

**Beat the Heat @ Desert Adventures**

# **MT. LEMMON**

## **Campout**

**Friday, June 4, 2010 - Sunday, June 6, 2010**

A beautiful weekend camping on Mt. Lemmon near 8000 ft. surrounded by the cool pines above Tucson is a great way to beat the heat this summer. We've got the Whitetail Group Campsite No. 5 reserved. It has a large Ramada, electricity, water, grills, and terraced tent sites along the hill.

Getting to the campsite is a memorable trip up the Sky Island Scenic Byway (see reverse), a recently improved road that has changing vegetation from the desert floor to the fir tree forest above. Figure about two hours from Phoenix to Tucson and another hour up the hill.

Great hiking trails are nearby. An organized hike is planned for Saturday. In addition there are many things to explore up on the mountain. The Mt. Lemmon ski area operates its lift year-round. The Iron Door restaurant is open for lunch. The little vacation village of Summerhaven is only four miles up the road.

The campsite is quite spacious and optimized for tent camping, which is strongly recommended. The improved terraced sites are perfect for tenting. This is the time to try that old tent again. Parking space is limited to about 15 vehicles. Pickup bed campers are OK. Please do not bring any other type of camper without talking with Doug first.

A Saturday meal is planned for 5:00 PM, and those wishing to come for the meal only are welcome. We hope that people from Phoenix and Tucson will join us for the hikes and meal.

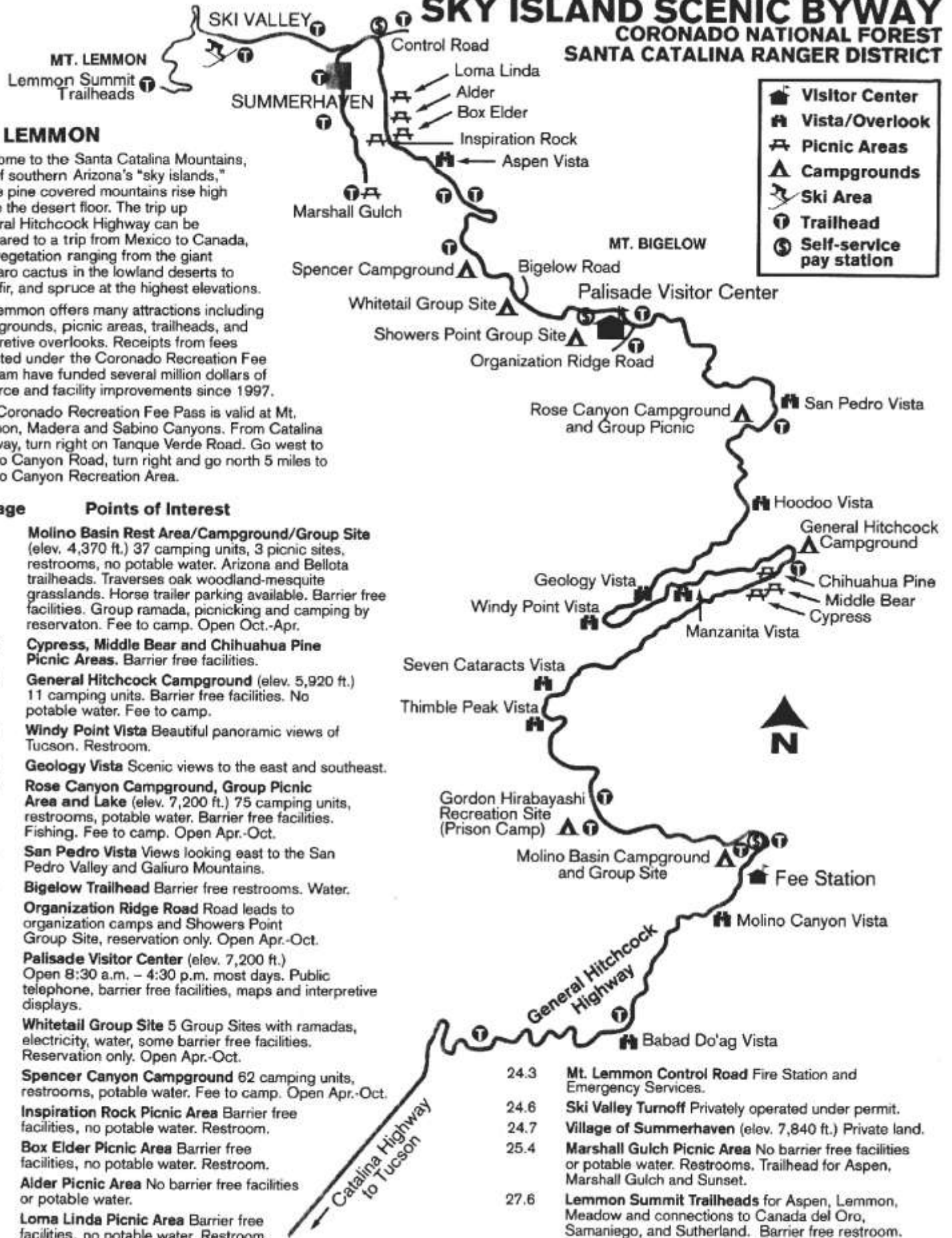
Directions from Phoenix: take I-10 east to **Ina Rd** Exit 248. Turn left under the highway and go approx. 13 miles to **Kolb Rd.** (Ina changes to Skyline then Sunrise on the way.) Turn right, and go approx. 4 miles to **Tanque Verde Rd.** Turn left, and follow Tanque Verde 3 miles to **Catalina Highway.** Turn left on to Catalina. *There is a "last chance" shopping mall on your immediate right.* Go approx. 20 miles up the Catalina to **Whitetail Campground.** If you are camping, you do not have to pay at the fee station on the way up. **Do not** attempt to use the control road on the north side of Mt. Lemmon through San Manuel unless you are driving a tank.

**Price for the campout and meal is \$25 per member/\$30 per non-member. Price for only the Saturday meal only is \$10 per member/\$12 per non-member.**

**Hosts are Doug in Phoenix and Peter in Tucson. For more information contact Doug in the Phoenix area at 480.991.6513 - Peter in Tucson at 520.881.8276.**

# SKY ISLAND SCENIC BYWAY

## CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT



### MT. LEMMON

Welcome to the Santa Catalina Mountains, one of southern Arizona's "sky islands," where pine covered mountains rise high above the desert floor. The trip up General Hitchcock Highway can be compared to a trip from Mexico to Canada, with vegetation ranging from the giant Saguaro cactus in the lowland deserts to pine, fir, and spruce at the highest elevations.

Mt. Lemmon offers many attractions including campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, and interpretive overlooks. Receipts from fees collected under the Coronado Recreation Fee Program have funded several million dollars of resource and facility improvements since 1997.

Your Coronado Recreation Fee Pass is valid at Mt. Lemmon, Madera and Sabino Canyons. From Catalina Highway, turn right on Tanque Verde Road. Go west to Sabino Canyon Road, turn right and go north 5 miles to Sabino Canyon Recreation Area.

### Mileage

### Points of Interest