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Let The Boating Season Begin!

Arizona's Annual Celebration Of The Outdoors Expands To Include The Arizona Boat Show™

The 14th annual Arizona International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) will fill the University of Phoenix Stadium Feb. 20-23 with an expanded list of outdoor products. Open to the public, the expo will draw more than 15,000 attendees from the Valley and throughout Arizona.

The expo will spotlight 300 companies: manufacturers and retailers; local, regional and international destinations; guides and outfitters; travel bureaus; enthusiast clubs and groups; and nonprofit organizations representing a wide range of outdoor interests. The ISE also presents campers, trailers and a huge selection of off-roading vehicles, including UTVs, ATVs, trucks and 4x4s.

ISE's new, co-located Arizona Boat Show™ will feature 11 local marine dealers presenting 20 national sport- and fishing-boat brands. 2014 watercraft for sale will in-

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BOATS, BOATS, AND MORE BOATS — Scott Samuelson of Swimplatforms.com will be among many from the boating community to be part of ISE's new, co-located Arizona Boat Show™. The show will feature 11 local marine dealers presenting 20 national sport- and fishing-boat brands. For sale among the 2014 watercraft will be wakeboard and ski boats, fish/ski boats, family runabouts, party pontoons, deck boats, personal watercraft, kayaks and stand-up-paddle boards. A giant houseboat will be on hand, too, plus a wide selection of marine accessories for sale at show prices.



FREE! — Among the favorite and best-attended events of the year is Arizona Game & Fish's Outdoor Expo. Save the dates: March 29-30, 2014 and join the fun at Ben Avery Shooting Facility. One of the best parts of this family friendly, exciting event is that both admission and parking are free.

Mark Your Calendar For Game & Fish's 2014 Outdoor Expo One of Arizona's favorite outdoor events is free!

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo will be held on Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, 2014, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

The free event offers loads of activities, presentations and exhibits for everyone ranging from novices to seasoned outdoor recreationists. Activities and attractions include the following:

- Live wildlife exhibits (hawks, reptiles, small mammals, more),
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- Attend thrilling mounted cowboy shooting competition at the Royce W. Anderson Family Arena;
- View off-highway vehicle exhibits, the ATV simulator, and rock crawler demonstrations;
- See fishing demos and get tips from pros at the Fishing Demonstration Tank;
- View boating exhibits and learn

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Lake Havasu Boat Show Plans More Exhibitors, Attractions Than Ever

The count-down to the 23rd Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, presented by the Lake Havasu Marine Association, has begun. This year, the Lake Havasu Boat Show is one week earlier than usual, starting on Friday, April 11 and running through Sunday, April 13 at LakeHavasu State Park, Windsor 4 on London Bridge Road.

Enthusiasm For Exhibitors

"We needed to adjust the dates for the 2014 event since Easter weekend comes late this year," commented show organizer, Bob Brown. "But the minor date change certainly hasn't dulled the enthusiasm for boat

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Bob Brown, Lake Havasu Boat Show

BOATS R US — Arizona's largest boat show, the 23rd annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, is set for April 11-13 at Lake Havasu State Park. These gals are looking forward to not only the show itself, but also the NWSRA-sanctioned water-ski races on Saturday and Sunday and the special appearance of *Miss Geico*, the reigning 2013 offshore world champion. This will be the only opportunity in 2014 to see this remarkable 150+ mph race boat in person in the Southwest before it begins defense of its world title for the coming season.



Bob Brown, Lake Havasu Boat Show

ON THE COVER

Boats Are In!

Do blondes have more fun? Or, brunettes? Or, redheads?

Actually, the answer is all of the above plus anyone else who knows that "boats are in!"

Arizona's boating season is off to a fantastic start with the plethora of craft at the International Sportsmen's Expo and Arizona Boat Show, Feb. 20-23; at the Arizona Game & Fish Expo, March 29 and 30, and at the Lake Havasu Boat Show, April 11-13.

Fishing boats too will ply the waters of Lake Pleasant at the upcoming Bill Luke Bass Days, March 14-16, and in San Diego at the ever-popular Day at the Docks, April 13.

And, a highlight of the boating season is always LakeRacer LC's Desert Storm, April 23-27.

So, to all boaters, young and old, blonde, brunette, red or grey-haired, let's get out on the water and enjoy boating — safely, of course.

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Boating

River-Trip Applications Open

The National Park Service is accepting applications for noncommercial river trip permits to raft the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park/Page 2.



Land Cruising

The Chiricahuas Are Spectacular

The Chiricahuas are a sky island in Southeast Arizona and should be on hikers' "bucket lists" as an incredibly interesting destination/Page 13.





Grand Canyon Lottery For Next Year's Non-Commercial River Trip Permits Open

In early February, the National Park Service began accepting applications for noncommercial river trip permits to raft the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park.

The permits are for specific launch dates within calendar year 2015. A total of 461 permits will be available for 12- to 25-day river trips. Eligible individuals may apply online at the weighted lottery web site.

To access the web site, start from the park's main web page at www.nps.gov/grca and select "River Trips/Permits" then "Weighted Lottery". Applications will be accepted online through noon Mountain Standard Time on Feb. 25, 2014.

Each year in February, a main lottery is held to assign launch dates for river trips occurring the next year. Public notifications regarding main lotteries are made by both e-mail and news release. In addition to the annual main lottery, follow-up lotteries are held as needed throughout the remainder of the year to reassign canceled and/or left-over river trips. Public notifications for these follow-up lotteries are made through e-mail, an RSS feed, and Twitter (twitter.com/GCRiverPermits).

The weighted lottery web site can be accessed year-round to create or modify an

account and to sign-up to receive e-mail notifications. Individuals who are interested in a future noncommercial river permit are strongly encouraged to create an account. Lottery applications are accepted through the weighted lottery Web site only when lotteries are open.

Individuals must be 18 years or older to apply for a river trip permit. Noncommercial river trips must be self-guided, and technical whitewater experience is mandatory on each trip. Individuals may participate on a maximum of one recreational river trip per year (commercial or noncommercial).

Individuals interested in professionally guided river trips should not apply through the lottery, but instead request space on a commercial trip. A list of commercial companies offering guided trips can be found by visiting www.nps.gov/grca, selecting "River Trips/Permits", then "3 to 18 Day Commercial Trips".

For more information about the 2015 weighted lottery, please visit the Grand Canyon National Park web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/playyourvisit/whitewater-rafting.htm>, contact the River Permits Office at 1-800-959-9164 or 928-638-7884, or email us at grca_riv@nps.gov.



Margie Anderson

RAFT THE RIVER — In early February, the National Park Service began accepting applications for non-commercial river trip permits to raft the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. The permits are for specific launch dates within the calendar year 2015. A total of 461 permits will be available for 12- to 25-day river trips.

STORM PREDICTED FOR HAVASU — Once again, Lakeracer LLC and Teague Custom Marine have joined together to bring one of the best events in the country to you: Desert Storm. Another collection of the most significant performance boats across the nation are once again planning to converge on Lake Havasu Wednesday through Sunday, April 23-27.



A 'Desert Storm' Is On The Horizon

By Jim Nichols
Lakeracer LLC

radierie with the best people in performance boating.

Once again, Lakeracer LLC and Teague Custom Marine have joined together to bring the best event in the country to you! Another collection of the most significant performance boats across the nation are once again planning to converge on Lake Havasu in April 23-27.

Thursday's Excitement

Thursday will continue the excitement with our downtown Street Party, opening this year at noon. All of our participants and sponsors are invited to display their boats on McCulloch Boulevard which will be closed off for the event. Display and vendor booth areas can be purchased by our sponsors and the public. Last year's Street Party was spectacular and over 40,000 people turned out from all over the area, so of course we have to make it even bigger this year.

Wednesday's Kick Off

Wednesday kicks off the Desert Storm event with the Second Annual "Krusin for Kids". Underprivileged and special needs children and adults will be coming from all over Arizona to have their DREAMS come true, one KRUSE at a time. Volunteer participants will gather at the Nautical Resort and take our guests out on beautiful Lake Havasu for a "Kruise" and back into the Resort pool where they will enjoy a fun-filled day created just for them! Hosted by Lake Racer, Win Farnsworth, Teague Custom Marine and the Nautical Resort. We have teamed up with New Horizons who is bringing their clients and families to enjoy the festivities.

Registration and check in for the poker run and shootout will open Thursday night at the street party.

Friday's Take Off

Friday morning back at the Nautical Resort, the Poker Run takes off with registration, drivers meeting, and a parade through the London Bridge Channel beginning the run. With 5 card open from 10:45 am to 2:30 pm and a helicopter photo station from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, there is a lot of fun boating action.

Wednesday Evening - Lake Racer presents a silent and live auction at the Desert

That afternoon back at the Nautical Resort we have a waterfront concert and beach party with the poker run participants getting front row rafting privileges. We'll have water taxis available to bring you into card turn-in where we will open the cards and record the results, the winners will be

Storm open house, hosted by Oregon Custom Marine, one of the nicest performance boat dealerships in Lake Havasu. The proceeds from the auction will be presented to our charity so they can continue the amazing work they do for families in need. Join us for a great evening of cama-

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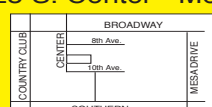
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Life Jackets save lives—especially in colder waters

In water under 49 degrees, half of boating accidents are fatal

Ask some boaters why they don't wear a life jacket and they'll most likely tell you they are a "strong swimmer" and don't need one. But in open water under 49 degrees, it doesn't matter how good a swimmer you are, without a life jacket you are more likely to drown.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds winter boaters that their life jackets are even more important in the colder winter months. According to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, when the water temperature is 49 degrees or less, fifty percent of boating accidents are fatal. Sixty-six percent of those who drown were thought to be "good swimmers," and 55 percent of open water drownings occur within ten feet of safety.

"Wearing a life jacket before you end up in cold water and knowing what to do in the first few minutes can make the difference between becoming a statistic or a survivor," said Recreational Boating Safety Specialist Paul Newman of the U.S. Coast Guard Eleventh District, which includes Arizona. "A life jacket can buy you time and increase your chances of survival."

The first minute in cold water can be especially deadly because the human body reacts to the cold temperature by gasping deeply. Swimmers who gasp while underwater can take more than a liter of water into their lungs, making it impossible to reach the surface to breathe. If they survive the next ten minutes, the cold water saps the body's ability for meaningful motion, making it difficult to swim, tread water, climb out or signal for help.

After an hour in cold water, hypothermia sets in, the swimmer loses consciousness and drowns.

Wearing a life jacket can help keep your head above water, help keep you warm and keep you afloat even when you're exhausted. Newman said there are plenty of good reasons to always wear your life jacket, especially in the winter months.

"A life jacket can buy you time and keep you alive in cold water, but it won't help unless you're wearing it," said Newman. "Getting into the habit of always wearing your life jacket, especially when the water is cold, is the very best way to reduce the chances of drowning."

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

February 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 22 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	February 22 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637 or (623) 236-5417

March 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 1 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	March 1 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Suddenlink Center 2380 3rd Street, Room 704 Bullhead City	\$30	(928) 219-4836 jcarpie1@gmail.com
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 15 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Kayak Class)	Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 West Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 8 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	March 8 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 437-0944
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 8 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E Broadway Road Tempe	\$0	(623) 236-7219
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STOP INVASIVE SPECIES

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Enforcing Arizona Boating Laws

The boating laws of Arizona are enforced by Arizona Game and Fish Department officers, county deputy sheriffs, municipal officers, park rangers, and any other state-commissioned law enforcement officers. The officers have the authority to stop and board vessels to check for compliance with state laws. The U.S. Coast Guard has federal enforcement authority on all federally controlled waters.

- ◆ When hailed by an officer, the operator of a vessel must immediately stop and maneuver in such a way as to permit the officer to come alongside.
- ◆ Failure to obey an order or to comply with an officer will result in an enforcement action up to and including arrest.
- ◆ Officers may issue citations and may order an operator of a vessel back to shore to correct a violation. Some Arizona waterways — like the Colorado River — are shared with other states. On these shared waterways, laws from these other states apply — as well as federal regulations. To ensure that you are obeying all applicable laws, make sure you are knowledgeable about all the laws and regulations for the specific waterway you are using.
- ◆ Officers also may establish checkpoints on the waterways to ensure public safety.



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National Park Service Requests The Public's Input On Two Plans

Quagga/Zebra Mussel Comprehensive Management

As of January 2014, approximately 1,300 adult quagga mussels have been found and removed from Lake Powell. We are finding additional adult mussels as the season progresses.

The Quagga-Zebra Mussel Management Plan (QZMP) is needed to help the NPS decide what tools are appropriate to support the ongoing management of invasive mussels in Glen Canyon now that quagga mussels are present in Lake Powell.

The QZMP will consider changes to the existing prevention and monitoring efforts, and would include analysis of potential control, containment, and other park management actions. The plan will also consider options for providing a sustainable funding source.

The NPS has used a variety of tools to support extensive mussel prevention efforts for several years. This has included education efforts, monitoring, and inspection, decontamination, and quarantine of incoming boats as necessary. The NPS is seeking input to help develop the QZMP during the public scoping period from through March 7.

For more information, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/qzmp>.



Aerial View Of Rainbow Bridge

odic flood events. In 2013, a large section of the trail was damaged during a flash flood. Although short-term repairs were made to provide interim visitor access, a long-term trail repair is still needed.

The proposed Rainbow Bridge Trail Improvement Plan will also evaluate the feasibility of improving universal accessibility to comply with Outdoor Accessibility Guidelines and will evaluate the potential to develop a new trail segment around Rainbow Bridge to provide one continuous path from the shore of Lake Powell to the monument boundary.

Currently no trail around Rainbow Bridge exists and visitors are asked to not walk under Rainbow Bridge in recognition of the sacred nature of this site to several Indian Tribes.

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate different trail improvement alternatives. The Rainbow Bridge Trail Improvement EA (RABR EA) will be developed through a public process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

Public comment is welcome through March 7. For more information, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rabr-trail>.

Another opportunity for input will follow after the public release of both the above plans.

Rainbow Bridge Trail Improvement

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area proposes to develop a trail improvement plan for Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

A trail management plan is needed to support the ongoing maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement of the existing trails within Rainbow Bridge National Monument, including the trail from the dock on Lake Powell and the overland trail that enters the monument from the adjacent Navajo Nation.

The existing trail from the lake is affected by fluctuating lake levels and peri-



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BoatUS Comments On Future Of Federal Aids To Navigation

In a hearing before the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held early February to review the future of the federal government's navigation programs and aids to navigation, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) submitted comments urging the federal agencies faced with lower budgets to keep the needs of recreational boaters in mind when looking at future savings and efficiencies.

Aids to navigation include items such as floating and lit buoys, fixed markers, sound signals and range markers that allow boaters to safely navigate.

In an opening statement, Subcommittee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), stated, "In an age of electronic communications and digital technology, I am interested in the savings and efficiencies that can be gained through an e-navigation system, as well as the progress we have

made in implementing e-navigation. However, I am also concerned that as an e-navigation system is built out, adequate redundancies and back-up systems are put in place to ensure safety."

While BoatUS acknowledged that the US Coast Guard's aids to navigation mission is understandably focused on supporting commercial shipping and fishing, "We ask that the needs of more than 12 million registered recreational boats also be considered as the Committee reviews these programs.

"Unlike commercial vessels, recreational boats are much less likely to have sophisticated electronics needed to access some of the newer proposed systems such as virtual buoys. There is still a significant need for the tried and true physical aids to navigation in areas such as shallow draft harbors and channels where

boaters operate."

Also commenting about the collection of data used to create nautical charts, BoatUS said there was a "backlog of need to survey areas with active recreational boating populations." The national boat owners group also acknowledged and thanked NOAA's Office of Coast Survey for being responsive to boaters needs with a change in a plan that would not have included "the Magenta Line", or Atlantic/Gulf Intracoastal Waterways, on new charts.

Instead, the Office has undertaken an innovative program that will use verifiable "crowd source" information combined with survey data to maintain the Magenta Line.

To see the full BoatUS comments, go to www.BoatUS.com/Aidstonavigation-comments.



KEEP US IN MIND — BoatUS recently spoke to a government panel on navigation programs, urging agencies to keep recreational boaters in mind when debating any future cost savings.

Instructors Needed

From Rob Gibbs
Arizona Sailing Foundation

The Arizona Sailing Foundation is excited to be offering the Adult Beginning Sailing program again this spring. As always, this program promises to be very rewarding for everyone who participates — for both teachers and students.

If you love sailing, we would like to invite you to come share your knowledge and go sailing for an afternoon or two with newbie sailors in the Capri 14.2s at Tempe Town Lake. The dates are Feb. 15, March 1, March 15, and March 29.

On-the-water classes start at 1 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake; we ask that you arrive early and be ready by 12:30. There will be a lead instructor assigned each day to help direct things. We finish at 5pm.

Please email RobDaSailor@gmail.com with the date you would like to help out.

TOP 10 PIECES OF GEAR FOR RUNABOUTS

Better To Think Of These As Requirements, Not Options

There's a lot to be said for owning small runabouts, center consoles or bow riders. While they are affordable, easy to store, and can keep everyone in the family happy, they have their limits, though, if you want to venture into coastal waters and big lakes.

But these journeys can still be done, with the right ten pieces of equipment. Here's what Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) recommends should be aboard every boat 20 feet or smaller:

Paddles

If your engine quits, paddles are your propulsion. Keep the outboard or stern-drive down for a rudder, and if you've got a buddy or a spouse aboard, you can make decent headway. A T-handle paddle, the kind used for whitewater canoeing, gives you a great grip. The aluminum shaft is light and strong, as is the high-impact plastic blade.

Those materials don't mind sitting out in the weather, either. Make sure they're at least five feet long.



A WORD TO THE WISE — What happens if your engine quits, or you want to anchor overnight in a quiet cove? Stowing two anchors with different line lengths gives you options. Chain between line and anchor also helps. And, don't forget a few docklines.

Dry Box

Small boats typically lack dry storage. Large, plastic marine dry boxes with lids with O-rings seal out moisture and an extra-deep model can hold the radio, smartphone, flashlight, GPS and more, leaving them dry when you need them.

Anchors And Line

Some small-boat manufacturers barely leave space for a lunch hook. But what happens if your engine quits, or you want to anchor overnight in a quiet cove?

Stowing two anchors with different line lengths gives you options. Chain between line and anchor also helps. And don't forget a few docklines.

Wearable Life Jacket

Luckily, life jacket design has evolved and you can find Type III vest-style models that are comfortable to wear all day. Plenty of small-boat owners wear inflatable jackets.

They're more buoyant, but more costly and require some care. Your best choice is any life jacket you'll always wear.

Compatible Power Source For Electronics

When your cell phone runs out of juice during a nautical emergency, that's a crisis. Same goes for your flashlight, handheld GPS unit and VHF radio.

Get devices that run on the same power source such as AA batteries and stow and extra sealed pack of batteries in the dry box.

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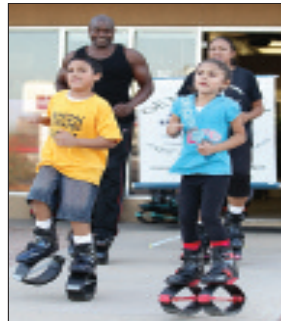
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Eight Ponds Have Received First Community Fishing Program Stockings

From Phoenix to Maricopa, eight ponds received their first Community Fishing Program fish stockings during one day between Feb. 10 and 15.

Already since Jan. 1, the expansion of the program formerly known as the Urban Fishing Program has included the first catchable stockings at Pioneer Lake in Peoria and Riverview Lake in Mesa.

The expansion continues with the first of scheduled stockings that will take place every two months. A total of 815 pounds of trout will be delivered to the eight ponds in the following cities:

Gilbert: Discovery Ponds (Discovery Park, 2214 East Pecos Rd.) and McQueen Pond (McQueen Park, 510 N. Home St.).

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Maricopa: Pacana Pond (Pacana Park, 19000 N. Porter Rd.).

These waters had been stocked by their respective cities.

"The more opportunities for friends and families to get outdoors and enjoy the heritage-rich tradition of fishing, the better," said interim Community Fishing Program Manager Joann Hill. "It's just an exciting time to be an angler in Arizona."

Fish stockings are yet to come in March at Maricopa's Copper Sky Lake. Also, in April, lakes and ponds in Yuma (West Wetlands Pond, Fortuna Lake and Redondo Lake) and Somerton (Council Avenue Pond.) will receive catfish from the CFP. Trout stockings for Yuma area lakes will continue as scheduled in past years.

For more information on the CFP, including maps, fish stocking schedules, regulations and fishing tips, pick up a new and expanded 2014 Community Fishing Guidebook that is available at more than 300 license dealer locations and Game and Fish offices. The guidebooks are free.



**St. Patrick's Day
March 17th**

IT'S BIG!

Get Ready For Bill Luke Bass Days

Bill Luke Bass Days is the Southwest's largest family fishing tournament and festival — held March 14, 15, 16 at Lake Pleasant. This year's is sure to be one of our biggest events!

For the fishermen, we are featuring over \$50,000 in cash prizes. For everyone, we will have a day and night time festival featuring a Cornhole Tournament, carnival rides, vendors, food, wildlife exhibits and live music.

Tournament Prize List

The prizes for this year's Bass Days Tournament are spectacular. This year's overall big bass will take home the \$10,000 Grand Prize, but daily winners take home over \$3,000. This year we have added 3 more hourly prizes each hour - now paying out the top 10 per hour

Sign-Up Has Begun

Online Entry/Sign Up began Jan. 8 and ends Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. But, don't worry; if you miss this date, you can still enter at the lake!

For the Cornhole Tournament, sign-up ends Thursday, March 13.

Tournament Times

The Bill Luke Bass Days 2014 Fishing Tournament starts at sunrise on Friday, March 14 at 4:30 a.m. and goes until Sunday, March 16 — with the scales opening at 7:30 a.m.

The Cornhole Tournament starts with registration from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, and the event itself goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More About The Cornhole Tournery

Bill Luke Bass Days 2014 is hosting its second annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 15. Open to the public, the cost is \$60 per team, with payouts for the top four teams: \$1,500, \$750, \$500, and \$250. Come out and enjoy the weather and enjoy a cool beverage while tossing some bags in our huge grass area lakeside. Enter online.

Tournament Fishing

Bill Luke Bass Days is a bass, catfish, and carp tournament at Lake Pleasant in Peoria, Ariz. Qualifying fish for the general bass tournament are the largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

Bill Luke Bass Days is all about fishing and family. We take pride in our practices and work closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and other wildlife or-

ganizations to ensure the fish are released humanely. Our in-house deep release procedures allow us to release all of the fish back into the habitat without use of side fizing or other needling practices.

Striped Bass Option

If you participate in the striped-bass option, you can bring in striped bass to be weighed. ("Stripers" can be quite large.)

ACCA Catfishing

This year we are proud to welcome the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association. The Arizona Catfish Conservation Association, (ACCA) is a non-profit organization with the goal to promote awareness and conservation for catfish in AZ lakes and rivers.

The participants will catch Channel Catfish on Friday and Saturday, and Flat-head Catfish on Saturday night.

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San Diego Day At The Docks Set For April 13

Port of San Diego each year launches the summer season with an incredible Day at the Docks event that in 2011 showcases a \$3.5 million redevelopment of San Diego's Sportfishing Landings. Day at the Docks celebrates the beginning of the sportfishing season in what is recognized as the world's largest, most modern sportfishing fleet at America's Cup Harbor on San Diego Bay.

This year, the San Diego Day at the Docks Festival will be on Sunday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and it's free. Join fellow anglers for an incredible day of fun at the Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma.

Famous for its first-class accommodations and access to some of the best saltwater sportfishing, many of the fleets vessels will be open for the public to browse through, and even take mini-boat and kayak rides on some craft.

Among the highlights of the annual one-day event that has been a favorite now for 32 years are guest speakers, demos, giveaways, and raffles for prizes such as thousands of dollars of fishing equipment donated by sponsors and exhibitors.

Live entertainment includes great San



Gary Graham

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Diego bands, and the highlight for some is the casting competition. Captains' Dunk Tank, plus kid's fishing and art contests, all are free (except for raffle purchase and any vendor sales).

Highlights

West Marine San Diego Bay-based sportfishing fleet will take kids fishing for

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Canyon Lake

THE REEL DEAL

There's Never A Better Time Than Now To Fish Arizona

From AZGFD

Hello, anglers, It's a good time to round up some swim baits and Roboworms and head to the Phoenix area (if you aren't already there) to do some bassin'.

High temperatures are beginning to rise back into the 70s. We're stocking rainbow trout into Canyon Lake, land of the lunkers. Avoid Canyon Lake if you want great catch rates, but for something to hang on the wall, come here and throw some big swim baits (that represent the stocked trout). Plus, the scenery is exceptional.

Apache Lake is a great fishing-camping spot. Anglers can catch smallmouth and largemouth bass, as well as yellow bass. With some luck, an angler can hook into a pesky, tasty walleye. Apache is being stocked until Feb. 10 with rainbow trout.

Speaking of walleye, we should be getting close to the early walleye bite at Lake Powell. Sounds like the striper action is pretty good. Be nice to get them both biting at the same time.

Haven't heard many good reports about crappie. The north end of Bartlett Lake is a good bet. Avoid Alamo Lake.

Finally, we've stocked rainbow trout until Feb. 10 into the following fisheries: Dead Horse Lakes, Fain Lake, Lynx Lake, Watson Lake, Apache Lake, Cluff Pond, Dankworth Pond, and Graham County Pond.

Beginning Feb. 10, we were scheduled to start dumping trout into Mingus Lake, Goldwater Lake, Canyon Lake, the Lower Salt River, Parker Canyon Lake, Patagonia Lake, and Pena Blanca Lake.

Get ready for more first-time stockings in the Community Fishing Program. The expansion continues with the first of scheduled stockings that will take place every two months. During one day from Feb. 10-15, a total of 815 pounds of rainbow trout will be delivered to the eight ponds in these following cities:

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Sportsmen's Open Forum To Be Held February 19

In a continuing effort to advance open two-way communication with stakeholders, the Arizona Game and Fish Department will host a Sportsmen's Open Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the department's headquarters at 5000 W. Carefree Highway in Phoenix.

There will be an interactive session to discuss issues that the department sees as important to its constituencies. There will also be time for open dialogue with those who would like to discuss issues that are of concern and/or importance to sportsmen.

The department is committed to a bi-monthly program of Sportsmen's Forums, not always to be held at the Arizona Game and Fish Department headquarters. To ensure a more effective forum, members of the department's Executive Team will facilitate the meeting.

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free on any open party 1/2 day, 3/4 day or full day fishing trip when accompanied by a paid adult with promotional coupon available at West Marine stores during May.

200 exhibits manned by experts in their respective fields will display fishing tackle, marine art, clothing, accessories and marine services.

* Raffles will be held to benefit The Burn Institute with thousands of dollars of fishing equipment, fishing trips and other

valuable prizes donated by sponsors and exhibitors.

There will be music and live entertainment from the Main Stage throughout the day.

Other highlights include casting and knot-tying competitions, a Captains' Dunk Tank, kids' fishing and art contests and more.

*Radio personality and lure manufacturer John "Hopalong" Cassidy will again be master of ceremonies for the Port of San Diego's 32nd Day at the Docks. (Hopalong can be heard live on Friday and Sunday evenings co-hosting the Rod &

Help Is Needed To Catch Deer Poacher

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is investigating the poaching of a mule deer doe that occurred the evening of Jan. 24 or possibly the following day on the Kaibab National Forest near Williams in Game Management Unit 8. The deer was found southwest of Bill Williams Mountain along U.S. Forest Service Road 122.

Officials investigating this case received information about the dead deer through the department's Operation Game Thief hotline. The deer was discovered about 20 yards from the road with an arrow wound through the lungs.

When the poaching occurred, an archery deer season for bucks only was

open. Officers investigating this case have very limited evidence and are requesting the public's help in solving this poaching.

Anyone with information regarding this case can call the department's Operation Game Thief Hotline toll free at (800) 352-0700 or use the online form at www.azgfd.gov/thief.

Callers should provide case number 14-000205 when calling. All calls may remain confidential upon request. A reward of up to \$250 may be available for information leading to the arrest of the violator(s).

To learn more about Operation Game Thief, visit www.azgfd.gov/thief.

Street and the sportfishing landings are on the left.

Parking And Shuttles

Parking is at a premium around the Landings during Day At The Docks. But don't worry, there's plenty of free parking on Shelter Island. Bright-red double-decker buses will be running all day providing free shuttle service from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to and from the festival.

For more information, visit <http://www.seecalifornia.com/festivals/san-diego-day-at-the-docks.html>

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These waters had been stocked by their respective cities. Be sure to keep up with the Community Fishing Program by signing up for the Community Fishing Bulletin.

Reel Radio Show on KCAA 1050 in the Inland Empire or on 540AM throughout the San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles areas. rodandreelradio.com.)

Directions

From Highway 5 South or Highway 8 West, exit at Rosecrans. Take Rosecrans 4.5 miles to North Harbor Dr., and turn left. Turn right on Scott Street; the sportfishing landings are on the left.

From Highway 5 North, exit at Hawthorne. Take Hawthorne to Harbor Drive, and turn right. Turn left on Scott



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Western Wildlife



Game And Fish Offers Additional Heritage Grants Award Opportunity

\$30,000 in grants are available for environmental and outdoor education projects.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has announced the availability of additional Heritage Grant awards in two categories for the 2014 grant cycle. Grant proposals will be accepted until Friday, March 14 at 5 p.m. MST in the environmental education and outdoor education categories.

Applicants should review the revised Heritage Grant eligibility funding windows (eligibility criteria) and application forms at www.azgfd.gov/w_c/heritage_apply.shtml to obtain specific guidance for goals and objectives listed within each grant category.

The grants are supported by revenue from Arizona Lottery sales and are available to projects that focus on wildlife. In the last grant cycle, Game and Fish used Heritage funds to award more than \$415,000 to 32 grant projects across Arizona. When combined with matching money from other sources, the projects being funded total nearly \$1 million in-



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Started in 1990, the Heritage Fund was established by Arizona voters to further conservation efforts in the state, including protecting endangered species, educating our children about wildlife, helping urban residents to better coexist with wildlife, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Over the years, Game and Fish has awarded more than \$13 million in grants to communities across the state. Arizonans can help raise money for the Heritage Fund every year simply by buying Arizona Lottery tickets.

Application proposals can be submitted either electronically to rbeck@azgfd.gov or mailed directly to Arizona Game and Fish Department, ATTN: Wildlife Grant Administrator, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. No faxed applications will be accepted.

More information on the grants and application forms can be found at www.azgfd.gov/w_c/heritage_apply.shtml or contact Robyn Beck at rbeck@azgfd.gov. For more information on the Heritage Fund, visit www.azgfd.gov/heritage.



Desert Bighorn Sheep

Closure Remains For Welfare Of Bighorn Sheep

From AZGFD

The Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina Ranger District, has released an updated map and Special Closure Order for the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Bighorn Sheep Management Area. The new map more clearly defines the east and north boundary of the management area through the use of National Forest System trails.

"Previous closure orders and maps relied heavily on descriptions using township, range, and sections or portions of sections for boundaries. Wilderness visitors often found these confusing and difficult to determine exactly where the boundaries are," said Deputy District Ranger Shalonda Guy. "The new map makes those boundaries much easier to identify."

Trails Within Pusch Ridge

Trails entirely within the Pusch Ridge Wilderness affected by the special closure order include Romero, Linda Vista, Finger Rock, Pontatoc, and Pima Canyon. Boundary trails affected by the closure order are Ventana Canyon, Cathedral Rock, and portions of Esperero, West Fork, Romero, and Sutherland Wash.

"It's important for the public to take note of the restriction on dogs along the boundary trails, especially on the Ventana Canyon Trail," said Larry Pratt, District Recreation Officer. "The Ventana Canyon section of trail has previously been open to dogs from the wilderness boundary to the junction with the Esperero trail. This will no longer be the case. From this point on dogs will be prohibited on that section of the trail."

Restrictions Placed, Affirmed

Restrictions were placed on the management area in 1996 and affirmed in 2001 to support the Arizona Game and Fish Department's project to reintroduce bighorn sheep onto their historic range in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

The updated special closure order states that it is prohibited to travel more than 400 feet off designated Forest Service trails from January 1 through April 30, during bighorn sheep lambing season (36 C.F.R. 261.53a).

The order also states it is prohibited to bring in, possess, or allow dogs, except seeing-eye dogs or handi-dogs in the area, including the boundary trails, year round (36 C.F.R. 261.58s). The order retains prohibitions on day use group size of more

Arizona Hunters Are Doing Their Part

Hunters continue to support Arizona's voluntary non-lead ammunition program despite supply challenges.

From AZGFD

Despite a nationwide shortage in non-lead ammunition, Arizona's hunters continued to demonstrate their support for the Arizona Game and Fish Department's voluntary lead reduction program in 2013 by using non-lead ammunition or removing gut piles from the field to benefit endangered California condors.

Surveys show that 88 percent of hunters took one of the two measures to reduce the amount of available spent lead ammunition in the condor's core range. The level of participation was equal to the previous year.

However, in addition, more than double the number of hunters (31) buried or covered their gut pile to prevent condors from scavenging on them, a measure that is not

included in the total statistics.

Arizona Successful

"Maintaining a high-level of voluntary participation in the department's non-lead program at a time when non-lead ammunition was very hard to find, as well as setting a record for the number of gut piles removed or buried, demonstrates a clear willingness by hunters to help conserve condors," said Allen Zufelt, the condor program biologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Arizona has a proven and successful program that now serves as a model to Utah as they work to implement similar lead-reduction measures in the condor's newly expanded range."

Of the 88 percent of successful big game hunters who voluntarily took lead reduction efforts, 60 percent used non-lead ammunition during the fall hunts in the condor's core range. Another 28 percent removed gut piles from the field.

Hunters who removed lead-fragmented gut piles from the field were eligible to win raffle prizes. Some of the winners of this year's raffle include —



California Condor

- Navajo deer hunt — Rebecca McEuen, Casa Grande
- Cabelas \$300 gift card — Travis Smith, Glendale
- Grand Canyon Railroad trip — Andrew Fierro, Phoenix
- River Trip — Archie Bazan, Winslow
- Pendleton blanket — Brittany Wilson, Page

Lead poisoning has been identified as the leading cause of death in condors and the main obstacle to a self-sustaining population in Arizona. A number of scientific studies collectively provide evidence that spent ammunition is the primary source of lead exposure in condors.

The department started offering free non-lead ammunition in 2005 to hunters drawn for hunts in the condor's core range, which includes Game Management Units 12 A/B and 13A.

The free non-lead ammunition program is supported in part by the Heritage Fund, a voter-passed initiative started in 1990 to further conservation efforts in the state, including protecting endangered species, educating children about wildlife, helping urban residents to better coexist with wildlife, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation. Funding comes from Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

Participation Has Jumped

Participation in the non-lead effort has jumped more than 40 percent from its initial levels in 2005.

Arizona firmly believes a voluntary lead reduction program not only works better (than a mandated measure), but results in longer-lasting change while upholding the original agreements made with local communities to gain their support for the condor's reintroduction. Those agreements or assurances were made possible

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'Civil War In The Southwest' Depicts Re-Enactments Of Southwest Civil War

Relive the skirmishes at Picacho Peak State Park on March 15-16.

Join Arizona State Parks for the annual historic re-enactment of an Arizona Civil War skirmish, Battle of Picacho Pass, and the New Mexico battles of Glorieta and Val Verde at "Civil War in the Southwest" at Picacho Peak State Park.

The three re-enactments will take place on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16, 2014. Activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days but gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and no further entry is allowed after 3 p.m.

Experience History

Visitors travel from around the country to experience these authentic historic re-enactments complete with lifestyles of the soldiers in the southwest during the 1860s.

More than 200 re-enactors come in from many states and will camp at Picacho Peak State Park with their Civil War-era camping gear.

There will also be food and beverage concessions available. Please bring plenty of water, hat, lawn chair and sunscreen. Please note that pets are not permitted to this event.

Civil War battles across America have been well documented and history teachers carefully covered each battle across the East Coast, but few ever learn what was happening in the West during this time.

One battle of the American Civil War was a skirmish fought near a rocky spire called Picacho Peak located between Phoenix and Tucson. The Interstate highway follows the old wagon route that passed Picacho in 1862.

New Mexico Territory

In 1860 the New Mexico Territory,

which consisted of the lands that would become the states of Arizona and New Mexico, was sparsely populated. It ranked 34th in population out of 43 states and territories with only 83,009 inhabitants. It was 37th in black population, with just eight of whom were free.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, the U.S. Government recalled the majority of its troops from the West to build the Union army for the fighting in the east. Henry Hopkins Sibley joined the Confederacy and convinced Jefferson Davis that he would raise an army in Texas and invade New Mexico territories. He proposed that mineral resources would fill the coffers of the Confederacy and fund their massive war effort.

To Learn More

For more information about the re-enactments, please visit AZStateParks.com or call Picacho Peak State Park at (520)



466-3183. This year the Civil War in the Southwest event is being coordinated with financial support from the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation, the Arizona State Parks Foundation and the Arizona Civil War Council.

Special Event Vehicle Entrance Fee is \$10 per vehicle for up to 4 persons, each additional person is charged \$3. The entrance fee for pedestrians and bicyclists is \$3 per person. There is no charge for children aged 13 and younger. Pets are not permitted in the event area. The park is located off I-10, on exit 219; 60 miles south of Phoenix, and 40 miles north of Tucson.

Arizona State Parks Announces Funding For Trail Projects Deadline

Arizona State Parks is offering funding from the state Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund (OHV) and the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) fund for motorized and non-motorized trail projects.

Project sponsors must complete an application package and submit it to Arizona State Parks by the deadline on Friday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.

Eligibility

Eligible project sponsors include governmental entities (cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies) that have a legal responsibility to provide outdoor recreation related opportunities to the public. A governmental entity may need to secure a signed resolution authorizing the application for a project grant.

Organizations, clubs, businesses, and other groups may enter into a cooperative agreement with an eligible project sponsor and participate as a third party.

Monies Available

There is approximately \$1 million in the OHV Recreation Fund and \$1.3 million in the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) fund. RTP funds are divided between motorized and non-motorized projects. Motorized projects may receive up to \$300,000 in OHV grant funds without a match.

Projects requesting more than the \$300,000 must match the grant funds over \$300,000 equally up to a maximum of \$500,000 in total grant funds. Non-motorized projects are capped at \$80,000 for grants and \$30,000 for the State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program. RTP funds require a 6 percent match and National Environmental Policy Act compliance.

To Apply

Grant application manuals and forms are available to download from the State Parks website: AZStateParks.com on the Grants Program and Trails Program pages or by contacting Robert Baldwin at (602) 542-7130 or e-mail [rbaldwin\(at\)azstateparks.gov](mailto:rbaldwin(at)azstateparks.gov). The deadline for the completed application package is Friday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.



OHV, RTP TRAILS —

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A GRAND GIFT — Grand Canyon Association (GCA), the official nonprofit partner of Grand Canyon National Park, today announced a \$1 million donation from Arizona Public Service (APS) that will establish the Grand Canyon Trails Forever Endowment to help preserve and protect Grand Canyon's trails.

Grand Canyon Association Receives \$1M From Arizona Public Service

Donation establishes Trails Forever Endowment at Grand Canyon National Park.

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This is one of the most significant private, philanthropic gifts in Grand Canyon's history.

Trail Maintenance
The Trails Forever endowment will

provide on-going funding vital to help maintain the approximately 350 miles of trail at Grand Canyon National Park, 126 miles of which receive scheduled maintenance by the National Park Service. The Park has a current maintenance backlog of over \$300 million; \$44 million of that backlog is attributed to the trail system.

This endowment will assist Grand Canyon's trail crew maintain and improve many more miles of backcountry trails in addition to the popular main corridor trails like the Bright Angel Trail, South Kaibab and North Kaibab Trails and the River Trail. A portion of the APS gift was used to help renovate the Bright Angel Trail-head.

See **DONATION** on page 15

Tonto National Forest Announces Fee-Free Weekend

In honor of President's Day, day-use fees are waived Feb. 15-17.

Tonto National Forest joins other federal agencies in offering a fee-free weekend, Sat., Feb. 15 through Mon., Feb. 17 in honor of President's Day.

The remaining 2014 fee-free days honored by national forests are —

- June 14, National Get Outdoors Day**
- Sept. 27, National Public Lands Day**
- Nov. 8-11, Veterans Day Weekend**

"Our public lands are open to everyone, and we hope these free days offer an incentive to all people to visit any of the 193 million acres of land held in trust for their enjoyment and use," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

Traditionally, fees are not charged on 98 percent of national forests and grasslands, and approximately two-thirds of developed recreation sites in national forests and grasslands can be used for free. This includes opportunities such as camping and picnicking.

Day-use fees will be waived at all standard amenity fee sites operated by the forest for these listed dates. Camping and campground fees are not waived.

During all other times, the Tonto Pass is required at more than 50 recreation sites including Salt and Verde river locations, boat launch ramps, swimming areas, day use areas, and campgrounds.

A list of Tonto Pass vendor locations is available at the Tonto National Forest website, www.fs.usda.gov/tonto, or call the Tonto National Forest at 602-225-5200.

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CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Add This Sky Island To Your Bucket List

By Margie Anderson

The Chiricahua Mountains are a sky island in the southeast corner of Arizona – not a place you'd probably pass by on your way to somewhere else. But if you have never been there, you seriously need to add a visit to the Chiricahuas to your bucket list.

The rock formations are spectacular – you will see towering hoodoos, rocks that look precariously balanced, shady grottos, and miles of standing columns that might remind you of a gargantuan army marching in formation.

First Things First

When you first arrive, take the time to stop at the tiny graveyard just outside the entrance. Chiricahua pioneers rest there under the trees. Continue on into the National Monument to the Visitor Center. This is where you buy your permit, and you can also purchase maps and books. There are some exhibits here that explain some things about the monument, plus there are picnic tables in shady spots, and a couple of trails.

In fact, one of my favorite trails there was the short easy trail from the Visitor's Center to the Faraway ranch and/or Bonita Creek Campground. This trail passes through some lovely forest. We spotted more deer and birds on this trail than on any other in the area. Coues deer were everywhere, and didn't seem to mind us much at all.

There are benches here and there in case you'd like to sit and just look around. There are also some ruins, including two large fireplaces along the trail. You'll pass a pretty meadow, a streambed, and a hill, so you get plenty of opportunity to spot wildlife. One of the strangest things along the trail is a very tiny jail made by barring up a cave opening. Peering inside will give you instant claustrophobia. I'd have hated to be a prisoner there!



Faraway Ranch

Stop at the Faraway Ranch and find out when the tour starts. We took the tour and found out all kinds of interesting things about the ranch and the Ericksons who built it. The Faraway Ranch eventually ended up being a dude ranch, and you'll get to tour the two-story home and see the swimming pool. While you are waiting for the tour to start, be sure to check out the little building behind the wooden benches.

There are lots of old things in there to look at. There is a bell hanging from the tree by the benches, and when that bell begins to ring, the tour is about to start.

The road past the Visitor Center is a scenic drive that winds up the mountain and takes you past a million gorgeous views. The Visitor Center is at 5,400 feet and Massai Point at the end of the road is 6,870. When you plan your visit, bear that in mind – it can be chilly and even snowy from December to March, and in the monsoon season (July-September) there can be sudden dangerous thunderstorms with lightning.

Many Hiking Trails

Once you get to the top of the mountain there are many hiking trails to choose from. There are actually about 17 miles



of trails in the Chiricahua National Monument, and they are all amazing. There is a really nice 1/2-mile nature trail that I highly recommend. You will see a lot of great rock formations and learn a bit about the ecosystem around you. There is an exhibit building, too.

At Echo Canyon there are lots of hikes to choose from. When we were there, we found out that if you are at the Visitor's Center at 8:00 a.m. sharp, they have a shuttle that will take you to Echo Canyon Trailhead, and you can make the 7.3 mile hike back down the mountain to the Visitor's Center. On the way you'll see some of the most famous rock formations in the park. Be sure to ask about that when you are at the Visitor's Center.

I also highly recommend the Echo Canyon trail. Depending on how long you have, or how hard you want to hike, you can make this trail as short or as long as you want. But do at least go as far as the Grotto – you'll find yourself surrounded by gigantic stones that tower over the trail and form cool, shady rooms where you can sit and sip some water and enjoy the breeze.

Fort Bowie

Between Willcox and the Chiricahua National Monument is another great site – Fort Bowie National Historic Site. The day we hiked in we were the only ones there besides the ranger at the Visitor Center. The hike in is part of the fun. It's a three-mile round trip, so allow at least two hours. We spent almost four because we spent a long time wandering around the ruins and looking at things in the visitor center.

You'll hike past the remains of a Butterfield Stage Coach Station, the post cemetery, and even an Apache wickiup. The best part is Apache Spring, one of the prettiest places I've ever seen in Arizona. I would seriously love to live there.

There are picnic tables and restrooms at the trailhead and there are picnic tables and water at the visitor center.

Amazing history, fabulous scenery, animals and plants galore – what more could you want? Plan a trip to southeastern Arizona soon.

Getting There

The Chiricahuas are about 120 miles southeast of Tucson. Take I-10 east from Tucson to the first exit for Willcox. Travel 3 miles into town to the stoplight and turn right.

You will follow Arizona State Highway 186 for 32 miles to the junction of Arizona State Highway 181. Turn left and 4 miles later you will be at the Chiricahua entrance station. (Plan to stop and pay your respects at the tiny graveyard near the entrance. It's a nice photo op.)

Entrance fees are \$5.00 per person, children 15 and younger are free. The Interagency Senior, Access, and Annual Passes are honored. The Chiricahua Park Pass is available for \$20 and provides entrance for the pass owner and up to three other adults.

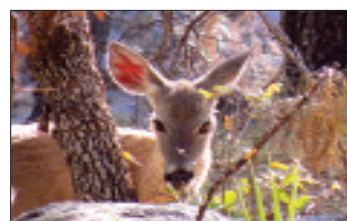
Staying There

There are no hotels or gas stations in



or near the Monument. Bonita Canyon Campground is open year-round and does not take reservations. First come, first served. Individual campsite fees are \$12 per night or \$6 for owners of an Interagency Senior or Access Pass. Group site fees are \$3 per person, per night.

The site will accommodate 8-24 people in tents only. You may reserve the group site by calling 520-824-3560 x0. Ranger programs at the campground usually start in March. Busiest months are March and April when the campground is typically full every night. If you don't want to camp, or the campground is full, there are other campgrounds south of the Monument, or you can get a hotel room in Willcox.



No RVs or trailers over 29 feet long are allowed past the visitor center. Dogs must be on a leash and can't be left alone. They are only allowed on certain trails, so if you are planning a hiking trip, it's best to leave Fido home.

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BOAT SHOW

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clude wakeboard and ski boats, fish/ski boats, family runabouts, party pontoons, deck boats, personal watercraft, kayaks and stand-up-paddle boards. A giant houseboat will be on hand, too, plus a wide selection of marine accessories for sale at show prices.

The event also offers two outdoor-skills and seminar venues: the Adventure Theater and 40-foot-long aquarium-demonstration tank, which presents Arizona's top bass pros and fishing guides and is co-sponsored by *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports*.

HAVASU

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show exhibitors.

"Vendor sign-ups are running well ahead of last year and we had a record number of exhibitors in 2013. We'll definitely fill all available space with at least fifty or more different brands of boats ranging from pontoons and family runabouts to fishing boats, wakeboard/ski boats and the largest selection of performance sportboats west of Miami. If you're interested in seeing the newest the boating industry has to offer, Lake Havasu Boat Show in April is the place to do it."

Cars, Water Skis, And Chili

But more exhibitors and new boat models aren't the only things that Lake Havasu Boat Show attendees have to look forward to on April 11-13. In addition to the return of the Legends by the Lake Car Show and NWSRA-sanctioned water ski races on Saturday and Sunday, the boat show also plays host to the 2nd Annual International

Special guests include Scottsdale-based outdoor-gear guru Tim Ralston, and Richard Nance, host of Personal Defense TV. Ralston's business, Gear Up, will offer a wide variety of camping and survival gadgets for sale. There's also a large, new display of fishing lures for sale. In addition, two trophy displays spotlight elk and deer from throughout the West.

Interactive features that also host statewide contests are a perennial show favorite. Winners from the DockDogs water-jumping contest will have a chance at the World Championships. The show's 9,000-square foot, three-dimensional-target archery range hosts a high-energy tourna-

ment with more than \$1,000 in cash and prizes awarded to winners in men's and women's divisions.

Chili Society chili cook-off competition on Saturday open to all chefs. The chili and salsa contest, with proceeds going to benefit the Lake Havasu High School Athletic Booster Club, is offering over \$2,500 in cash prizes to the various winners in each category. Best of all, attendees have the opportunity to sample all the recipes by purchasing a \$5 tasting kit while at the boat show." Entry forms for the chili and salsa competition are available online at the boat show website, <http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com>.

A Wow: The WaterCar

If you're a recent viewer of ABC TV's hit prime time show, *The Bachelor*, you might have caught the WaterCar in action. Well, the WaterCar will also be in action at the Havasu Boat Show too with several of its models. After nearly a decade in development, the WaterCar is now in full production at its Fountain Valley, California factory.

It recently made headlines in the *Orange County Register* newspaper after

becoming the first amphibious vehicle to successfully make a non-stop open ocean crossing from Newport Beach to Avalon Harbor on Catalina Island, a distance of approximately 31 miles in a little over one hour.

Miss Geico To Appear

For fans of offshore power boat racing, don't miss the special appearance of *Miss Geico*, the reigning 2013 offshore world champion. This will be the only opportunity in 2014 to see this remarkable 150+ mph race boat in person in the Southwest before it begins defense of its world title for the coming season.

The Details

Boat show hours are: Friday, April 11 from noon to 6pm, Saturday, April 12 9am to 6pm and Sunday, April 13 9am to 3pm. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and kids 6 and under are free. Parking is also free. Food courts and two beer gardens will also be open to serve visitors. For those interested in buying a new boat, boat demos are available on a by appointment basis immediately following the boat show on Sunday afternoon and all day on Monday, April 14.

For additional boat show information and a complete directory listing of exhibitors, please log on to <http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com>

will co-locate its annual Scout-O-Rama on University of Phoenix's giant west lawn (separate admission). ISE supports this family event, which draws 15,000 people.

ADMISSION: \$12 adult admission. Parking is free, as is admission to youth under 15 and Active Military with military ID. Uniformed Scouts are also admitted for no charge.

SHOW HOURS: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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EXPO

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The 2014 Outdoor Expo hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. The Ben Avery Shooting Facility is located at 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd. in Phoenix (located on Carefree Highway, about 1/2 mile west of I-17 – just follow the signs).

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DAY AT THE DOCKS: April 13 — See story on page 8.

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BOATING

TEMPE: March 22-23 — 11th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival — Tempe Town Lake, 50 dragon boat racing teams from all over the world are expected to participate, 40-foot-long rowing canoes, 20 paddlers, one steersperson & a drummer in a 500-meter race, also features music, food, vendors and performances by martial arts and dance groups, fundraiser, free, 9 am — 4 pm, <http://www.azdba.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: March 21-23 — Mid-Winter Hobie Regatta — Waters North of the Island, free to spectators, 10 am — 5 pm, 928-854-4697 or <http://www.lhyc.net>
GLOBE: March 1-May 31 — Salt River Whitewater Rafting Season - White Mountain Apache Reservation, (not the tubing section of river), half-day, full-day, and overnight wilderness trips of up to 5 days, <http://www.azroa.org/>

RAFTING LOTTERY OPEN: Through Feb. 25 — See story on page 2.

LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 11-13 — See story on page 1.

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class. Registration is open now and the class often fills up fast. Other ASF classes are also ready for registration.

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Feb. 22 — 11th Annual APBA Mark Hahn Memorial Havasu 300 — Crazy Horse Campgrounds, personal watercraft racing world's longest personal watercraft event, 300 mile team endurance race, begins at 10 am, free, 714-241-9600 or <http://pwcfun.com/markhahn300.asp>

LAKE HAVASU: Through Feb. 15 — 7th Annual Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention — The Nautical and London Bridge resorts, more than 110 sailors with their pocket-sized sailboats, includes fun races, a show and shine, a poker run, and annual Grudge Match, <http://www.sailhavasu.com>

ASF SAILING CLASSES 2013 AND 2014: arizonayachtclub.org.

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

PHOENIX: March 19 — Desert Flowers Tour — Deer Valley Rock Art Center, join for a tour of multicolor wildflowers and flowering trees in our Sonoran Desert preserve, \$3-7, 1 am, 623-582-8007 or <http://dvrac.asu.edu>

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST FREE WEEKENDS IN 2015: See story on page 12.

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENTS: March 15-16 — See story on page 11.

PHOENIX: Corks and Cactus: Feb. 22-23 — Desert Botanical Garden, guests can sample a variety of wines from different regions of the world and to talk with representatives from the different wineries, \$35, 1-5 pm, 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org>

APACHE JUNCTION: Feb. 15 — Celebrate Desert Gardening — Superstition Mountain Museum, <http://www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org>

PHOENIX: CHIHULY: into May 2014 — Desert Botanical Garden, the exhibition will feature multiple installations and artworks on view throughout the Garden's trails by artist Dale Chihuly, Chihuly is credited with revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement and elevating the perception of the glass medium from the realm of craft to fine art, <http://www.dbg.org/>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY

STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING: April 9 — The Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits and Arizona Grantmakers Forum have announced the return of Arizona's statewide day of giving, presented by First Bank. The 24-hour online giving initiative encourages Arizonans to recognize and financially support the efforts of various nonprofits from across the state. Non-profits are still able to sign up for Arizona Gives Day.

SCOTTSDALE: Through March 2 — 61st Annual Parada Del Sol Rodeo - West World, rodeos, major dances, concerts, live country western music, children's activities, \$, Friday & Saturday 1 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm, 480-990-3179 or <http://www.paradadelcsol.org>

GOLD CANYON: Through March 30 — 26th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival — a medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure, \$12-22, weekends & President's Day, 10 am - 6 pm, 520-463-2600 or <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

QUEEN CREEK (SAN TAN VALLEY) STUDENTS TO UK: Spring Break 2014 — Call Poston Butte High School re: a tax-deductible contribution to help them travel.

FISHING

BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 14-16 — Lake Pleasant; see story on page 7.

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In The Backcountry

Ninety-eight percent of the Grand Canyon's 1.2 million acres are in the backcountry and only accessible by the trail system. In 2013, Grand Canyon National Park hosted over 37,000 overnight backcountry users and many more day hikers both from the rim of the Canyon and from the Colorado River.

"This generous donation from the Arizona Public Service Company is the lead gift that establishes an endowment for trail maintenance at Grand Canyon National Park," stated Dave Uberuaga, superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park. "APS have long been known for their philanthropic work in the state of Arizona and their commitment to community.

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

SPORTSMEN'S OPEN FORUM: Feb. 19 — See story on page 9.

TUCSON: Feb. 24- March 3 — 38th Annual Spring Grand American Trap Shoot — Tucson Trap & Skeet Club, annual tournament for competitive shotgun shooting at clay targets presented by Tucson Trap and Skeet Club, 520-883-6426 or <http://www.tucsontrapandskeet.com> or <http://www.shootata.com>

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Current — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

SHOWS AND EXPOS

PHOENIX: March 29-30 — Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo — Ben Avery Shooting Facility, hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, archery, off-highway vehicle (OHV) and watercraft recreation, conservation and wildlife education, camping and other outdoor elements, free, Sat 9 am — 5 pm, Sun 9 am - 4 pm, 602-942-3000 or <http://www.azgfd.gov/expo> H y

ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO: March 29-30 — At Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix; see story on page 1.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO AND ARIZONA BOAT SHOW: Feb. 20-23 — For "everything outdoors," be sure to come to the University of Phoenix Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305. See story on page 1.

WATERSPORTS

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Skiing:

PARKER: March 8-9 — 29th Anniversary Parker International Marathon IWSRA Ski Races — Blue Water Casino, water ski racing, marathon events range between 35 to 65 miles in length with a Mini Marathon running approximately 25 miles, 928 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

Swimming:

PEORIA: March 22 — Sprint Triathlon at Vistancia - The Foothills Center, swim in the Foothills Center pool, bike through the Blackstone Country Club and the Vis-

tancias Discovery Trail on the run course, for the whole family with adult and youth distance triathlons, 8 am, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: March 22 — 11th Annual Havasu Triathlon — International distance triathlon - swim 1500 m, bike 40K, run 10K; sprint triathlon — swim 500m, bike 20K, run 5K, 7:30 am, <http://www.tucsonracing.com/>

WILDLIFE-RELATED

SUPERIOR: March 22 — Annual Welcome Back Buzzards — Boyce Thompson Arboretum, local flock of Turkey Vultures are due back to their roosts in the Eucalyptus grove, join in the celebration, bird watching tour follows buzzard viewing, \$4.50-9, 7 am — 2 pm, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

GOODYEAR: March 8-9 — Tres Rios Nature Festival — Estrella Mountain Regional Park, celebrate the natural history and heritage of the valley, discover watchable wildlife opportunities, canoe trips looking for wildlife & birds, tours of historic areas, children's area with hands-on crafts, live animals, storytelling, free, 9 am — 4 pm, 623-204-2130 or <http://www.tresriornaturefestival.com>

TUCSON: March 8 — Desert Night life at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum - experience a spring night at the Museum, with special astronomy and nocturnal animal programs for the family, includes Planetary Science Institute telescope stations, story-telling, astronomy-related art activities, and Creatures of the Night nocturnal animal presentations, free with Museum admission, also features a country concert by Jessi Colter (requires additional ticket), 5-10 pm, 520-883-2702 or <http://desertmuseum.org>

HERITAGE GRANDS AWARD OPPORTUNITY: Deadline March 14 — See story on page 10.

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Manual Bailer

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Air Horn

The US Coast Guard says small boats must have a "sound-producing device" for distress signaling, capable of a four-second blast that's audible one quarter-mile away. While a plastic whistle or an installed electric horn may meet the letter of the law, a better choice is a handheld, gas-powered air horn, which can be heard at much greater distances.

HUNTERS

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through the 10(j) option of the Endangered Species Act.

The condor program likely would not have been implemented without the federal government's assurance to local stakeholders that they would not seek changes to current hunting regulations, including a lead ammunition ban, due to the condor's reintroduction.

Mandated measures violate the assurances given and put the program at risk.

Largest Flying Land Bird

The condor is the largest flying land bird in North America. The birds can

Spare Prop And Fix-It Tools

A submerged ledge or log can whop your prop and cripple your boat. Having a spare prop and the right wrench is common advice, but changing a mangled wheel while afloat is easier said than done. Dents in aluminum props can be put back into serviceable shape, at least enough to get home. Beefy, vice-grip-style locking pliers and slip-joint pliers are essential for this repair.

Charging Source

Cell phones don't run on AA batteries. That's why you need a marine rated 12-volt receptacle with a weatherproof cap. Mount it away from spray and rain, and don't forget the charging cords for other electronics.

Paper Chart In Plastic Cover

Even a waterproof chart is hard to man-

weigh up to 26 pounds and have a wingspan of up to 9 1/2 feet.

Condors were first reintroduced in Arizona in 1996, and they now number more than 70 in the state. Visitors at the Grand Canyon and Vermilion Cliffs may be able to observe the birds, especially during the spring and summer.

Partners in the department's lead-reduction program include the Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Elk Society, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, and the Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For more information on condors and lead, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor.

on dry storage at an extra \$5.00 per foot of the boat.

Boats exceeding slip length will be charged a per-foot rate. Boats over 23 feet are \$7.50 per foot. Example 24 foot @ \$7.50 = \$180.00.

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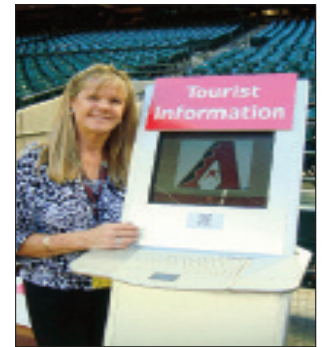
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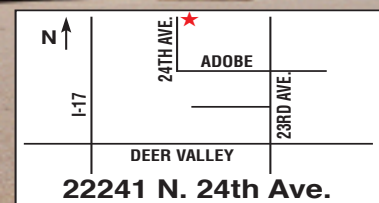
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SHEEP

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than a maximum of fifteen (15) individuals, and a maximum overnight group size of six individuals year round (36 C.F.R. 261.50 (e)).

A Few Exempt

Persons exempt from this order include any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty or persons with a permit to authorize the prohibited activity.

The Forest Service would like to remind the public that violations of these prohibitions can be punishable by a fine or not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551).

Educational Approach

Coronado National Forest personnel and partnering agencies are working diligently on an educational approach to inform the public of activities prohibited by

the closure. Employees and volunteers are patrolling the area to talk with visitors about which activities are prohibited, when they are prohibited and why.

It is anticipated many users of the area will "do the right thing" and comply with prohibitions, as part of responsible use of the special places that are important to them.

This special closure order will remain in place for the welfare of the bighorn sheep that reside in the wilderness. The order also restricts the stress that dogs and large groups of people can cause bighorn sheep year-round.

For More Information

The updated special closure order and map are posted on the Coronado National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/coronado/, the Santa Catalina Ranger District offices at Sabino Canyon, the Coronado National Forest Supervisors Office, and national forest system trailheads. Signs will be posted at locations where user-created trails cross the Pusch Ridge Wilderness boundary.

For more information on the Bighorn Sheep Management Area special closure order and map, please call please call (520) 749-8700. For more information on

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STORM

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announced Saturday night at the Desert Storm Awards Party!!! The concert is open to other boaters by purchasing a raft-up flag in advance.

Starting at 6:00 p.m., at the Nautical Resort Poker Run Headquarters, we have a VIP party for Poker Hand turn in. Complete with dinner buffet, hosted Budweiser beer, sponsor tents, and wild card prizes. We open the cards and record the winners, and party the night away till the late hours.

Saturday's Shootout And Awards

Saturday morning begins at the Nautical Resort Poker Run Headquarters with registration and check-in for the Desert Storm Shootout. Then we move to the Site Six Marina for boat inspections and classification. The Shootout course starts off near Site Six Launch Ramp and runs two miles south on the California side. Set to run all

day, we'll see who has the fastest boats in the West and who's crowned "King of the Desert"!

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Saturday night we host an awards party with live music as we award our participants with best-in-show, the top speeds in each shootout class and crown the new King and Queen of the Desert. Then we top off the awards with our winners of the Poker Run

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