

# THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN ARIZONA



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## Places to Visit

San Francisco Peaks © Betsy D. Warner/The Nature Conservancy



Ramsey Canyon © Hal Malde

### RAMSEY CANYON PRESERVE

World renowned birder's "hot spot," the preserve hosts such rare species as the elegant trogon. A stream runs through this lush mountain canyon sheltered under a canopy of trees. Visitors may see 14 species of hummingbirds, wild turkey, deer and coatis.

**What to do:** Hiking, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, nature study and bookstore. Guided nature walk held March-October at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays.

**Hours:** March-October: Open daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & November-February: daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

**Fees:** Non-members \$5; Conservancy members & Cochise County residents \$3; ages 16 & under free.

**How to get there:** 90 miles southeast of Tucson. Take I-10 east to Highway 90 exit. Go south to Sierra Vista. Take Highway 92 six miles, turn right on Ramsey Canyon Road and follow four miles to the end.

**Questions:** (520) 378-2785.



View across Patagonia-Sonita Creek Preserve  
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### PATAGONIA-SONOITA CREEK PRESERVE

With a magnificent cottonwood-willow riparian forest, this preserve has some of the oldest (130 years) and largest (more than 100 feet tall) Fremont cottonwood trees anywhere. Because this riparian area is near Mexico, it attracts many Mexican bird species and is a birdwatcher's paradise with more than 300 migrant or resident species.

**What to do:** Hiking, birdwatching, wildlife viewing. Guided nature walk at 9 a.m. on Saturdays.

**Hours:** April-September: Wednesday-Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. & October-March: Wednesday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed: Mondays & Tuesdays all year & on Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Days.

**Fees:** Non-members \$5; Conservancy members \$3; Patagonia residents; ages 16 & under free.

**How to get there:** 60 miles southeast of Tucson. Take I-10 east to Highway 83 exit south. At Sonoita, turn west on Highway 82. In Patagonia, turn west on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn south on Pennsylvania, cross the creek, and go about one mile to the entrance. **Questions:** (520) 394-2400



Hassayampa © Hal Malde

### HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

This water wonderland is a magnet for wildlife, including ringtail, javelina, bobcat and 280 species of birds. The visitor center features an interpretive garden showcasing native Arizona plants.

**What to do:** Hiking, birdwatching, wildlife viewing. Guided nature walk at 8:30 a.m., last Saturday of month.

**Hours:** September 15-May 14: Wednesday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & May 15-September 14: Friday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Non-members \$5, Conservancy members \$3, ages 12 & under free.

**How to get there:** Three miles southeast of Wickenburg. Take U.S. 60 to preserve on the west side of the highway near milepost marker 114. **Questions:** (928) 684-2772

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Muleshoe Ranch CMA © J.D. Marston

## Muleshoe Ranch Cooperative Management Area (CMA)

With a rugged landscape ranging from Sonoran and Chihuahuan Desert at 3,400 feet to pine trees at 7,650 the Muleshoe Ranch CMA covers 49,000 acres with five perennial streams representing some of the best aquatic habitat in Arizona. This diverse landscape is jointly owned and managed with Coronado National Forest and Bureau of Land Management

**What to do:** Hiking, horseback riding, birdwatching, gift shop. Guided nature walk on Saturdays, September through May. Call for time and reservation.

**Hours:** Gate open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

March & April: Daily

June, July, August: Saturday & Sunday for day visitation only

September-February, May: Thursday-Monday

Closed: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Christmas Day

Closed to day visitation: Thanksgiving Day

**Lodging:** Casitas are available for overnight rental with natural hot springs tubs for casita guests only late September-May.

**How to get there:** 30 miles northwest of Willcox. Take I-10 east to exit 340. Go south, turn right onto Bisbee Avenue, then right onto Airport Road. Go north for 15 miles to junction just past mailboxes, bear right and continue 14 miles. Turn left into the Headquarters. **Questions:** (520) 507-5229



Aravaipa Canyon © Hal Malde

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## Aravaipa Canyon Preserve

The 7,000 acres of Nature Conservancy land embrace the east and west ends of a federal wilderness area. The canyon's walls rise 1,400 feet and provide safe haven for desert big-horn sheep and mountain lion. Seven native fish species live in the perennial creek. This awe-inspiring land has more than 200 species of nesting or migrating birds.

**Hours:** Open daily, year-round. Access to Aravaipa Canyon **requires** a permit from the Bureau of Land Management. Purchase on line: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) or call (928) 348-4400.

**Lodging:** The east-end Conservancy guest house can be reserved for overnight.

**How to get there:** 50 miles northeast of Tucson. **Questions:** (928) 828-3443



Bebb Willows © Betsy D. Warner/The Nature Conservancy

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## Hart Prairie Preserve

This cool getaway at 8,600 feet is set at the foot of Arizona's highest mountains—the San Francisco Peaks. Surrounded by thousands of acres of forest and meadows, the preserve is home to uncommon wildflowers, old growth ponderosa pine, a rare grove of Bebb willows, herds of elk and deer, porcupine, prairie dogs, and more than 40 species of birds.

**Hours:** Seasonal nature walks by prior arrangement.

**Lodging:** One-day or two-night minimum overnight stays are available for mission-related groups conducting retreats, conferences or workshops. The lodge and cabins on the preserve, some on the National Register of Historic Places, house a catering kitchen, conference/dining room, fully equipped office, and lodging facilities.

**Questions:** (928) 774-8892

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