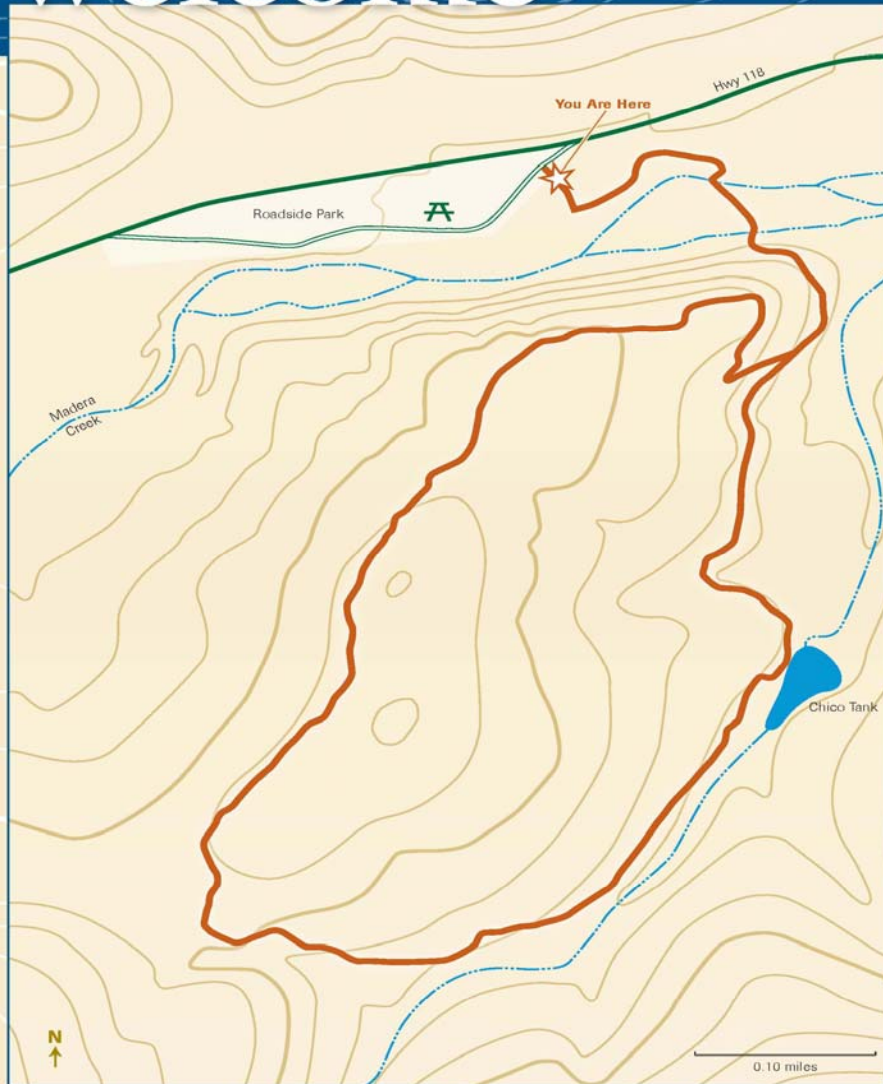


welcome to the Madera Canyon Trail



General Information

For your comfort: The Madera Trail is an outdoor experience. Take plenty of water. Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and ample sunscreen. A walking stick may be useful. Remember that you are hiking at an elevation of 6,000 feet. You may feel out-of-breath if you have come from lower elevations.

Wildlife: The best times to see wildlife activity are in the morning or early evening. If you are fortunate enough to see any wild animals, enjoy their beauty but please do not approach or disturb them. Several venomous or dangerous snakes occur on the preserve. Please watch your step during warm periods when snakes may be active.



Many hands helped make this trail project possible. More than 1,800 volunteer hours went into the construction of this trail. If you would like to be a Nature Conservancy volunteer, please call our Fort Davis office at (432) 426-2390.

Please remember that you are a guest on private property. Take care of the trail so that others can continue to enjoy it.

- **Do not trespass**
Please do not leave the trail or cross fence lines.
- **No bikes, ATVs or pets**
- **Leave what you find**
No collecting rocks, wildflowers, artifacts, firewood and other natural objects.
- **No camping**

The Madera Canyon Trail offers a glimpse into The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve, a unique sky island with plants and animals found nowhere else in the world.

The trail offers a moderate hike. Most of the trail is on sloping terrain. After crossing Madera Creek, the trail winds through pinyon-oak-juniper woodlands to a scenic view of 8,378 foot Mount Livermore. The cliff tops in front of you offer a beautiful overlook of Madera Canyon.

Trail Uses

- Hiking**
- Wildlife Viewing**
- Photography**

Trail Details

Length: 2.4 mile round-trip loop
Elevation Change: 175 feet
Max Elevation: 6,050 feet
Facilities: No restrooms or drinking water on trail
Trail Hours: Sunrise to sunset

- Average Grade:** 3% to 8% with short steeper sections (a standard ramp is 8%)
- Average Cross Slope:** Mostly level with some sections ranging from 5% to 7%
- Average Tread Width:** 18 inches
- Surface Type:** Dirt, gravel, and bedrock

Hazards

- Rocks in trail:** Loose gravel and uneven terrain are common. Watch your step.
- Creek crossings:** The trail crosses Madera Creek just past this kiosk. Please exercise caution when crossing the creek and never cross when the creek is at flood stage.
- Drop-offs:** The first one-tenth mile of the trail after crossing Madera Creek travels cross-slope. Portions of this section have drop-offs along the trail side, and the overlook at the top of the trail is near a cliff face. Please exercise caution at all times.

For all emergencies please call 911. Phone service is available at the McDonald Observatory visitors center 10 miles south on Hwy 118.

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