



August

Spending Time in the MetroABQ Foothills:

High Elevation Garden Tour
from Glenwood to Kachina Hills

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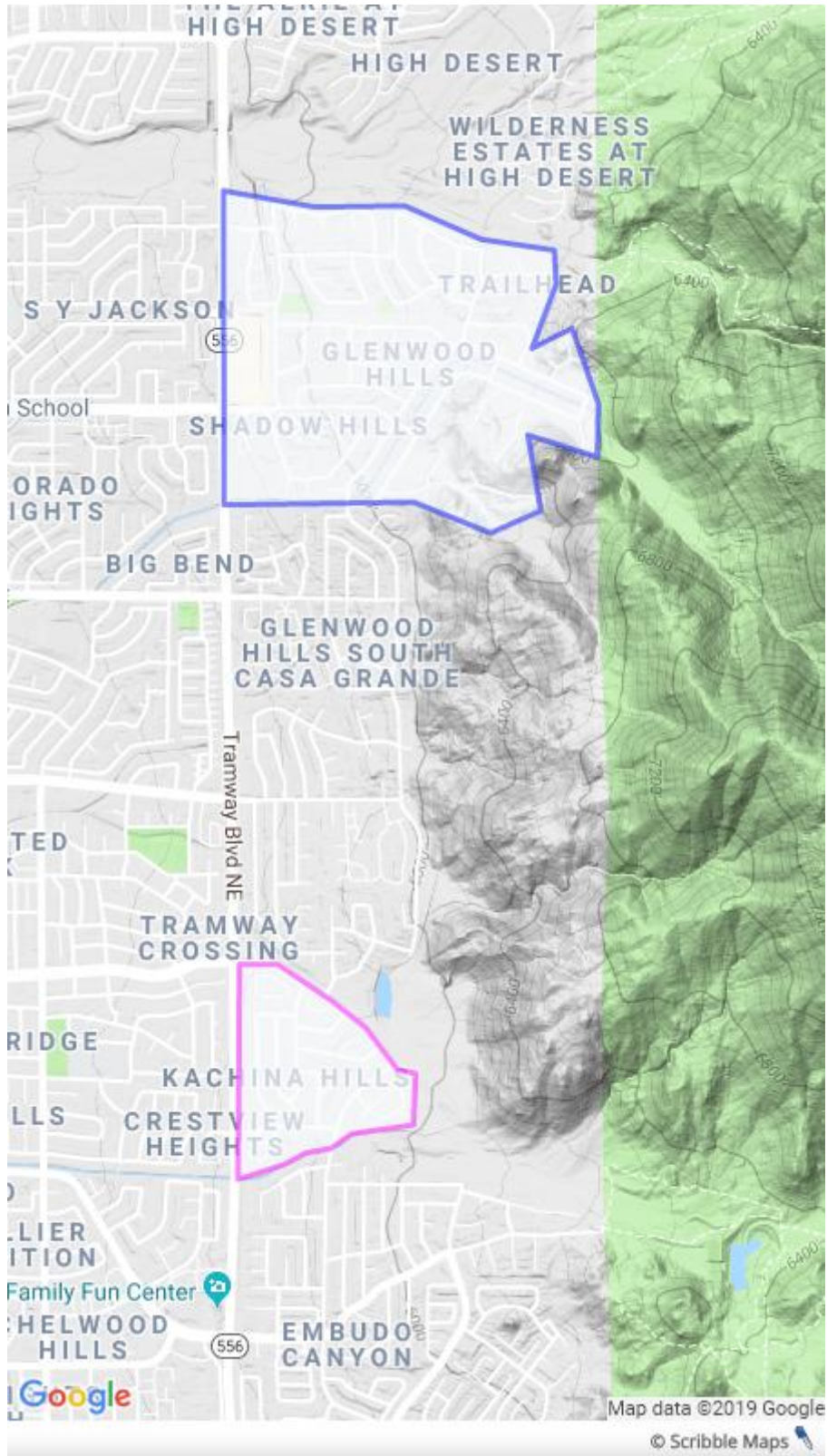
A Serene Sandia Heights Garden Home



This year's MetroABQ Garden Tour encouraged wandering through two fabulous & lush Foothills neighborhoods sitting along the Sandia Mountains Open Space. Sponsored by the Council of [Albuquerque Garden Clubs](#), the 46th annual garden-tour-around-town featured Kachina Hills & Glenwood Hills gardens, two neighborhoods that stretch from Tramway Blvd, east to the edge of the city, terminating at the bike path along the [Sandia Foothills Open Space](#).

It's an amazing area: from above it looks like a river delta flow-pattern that oozed to the edge of the two neighborhoods (see interactive map below). Up close, the ancient foothills topography includes numerous sloping hills that support hundreds of homes with stunning Downtown & Mesa views. Kachina Hills is a small neighborhood at the terminus of Embudo Canyon, one of the many west-facing Open Space/Wilderness trails that take you to the top of the Sandia Mountains, & to hundreds of more miles of [bicycle & walking trails](#).











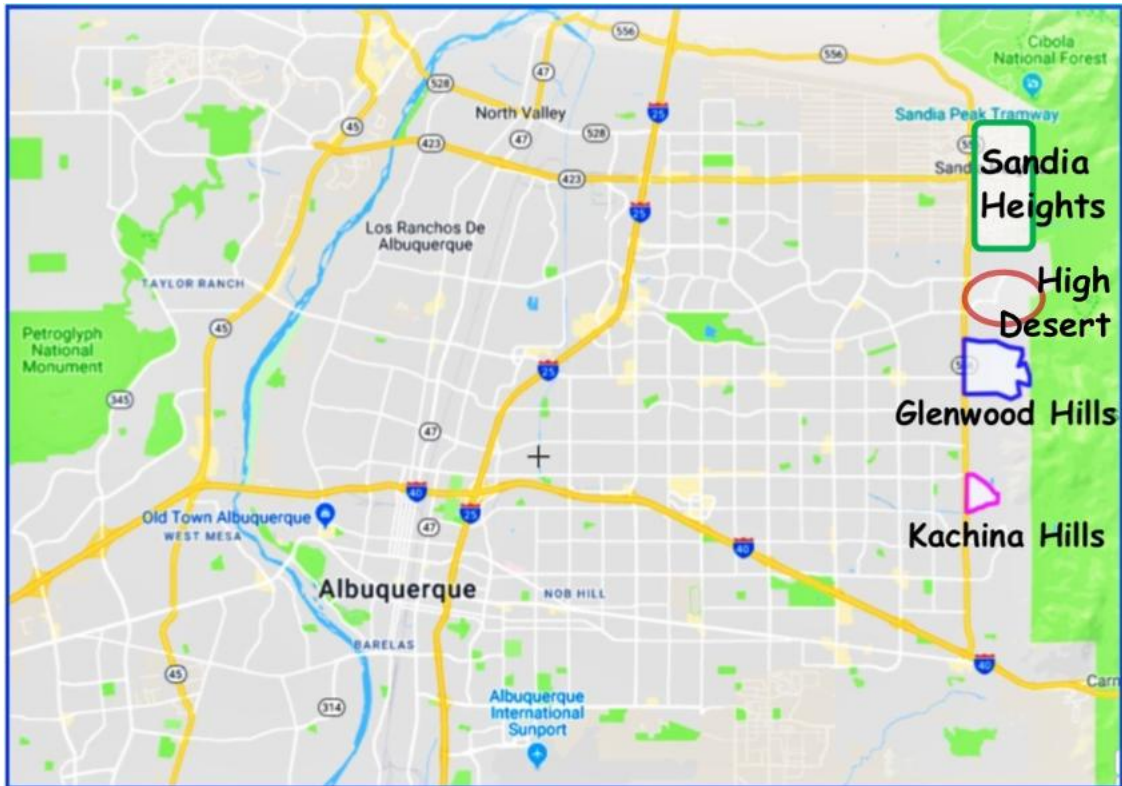


The Garden Tour began where east-west arterial Menaul Blvd ends, down the street from the Embudo Canyon Open Space [Trailhead](#), in Kachina Hills. The event included musicians playing at some of the gardens, & artists taking in the scenes on canvas. Above are images from Kachina Hills; below are images from Glenwood Hills.

Often the front façades of many of the homes belie the lush & extensive backyard gardens found just behind the courtyard walls. As with many of the tour stops in Glenwood Hills, backyard garden spaces opened up to the Foothills Open Spaces, creating vast backyard-adjacent greenspaces & forever views, below.







Heading further north along Tramway Blvd, you come upon High Desert, a newer master-planned community with more dense living along Tramway--apartments &

townhomes--& with less dense single-family homes as you head into the Foothills. The High Desert roadways zig & zag around arroyos & up into the hills, featuring much larger residential lots there, often sitting on many acres. The most expensive High Desert home I visited was listed for \$1,300,000, though homes there can sell for quite a bit above that...

Next up is the Elena Gallegos Open Space, an amazing diverse 640-acre park with the [Bear Canyon Arroyo](#) trail running down the middle of it, which is an easy & scenic 2.2 mile walking/biking path--an urban-to-mountains-&-back walk. The whole park wedges between the High Desert & Sandia Heights communities. At well over a mile high (6500'), & with stunning West Mesa & Mt. Taylor views, the drive into Bear Canyon is a sweet way to spend some time. Do you have time for a longer afternoon hike? Try taking the [Pino Trail](#) for a while--the forest scenery is profound, along with the MetroABQ views far below...

Finally, before you arrive at the [Sandia Peak Tram](#), you pass the exclusive neighborhood of Sandia Heights. Hugging the Sandia Mountains on the east just outside the MetroABQ city limits, the [homes in Sandia Heights](#) spread out along the Foothills, most sitting on almost-an-acre homesites.

Sandia Heights homes were designed to minimize intrusion with the surrounding greenspaces. Building the residences on only a portion of the full lot, allowing wildlife corridors on either side of homes, creating sometimes numerous outdoor courtyards, & citing the home to optimize the mesa &/or Sandia Mountain views are good examples. The community even includes wildlife corridor access around & through the higher-density townhomes/apartments closer to Tramway. All this allows the open spaces to be left natural & undisturbed, for the designated Foothills wildlife.

The image directly below is of a Bobcat kitty, relaxing outside a Sandia Heights courtyard, on [\(934\) Bobcat Boulevard](#) (of course), a prominent address about a half mile east of Tramway. More images from 934 Bobcat Boulevard are below.





I am honored to have just listed for sale a fabulous home in Sandia Heights. On .71acre, [934 Bobcat Boulevard](#) sits high up in the Foothills of the Sandia Mountains. The two wildlife images above were taken from the residence. Below is the entry courtyard with late spring iris in bloom, in one of several private patios & courtyard garden spaces that surround the residence. Three dramatic all-seasons Sandia views below are typically stunning; followed by the south courtyard sitting area scene. 934 Bobcat Boulevard will be available for [viewing this weekend...](#)







Welcome to the edge of the Sandia Wilderness Open Space!

I am proud to be holding open this fantastic Sandia Heights home:

-934 Bobcat Boulevard NE-

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 11th, from 1-3pm
See you there!!

There's a lot [more to love](#) about this home & property...
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When do you know that you've found it?



934 Bobcat Boulevard

In Sandia Heights

Four bedrooms & four baths, sitting on 3593sqft, including guest quarters with en-suite, & two living areas.
All surrounded by private courtyards & patios, beautifully positioned on .71 acres.



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When do you know you've found it? Maybe you'll be relaxing in your private courtyard at sunset, gazing at the spectacular, watermelon-color light-play reflecting from the Sandias. Maybe you'll know when you catch a fleeting glimpse of foothills wildlife in your south courtyard, like the Bobcat Kitten. There is a home in Sandia Heights that of course has the stunning Mountain & Mesa skyline views from the grand living room; there's the generous kitchen & dining areas for your large gatherings or intimate noshes, & the requisite private sanctuary spaces for relaxing are there.

934 Bobcat Boulevard is all that:

co-existing with nature through comfortable & seamless
four-season outdoor/indoor living is what sets this home apart.

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