

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

2025 Tohono O'odham Nation - Mali:na Project Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico

The Legislative Branch will operate the Visitor Center and the O'odham Campsite during the Mali:na pilgrimage. The following information is provided for Nation's members traveling to Mali:na.

1. What are the Tohono O'odham Visitor Center hours?

- Wednesday, Oct. 1 – 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- Thursday, Oct. 2 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- Friday, Oct. 3 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- Saturday, Oct. 4 – 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

- Sunday, Oct. 5 - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Small courtyard north of the plaza, next to the women's restrooms.

Note: Water and snacks will be available at the Visitor Center.

2. When is the O'odham Campsite open?

Opens: Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 12:00 PM

Closes: Sunday, Oct. 5 at 12:00 PM (24-hour access)

Campsite Guidelines:

- Reserved for tribal members staying more than one day.
- Registration at the Visitor Center is required before setting up.
- Overnight vehicles only are permitted inside the camp; day-use parking is not allowed.
- Space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Location: The campsite is located south of the church in Magdalena. A map will be provided at the Visitor Center and shared electronically.

3. Who do I contact in case of an emergency or for questions about the Mali:na Project?

For emergencies such as illness or injuries, or for any questions or concerns regarding the Mali:na Project, please contact:

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4. What security and safety measures are in place at the campsite?

- The campsite is fenced with a chain-link gate.
- Local police officers will patrol the area.

5. Will there be larger crowds this year?

Yes. Larger crowds are expected because Saturday, Oct. 4 falls on the weekend.

6. What should I bring for the campsite?

- Warm clothing (nights and mornings are cold).
- Sun protection: hat, sunscreen, refillable water bottles.
- Shade: No covering is provided at the campsite—bring canopies, umbrellas, or tarps.

7. Are restrooms and showers available at the campsite?

Yes. Portable restrooms and showers will be available at the campsite.