

Sky Islands Scenic Byway and Mt Lemmon Recreation Sites and Recreation Pass Information

The 27-mile Sky Islands Scenic Byway offers more than 30 points of interest and recreation sites with activities such as camping, hiking, biking, rock climbing and picnicking. Fees are required at 11 day use sites listed below as well as three Forest Service-operated campgrounds, and four concession-operated campgrounds. All remaining sites along the Byway are free. Day use sites and campgrounds where fees are required are clearly marked and have a convenient pay station located at the site. National Interagency Recreation Area passes, the Coronado National Forest Annual, Weekly and Day Passes are also honored at the sites listed below. Passes or on-site payment must be displayed on the dashboard or in the mirror of the vehicle.

Day Use Sites Requiring Display of Payment

- Molino Basin Picnic Area
- Cypress Picnic Area
- Middle Bear Picnic Area
- Chihuahua Pine Picnic Area
- Box Elder
- Inspiration Rock
- Alder Picnic Areas
- Loma Linda Picnic Area
- Marshall Gulch Picnic Area
- Mt. Lemmon Recreation Site
- Palisades Interpretive Visitor Center

Forest Service-Operated Campgrounds

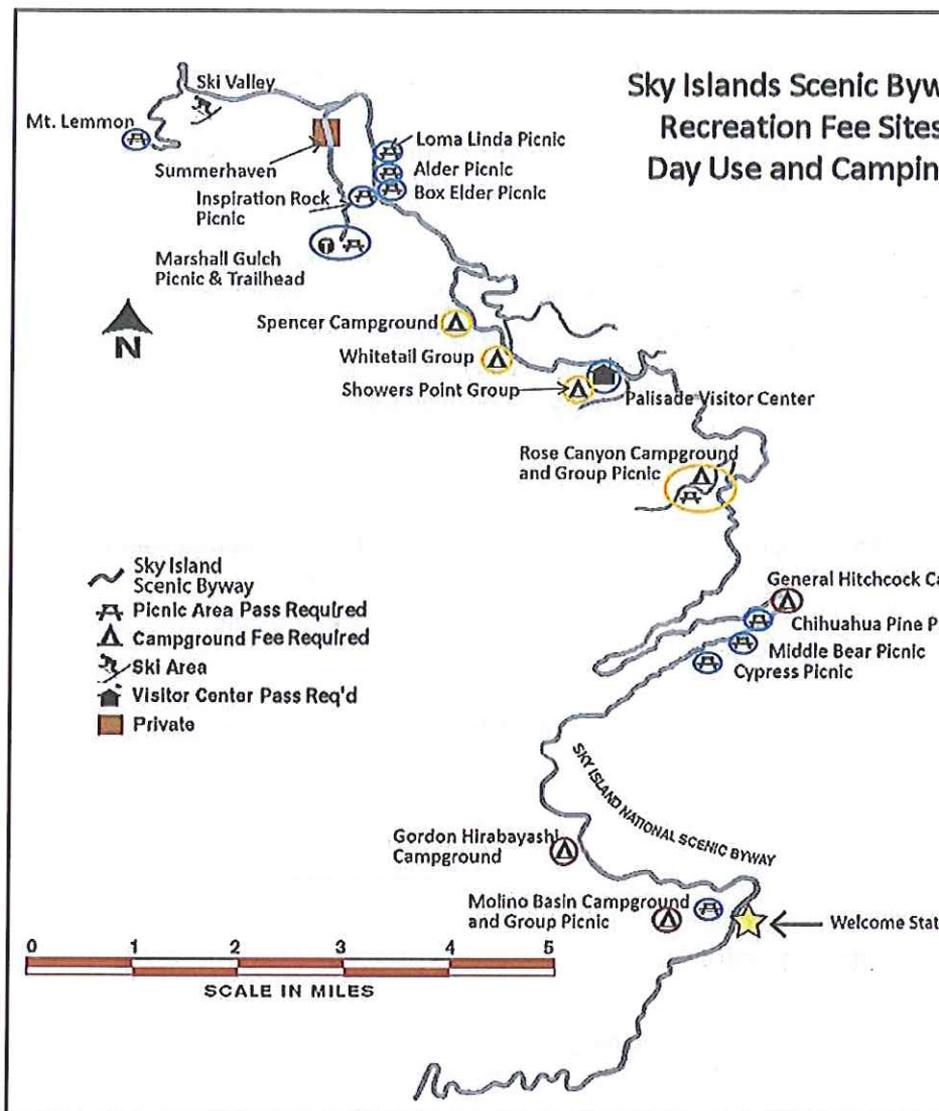
- Molino Basin
- Gordon Hirabayashi
- General Hitchcock

Concession-operated Campgrounds

- Rose Canyon Campground
- Area
- Whitetail
- Showers Point
- Spencer Canyon

Sky Islands Scenic Byway

The paved road that leads to the upper reaches of Mt. Lemmon and the Santa Catalina Mountains is one of the most scenic highways in the southwest. It provides access to a fascinating landscape of breathtaking vistas, outlandish rockscapes, cool mountain forests and deep canyons that descend onto broad deserts. Because the road starts in the Lower Sonoran vegetative life zone and then climbs to the high forests of the Canadian zone, it offers the biological equivalent of a journey from the deserts of Mexico to the forests of Canada in a short stretch of 27 miles.



The USDA Forest Service and Coronado National Forest are equal opportunity