

Nature Loop Trail Map



*Map is not to scale. Image from Google Earth 4/2017

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Hiking Tips

Be Safe

- Stay hydrated by bringing your own water. (all water at/near Brown Canyon Ranch is non-potable)
- Be aware of your surroundings. There are snakes and other wildlife in the area.
- Be sure to take a break or call 911 for help if needed.

Be Courteous

- Try not to disturb the natural features of the Nature Loop Trail.
- Please do not feed or touch the wildlife.
- Respect others on trail. Move aside for bicyclists
- Leave No Trace - Pack-It-In, Pack-It-Out

Fun Fact

The **windmill** was used in the ranching operation but no longer works. However, the water that is found at Brown Canyon Ranch travels approximately 2 miles down the mountain.

For More Information

When the Ranch House is open, feel free to go inside to find more information about the Ranch and its surroundings. Inside the house there are many artifacts to look at and even a guest book to sign.

You may also contact the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch at <http://www.browncanyonranch.org>.

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Nature Loop Trail Brochure

3/4 mile Loop



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TRAIL SIGNS

Trail Sign numbers correspond with the map and descriptions below. Feel free to take a rest along the trail.

1. Upper Brown Canyon

As you look to the Southeast you will see the Carr Canyon and, with binoculars, possibly the Carr Reef.

 Trail continues to the Left.

2. Wild Duck Pond

Feel free to take a break by the pond to your left which was used during ranching operations as a hydration point for wildlife. Watch for wildlife and scat.



Chiricahua Leopard Frog




Ring-necked Duck

3. Huachuca Peak

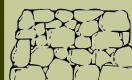
While you rest on the bench, take a look at the gorgeous Huachuca Peak. Also note you are in a mesquite grassland and will see mesquite trees around you.

4. Dragons in the Distance

As you look to the Northeast you will see the Dragoon Mountain range.

 To continue on the Nature Trail, **turn left**. To start on the Pancho Trail, **turn right**.

5. Washed Out

 The trail continues through the wash. This wash helps during the monsoon for drainage from the Duck Pond and a migration route for animals in need of water.

Don't Forget to BRING WATER


and pick up after pets!

6. Shortcut

If you would like to cut the trail short, here is a shortcut back to the ranch house; however, continue forward to complete the nature loop trail.

7. Brown Canyon Trail

As you look around here you should see Emory oak. The Brown Canyon Trail starts here as well, with a 2.5 mile hike to the road. The sign post here is a remnant from the Monument Fire (2011).

 To continue on the nature loop trail, keep **straight**. To start on the Brown Canyon Trail, **turn right**.



Blue-eyed Dragonfly and Painted Lady Butterfly

FOLLOW THE TRAIL SIGNS

8. Pomona Mine

With a keen eye looking

Southwest you may see a red spot on the crest of the mountain where Pomona Mine is located. Feel free to take a rest and admire the view.

9. Ranch House and Pond Trees

Take a minute to admire the Ranch house and then the beautiful trees out by the pond. It is amazing what water can do out in the desert, the pond offers a lot of resources for the trees

10. Ranching Operation

As you end your journey along the trail, you will see many items from the ranching operations. Several cattle items such as the pinch chute and loading chute are still in pristine shape. The water tower, corals, and outhouse are from the operation, too.

If you would like to help keep up Brown Canyon Ranch, feel free to contact the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch, contact info on back.