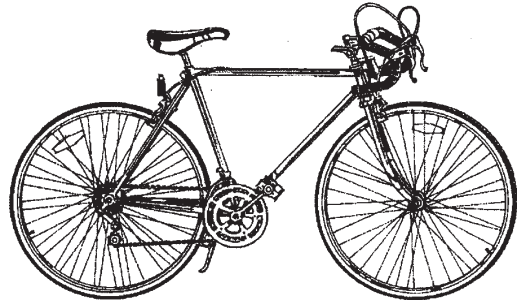




Bicycling in Saguaro National Park



Enjoy the Park

Saguaro National Park offers visitors the chance to view native plants and animals while surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the Sonoran Desert. A popular way to enjoy the park is to bike around one of our

scenic loop drives. The Cactus Forest Loop Drive in the Rincon Mountain District (east) is an 8-mile paved loop. The Bajada Loop Drive in the Tucson Mountain District (west) is a 6-mile gravel loop.

Know Before You Go

Restrooms are available at both visitor centers during daylight hours only. Pit toilets are available at all picnic areas.

Benches, bicycle racks and water fountains can be found adjacent to both visitor centers.

Carry plenty of water while biking, especially during the summer. Drinking water is NOT available on the Cactus Forest Drive, Bajada Loop Drive or at any picnic area.

Carry personal identification while biking. Also have the name, address and phone number of someone to contact in the event of an emergency.

Helmets are required for all riders or passengers under eighteen (18) years of age per Pima County Statute. Helmets, gloves and glasses are recommended for all riders.

Bicycles are not permitted in the cactus garden or on the patio in front of either visitor center.

Bicycles must obey all traffic signs, including speed limits and stop signs.

If you see an accident, or are involved in one, report the incident to a park ranger as soon as possible. Both visitor centers are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The phone number at the Rincon Mountain District (east) is (520) 733-5153. The phone number at the Tucson Mountain District (west) is (520) 733-5158. If the visitor center is closed, call 911.

Always maintain a safe speed for road conditions and your own riding experience, or the least experienced rider in your group.

Bicycles are allowed in the park after dark, however a rear reflector and headlight are required.

For frequent riders, annual passes are available at either visitor center or the entrance station. These passes allow unlimited entry into the park, and are valid for one year.

Bajada Loop Drive

The Bajada Loop Drive is a scenic route through the lower elevations of the Tucson Mountain District (west) of the park. It is 6 miles in length and is gravel, except for a small section along Kinney and Sandario Roads. These roads are open to all vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.

The Bajada Loop Drive is gravel throughout most of its length. Maintain

a safe speed for road conditions and your own riding experience, or the least experienced rider in your group.

Slow down in congested areas around trailheads and picnic areas. When passing others, alert them to your intentions by saying “passing on your left” or “passing on your right”.

