

Get Involved at Asombro!

Volunteer

There are many opportunities for you to help the Asombro Institute for Science Education serve the community. Here are just a few:

- **Classroom and Field Trip Assistance** - Assist our Science Educators as they present lessons to children in local schools in schools and on field trips.
- **Friends of the CDNP** - Several times throughout the year, we have trail work days at our Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park. There is always something that needs to be raked or pruned to keep the Nature Park looking great.
- **Monthly Volunteer Gathering** - Meet other volunteers and help with a variety of projects, such as creating materials for classroom visits and public events.
- **Help with Public Events** - Help with hands-on activity stations at Asombro's events for the public.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please email information@asombro.org or call (575)524-3334



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Thanks for visiting the Asombro Institute's Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park

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the Park, Asombro, events,
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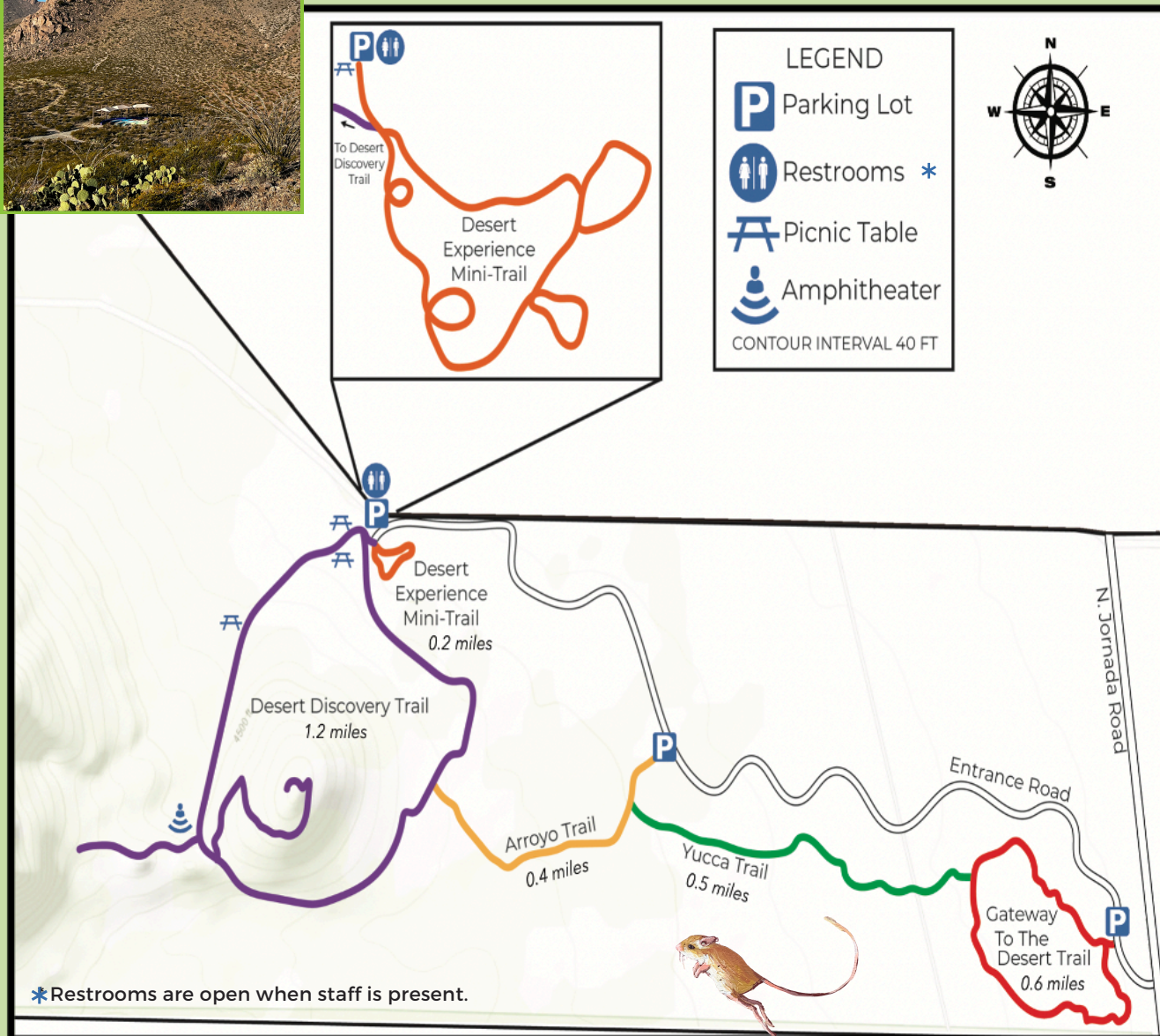
About the Park and Asombro

The 935-acre Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is owned and operated by the nonprofit Asombro Institute for Science Education. It serves as Asombro's outdoor classroom for student field trips and public education programs. Asombro also delivers award-winning classroom/schoolyard science lessons and teacher workshops, collectively serving more than 22,000 students and 3,000 adults annually. For more information on Asombro, visit www.asombro.org.

Park Hours

September - April: Tuesday - Saturday, 7 AM - 5 PM

May - August: Tuesday - Saturday, 7 AM - 7 PM



Trails



Desert Discovery Trail (1.2 mile)

This loop trail circles Vista Hill and provides an overlook of an arroyo. A 150-seat amphitheater halfway along the loop provides shade and beautiful views of the Jornada Basin. The western half of the trail is moderately steep and rocky. A 0.3-mile steep and rocky spur trail leads to the top of Vista Hill. Pick up a self-guided booklet at the trailhead to learn more at 11 numbered stops along the trail.



Desert Experience Mini-Trail (0.2 mile)

Paved, easy, wide loop trail with a gentle slope and interpretive signs to teach visitors about plants, animals, soil, and people of the Chihuahuan Desert.



Arroyo Trail (0.4 mile)

Walk along the edge and bottom of an arroyo that carries runoff from the Doña Ana Mountains after heavy rain. An interpretive sign teaches how scientists read soils in the arroyo walls to learn about past climate in the desert. This trail connects the Yucca and Desert Discovery Trails. Some sections are very sandy.



Yucca Trail (0.5 mile)

Connecting the Gateway to the Desert and Arroyo Trails, this gently sloping trail takes visitors by large yuccas and into the heart of the Nature Park.



Gateway to the Desert Trail (0.6 mile)

This easy, flat loop trail provides an introduction to the sights, sounds, and smells of the desert. Interpretive signs explain the Doña Ana Mountains, plants, animals, and local science of the desert. The trail intersects the Yucca Trail, providing access to the other Park trails.

