



# My Desert Valentine Rally

**McDowell Mountain Regional Park** Four Peaks Staging Area

**Fountain Hills, AZ**

Fall in **love** with the desert again.

**February 9 – 12, 2023**

Looking for the perfect place to unwind and get cozy with our “beloved” desert?

McDowell Mountain Regional Park is a true getaway with hiking, biking or just sitting back and hanging up lanterns at dusk to enjoy your dinner. The park has beautiful mountain views and dreamy night skies. Another dry camping/boondocking opportunity!

Well..... this is the rally we’ve all been waiting for.... again.

Normally, the park ranger offers guided hikes so let’s hope for a morning bird walk or an evening of star gazing. There’s a nice Nature Center to explore, and depending on the trail you choose, you can see the famous fountain in Fountain Hills’ center. Odds are, you will see lots of hawks, and if you’re lucky, javalinas, coyotes and even deer! McDowell is a favorite of ours as well as many other 4CU members, offering great accessibility to Scottsdale, Mesa and the Phoenix area.

The Four Peak Staging Area is a large group campground where a short walk takes you to bathrooms and showers. The dump is conveniently located elsewhere in the park. We advise to arrive with water and a clean tank, or you can fill up and dump at the alternate area before parking in the Four Peaks Staging area, our group locale. Generators are ok.

Remember: this is a relaxing rally. Time to do what you like, maybe read a book, play some cards, or even work on a project. Pack those half-finished crosswords and letters you started but never finished. Cell phone service and TV reception are good, but hopefully you are coming to hang and chill. The choice is yours.

**Fall in love with the desert again.**

**Camping Fee:** \$22 per vehicle per night payable upon entrance to McDowell Regional Park.  
(Maricopa County Park)

**Rally Fee:** \$10 per person



Hope to relax with you!

Your hosts,

**Bonnie and Alan Bobman**

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## **AGENDA**

Here's a preliminary schedule AND subject to change, of course!

*One guarantee:* It's going to be a great rally!

### **Thursday**

Arrival after noon.

Meet and greet

### **Friday**

AM Group Hike

#### **MTB Skills Clinic & Ride**

Join Michael, a certified mountain bike instructor, for an introductory skills clinic on Friday morning before heading out for a ride on some of McDowell's excellent MTB trails. While this is labeled as an introductory clinic you **WILL** come away a better rider whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced rider. We'll dial in essential body position and movement patterns that keep you balanced and safe on the bike. These techniques scale so as you develop as a rider these same skills will always be there for you.

The clinic and ride are limited to 6 riders. If there is demand, there will be a second clinic on Saturday morning.

Hike/bike, Nap, hangout, play, eat...in no particular order.

5:00 Hang out and be Happy

## **Saturday**

AM Group Hike

**MTB Skills Clinic & Ride - TBD**

PM ??

6:00 BYO Dinner Camping Style. Bring your chair.

## **Sunday - Noon Departure**

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Free dump in the park. Potable water available, but please come full.



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\*\*\*This is a WBCCI Rally. If a non-member has an Airstream and would like to attend, they should contact the hosts to come as a guest ... on a space-available basis.