



DAY TRIP TO ALLAH

From Wickenburg · Maricopa County, Arizona



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Maricopa County nature preserve on the old ranch grounds. Open Wednesday to Sunday with seasonal hours; \$5 entry (2026).

Allah is a few minutes down US 60 from Wickenburg. The preserve has restrooms, water, picnic tables and short, mostly level trails. Go early, before the heat. From Thursday to Saturday you can add [Vulture City](#) and Wickenburg's Western museum for a full day.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ **8 a.m.** The preserve opens (7 a.m. through October). Pay at the visitor center and walk the Palm Lake Loop.
- ☐ **9 a.m.** Take the River Ramble or the Willow Walkway down to the Hassayampa, where it flows above ground. Ask at the visitor center about the Sanger Building from the resort years.
- ☐ **10:15 a.m.** Drive back through Wickenburg and out Vulture Mine Road to Vulture City, about 35 minutes.
- ☐ **11 a.m.** Walk [Vulture City](#) on your own. It's open Thursday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., from mid-October to mid-May. Eat a packed lunch at its covered dining area.
- ☐ **1:30 p.m.** Head back to Wickenburg, about half an hour.
- ☐ **2 p.m.** The Sigler Western Museum on Frontier Street is open until 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Adults pay \$17; children 17 and under get in free.

From Phoenix the preserve is about 1 hour 15 minutes up Grand Avenue and US 60. Leave by 6:45 a.m. to arrive at the 8 a.m. opening.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Palm Lake.** The lake reflects the willows and the sky, as in the photo at the top. The barrier-free loop runs right around it.
- **The old palms.** The fan palms behind the visitor center may be more than 100 years old. Frame their shaggy trunks against the green of the cottonwoods.
- **The river.** Here the Hassayampa flows on the surface. A low angle along the water shows the green banks and the cottonwood canopy.
- **Winter color.** The cottonwoods turn gold in the cool months, as the January 2018 photo on this page shows.
- **Birds.** The county counts 280 bird species along the river. Bring a long lens and stay on the trails.



USGS topographic map, 1954 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	4 mi, about 7 min each way from downtown Wickenburg. From Phoenix: 50 mi, about 1 h 13 min.
OPEN	Wednesday to Sunday. November through April, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with trails closing at 4:30. May through October, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., with trails closing at 3:30.
ADMISSION	\$5 a person. Children 12 and under are free.
RESTROOMS AND WATER	A restroom building by the visitor parking lot has a drinking fountain and a bottle-filling station.
FOOD	None sold. There are two first-come picnic areas: the main one behind the visitor center among the old palms, and tables shaded by mesquite trees behind the restroom building.
ON FOOT	Seven short trails, from about half a mile to 1.1 miles. The Palm Lake Loop, 0.61 mile, is barrier-free. Lykes Lookout, 1.11 miles, is the only one rated moderate. County rules ban leaving the designated trails.
PETS	Not allowed in the preserve.
GUIDED WALKS	The county posts guided nature and bird walks on the preserve's page. Some need registration and have small group limits.
PHOTOGRAPHY AND DRONES	Commercial shoots need a county Special Use Permit. The county's park rules don't name drones, but they ban operating engine-powered models in any park area not designated for them.
WEBSITE	maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/hassayampa-river-preserve

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 33.92810, -112.69070 · 33°55'41"N
112°41'27"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arizona/allah/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.