



Gates Pass

Nestled in the west side of Saguaro National Park, Gates Pass offers a stunning desert landscape and incredible location for sunset portraits with vibrant, golden light. The location is best right at sunset, but if you'd like to avoid the crowd, it makes a great morning spot as well. If you're lucky, we will even catch some wildflowers in the spring! Weekends can be fairly busy so weekdays here are recommended.

Accessibility



Crowding



Available Times



Pet-Friendly: No

Bathrooms: Yes

Outfit Advice

Recommended colors: blush, maroon, olive, cream & rust
Denim & other textured fabrics pop against the background

Great place for dramatic, formal outfits

Uneven ground isn't great for heels & uncomfortable shoes

Directions

Search "[Gates Pass Trail](#)" in your map service, and it will give you the correct directions!

Head west on Speedway Blvd to the end, and it will turn into Gates Pass Rd. Follow this road into the mountains and turn right into the lot at the last turn before the road heads down out of the mountains. Parking fills quickly so look out for empty spots!