
Hike the Marcus Landslide Interpretive Trail

Date: Tuesday, April 16th

Time: ***8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.*** Depart hotel at 8:00. Arrive at Tom's Thumb Trailhead at 8:50. Depart for hike at 9:00. Return to trailhead and board bus at 11:00. Return to hotel approx. 11:50 – Noon.

Location: Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Tom's Thumb Trailhead – 23015 North 128th Street, Scottsdale, AZ.

Lunch: Participants will eat lunch when they return to the hotel.

Description: Participants in this workshop will experience firsthand the spectacular scenery and incredible geologic history of the second largest landslide in Arizona. Interpretive signs along the trail discuss the geology of the region, with a focus on the Marcus Landslide, named in honor of the late Dr. Melvin Marcus, professor of geography at ASU. The Marcus Landslide Trail, completed in 2012, was made possible by a partnership between the City of Scottsdale, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Arizona State University, Paradise Valley Community College, and the Arizona Geologic Survey.

Participants will learn the overall history of the area and how it was initially slated to be a resort/residential development, and how the community came together to advocate for the land to be preserved, for the construction of the Lost Dog Wash Trailhead, and the trails in the area, which now all provide recreational access to the lands that the public taxed themselves to protect. In addition, hikers will learn about the coordination efforts between the City of Scottsdale and Maricopa County regarding trail connections across their shared boundary lines.