

# 'Ready, Set, Go' – Into Summer

## ON THE COVER



## Hike In The Cool Country

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

As much as we all enjoy the Southwest and much of the year in Arizona, we do have to endure the soaring temperatures of summer for a few months. There are out-of-state "escape routes" such as San Diego, of course, but some of us choose to cool off in Arizona's high country instead. Places such as Flagstaff, Payson, Show Low, and Prescott are four examples of cooler places to visit at this time of year. The ultimate outdoors woman, Margie Anderson, suggests two hikes that offer a respite from the Valley heat. And, since the official start of summer is this month, it might be an excellent idea for us to join her soon on these refreshing trails.

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## TWO PRETTY, EASY TRAILS

# These Hikes Near Flagstaff Are Short And Sweet

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

We started taking our granddaughters hiking with us when they were five or six years old, so I know how important it is to find great hikes that are pretty, but easy enough for short legs. This time of year, you also want those trails to be in the high country — and even then they might get pretty warm in the afternoon. But these two hikes are short and sweet — so they're ideal for a summer day with or without kids.

### Picture Canyon

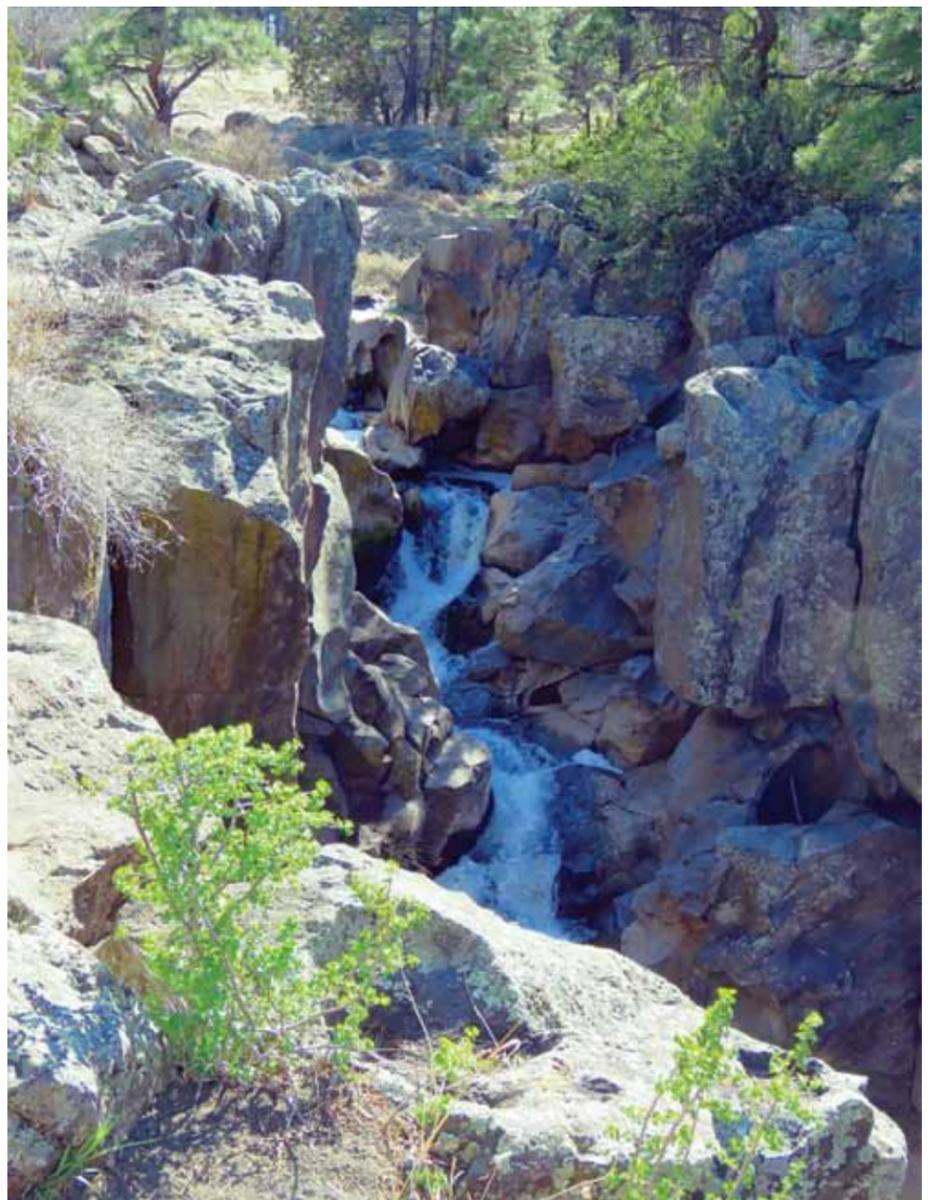
My granddaughter Trinity told us about this one. She's a student at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, and she and her friends had gone to Picture Canyon and had a blast. This place is amazing — it's practically in town, and it's absolutely gorgeous, especially when there is a lot of water flowing.

To get there, go east on Route 66 from downtown Flagstaff for four miles, then turn right at the Auto Park sign to stay on 66. Turn left on El Paso Flagstaff Road; the parking area is about a mile down this road. There is dirt parking and a portable toilet.

### The Tom Moody Trail

You actually have several options depending on how far you want to hike. Grab a map at the parking lot and it will really help. We started out heading right to the pond and looked around, then came back to the parking lot and started off on the Tom Moody Trail, which is a 2.8 mile loop.

As it happens, if we had continued along the creek from the ponds, we would have come to the waterfall very quickly. But a short way down the Tom Moody, another trail called the Don Weaver Trail intersects. If you go right here and head down the Don Weaver



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**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.

**Tempe**  
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**Sierra Vista**  
 6 — Patterson Observatory Public Night - weather permitting, the public is invited to observe the night skies through the 20-inch Patterson telescope and with other instruments, you might see craters of the crescent moon, gas giant planets, Uranus, Neptune, double stars, star clusters, nebula, planetary nebula and distant galaxies. Free. 7:30 pm. 520-417-6960 or <http://www.hacastronomy.org/>

**Flagstaff**  
 8 — 5th Annual Flagstaff Extreme Big Pine Trail Runs – Fort Tuthill. Trail ranges from narrow single track to wide well-maintained forest paths. Well graded for beginners while allowing the more experienced runner to stretch their legs and gun for a fast time while still maintaining the challenge of being at a higher elevation, designed as a multi-loop race with the 54 km doing 4 full circuits (27 Km = 2 loops / 13 Km = 1 loop) & 6K. <https://www.aravaiparunning.com/big-pine/>

**Pinetop/Lakeside**  
 22 — Our Solar System - White Mountain Nature Center. We will have the Star Lab available for a visit to the outer reaches of our solar system. Here about the system and our neighboring planets. 10 am. 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wmnature.org>

**Grand Canyon**  
 22-29 — 29th Annual Grand Canyon Star Party –South Rim. Sponsored by National Park Service and the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, amateur astronomers from across the country will be volunteering their expertise, numerous telescopes set up to view, on the South Rim the event includes a slide show at 8 pm. 928-638-7967 or <http://www.nps.gov/grca> or <http://tucsonastronomy.org/>



▲ **Pinetop**  
 28-30 — White Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival - Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. The beautiful mountain community of Pinetop-Lakeside will host the 2nd Annual White Mountains Balloon Festival, featuring free tethered balloon rides, a hot-air balloon glow, live entertainment, food/retail vendors and a family fun zone. A kickoff concert featuring the renowned Doo Op band The Alley Cats will take place Friday at 6 p.m. A free balloon mass ascension (weather permitting) will take place just after sunrise each day, with the festival open from 2-9 p.m. on Saturday. Free. 928-368-8696, Ext. 240 or <http://pinetoplakeside.com/>

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 OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

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## COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

**Tucson**  
 15 — 7th Annual Dash for Dad 5K - Awards given to first 100 finishers, first man/woman and special award to fastest dad. Grab the kids and come out for a run/walk along the Rillito River Path. If you don't live close to your Dad or he is no longer with us come out and run in his honor. Moms, we would like to see you out as well because without you there are no kids! 6:30am. Registration 5:30 am. \$15-25. 520-820-6447 or <https://www.taggrun.com/event/dash-for-dad-5k-4/>

**Tombstone**  
 28-29 — 3rd Annual Tombstone Freedom Days – On Historic Allen Street. A Celebration of the American Experience in America's 2nd Amendment City. Guest speakers to include baseball legend Curt Shilling, actress Morgan Brittany and actress Katie Gill and others. Sponsored by the Tombstone Lions Club. <http://www.tombstonechamber.com/event/25th-reunion-and-freedom-days-tombstone-az/>

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**Swimming Show Low**  
 8-9 — 16th Annual Deuces Wild Triathlon Festival - Fool Hollow Lake. Olympic Course is **swim** 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles and run 6.2 miles, Deuce Man Long course is **swim** 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles, Xterra Deuces Wild Off-Road Triathlon – a Nissan Xterra Points Series Race, **swim** 800 meters, mountain bike 14.9 miles, Trail run 5 miles, USAT sanctioned. <https://deuceswildfestival.com/>  
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# Our waterways are ready, but are you?

Take a free boating safety course from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Boater Education Course

- June 15 in Lake Havasu City
- June 15 in Phoenix
- July 20 in Lake Havasu City
- July 20 in Phoenix

#### Paddlesports Education Course

- June 8 in Lake Havasu City
- June 8 in Peoria
- June 8 in Phoenix

- June 21 in Show Low
- June 22 in Show Low
- June 23 in Tucson
- July 6 in Tucson
- July 13 in Lake Havasu City
- July 13 in Phoenix
- July 13 in Tucson
- July 18 in Show Low
- July 19 in Show Low
- July 20 in Peoria

Sign up online and get the details at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating) or give us a call: 623-236-7258

## Wear a life jacket. Every trip. Every time.

Under state law, life jackets are required to be worn by children 12, but it's strongly urged that everyone wear one while on the water. Life jackets save lives.

Before heading out on the water, it's important that boaters check to ensure that their life jackets are in good condition and that they are the right size and fit for passengers. Look for:

- Any rips or tears
- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
- Ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted.

Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials and replaced if necessary.



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## Register Your Watercraft

Make sure your vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water! Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating)

# Video: How To Prepare Boat Shrink Wrap For Recycling In Six Easy Steps

Ohio Clean Marinas Program shows how anyone can recycle their boat's winter shrink wrap.

With recreational boats now waking up from their long winter's nap and their protective shrink wrap covers coming off prior to spring launch, a new video from the Ohio Clean Marinas Program shows boaters everywhere how to prepare boat shrink wrap for recycling in six easy steps.

Essentially plastic, shrink wrap is an effective winter cover, but when disposed of in landfills, it can take hundreds of years to degrade. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water says boaters can learn from Ohio's new video

to help easily manage their own vessel's shrink wrap recycling. Each vessel yields about 25 to 35 pounds of shrink wrap. Since 2006, the Buckeye State's recycling program has kept 2.3 million pounds of low-density polyethylene shrink wrap out of landfills, with much of the material being turned into highway guardrail spacer blocks, among other items.

Here are step-by-step instructions on how to properly prepare boat shrink wrap for recycling:

**Start at the bottom:** Cut and remove all bellybands at the bottom of the shrink wrap. Bellybands are the strapping that runs under the hull that keeps the shrink wrap from lifting off the boat.

**Make four cuts:** Starting at the stern, make a vertical cut on the edge of the shrink wrap cover about 6 inches tall, which will loosen the bottom perimeter

of the wrap. Continue to make three more vertical cuts on the perimeter at port and starboard midships and at the bow. You should now have four cuts.

**Pull out the nylon:** Remove the four pieces of nylon perimeter banding from the sleeve at the bottom perimeter of the shrink wrap. **Cut up, gently:** Working from the stern to the bow, begin cutting up the wrap into smaller sizes for removal. Start about 6- to 8 feet up and make a downward vertical cut on the boat's centerline toward the bottom of the stern, being careful not to make contact with the boat. Then, moving forward on both sides of the boat, make additional cuts to remove the wrap in reasonably-sized pieces.

**Think clean, clean, clean:** As the pieces of shrink wrap come off the boat, be careful not to contaminate them with



**IT'S A WRAP —** Preparing a boat's shrink wrap for recycling can be done in six easy steps.

dirt, oil, stones or other contaminants. It's very important that all nylon strapping, banding, buckles, plastic vents, door zippers or any other materials attached to the wrap are removed and disposed of separately. If, by chance, you've patched your wrap with a tape that can't be re-

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**Lake Powell**

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## Lake Powell Is Ready For The Summer Season

### Welcome To The Point

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### Customer Service Call Center

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- Direct line access at 928-608-4478
- Via email at [servicecenter@apmlp.com](mailto:servicecenter@apmlp.com)

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# It's Still – And Always Will Be – 'Safe Boating Week'

Safe Boating Week #11 was officially recognized by the Arizona Game & Fish Department in mid-May, but the focus of the national campaign locally, including its life-jacket exchange, is ongoing. (In 2018, the department's Boating Safety Education program exchanged 1,520 of the life-saving jackets.)

"Life jackets save lives, but only if they're still in good operating condition," said Josh Hoffman, AZGFD's boating safety education coordinator. "Like anything else, life jackets wear out with time and these exchange events are an amazing opportunity for Arizona's boaters and paddlers to ensure they have a life jacket that not only fits correctly, but is in great condition."

Before heading out on the water, it's important that boaters check to ensure that their life jackets are in good condition and that they are the right size and



fit for passengers. When inspecting life jackets, look for any rips or tears, missing straps, broken fasteners, and to ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted. Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials.

State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket



while on board and each passenger must have a properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

The focus of National Safe Boating Week, is an effort to spread the message that wearing a life jacket is the simplest way to ensure an individual's safety on the water.

Drowning was the reported cause of

death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2017, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's most readily available statistics. In the 449 water-related deaths that year, 370 people — approximately 84.5 percent — were not wearing a life jacket.

Those statistics are reflected in Arizona: There were 11 recreational boating fatalities in the state last year and sadly, we've already had our first fatality of 2019 that involved a kayaker who was not wearing a life jacket. These deaths were preventable.

"Through this program, the Arizona Game and Fish Department hopes to prevent boating tragedies and help to ensure everyone is safely enjoying Arizona's waterways," Hoffman said.

For more information about boating in Arizona or to sign up for a free safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating). ■

## Boat Financing Requires Planning Ahead

BoatUS gives 10 tips on how to get a boat loan.

It's almost prime-time boating season, and manufacturers are reporting that freshwater fishing boats, personal watercraft and pontoon boats are top sellers. What steps do you need to take to arrange financing for your dream boat? Here are 10 tips from the nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

**1. Boat loan basics:** A fixed-rate, fixed-term, simple-interest loan is the most common, with the same monthly payment for the life of the loan, which typically vary from 10 to 20 years. Down payments from 10% to 20% are the norm. Variable rate or hybrid options may offer

a combination of a fixed rate for a few years, then a variable rate. Remember to ask if there are prepayment penalties for paying off the loan early.

**2. Don't be fooled by the ads:** You may see rates advertised as low as 4%, but there is often some small print that could make that loan less attractive. For instance, the rate might only be fixed for a few years or the loan period might be shorter.

**3. Forever young:** Generally, interest rates are lower and loan terms are longer for newer boats and larger loan amounts. However, each are dependent on a variety of factors including model year, loan amount and down payment. Be prepared for lenders to require larger down payments, have higher rates and offer shorter terms on older boats, especially those over 20 model years. There could also be

a rate difference between some consecutive model years, so talk with your lender to better understand the rate and term structure

**4. Calculate your monthly payment:** Wondering how much of a loan you can afford? See our online boat loan calculators to compute your monthly payments. Your lender will also review your debt ratio and other criteria.

**5. Credit check:** Before applying for a loan, ensure your credit report is accurate, and get your current credit score. The closer to 700 or higher, the better the rate you'll get. A free copy of your credit report is available annually from each of the three national credit bureaus at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). To get your credit score, try checking your bank, credit card



or auto loan statements, apps, or online accounts. If it's not offered, speak to a credit counselor, use a fee-based service or purchase it from the credit service. More information is available at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

**6. Get preapproved:** Ask your lender if you can get preapproval or if you can start the underwriting process before you have a signed sales agreement.

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## Can Boats Be Recycled?

Rhode Island pilot project aims to make recreational boats more Earth-friendly.

When Earth Day was created in 1970, mainstream America was largely tuned out to the benefits of recycling. Fast forward nearly half a century, however, to Earth Day 2019 (April 22) and it's fairly common to see local paper, glass and plastic recycling programs. But what about boats? A pilot project by recreational marine industry businesses in the state of Rhode Island aims to finally find a solution for recycling boats.

The challenge today is that the most common way to dispose of an old boat is to crush and bury the pieces in a landfill where the fiberglass (essentially plastic) degrades slowly. Some boats are abandoned, left derelict by their owners or lost to storms, potentially creating navigation hazards or causing environmental harm to waterways.

Begun in 2018, the Rhode Island Fiberglass Vessel Recycling (RIFVR) Pilot Project aims to address the disposal issue for the high number of recreational fiberglass boats reaching the end of their service lives, largely as a result of the boat building boom of the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Between 2003 and 2012 alone, about 1.5 million recreational boats in the U.S. were "retired."

The pilot project has now collected 20 tons of recycled material and is preparing to process the material to supply to concrete plants, where it will be used as an energy source and as a filler for concrete products according to Evan Ridley of the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA), the project's sponsor.



**AN OPTION — Instead of going to a landfill, these small particles made from deconstructed, ground-up fiberglass boats will soon be recycled to make concrete for construction projects.**

As part of the pilot expected to be completed later this year, RIMTA will also conduct an economic analysis of the pilot program to help determine long-term feasibility, investigate legislation and regulations supportive of fiberglass boat recycling, document lessons learned and develop resources to aid other fiberglass recycling programs.

"This is an issue that no one has solved yet, but one we think about every day," said BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water President Chris Edmonston. "No one wishes to see derelict boats on our waters. RIFVR could show the nation a more environmentally friendly solution to boat disposal, and we look forward to the findings and hopefully expanding the program."

The Pilot Project was made possible with support from 11th Hour Racing, the Association of Marina Industries, BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant Program and the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. ■

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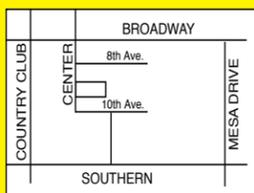


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Dock boxes are wonderfully practical, but hefting tall or heavy equipment in and out can be a struggle. With Better Way Products' TR2, it's as easy as raising the lid and swinging open the hinged front door. It's ideal for everything from a 40-gallon trash bin to a standard scuba tank.

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Hardware used on the TR2 is of premium quality. Its full-length piano hinge, door hinges, lockable hasp and cable stays are all stainless steel and secured with oversized, rustproof rivets.

The TR2's UV-resistant, smooth-glass gelcoat finish rivals that of exclusive yachts. It's available in white, gray and tan.

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space, the TR2 can accommodate a lot of gear. Yet at 27" W x 27" D x 36" H, it has a compact footprint. Weighing 50 lbs., it's easily managed by one person, but heavy enough to withstand a strong breeze without shifting if empty. It costs \$647.

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### SHRINK WRAP

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moved, cut that portion out and dispose of it separately.

**Roll and dispose:** Roll up the pieces of shrink wrap so they can be easily managed by recyclers. You can cut off a long narrow piece of wrap (sometimes called "film") to tie up the bundles – but again, use only shrink wrap material to do this; avoid twine, duct tape or rope. Next, place the bundles in your marina, yard or boat club's designated shrink wrap recycling area and you're done!

To find out how to recycle shrink wrap in your area, check out your local Clean Marina program or marine trades association. Shrink wrap manufacturer Dr. Shrink also offers a REBAG shrink wrap recycling kit for \$45 that contains a 30-by 50-inch clear bag with cover-removal directions printed on it, a closure device for the bag and a prepaid FedEx shipping label. The kit can recycle the wrap from a 26-foot power boat, or approximately 600 square feet.

The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a proactive partnership among the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Lake Erie Marine Trades Association, and other public and private sector partners.

Boaters wanting to do more for the environment this summer can take a free, online BoatUS Foundation Clean Boating Course. ■

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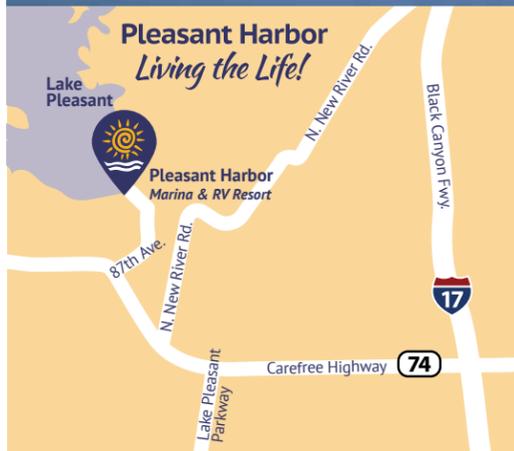
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# Consider These Options Before An Emergency Happens

BY JOHN ANDERSON

There are many situations that probably don't require a lethal response. A dog attacking your dog as you walk, for instance, or some guy with road rage who isn't armed but is still intent on punching you out. There are also a lot of situations that make you feel anxious even if no one is attacking you: walking through a deserted parking garage at night for example, or walking back to your car at night when no one else is around.

You probably wouldn't want to have a gun in your hand for those times, but some kind of self-defense would definitely seem to be in order. Luckily for us, there are all kinds of non-lethal weapons, many of them pretty inexpensive.

## Walking Alone At Night

Of course, ideally you wouldn't want to be walking around alone at night, but sometimes it is unavoidable. When Margie was sent out of town for her job, she stayed in a hotel and arrived there rather late each day after work. Walking through the dark parking garage, getting into the elevator, and then going down those long deserted hotel hallways definitely made her uneasy.

She had flown there, so she didn't have a gun, and probably would have felt a bit foolish keeping it in her hand if she did have it. But, there are several options she could have considered.



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## Stun Guns

One option is a stun gun. These now come compact and usually on a flashlight, so they don't even look like a weapon. Guard Dog Security makes a very compact model, the Guard Dog Vice, that is designed to be easily held in your hand.



## The Guard Dog Vice

The flashlight has three functions including a strobe to get attention, and it has a safety pin that disables the stun gun feature to keep your kids safe. You can pre-order one in purple right now at [guarddog-security.com](http://guarddog-security.com). It also comes in black or teal.

As an aside, they also sell an alarm that wedges under your hotel room door and starts shrieking if anyone tries to open the door. They even sell a combo pepper spray/door alarm as a dorm package.

## Keep It At The Ready

Margie informs me that in her opinion, women are very unlikely to stab someone, or even stab a dog, but says that she'd be willing to use a stun gun or pepper spray. Pepper spray would be last on my list because in order to be effective it needs to be a mist, and that has an unfortunate tendency to blow back on you.



## Tactical Flashlight

I suppose in a garage or hallway with no wind it would be okay, but a stun gun would be a lot better. Keep it in your purse, and then make sure it is *in your hand* when you're out alone. A weapon you can't get to is no weapon at all. Also, be sure you keep it charged up and/or have fresh batteries in it.

## Blind The Attacker

The stun guns that are also tactical flashlights have an additional feature: the lights are so bright that you can momentarily blind your attacker, then stun him and run away. Those tactical flashlights are also great to have at home at your bedside.

They usually have adjustable beam widths, are bright enough to be temporarily blinding, and often have metal protrusions around the lens that can also be used to inflict damage on an attacker. Some of them are big enough to be extremely effective clubs as well.

## In Public

Just because there are lots of people around doesn't mean you're safe. Bad guys will follow women to their cars at shopping centers, or pretend to need help finding a child, etc. When you're close enough, they just grab you and throw you in their car.

Unfortunately, these days you can't afford to be a Good Samaritan. If someone approaches you in a parking lot, first of all, try to avoid them. This assumes you are even aware that someone is after you.

Keep your head up and your eyes open – don't walk around with your phone in your hand. Stay alert. If you see someone nearby, look them in the eye. Walk strong. Criminals like to pick on people who look weak or distracted – it makes it easier for them. So be a hard target.



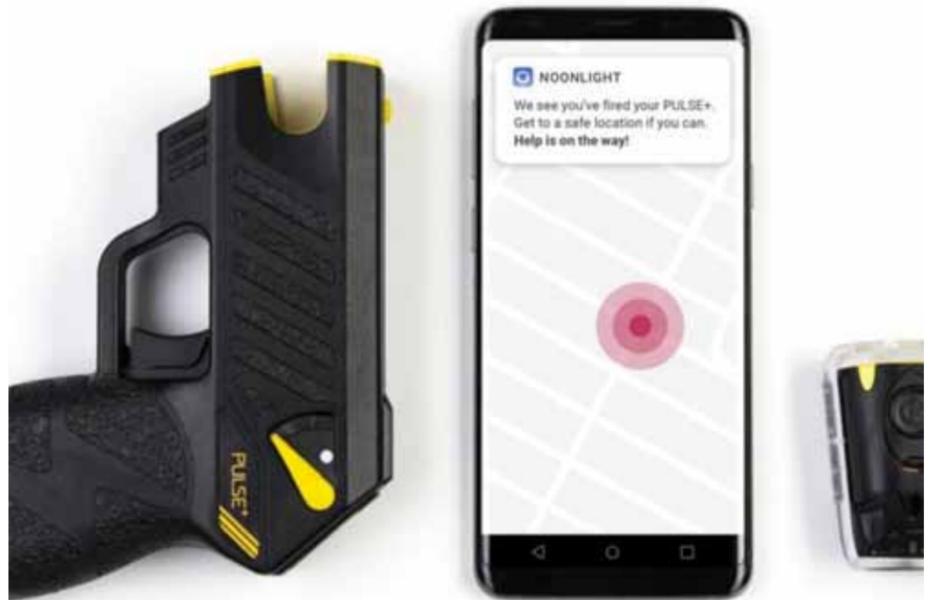
## Guard Dog Keychain Alarm

### Panic Alarm Keychain

Besides being a hard target, carry something that will make everyone nearby look your way if someone tries to grab you. What could be more innocent than a woman with her keys in her hand? Get a panic alarm keychain, and keep it in your hand every time you leave the store. Again, Guard Dog Security has one that will scream at 120dB for less than \$17. Get one for each of your kids as well, and make sure they know it is only for times of distress.

### Tactical Pens

A tactical pen is another fairly covert weapon. Tactical pens are very popular these days, and you can get one that has a flashlight or even handcuff keys inside. You can keep one clipped in your pocket ready to go, and you can wear one almost



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anywhere. The ones that really look "tactical" might get taken away from you in some places, but a really good stout metal pen can still be a very effective close-quarters weapon.

The best one I've seen is the SureFire Pen IV. It looks like a really good pen, but it has an aerospace aluminum body and it's rugged as all get-out. It also writes beautifully with a Schmidt easyFLOW 9000 ink cartridge, which is replaceable, of course. The downside? It's \$130. You can get tactical pens a lot less expensive than that, though. Again, you have to be willing to stab a person with it. If you don't think you could do that, don't carry one as a weapon.

## Walking The Dog

### Electric Cane

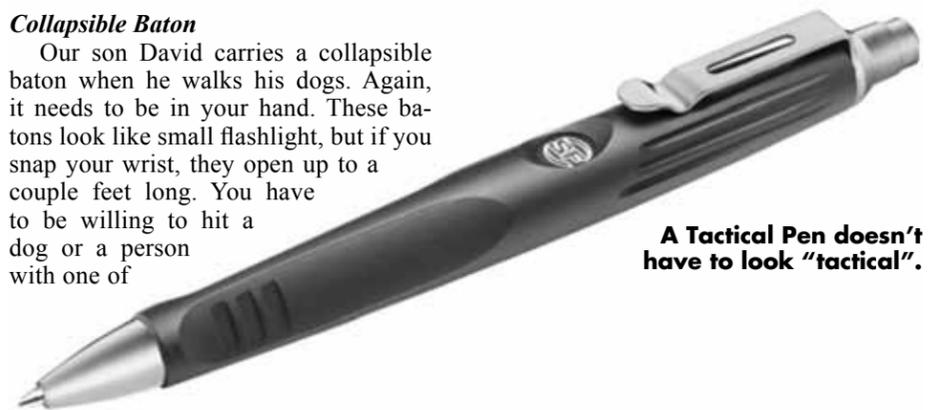
Our old French Brittany, Rosie, was attacked three different times by dogs who were running loose. It all happens so fast that you really don't have time to get anything out before your dog is hurt, and if you try to grab either of the dogs, then you're going to be hurt too.

Now when we walk Mochi, I carry an electric cane that I got from [fashionablecane.com](http://fashionablecane.com) for just around \$75. If you go to their website, a box will pop up and you can get 10 percent off if you enter your email address. The cane also has a flashlight in the handle. It's always right in my hand and ready to go, and will deliver a million volts – more than enough to send an attacking dog running.

In fact, twice now we've had stray pit bulls rush toward us in full attack mode, barking and meaning business. I just hit the button on the cane, and the sound alone has made them turn tail both times. No kidding – I never even had to touch them with it. Pretty cool.

### Collapsible Baton

Our son David carries a collapsible baton when he walks his dogs. Again, it needs to be in your hand. These batons look like small flashlight, but if you snap your wrist, they open up to a couple feet long. You have to be willing to hit a dog or a person with one of



**A Tactical Pen doesn't have to look "tactical".**

these, though.

They are easy to carry and don't look like weapons until you flick them open. These could also be used for self-defense, but aren't much use unless you have room to swing them. There are all kinds of batons on the market – Guard Dog Security has at least six, and they are inexpensive.

### Bear Spray

Bear spray is last on my list for a reason. It shoots a stream, not a mist. Margie used to carry a small canister of pepper spray, and while it did make an attacking dog go away, it also made her choke. That mist is just not great for outside. So now she carries a can of bear spray, which shoots for quite a distance, but again, it's a stream – and less effective than a mist.

## In The Car

### A Monkey Fist

There are much bigger and more powerful hand-held stun guns that are also large flashlights. These are ideal to have in the car. In such close quarters, any kind of spray or mist will get both you and the attacker, and anything that you have to swing will be hard to use, with the exception of a monkey fist.

A monkey fist is a knotted ball on the end of a cord, usually a braided cord for strength. Some have a golf ball or even a metal ball inside. Swinging that into someone is gonna hurt. I've searched online and nunchucks are illegal in Arizona unless you're going to or from lessons, but I can't find anything about a monkey fist's being against the law.

If you know, please let us know. The caveat here is that it's entirely possible you'll swing that thing into yourself.

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# 'Spooning' Works All Year 'Round

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

When was the last time you threw a spoon? Many anglers think of spooning as a strictly winter-time technique, but Arizona angler Steve Foutch throws them all year long with huge success. Steve is after smallmouth and largemouth bass and he catches plenty of them – enough to cash decent checks in tournaments – but he also gets a lot of “incidental catches”, including catfish, crappie, yellow bass, and even carp.

## Advantages To Spoons

There are several advantages to spoons. They're not as expensive as spinner baits and crankbaits can be, you can cast them a country mile on almost any tackle, and you can fish them at any depth. Add the fact that they catch just about every kind of fish in the lake, and it is hard to understand why people don't fish them more often.

“People ask me all the time what I catch my fish on, and when I tell them a spoon they think I'm lying to them,” says Foutch. He uses them so much that he buys a hundred half-ounce Strata spoons and a hundred 3/4-ounce Strata spoons every year.

Why so many? Besides constantly supplying partners with lures, he also freely admits that he loses a lot of spoons. When you're throwing around a slab of metal with a treble hook on it, you've got to expect to lose one now and then, especially the way Steve fishes them.

## All Kinds Of Line

Foutch throws spoons on spinning gear with 8-pound-test Stren XT. “I've experimented with all kinds of line,” Steve explains, “and the Stren XT just seems to work best for me.” He likes a spinning reel because the bait falls more freely and has a more natural motion with spinning gear. “With a baitcaster, the line can't keep up with the spoon a lot of times, and you'll see guys having to feed line out by hand,” he says. That doesn't do the action of the spoon a whole lot of good.

Once the spawn is over, the bass start to move out and cruise the flats, so those are some of Steve's favorite areas to fish. “I like flats with a bunch of cuts,” he says, “even if the difference in depth is only four or five feet.” Sometimes the cuts are as little as two or three feet deep, but they still hold fish.

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### At Home

#### Personal Tasers

There are a lot of folks who don't want a gun in the house. Some are afraid of guns, some don't want them around the kids – there are lots of reasons. But that doesn't mean you have to be unarmed. There are actually personal tasers that have an effective range of fifteen feet and will put an attacker down for thirty seconds. Long enough to get away, hopefully.

The Pulse+ by Taser (pulseplus.taser.com) even works with an app that will call 911 when you fire it. It costs \$10/month for that service, however. Again, a hand stun gun, a baton, even a tactical whip can be at-home weapons. My only worry is that once someone is actually in

## Fishes Vertically

In summer and winter Steve fishes vertically quite a bit. He casts the spoon out, lets it fall for a bit, then rips it back like a jerk bait. A spoon falls quickly – about a foot a second – so he simply counts it down until it is close to the bottom, then begins his retrieve. If you watch him, he closes the bail, then before he rips it, he actually shoves the rod forward about a foot. Then he rips it up almost straight over his head, takes up the slack, then rips it again.

The fish often take the bait on the fall, during that little pause while he lowers the rod and shoves it forward before swinging up on it again. When he tries to rip the bait he feels the heaviness of the fish and the fight is on.

If he sees surfacing fish, Foutch casts the spoon past the boil and keeps the rod tip high. There's no counting it down this time – he keeps the bait high and pops it back. This is a really exciting way to catch fish, and much more reliable than topwater lures for boilers. The spoon has a much closer resemblance to the shad the bass are after, and the way they drop and wobble between pops looks exactly like a dying baitfish. Steve often puts red hooks on his spoons, too.

## Spooning Is Reliable

Spooning is tremendously reliable. Steve not only catches fish all year, but also he catches big fish. At a typical Roosevelt tournament one May, he caught nine bass over 16” on a spoon. “Sixty percent of the fish I catch in tournaments come on spoons,” he asserts. He is often faced by scoffers, but once they spend an hour or so in the boat with him, they change their tune. He is always having to give spoons to his buddies and his partners.

During the summer when the fish go deep, Foutch watches the bank for clues to the bottom. He keeps a sharp eye out for any cuts that run into the lake, knowing that they will continue out under the water. “Rocks are part of the equation, too,” he says. “Watch the graph: there will be so many fish under you that it will turn black. People think that it is showing trees, but it's fish.”

Since cuts almost never run in a straight line, he criss-crosses the flats to find the channels. He always watches the graph when he's running down the lake, too. “If I see a good drop, say from fifty to thirty-five feet, I'll go back and fish it.” He uses the lighter half-ounce spoons

your house, there is no one around to help you, and a non-lethal weapon might not keep him down long enough for all of you to get to safety. And what if there are multiple attackers?

## Choose Carefully

Whether or not you carry a weapon is entirely up to you. If you do decide to carry, keep in mind what kinds of places you'd be most likely to need to use it, and choose a weapon that can be easily deployed. You may choose to simply have a siren or alarm.

Get the best one you can, and keep it charged. Only you can make the decision about what type of weapon you would be mentally prepared to use on an animal or another human being. Research your options, and make sure you know exactly how things work before an emergency happens. ■



Steve Foutch

more in summer. They flutter better, he says.

## Sunshine Plays A Big Part

Sunshine plays a big part in how well a spoon works. The sunlight is what gives a spoon its flash, so in the early morning or on a very cloudy day, another lure will work better. But on a bright day in relatively clear water, the spoon is hard to beat. On cloudy days he'll often try a white spoon before giving up on it completely.

As many other good bass fishermen, Steve examines the graph carefully before he even leaves the launch area. He looks for the depth that has the most activity and baitfish so he knows how deep to fish for bass. Once he gets to where he wants to start, the graph again plays a major role. “I don't fish there if I don't see baitfish,” he says. “Sometimes there are so many fry or shad that the screen is just black.”

He has his graph mounted on a swivel so that he can push it down so the screen

is facing the deck. That way the screen is out of the sun between stops. The sun just eats up the screens, he says.

“I fish just like this at every lake,” Steve says. “It's not on all the time at every lake, but you have to try it, because when the spoon bite is on, you can get a limit in half an hour.” He starts out fairly shallow early in the day, then moves out deeper as the sun gets higher. In the winter he'll often throw a spoon down a wall and just let it flutter down. Steve says if you can see fish and you're not getting bit – move out farther. He says that a lot of times that's all it takes to start getting bit.

## Dig Out Those Spoons

Steve says that in the summer once you get on them, you can be on them for a long time. Once he and fishing partner Lon Armel spooned over twenty bass over 16” in a single day. If that sounds like something you might enjoy, dig those spoons out of the box and tie one on. You'll be glad you did. ■

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# Annual Fire Ban Is In Effect

The Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department initiated its annual fire ban at the first of May. "Given the abundance of rain we've received this year, we've had an outstanding wildflower season. Unfortunately, as the blooms and brush die off and dry out, the parks are left with dangerous levels of fuel loads on the ground that can ignite a wildfire with just a small spark. As a land manager, we believe the decision to implement sooner rather than later is the responsible thing to do to ensure park visitor and park resource safety," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation director.

## Ban Includes

A fire ban is initiated to limit the possibility of starting a brush fire, which could cause serious damage to the parks. The fire ban includes the use of campfires, fire pits and charcoal grills; however, it is still acceptable to use gas/propane grills in designated areas such

## Moos Joins Other Notable Americans

Bill Moos, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Director of Athletics, is making history with the likes of Pulitzer Prize writer Willa Cather, aviator Charles Lindbergh and former Nebraska Football

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**FEATURED — Homestead National Monument of America Superintendent Mark Engler is shown with Bill Moos during the banner unveiling.**

## Now's The Time To Restore An RV

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as the ramada areas, semi-developed and developed camping sites.

This season, charcoal may be used in the grills located in the turf picnic ramada area at Estrella Mountain Regional Park. However, campfires along the shoreline at Lake Pleasant Regional Park are included in the fire ban due to higher-than-usual water levels and dried brush along the shoreline. Violation of this park rule, Rule 113, may result in a citation.

## Red Flag Warnings

It is also important to note that during this time of year, the National Weather Service often issues red flag warnings across central Arizona to alert land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildfire ignition. Should this occur before the fire ban goes into effect, park supervisors have been authorized to issue temporary fire bans to ensure public safety and protect the parks resources.

When temporary fire bans are issued, information will be posted on the website, and park visitors will be notified as they enter the park. The parks will also stop selling firewood during this time.

## Lift Of Ban Depends On Rain

While smoking in the parks is still permissible, it is discouraged due to the extremely dry conditions. If you must smoke, please be responsible and ensure that all cigarettes are properly extin-

guished and placed in trash receptacles. A date to lift the fire ban has not been identified and will be determined by the amount of rain Maricopa County receives during the monsoon season.

## Affected Parks

The following Maricopa County parks are affected by the fire ban: Adobe Dam Regional Park, Buckeye Hills Regional Park, Cave Creek Regional Park, Estrella Mountain Regional Park, Hasssayampa River Preserve, Lake Pleasant Regional Park, McDowell Mountain Regional Park, San Tan Mountain Regional Park, Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, Utery Mountain Regional Park, Vulture Mountains Recreation Area, and White Tank Mountain Regional Park.

If you have any questions regarding the fire ban, call the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department at (602) 506-2930, or visit [www.maricopacountyparks.net/](http://www.maricopacountyparks.net/). ■

## Grand Canyon North Rim Now Open

The gate at the entrance to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park opened on May 15. Grand Canyon Lodge and Grand Canyon Trail Rides have also commenced their 2019 seasonal operations. Other businesses on the Kaibab Plateau, from Jacob Lake to the park boundary, are also open.

## Services Now Available

All services provided by the National Park Service, including the Visitor Center, Backcountry Information Office, and campground, as well as the Grand Canyon Conservancy bookstore, are now available. Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim operations including lodging, groceries, camper services, food services, and gas station, are also open. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., lodge check-in will begin at 4 p.m., and seating for dinner will begin at 4:45 p.m.

Visitors to the North Rim will see construction this summer as a water distribution line replacement project gets underway. At various times, work will take

place in the campground, employee housing areas, near the lodge and along access roads. Updates will be posted regularly on the park's website and at various locations on the north rim.

## Last Of The 2019 Season

The last day of the 2019 season for most commercial services and regularly scheduled ranger-led programs will be October 15, 2019. The National Park Service will continue its operations including the visitor center, Backcountry Information Office, and campground through October 31. November 1 through December 1, the North Rim will be open for day use only (no overnight parking) unless snow closes Highway 67 prior to that date.

## Reservations

Overnight lodging reservations for North Rim facilities may be made by contacting Forever Resorts at 877-386-4383 or by visiting their website at [www.grandcanyonforever.com](http://www.grandcanyonforever.com). For reservations from outside of the United States,



please call 480-337-1320. Reservations for the North Rim Campground (until October 31) must be made by calling 877-444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). For information on Grand Canyon Trail Rides, please call 435-679-8665 or visit their website at [www.canyonrides.com](http://www.canyonrides.com). For North Rim trip-planning information, visit <https://go.nps.gov/leclly9>.

## Celebrate The Centennial

The year, Grand Canyon National Park celebrates 100 years since its designation as a national park. To prepare for the next century of stewardship, we hope to inspire future generations to experience, connect with, and protect Grand Canyon's unique resources. Join the celebration at [go.nps.gov/grandcanyoncentennial](http://go.nps.gov/grandcanyoncentennial) or on social media with #GrandCanyon100. ■



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## Temporarily Forest HQ Office Closed For Repairs

The USDA Forest Service, Tonto National Forest Supervisors Office, located at 2324 E. McDowell Road in Phoenix, is temporarily closed for building repair. This closure occurred on Monday, May 6, and will continue until the lobby area can safely reopen.



During this closure please contact any one of the ranger district offices with questions.

- **Cave Creek Ranger District**, 40202 N. Cave Creek Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85262, (480) 595-3300
- **Mesa Ranger District Office**, 5140 E. Ingram Street, Mesa, AZ 85205, (480) 610-3300
- **Globe Ranger District Office**, 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ 85001, (928) 402-6200
- **Tonto Basin Ranger District**, 28079

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# Vinyl, Leather, Clear Plastic Windows Can Be Restored

Whether its home is on water, pavement, snow or a dirt trail, one of the first signs recreational equipment is aging is that its vinyl, leather, plastic or rubber is looking old and tired. Sun, heat, ozone, grime, suntan lotion and other contaminants all contribute to leaving them dirty, dry, brittle and faded. Vinyl and Leather Cleaner & Conditioner from Iosso Products is uniquely formulated to clean and refresh these surfaces. It leaves them looking and feeling like new and protected for future adventures.

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Tonto National Forest officials appreciate the public's patience during this temporary inconvenience while the Supervisor's Office on McDowell Road undergoes repairs. ■

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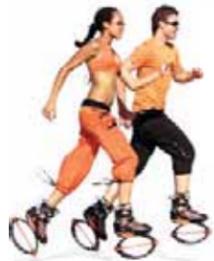
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# There Are So Many Ways To Enjoy Prescott, Ariz.

## Prescott Lakes Have Much To Offer

Ceremonial Pads at Watson and Goldwater Lakes For many years, some engaged couples have chosen to hold their wedding ceremonies and receptions at one of Prescott's lakes. To facilitate these and other ceremonies and various celebrations, the City has built two ceremonial pads, at Goldwater and Watson Lakes.

In 2014, the first ceremonial pad (capacity 100) was built at Goldwater Lake. Located in Prescott National Forest, this facility sits between two ramadas, Lakeview and Pinetop (capacity 100 each), which are ideal for receptions. All three of these facilities are available for rent independently.

A new and larger ceremonial pad was built at Watson Lake in 2018. With stunning views of Watson Lake and the Dells, this area has been a favorite spot for many weddings. It is a short distance from Watson Lake's Upper Ramada. Both have a capacity of 150. Due to proximity, these

two facilities cannot be rented individually.

### Lakes Summer Hours

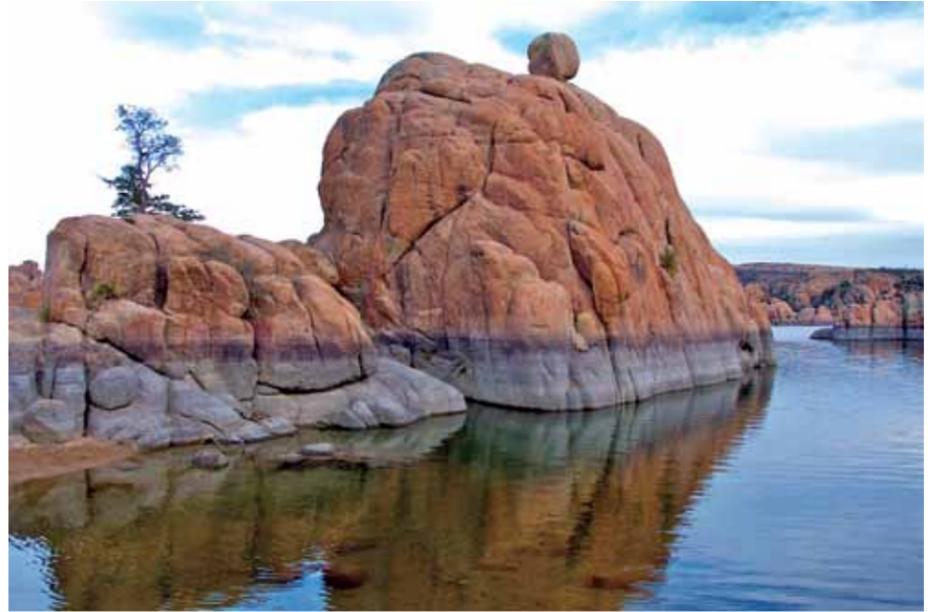
Summer Hours: ( through September 29) 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Winter Hours: 7 a.m.-sunset

### Parking

The parking fee is \$3.00 (Goldwater, Watson and Willow Lakes plus Peavine Trail). A one-day pass is good at all four locations; parking is free on Wednesdays.

### Watson Lake Amenities

- Two Boat Launches
- Fishing Dock
- Picnic Ramadas
- Ceremonial Pad
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables with BBQs
- Large Turf Area



- Horseshoe Pits
- Bocce Ball
- Disc Golf Course

- Hiking Trails
- In-Line Hockey Rink

## Natural Parklands Storm Ranch North Trails Completed

With only some fine tuning, including the installation of signage, the 6.4 miles of trails at Storm Ranch North (commonly referred to as the Storm Trails), just east of Peavine Trail, is now complete. The trails sit on the 160 acres purchased by the City of Prescott In January 2018. Trail construction began in early February 2018 and took Over the Hill Gang over 5,500 hours to complete.

Noted for its variety, the trail system showcases narrow canyons, balanced rocks, boulder fields, and a stroll along Boulder Creek. Because of the many rock formations, the trails have Flint-

stone inspired names such as Bedrock City, Bamm-Bamm, and Pebbles. The last trail to be completed, Yabba Dabba View Trail offers 360 degree views. Other higher-elevation trails also include some impressive views of the Dells, Glassford Hill, Watson Lake, and Granite Mountain. The length of the trail is 6.4 miles, and the elevations are 5,162' (low) to 5400' (high).

### Activities/Parking

- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Trail Running Access: Peavine Trail, several gated access points
- Parking: Peavine Trailhead, Sundog Ranch Rd., \$3.00 parking fee



## You Can Rent A Ramada For Small Or Large Groups

Ramadas in city parks can be reserved for small or large groups, for an entire day or less. A reservation ensures your group of exclusive use of the ramada, and allows staff advance notice so that we can prepare for your group's arrival. (We offer a 25 percent discount to City of Prescott residents.)

- **Ceremonial Pad Large Ramadas:** Half Day (four hours or less) \$150 Full Day (open to close) \$300
- **Medium Ramadas:** Half Day (four hours or less) \$100 Full Day (open to close) \$175
- A \$10 alcohol permit is required at all parks and lakes to consume beer and/or malt beverages only. Only Goldwater Lake and Watson Lake do not require the permit.
- **Goldwater Lake Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Goldwater Lakeview Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Goldwater Pinetop Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Willow Lake Hilltop Ramada** (ca-

- capacity 150 )
- **Willow Lake Garden Ramada** (capacity 150)
- **Granite Creek Park Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Vista Park Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Willow Creek Park Ramada** (capacity 100)
- **Small Ramadas:** Half Day (four hours or less) \$75 Full Day (open to close) \$125
- **Other Facilities:** 1) Goldwater Lake Ceremonial Pad (capacity 100)\$35 per hour, maximum four hours 2) Watson Lake Upper Ramada and Ceremonial Pad(capacity 150) — *Due to proximity cannot be rented separately* — Half Day (four hours or less), \$200; Full Day (open to close), \$350
- **Refundable deposits:** \$200, all rentals
- **Commercial Event Rentals** will require a Certificate of Liability.
- **Watson Lake Lower Ramada** (capacity 40)
- **Flinn Park Ramada** (capacity 40)

- **Ken Lindley Park Ramada** (capacity 40)

### Large Grass Areas

We have large grassy areas at Granite Creek Park and Watson Lake Park that can be reserved for large picnics, weddings, etc. A reservation fee will ensure your exclusive use of the area. Advance notice of your proposed event will allow us to control our irrigation schedules so that your event will take place uninterrupted by "controllable showers".

For groups of 50 or more, a Grass Area Application is required. Proof of Grass Area approval and park rental receipt will be required to be in the possession of the applicant's authorized representative attending the event.

Re-occurring events (two or more times a month) will be subject to a \$200 fee per event. Hourly rental is \$35 per hour plus an additional \$200 refundable security deposit.

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To avoid headaches later, lock the electronics screen being cleaned. This avoids inadvertently changing the device's settings.

After shaking well, spray a light mist of Serious Shine directly onto the screen

from 6–8" away. No waiting is needed before it's wiped with a microfiber towel. Flip the towel to a dry surface and buff lightly. The result is a deep clean that provides an anti-static, high gloss finish that protects from UV damage. It's so effective, it's used to clean fish slime on boats; a video is at [bit.ly/2wuda00](http://bit.ly/2wuda00).

As important as Serious Shine is what to wipe with. Paper towels shouldn't be used as they can scratch delicate screens, nor cotton rags that can cause smears. Microfiber Towels work best to trap and lift dirt, moisture, grease and oils. Shurhold's Three-Pack includes the yellow for general washing and cleaning, dark blue for polishing and shining and light blue for



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Serious Shine isn't just for electronics. It delivers the same benefits to a wide range of surfaces including vinyl, glass, fiberglass, rubber and stainless steel.

A 14 oz. can of Shurhold Serious Shine is \$16.98. The Microfiber Towels Variety Three-Pack is \$19.98.

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## New Compact JBL Amps Weather The Storm



JBL's new Apex Powersports Amplifiers from Prospec Electronics pack a high-performance punch, yet are small enough to fit into the palm of a hand. Easily hidden on a golf cart, motorcycle, ATV/UTV or boat, they're engineered and built to withstand outdoor extremes.

The Class D Apex Series of amplifiers feature easy to use controls for fast and simple wiring. The lineup has small heat sinks so they're ideal for installation locations with size restrictions. They also substantially reduce weight compared to other larger amplifiers on the market.

Three models are available to create the perfect listening environment. They have frequency responses of 20Hz to 20kHz, signal-to-noise ratios of 85dB and total harmonic distortion of <1%.

The JBL PA454 four channel amp is 4x45W RMS @ 4-ohms. It measures 6.75" L x 3.5" W x 1.75" H.

With high-pass, low-pass and all-pass selectable crossover capabilities, the JBL PA1502 two channel amp boasts 2x100W RMS @ 4-ohms, 2x150W RMS @ 2-ohms and 1x300W RMS @ 4-ohms (bridgeable).

The JBL PA1254 four channel amp features 4x75W RMS @ 4-ohms, 4x125W RMS @ 2-ohms and 2x250W RMS @ 4-ohms (bridgeable). It has high-pass, low-pass and all-pass selectable crossover.

The JBL Apex PA454 from Prospec Electronics costs \$179; the PA1502 is \$249; and the PA1254, \$299.

Contact local dealers or Prospec Electronics, 3325 S Morgans Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466. [www.prospecelectronics.com](http://www.prospecelectronics.com); [www.facebook.com/ProspecAudio](http://www.facebook.com/ProspecAudio); [www.instagram.com/prospecelectronics](http://www.instagram.com/prospecelectronics); YouTube: [bit.ly/2wQmJWz](http://bit.ly/2wQmJWz) ■

## Trailers Can Make Moving Your Vehicle Easy

For many RV, UTV, and boat owners, summer means getting the toys out for the season. The season. But backing and steering them can be difficult to do without damaging something. With Parkit360's line of rechargeable electric trailer dollies, a single person can move up to 15,000 lbs. with absolute ease, maneuvering around obstacles and tight corners. And, because it can be parked tongue-end in, it's an incredible theft deterrent.

Parkit360 makes three versions of its trailer dolly. The Force 5K and Force 10K move 5,000 lbs. and 10,000 lbs., respectively, and accommodate a 900 lb. tongue weight. The massively powerful Transformer 15K muscles 15,000 lbs. with a 2,200 lb. tongue weight. But for all their brawn, they're light and compact—about the size and weight of a lawnmower.

The power of a Parkit360 trailer dolly comes from its robust Bosch electric motor and planetary gearing. Wide tires provide extreme traction, moving the trailer over varied terrain and up slight grades. It runs off a 12V battery, either onboard or



from the boat or RV with the included 80" connection cable, and has a voltage meter and a built-in charger.

The magic of a Parkit360 electric trailer dolly is how easy it is to use. Once secured to the included ball using the company's innovative StableLoC Technology, it's simply a matter of steering. A thumb toggle provides forward and reverse. If the trailer has electric or surge brakes, Smart Brakes apply whenever the switch is in neutral.

Jackknifing is nearly impossible with the Parkit360. Because the operator is

facing the trailer and so close, it can be maneuvered within inches of trees, rocks and buildings. The Transformer 15K comes with a remote, making steering effortless. A video is at [bit.ly/2hOhrDJ](http://bit.ly/2hOhrDJ).

Parkit360 electric trailer dollies come with a two-year warranty. They start at \$1,200, with online pricing commonly available.

Contact local dealers or Parkit360, 130 Industrial Ave. Unit 600, Carleton Place, ON, Canada K7C 3T2. Toll-free 888-926-5517. [sales@parkit360.com](mailto:sales@parkit360.com), [www.parkit360.com](http://www.parkit360.com) ■



## Air-Dryr Protects Valuables From Rust, Mold, Mildew

Moisture is insidious. Even trace amounts can cause rust, mold and mildew to set in. The result can be anything from a blemish to the complete loss of an item. Air-Dryr from Davis Instruments is an effective and inexpensive way to stave off damaging humidity.

Air-Dryr is engineered to operate 24/7. Plugged into a 110/120V outlet and placed as low as possible, it warms the damp air to above the dew point. As the dry air is released through the top vents, cool, dank air is drawn into the device and processed. For safety, a thermal cut-off turns off the device in the event that something falls on top of it and blocks the air flow.

Without any moving parts, Air-Dryr is completely silent. Its durable polycar-

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## Moldaway Cleans The Natural Way

Keeping an RV spot-free is a constant battle, with many owners resorting to harsh, toxic chemicals and lots of elbow grease. Moldaway from Shurhold Industries is different. It's an oxygenated cleaner that's effective on a wide range of surfaces and removes stains the natural way.



Made in the USA, scientifically formulated Moldaway contains no bleach or chlorine, so it's safe to use on colored

vinyl, canvas, plastic, carpeting, interior and exterior cushions, awnings and wood. It removes mold, mildew, algae, dirt, and food and drink stains without scrubbing.

Using Moldaway is easy. Two teaspoons of the powder is mixed thoroughly into a quart of warm water and will remain effective for 10 hours. The solution is then sponged or brushed onto a cool surface. After standing damp with the mixture for 10 minutes, it's rinsed with clean water. For extremely soiled areas, it can soak longer. A 12 oz. jar costs \$14.98.

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## Covers Keep Parkit 360 Dollies In Pristine Condition

Parkit360 Force 5K and 10K battery-powered trailer dollies are built to last. But to keep them free from dust, dirt and debris, and in pristine condition, the company offers a custom-fitted Canvas Unit Cover.

The Canvas Unit Cover comes in two sizes, for 4" and 6.5" wide tires. Built of rugged canvas fabric with heavy-duty stitching, it's designed to be used indoors or out. A zipper ensures it goes on easily and snug to prevent wind damage. Both sizes cost \$220.

Perfect for storing RVs, boats and other trailers, Parkit360 power dollies will move up to 15,000 lbs., yet are light and compact enough to fit in the trunk of



a small sedan. Controlled with one hand, powerful electric motors make maneuvering around obstacles and tight corners a breeze. Parked tongue-end in, it's an incredible theft deterrent. A video is at [bit.ly/2hOhrDJ](http://bit.ly/2hOhrDJ).

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## Action Cameras Extend Up To 9', Above Or Below The Roofline

With a waterproof action camera, there's seemingly no limit to the incredible videos that can be recorded. The only limitation has been the length of an arm or flimsy selfie stick. With Shurhold Industries' Camera Adapter, a GoPro or Garmin VIRB quickly and securely attaches to any of the company's 11 different handles. Extending up to 9', it's easy to capture stunning new perspectives.

Made from a high-performance polymer, the Camera Adapter is completely rustproof. Part of Shurhold's One Handle Does It All System, it locks onto any



Shurhold fixed or telescoping triple-anodized aluminum handle and can be adjusted for the optimal shooting angle. With a Handle Mate PFD, it'll even float if accidentally dropped in the water.

On the RV, the Shurhold Camera Adapter has unlimited uses, both practical and fun. Safer than climbing a ladder, it's easy to inspect antennas and A/C units on the roof.

Below, it's perfect for checking for leaks and inside storage compartments. And nothing compares to it for capturing the

excitement of RVing. A video of it in action is at [bit.ly/ShurholdCameraAdapter](http://bit.ly/ShurholdCameraAdapter).

The Shurhold Camera Adapter doesn't have to remain on the RV. It's ideal for use around the house, whether checking gutters, crawlspaces or the progress of nesting birds.

The Shurhold Camera Adapter costs \$12.95; handles start at \$6.68; and the Handle Mate PFD is \$12.98.

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# AZGFD Reminds Public To Leave Baby Wildlife Alone

Rising temperatures and longer days mean spring is here and newborn wildlife are likely exploring the world around them.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department understands the public's desire to help seemingly "abandoned" animals such as baby birds and bunnies, however, the department reminds people to refuse the urge to "rescue" wildlife and to please leave baby wildlife alone.

While their intentions are good, in reality they're taking a newborn or juvenile animal from its parents, which likely parked the baby in one location while they foraged for food and water for long periods of time.

## Negative Consequences

"Picking up or 'rescuing' baby wildlife is often unnecessary and can have negative consequences," said Stacey Sekscienski, Arizona Game and Fish Department Wildlife Education program manager. "The mother is often left searching for her young, and baby wildlife raised by humans is less likely to survive if released



back into the wild."

AZGFD reminds those who come across young or baby wildlife to leave them alone. Some species of baby animals, such as elk calves or deer fawns may even have to be euthanized because they cannot be released back into the wild due to disease concerns. In addition, zoos and other wildlife sanctuaries have limited space to hold them.

Each year wildlife centers around the state are inundated with baby birds, rabbits and other wildlife that were unnecessarily taken from the wild.

## Contact Rehabilitator

The public should contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or their nearest AZGFD office if they encounter an animal that is clearly sick or injured with wounds or broken bones; is unresponsive or lethargic; has been attacked by a cat or dog; or there is strong evidence that the mother is dead.

Young wildlife found in your yard or in the field is rarely abandoned. Typically, once the perceived predator (you, or your cat or dog) leaves the area, one or both parents will return and continue to care for the young.

## Baby Birds Are Most Common

Baby birds are the most common wildlife species encountered by the public and removed from the wild. Young birds that have fallen from the nest can be placed back in the nest or as close as possible, preferably in an artificial nest. Those birds that are partially flighted should be left alone or in some cases moved nearby out of harm's way.

Contrary to popular belief, human

scent will not prevent the parents from returning to care for their young. Eggs of ground-nesting birds like quail should be left in place when discovered.

## The Best Thing To Do

"It's reassuring to know our Arizona community is passionate about caring for wild animals, but most often, the best thing anyone can do is just to leave baby wildlife alone," Sekscienski said.

Those with questions about a specific situation should contact one of the wildlife rehabilitators listed on the department's website at: [www.azgfd.gov/urban-wildlife](http://www.azgfd.gov/urban-wildlife) or contact their local Game and Fish office.

## Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects Arizona's 800+ wildlife species but receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars. Contribute to our on-the-ground conservation efforts at [www.AzWildlifeHero.com](http://www.AzWildlifeHero.com). ■



ALAN VERNON

American Black Bear

# Be Bear Aware; They're Hungry

Bears are now on the move; the public is reminded not to feed wildlife.

Arizona's bears are on the move in search for an easy meal, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds everyone to be safe by being Bear Aware.

The warning comes as department officials tranquilized and safely relocated a sub-adult male bear in April in Prescott Valley. AZGFD was contacted by local police who reported that a bear had been spotted in the Prescott Valley Old Town Plaza parking lot.

Two Prescott Valley officers responded and located the bear, which ran up a tree at a nearby residence. The bear remained in the tree until AZGFD wildlife managers could respond, tranquilize the bear and safely relocate it to an undisclosed location.

## It's That Time Of Year

"It's that time of year when bears have awoken hungry and are in search of easy food and water," said Regional Supervisor Larry Phoenix, of AZGFD's Kingman office. "Thankfully we were able to safely return this bear to the wild. However, that isn't always the case as bears can become dangerous after they've been habituated to human sources of food and denied their next meal."

Under department policy, wildlife officers consider the bear's behavior, age, sex and whether it's a threat to human safety when determining what action to take on when to relocate or lethally remove a bear.

The department spends considerable time and resources each year to remove or relocate habituated bears to minimize

the risk to people. However, removing a bear does not always solve the problem as approximately half of all bears that are relocated travel great distances and return to where they were captured.

Garbage stored outside is often the most common bear attractant. A study conducted by the town of Pinetop-Lakeside in the 1990s found that homeowners who left their garbage outside had a 70-percent chance of being visited by a bear. If the residence was near a thickly wooded area or at the edge of a housing development, the chances were even higher.

## What You Need To Do

Do your part to keep bears from posing a threat and needing to be removed:

Keep all trash inside a secured area until collection day. If that's not possible, keep food waste in a bag in the freezer and place those in the trash as close to collection time as possible.

If you'll be out of town or are a weekend visitor, ask a neighbor to place your trash out on collection day.

Take bird feeders down at night.

Keep pet food inside or remove all uneaten food.

Call 911 if you're in a life-threatening situation with a bear. To report a bear sighting in an urban area or neighborhood, please contact your local AZGFD office or the department's Radio Room at (623) 236-7201.

For more information, visit [www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/LivingWith](http://www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/LivingWith). ■

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# Public Health Officials Urge Precautions Against Rabies

Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD) Officials are urging people to protect themselves against rabies.

CCPHSD advises individuals to seek immediate medical attention if they are bitten or have had contact with an animal suspected to have rabies. Postexposure prophylaxis, a series of injections, may be recommended to prevent disease. Once symptoms appear, rabies is fatal in humans.

Prior to symptoms appearing, Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite, scratch or lick of a rabid animal. Most animal rabies cases reported to the CCPHSD each year occur in wild animals like foxes and skunks.

People are urged to take the following precautions to protect from rabies:

- Avoid wildlife, especially those exhibiting unusual wildlife behaviors which can include; showing no fear of humans, aggressive behavior, staggering and/or acting sickly and nocturnal mammals active during daytime.
- Keep all pets current on vaccinations and obey leash laws.



**Striped Skunk**

- Always keep pets away from wild animals.
- Never pick up, touch or feed wild or unfamiliar animals, even if they do not appear sick or aggressive.
- Report any wild animal exhibiting erratic or aggressive behavior.
- Pet owners should seek medical care from their veterinarian and call the appropriate authorities if their pet is bitten by



**Red Fox**

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Call Coconino County Public Health Services District Animal Management at

928-679-8756. In an emergency, call 911. For more information on rabies visit [www.azhealth.gov/rabies](http://www.azhealth.gov/rabies). ■

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## GROUND

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## MOOS

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Coach Tom Osborne.

Moos, a descendant of Cherry County, Nebraska, homesteaders, is now featured on a Homestead Legacy Banner at Homestead National Monument of America's Education Center, along with such notables as Cather, Lindbergh, Osborne, singer Jewel Kilcher and scientist and inventor George Washington Carver.

### Established Nearly 20 Years Ago

The Homestead Legacy Program, which was established through the help and support of the Gage County Foundation nearly 20 years ago, highlights no-

table Americans and their connection to America's epic homestead story.

"We are honored to have Athletic Director Moos as a participant in the Homestead Legacy Program," Homestead Superintendent Mark Engler said. "His participation is helping us to bring the history of homesteading alive and to make the story of homesteading relevant to today's global citizens."

### Moos Family History

The Bill Moos Legacy Banner was unveiled during a recent event hosted by the Friends of Homestead. During the unveiling ceremony, Moos shared stories tied to his Nebraska homestead history.

Moos family traces its roots through

eastern Montana, Nebraska and Washington State. His great-grandfather homesteaded in Cherry County on a quarter section of land. Moos grew up on a ranch in Washington State.

The Moos Homestead Legacy Banner can be seen at the Homestead National Monument of America Education Center, located four miles west and north of Beatrice along Nebraska Highway 4.

### Events For 2019

Remember, Homestead National Monument of America has an exciting schedule of events planned for 2019. Keep up with the latest information by following us on *Twitter* (HomesteadNM) and *Facebook* (HomesteadNM).

## PRESCOTT

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An outdoor stage area at Watson Lake Park, including power pedestals for vendors, may be reserved by special arrangement (fees apply). Please contact the office for more information. Rental fees and damage deposits will depend on the size and nature of the event, pro-

posed admission fee, etc.

### Special Event Park Rentals At Watson Lake

Upon request, Watson Lake can be rented for special events. Full park reservations (Upper Ramada, Lower Ramada and Grassy Area only) can be reserved for a daily cost of \$800 with a \$500 refundable clean-up and damage deposit. Use of the full camping area will be an

additional \$450 a day.

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### Unit Of National Park Service

Homestead National Monument of America is a unit of the National Park Service located four miles west of Beatrice, Neb., and 45 miles south of Lincoln. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free of charge. For additional information, please call 402-223-3514 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/home/>.

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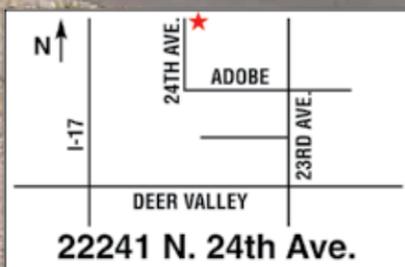
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### Mesa

22 — Suds and Slides – Mesa Riverview Park. Ice cold beer, spirits, water slides, summer bites and a dozen summer camp themed games. Grownups only activities including giant inflatable water slides, tug of war, a dunk tank, three-legged race, giant pillow toss, mini golf, beer pong, life sized Foosball, and a live action hungry hippos game. Suds & Slides is a 21+ over event only, ticketing options include a single admission for \$15 online, \$20 day of. <https://www.sudsandslides.com/>

## WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

### Payson

5-8 — Arizona High School Rodeo Finals - Payson Event Center. Exciting action with tie down roping, goat tying, breakaway, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding, saddle bronc, steer wrestling and pole bending. <https://ahsra.com/events/rodeo/>

### Show Low

7-9 — 16th Annual Show Low Days 2019 – City Park Frontier Fields. Featuring Derby Down the Deuce (soap box derby style race); Wiener Dog Races; Business Expo, Fun Zone, arts & crafts show, beer garden and live entertainment. Free. 928-537-2326 or <http://showlowdays.com/>

21-22 — Annual Show Low Deuces Wild Rodeo – Village Arena. Cowboys and cowgirls from Arizona and surrounding states compete in events including bull riding, barrel racing, bareback riding, team roping, saddle bronc riding, and tie-down roping. 7 pm. 928-537-3883 or <http://www.deuceswildrodeo.us/>



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14-15— 23rd Annual Sheep is Life Celebration – Diné College. A gathering for those who love sheep, wool, fiber arts and the diverse cultures that have maintained these lifeways for thousands of years. Register for 1- to 5-day fiber arts and culture workshops, Mon – Fri (June 10-13), taught by Diné (Navajo) master artists in the beautiful Chuska Mountains of the Navajo Nation. Free public events on Fri-Sat include hands-on activities, youth programs, sheep camp, fireside discussions, exhibits, demonstrations, and juried sheep and wool shows. 505-406-7428 or <http://www.navajolifeway.org>

### Williams

21-23 — 22nd Annual Cowpunchers

## FINANCING

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**7. To HELOC or not?** Thinking of using a home equity line of credit (HELOC) to buy your boat? You can still finance a boat using funds from a HELOC, however, keep in mind the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 eliminated the interest deduction on home equity loans for purchases made

on a home equity line not related to your principal residence. That means boaters won't be able to deduct any interest paid on a boat loan on their taxes.

**8. Your boat as a second home:** Boaters may still deduct interest as the home mortgage interest deduction for one second home in addition to their primary home, and a boat can qualify as a second-home loan interest deduction if it has a berth, head and galley. To get this

Reunion Rodeo – Williams Rodeo Grounds. The real working cowboys get together and put on a big rodeo for themselves. Rodeo performances start daily at 1pm, dance Friday and Saturday. \$5, kids 10 & under free. 928-853-6495 or <http://www.azcowpunchers.com>

### Flagstaff

27-29 — 6th Annual Flagstaff Pro Rodeo – Ft. Tuthill. A PRCA sanctioned rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, tie down roping and steer wrestling, also a mutton busting before the performance each night for kids under 8 years old and/or under 50 pounds. Gates open at 5 pm and performance at 7 pm. <http://www.flagstaffrodeo.com/>

### Pinetop/Lakeside

29 — Feathers and Nests - White Mountain Nature Center. Get your flock to the Nature Center to look at how birds fly and engineer their nests. Join in on an easy walk to check out our new Nest Box Trail. 10 am. 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wmnature.org>

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deduction, however, boaters must be able to itemize deductions on their returns. Passage of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 capped the overall limit on the second-home deduction at \$750,000 – most boat loans fall far below that threshold. For more details on the mortgage deduction on boats that qualify, go to [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). To learn about the mortgage deduction on boats that qualify, download IRS Publication 936. However, because everyone has different tax circumstances, it's wise to consult a tax professional.

**9. Don't count your chickens:** So you've secured the loan and found your dream boat. Hang on. While you might think the boat is perfect, before any money is exchanged, hire a qualified marine surveyor to inspect the boat to ensure it is in good condition and decrease the chance of any unexpected repair bills. Also, many lenders will require a marine survey.

**10. Closing costs:** As with any loan, there are some additional costs involved: sales tax, processing fee, and title and registration fees are common. Ask your lender to give you an itemized list of closing costs so there are no surprises. ■

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## HIKES

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Trail, it takes you on a shortcut across the big loop that Tom Moody takes.

This trail takes you past the Petroglyph overlook and the pit house as well. You can hear the water rushing to your right on the first part of the trail, but you only get glimpses of it unless you take one of the many little side trails that go to the water's edge. When the water isn't high, this is where my granddaughter and her friends get photos by the water.

### Rio de Flag Bridge

In less than a mile, you end up on a bit of a canyon wall, and you can see the beautiful little red Rio de Flag bridge before you zig-zag down the slope and cross the bridge.

After you cross the bridge, you're back on the Tom Moody Trail, which right here is part of the Arizona Trail. Follow this trail to your right after crossing the bridge. Further on, be sure to take another right when you see the sign that says "Tom Moody" — that's how you get to



Rio de Flag Bridge from an overlook on Don Weaver Trail.



Ice on the stream didn't bother our dog Mochi at all. She went right in.

the waterfall. There are plenty of places to view the falls, but it's down in a very steep little canyon, so be sure to hang on to any kids you have with you. A fall here would be bad.

Shortly after leaving the falls area, you come to a place that says Historic Railroad Trestle, but it's just some logs that are the remains. A very short walk from there and you're back at the pond. But that walk is really pretty with Rio de Flag alongside the whole time.

Picture Canyon is free, and you can take dogs on a leash. It's a great place to spend time and I highly recommend it. Our dog Mochi enjoyed romping in the water and we all had a good time. The trail wasn't crowded at all, even at the waterfalls.

### Griffith Spring

We discovered Griffith Spring several years ago, just after doing the Flagstaff Extreme Course at Fort Tuthill. To get there, drive south on 89A about two miles past the Flagstaff Airport exit and Fort Tuthill. You'll see the sign on the left side of the highway.

### Some Great Rock Walls

There is a small trailhead parking lot and a vault toilet at the trail head, as well as a picnic table. We've been there in the spring and the summer, and it has never been crowded. We love it.

The trail is mostly through the pine forest until you go down into the little cut



Griffith Spring trailhead has a vault toilet, parking, and a picnic table.

where the stream is, and it is gorgeous down there with some great rock walls. The stream cuts through the grass and the trail follows along, but eventually dead-ends. We like to wander along the stream as far as we can.

From the trail, you can see down into the little canyon, and as you go along, pretty soon you will see side tracks that go down to the stream. You can actually go right to the spring if you follow the trail, but it is basically just a wet spot in the dirt.

### A Gorgeous Place

When we went there this past April, the water still had ice on it because of being down in the canyon. The grass was yellow, but still pretty, and the stream was flowing quite well. In the summer there is sometimes less water, but the grass is a brilliant green and the place is just gorgeous.

The actual trail is just one mile long and fairly flat — a very easy walk for almost anyone. It follows the small canyon

down to a tank that forms the stream. This stream flows into Pump House Wash and eventually into Oak Creek. There June or June not be water, depending on rains. Either way, it's a nice place to take a little walk and enjoy the forest.

### Griffith: A Civil War Veteran

The Coconino Forest website says that James Griffith was a Civil War veteran who came to homestead in Arizona in the late 1800s. The spring was part of that homestead, which was over 160 acres. What a lucky guy!

### Keep An Eye On The Weather

If you're up near Flagstaff this summer, these two trails are quick and easy and worth checking out. Even though it's a lot cooler up there, it can still get warm, so remember to take lots of water, use sunscreen, wear a hat, and watch out for monsoon storms. Trust me, it is *no* fun to get caught in a thunderstorm miles from the car. Been there done that. Keep an eye on the weather and play it safe. ■

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