking*



# Get Involved with TMA

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## Be a Volunteer

**Membership Relations:**  
Events, Communications, Membership

**Community Action:**  
Park Clean-Up, Weed-Pulls, Attend Meetings  
(zoning, water, conservation, construction issues,)

Please contact: Denise at [denise2b@cox.net](mailto:denise2b@cox.net)

**Tucson Mountains Association**

**TMA Members make things happen.**

Join or email at: [TucsonMountainsAssoc.org](http://TucsonMountainsAssoc.org)

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