

# Some Great Summer Events Ahead

## ON THE COVER



## Listen To The Water

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

As Margie Anderson says in her article “Walks with Water” in “Land Cruising”, “Summer is tough when you live in the Valley. However, if you’re up for a casual stroll and you go very early or very late in the day, there are some great places in and around Phoenix where you can take a pretty flat walk and be near water the whole time.”

Her photo of Arizona Falls on this month’s cover is just one example of that refreshing idea. It is a wonderful 20-foot waterfall on the canal right in town (56th Street and Indian School Road) and is a great place to relax, cool off, and listen to the sound of the water falling. (Also, this is a perfect spot to take the kids.) ■

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Moving car can't stop recovered tortoise seeking adoptive home.



## Barefoot Waterski Champion Launches Online Coaching

Some sports are too specialized to easily find coaching nearby, especially from an eight-time national barefoot waterskiing champion. Zenon Bilas has taken his training expertise online. His personalized web-based coaching program provides youth and adults at all skill levels the tools and support they need to improve their waterskiing, barefooting and wakeboarding.

The cornerstone of the online coaching program is video. Students submit footage and Bilas analyzes it. The focus can range from a general evaluation to working on a

specific skill or trick. Returned is a customized regimen based on the performance and the way the student best learns. This can include video and photos of Bilas demonstrating his advice and commenting on the reasoning behind it.

Thanks to innovations in technology, anyone can learn anywhere. Bilas’ online approach to coaching is especially appealing to international waterskiers, barefooters and wakeboarders. A great time-saver, it’s also a fraction of the cost of in-person custom training.

Parents especially like Bilas’ easy-going, yet highly effective, approach. A resource of information for families, he has a natural ability to connect with young people. Junior skiers Charity Merriman and Mikey Caruso became world champions under his coaching expertise.

Bilas’ coaching is customized to the student’s needs. With an eye for detail, not only can he identify technique issues, but also he

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## AZGFD Accepting Entries For Wildlife Calendar Photo Contest

Do you want to see your photo on the cover of Arizona Wildlife Views magazine? Do you have a knack for capturing great photos of Arizona’s wildlife? Then you won’t want to miss the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s 13th annual Arizona wildlife photo contest.

One best in show and 11 first-place winners will be showcased in the 2020 calendar, which is published in the November-December issue of Arizona Wildlife Views, an award-winning magazine about wildlife and outdoor recreation.

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## Congratulations To These Winners!

Arizona Outdoor Hall Of Fame to induct four individuals and one group.

Make plans to attend the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation’s 22nd annual Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet and honor your fellow conservationists on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, at the Wigwam Resort, 300 East Wigwam Blvd. in Litchfield Park, Ariz. This year’s inductees into the

Outdoor Hall of Fame include four outstanding individuals and one outstanding organization.

### Those To Be Honored

The inductees are Bob Fletcher, a longtime sportsman-conservationist who has worked on numerous wildlife habitat improvement projects and is a past recipient of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission’s “Wildlife Habitat Steward of

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**THE VENUE** — The Wigwam Resort is a direct descendant of Arizona’s early cotton-ranching. When Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company discovered that cotton extended the life of their tires, the company bought 16,000 acres of land for cotton farming. In 1918, the company established the Organization House; a portion remains as the cornerstone of The Wigwam’s authenticity.



# July 2019 Events Calendar



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## BOATING

**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.

**US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING:** Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting [www.ussailing.org/training](http://www.ussailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

**Tempe**  
**AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS:** Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

## CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS:** Ongoing — [www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills](http://www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills) Google calendar.



**▲ Flagstaff**  
 20 — 19th Annual Pepsi-Cola Taylor House Century Bicycle Ride – Flagstaff Medical Center. Select a 30, 45, 65 or 95-mile loop through the cool pines and red rock desert of Northern Arizona. The course heads northeast of Flagstaff, looping through Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monuments and finishes at Flagstaff Medical Center with lunch. Funds raised support The Taylor House, providing housing for friends and families of patients at Flagstaff Medical Center. \$65-75. 7 am start. 928-773-2135 or <http://taylorhouseride.com>

**Winslow**  
 27 — Star Party: Homolovi State Park - Come out to Homolovi's Visitor Center Museum and Observatory for a night under the stars! Free with cost of park entry. Dress warmly and bring your sense of wonder! Telescopes will be available. \$7 day use fee per car with up to 4 adults. 30 minutes after sunset. 928-289-4106 or <https://azstateparks.com/homolovi/events/star-party>

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

## COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

**Prescott**  
 6 — Frontier Days Parade – Courthouse Plaza. Celebrate the history and heritage and the pageantry of this annual tradition. Followed by the annual tradition of the boot race. 9 am. 866-407-6336 or <http://www.worldsoldestrodeo.com/rodeo-parade/>

27-28 — 14th Annual Shootout on Whiskey Row – Mile High Middle School Athletic Field. The Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies are a gathering of award-winning Western re-enactment groups from all over the West who compete in historic skits and gunfights, also a period costume contest with authentic 1800s clothing, vendors. Free. 9 am – 4 pm. <http://www.visit-prescott.com> or <http://www.prescottregulators.org/?t=13th-Annual-Shootout-on-Whiskey-Row&event=1034144245c85735b97d2a>

**Taylor**  
 6, 65th Annual Taylor Independence Day Celebration & Night Rodeo – Taylor Rodeo Complex. Firing of the Anvil kicks off the activities followed by a patriotic program, Fun Run 10K & 2 Mile races, live Western entertainment, food, Night Rodeo, fireworks, and dance. 928-536-7366 or <https://snowflaketaylorchamber.org/annual-events/>

**Pinetop/Lakeside**  
 13 — 8th Annual Nature Film Festival – White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center. The evening will include a buffet dinner with beer or wine. Several film programs provide entertainment as well as giving information about nature, wildlife, and conservation. The Film Festival raises funds for the educational programs that WMAS and the Nature Center sponsor each year. 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wmnature.org/>

**Snowflake**  
 19-20 — Annual Pioneer Days Celebration - Snowflake's Pioneer Days celebrates the town's founding in July 1878 by Mormon pioneers. Events over the two-day celebration include a

parade, rodeos, car show, arts & crafts fair, Pioneer Day Run, softball and golf tournaments, fireworks, theatrical performances, kid's entertainment, barbecue, dancing, historic home tours and more. All Pioneer Days events are family friendly and offer a great way to experience Snowflake's small-town charm. 928-536-4331 or <http://www.snowflaketaylorchamber.org>

**Glendale**  
 19-21 — Summer Maricopa County Home & Garden Show – State Farm Stadium. "One-stop home improvement shopping," shop, compare and save with more than 1000 exhibits of the Valley's reputable companies all competing for your business and offering thousands of products and services for your home improvement needs. \$8. Fri 10 am – 6 pm, Sat 10 am – 6 pm, Sun 10 am – 5 pm. <https://maricopacountyhomeshows.com/>

**Flagstaff**  
 20-21 FLAGSTAFF: 22nd Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival – Fort Tuthill. Celebrating all things Celtic, music, piping, athletics, whiskey tasting, educational workshops, vendors, historical re-enactment, clans and societies and a kids area. \$20 or \$30/2-day. Sat 9 am - 6 pm, Sun 9 am - 4 pm. 928-606-6327 or <http://www.nachs.info>

## FISHING

**Phoenix**  
**SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS:** Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

**Flagstaff**  
 13-19 — Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup; lock in the date for the Summer HAHWG meeting Hunting

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## WITH SYMPATHY

**We send our sincere condolences to Harry Nicholson and Wayne Nicholson's many friends at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan's St. John's Episcopal Church, where he was pastor for many years.**

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- July 13 in Tucson
- July 18 in Show Low
- July 19 in Show Low
- July 20 in Peoria
- August 10 in Lake Havasu City
- August 10 in Phoenix
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- Any rips or tears
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- 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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# Boaters Aren't the Only Ones Getting Heavier

BoatUS says be careful when repowering with new outboards.

One year ago the U.S. Coast Guard required new recreational boats to have more floatation to support the increased weight of newer four-stroke outboards if the boat becomes swamped. Now the agency is implementing those changes as reported in the Spring 2019 issue of the U.S. Coast Guard *Boating Safety Circular*. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) advises recreational boaters to be aware of this issue when considering repowering an older model year vessel with a heavier four-stroke outboard.

"Repowering with a newer, more reliable, cleaner, fuel-sipping outboard is one way to get more life out of a good boat," said BoatUS Foundation president Chris Edmonston. "However, after having gone through the recent repowering



of a 22-foot center-console vessel with a heavier four-stroke, and seeing first-hand the resulting loss of freeboard and performance, we want to remind owners to consider engine weight. With a potentially

heavier four-stroke motor and resulting lower freeboard at the stern, swamping is a concern and your boat may handle differently than with the old engine."

## Before You Repower —

If you don't know the weight of the engine you're replacing, Edmonston recommends you contact the manufacturer before you repower. A boat dealer or repair facility may also be able to provide that information to ensure that, regardless of horsepower, the engine weights are similar.

Federal requirements mandate that outboard-powered monohull boats 20-feet and under must be built with enough flotation to keep the passenger-carrying area at or just below the water's surface in the event of swamping or capsizing. The boat must float level. There are no flotation regulations for vessels over 20-feet long.

When these regulations were written in the early 1970s, virtually all outboards suitable for smaller boats were two-stroke

models covering a broad range of horsepower, but that's no longer the case. Four-strokes come in virtually every size now, making them viable candidates for installation on more boats.

## The Weight Problem

While recently there have been some two- and four-stroke models with comparable power and weight, by and large four-stroke outboard engines remain heavier. A four-stroke's more complex valve systems typically add 10 percent to 15 percent or more weight than their two-stroke counterparts. Twin engine installations compound the weight problem.

This isn't the first time the Coast Guard has recognized a growing vessel weight issue and updated regulations. In 2011, the "Assumed Average Weight Per Person" was increased from 140 to 185 pounds, but only for commercial passenger vessels. Existing formulas for weight capacity on recreational boats were considered adequate and did not change. ■

# Six Ways Boaters Can Be Green This Summer

All across America boating season has begun. With some help from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, here are six ways boaters can help keep waters clean and be good environmental stewards all summer long.

**1. Cleaning and waxing:** When making your boat sparkle, understand that some general cleaning soaps may have harmful chemicals, so consider using alternate cleaning methods. You'd be surprised, for example, of how effective (and affordable) having a spray bottle with the proper mix of white vinegar and water can be as an all-purpose cleaner.

**2. Waste management:** A simple thing like having a trash bin aboard can make a difference, especially in a crowded Saturday afternoon anchorage. Ensure it has a lid that can be secured to prevent trash from blowing overboard. The presence of a trash can, and ensuring everyone aboard knows where it is, will encourage guests to be good environmental stewards as well.

**3. Sewage handling:** If you have a

head aboard, ensure it's in good working condition. Also familiarize yourself with how to use a pumpout correctly. Mistakes here can make it into family lore. Before you go to the pumpout location, call ahead to ensure it's operating, advise of your boat length and ask if there are any restrictions on getting access to the pump as it may be in a tight location. The good news is that many are inexpensive or free.

**4. Fuel efficiency:** In addition to having the engine tuned, have you had last season's propeller dings fixed? You'd be surprised what a little time in a prop shop can do for a boat's fuel economy. Other places to look to save gas: Are you carrying around a bunch of extra junk (weight) in lockers? Are your trim tabs in good working order? Balancing the load, especially in smaller boats, not only improves efficiency but safety as well.

**5. Fishing:** While everyone wants to have the biggest catch after a long day of fishing, it's important to practice selective harvesting. This encourages you to

keep more midsized fish and release the biggest ones as they're more likely to reproduce next season. Use circle hooks to minimize damage, and do your best never to leave fishing line in the water. Encourage your community's line recycling by making a monofilament fishing line recycling bin and start a recycling program at your boating and fishing club, launch ramp or marina.

**6. Refueling:** Check out this short refueling tips video. Never use hands-free clips, and avoid any distractions while fueling. Fuel expands as temperatures

rise, so don't top off your tank. Know how much fuel your tank holds and fill it to about 90 percent. Clean up fuel spills immediately with an oil-only absorbent pad.

The U.S. Coast Guard must be notified if a spill creates sheen on the water. Call the Coast Guard National Response Center at 800-424-8802 to report a spill. If you are refueling at a gas station, ensure you do not refuel your marine engine with E15 (15 percent ethanol) fuel or greater blends as this is against the law and will void your engine's warranty. ■



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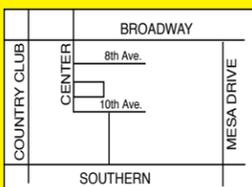


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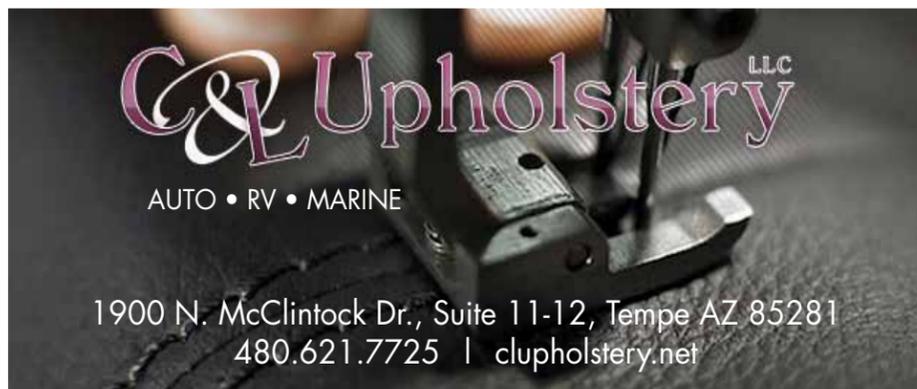
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**STEP UP TO SAFETY** — More paddlers on the water means everyone needs to step up their safety this boating season

## The Most Practical Boating-Safety Advice You'll Get This Year

Wearing a life jacket, avoiding alcohol, and taking a boating-safety course top the list of things BoatU.S.says you can do now to improve your chances of a

long, safe summer of boating.

**1. Be on the lookout for small craft.** The U.S. Coast Guard reports that operator inattention and improper lookout are at the top of the list for contributing factors to accidents. Combined with the increasing popularity of paddlecraft such as kayaks and standup paddleboards, boaters should slow down in areas where paddlers congregate. Be mindful of your wake. Consider learning the S.C.A.N. (Search, Concentrate, Analyze, and Negotiate) method to help you safely navigate around paddlers and other traffic on the water. Accept and understand that some paddlers may not understand the rules of the road or all of the safety risks inherent to small-craft operation. Some boaters are guilty of this as well.

**2. Avoid ship traffic.** With the U.S. economy strong, there may be more commercial ship traffic on coastlines, har-

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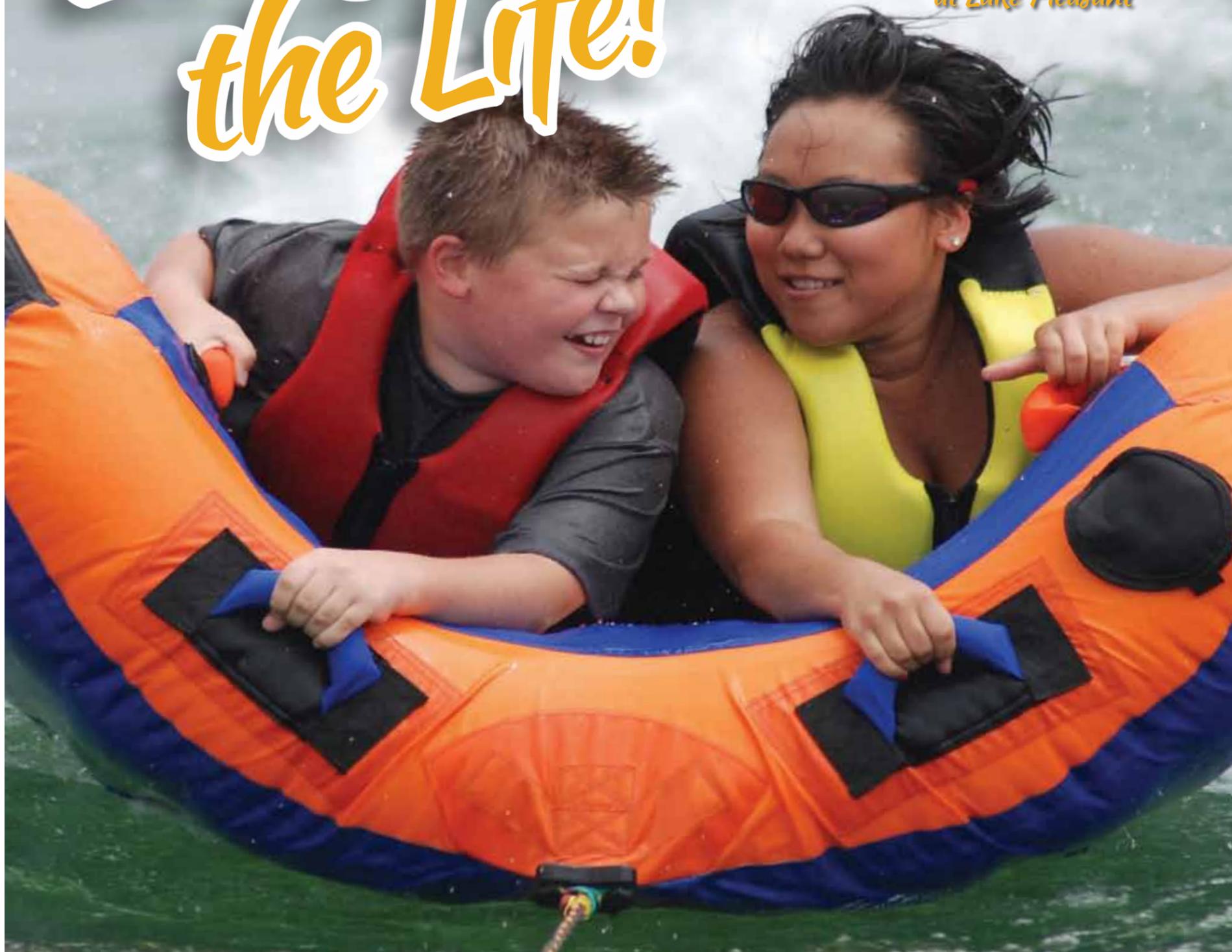
**Jim Salscheider, former Lake Havasu Marine Association (LHMA) CEO and president (still chairman) was recently honored as Lake Havasu's Citizen of the Year. In addition to the award, a first-ever for the LHMA, Salscheider received a special commendation from Arizona Congressman Hon. Paul Gosar**



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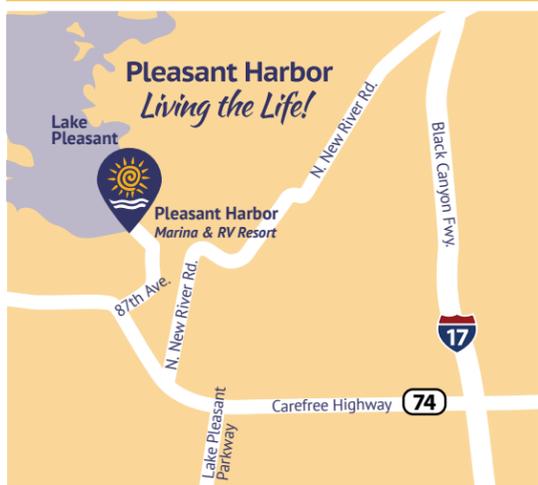
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It is hard to say goodbye to such a wonderful man — a loving husband, a caring step father, a veteran, a true patriot, an active community member, and one of the best friends anyone could ever have. This photo shows Ivan enjoying one of his favorite pastimes: fishing! In fact, his last days he spent preparing for a summer of fishing adventures throughout the cool-country lakes of the West. His final stop was Woods Canyon Lake, Ariz., a place where he will always be remembered and his wife, Carol, comforted. To her and their family and many friends, we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace.

Jim and Carol Allen

AZ LAKES, AZ PROS: RICH JONES AT PLEASANT

# Experts Jones And Duclos Offer 'Big' Advice

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Giant worms are ideal baits for big fish at Lake Pleasant, especially at night. The man who introduced us to giant baits was Rich Jones, an Arizona fisherman who loved the Wednesday night tournaments and often took home a wad of cash. He actually used to pour his own giant baits — the Bullwhip was super big heavy worm.

Rich doesn't make them anymore, but you can find giant worms like Mann's Jelly Worms, Berkley Power Worms, and Zoom Magnum Ol' Monster Worms in stores and online. Rich had seen an eight-pound bass thrashing on the surface of Lake Pleasant — it had a big white bass stuck in its throat. When he saw the size of the fish that bass was trying to eat, he decided his worms weren't nearly big enough.

## Big Fish, Big Baits

Jones isn't the only angler who has made the connection between big fish and big baits, but not everyone has the patience to fish the lures correctly to catch big fish. Those who do soon earn a reputation for being big-bass fishermen, but the true trophy hunters are rarely tournament fishermen. "Tournament fishermen are going for a limit," Jones explains, "whereas a trophy hunter can fish for hours without getting bit and not get too concerned about it. Fishing these big baits



**THINK BIG!** — John Anderson shows off the type of large bass that experts Rich Johns and Paul Duclos tempt with big baits.

is very slow."

Paul Duclos, a California angler who lays claim to over a hundred fish weighing more than ten pounds, agrees. Duclos is a big-bait fan, and he fishes a variety of big worms and swim baits in his favorite California waters. "I throw 2-foot worms as long as your leg," he proclaims, "and I

use swimbaits that weigh a pound." These big baits do indeed produce big catches, but Paul really has to work for them.

## Big Bass Live Deep

Duclos and Jones both agree that big bass usually live deep. Structure at depths of up to 50 feet may be where they spend the most time, but they come up shallower to feed. Duclos says most of his big fish are caught 18 to 25 feet deep. "Big bass cruise up into shallower water to feed, but they like to stay close to their deep water," he says. Your best chance to catch these fish is when they are looking for food, so he concentrates on likely feeding areas very close to deep water, and fishes them for hours waiting for a big fish to come by and grab his lure.

Flat areas on points where two channels come together are ideal, as are humps that rise suddenly from deep water without breaking the surface. Such humps, if they are around 20 feet deep at the top, are seldom marked by buoys since they are not navigation hazards on most lakes.

They're a gold mine. A clump of submerged trees, a rock pile, or even a single stump near this type of structure could be the home of a trophy bass. But the big bass prefer to eat big, says Duclos. They'll cruise up, grab a big bite, then go back down to digest the meal. So you

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## LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

# Life Is Good At Lake Powell!

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON

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We went to Bullfrog recently to complete a work assignment, which was to collect 200 surface-feeding striped bass. These captured fish are destined to be brood fish used to create hybrid stripers. We chose the date months ago, based on previous fish reports, which indicated slurping stripers would begin feeding on the surface during the first week of June. The report strategy worked great as we caught 100 surface-feeding (slurping) stripers from dawn until 10 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

## Stripers Find Shad Slurps

Stripers find small schools of shad (less than inch long) on the surface in areas where gizzard shad spawn. These small shad, bunch up, are surrounded and attacked by hungry stripers. The event is named "slurps" because tiny shad cannot swim fast enough to elude the attacking fish.

Schooling stripers surround the shad school and leisurely gulp down as many shad as possible. Anglers observing the shad feast only see a small surface disturbance and an occasional fish head skimming the surface.

## An Exciting Way To Catch Stripers

Binging stripers are prone to eat something larger than a tiny shad. If a "large shad" swims by (small rattletrap, spoon, or surface lure), the closest striper can be distracted and hit your lure. The trick is to cast just beyond the feeding school and reel the lure back through the skirmish line. Usually only one fish is caught from a slurp. Two fish is a bonus. That is not

a problem because the stripers go down, regroup and come right back up under another shad school.

On our trip, the wait was often less than a minute with the striper school coming up again, not very far away. We ran the big motor close enough to the slurp to get off another cast and catch another fish. This is an exciting way to catch stripers. Surprisingly the little foreheads seen sticking out of the water belonged to very healthy 2-3 pound stripers.

## Where The Slurps Are

Slurps were found uplake as far as Moki Canyon. We did not go uplake further due to a heavy mudline with lots of floating debris. There were slurps in the main channel all day long from Moki Canyon to Rock Creek. The heaviest concentration of slurping fish were found from Annies Canyon to Rincon where another water color change occurred from murky to clear. The next giant concentration of stripers was at the mouth of the San Juan. Slurping schools were seen as far downlake as Rock Creek, Dove Canyon, and Dominguez Butte (floating restroom).

Smallmouth bass fishing is still slower than usual with smallmouth holding on rocky habitat that, at press time, was over 20 feet deep. Largemouth bass are doing fine hiding in the newly submerged tumbleweeds in the backs of canyons and coves. Walleye are deeper than usual because of the fast-rising water levels, but are still caught trolling.

## The Good News

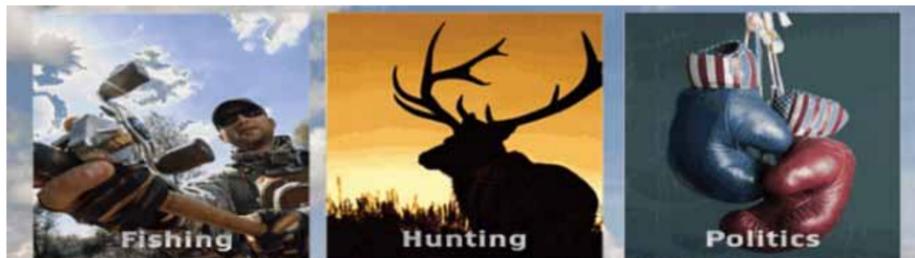
The good news is that the Castle Rock Cut is almost 10 feet deep (at press time). Antelope Point public launch ramp will be open soon, The inflowing river water exceeds 134,000 acre feet. Perhaps the



## Schooling Shad

best news for anglers is that the Wahweap Fish Cleaning Station is now open.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,591 and water temperature was 70-75F. ■



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# Gun Talk

## Summertime = Skill Refresh Time

BY JOHN ANDERSON

There isn't much hunting going on this month, and it's a bit warm to go out shooting (unless you pay for an indoor range), but that doesn't mean you shouldn't be training. This is a great time for dry-fire practice, mental conditioning, close-quarters combat training, indoor-range time, classes, and research on legal matters. This is also a good time to check your concealed-carry permit to see if it needs to be renewed soon.

### Dry-Fire Practice

Dry-fire practice is simply practicing with an unloaded weapon. You should never dry fire any rim fire guns because it can damage them. Most modern weapons won't be damaged by dry fire, but dummy rounds are cheap, so why take chances? Dry fire practice lets you get used to things that you can't practice at a range, such as drawing and firing, firing while moving, and even things like trying to get to your weapon while you're being attacked. Obviously, you'll need a partner for some of this.

*Just be absolutely sure that all live ammo is removed from the gun and locked up safely in another room. Don't even have live ammo around when you are doing dry-fire practice. Remove the magazine, remove the round from the chamber, then double-check the gun before prac-*

*tice. If you are practicing with a partner, have him/her check the gun as well. Lock up all live rounds before proceeding.*

Margie bought me a blue gun that fires lasers and we have a lot of practice fun with that. Blue guns are a great option, especially for practice with close quarters and drawing while under attack or on the ground. A quick online search for dry-fire drills will show you hundreds of options for training with dry fire.

### Mental Preparation

Mental preparation is something few people even think about, but it is crucial if you carry a gun. Are you really ready to use it? You can actually take classes that will help prepare you mentally should you ever have to defend yourself or your loved ones. It's something you should definitely check into. Not only do you need to be ready to use your weapon, you should also be constantly aware of your surroundings. Bad guys look for people who seem to be unaware or distracted. Those people are called "victims". Check into courses that will prepare you mentally.

### Close Quarters Combat

Odds are, by the time you realize you need to have your gun in your hand, the bad guy is already attacking you. Can you get to your weapon if someone has



already started attacking you? What you need are several moves that will get the bad guy away from you long enough for you to draw your weapon (and your draw is something you should be practicing already, right?).

There are several good moves that will back a guy off, and it may be enough to make him leave you alone so that you don't even need your weapon. Margie has a black belt in Taekwondo, and they taught her several excellent moves like palm heel strikes, kicks, and elbow strikes that will knock a guy away from you at least temporarily, no matter if he outweighs you.

Our son David has a black belt in Krav Maga and he also knows a lot of great moves. In this case, it really helps to have a partner so you can practice the moves. Check online for martial arts classes, especially those that offer a free trial. That way you can see if what they teach is real world applicable. You can also see a lot of moves online, but be careful with those. You're better off with a reputable teacher and person-to-person training.

### Courses

Check out your local gun store and see if they offer classes, or look online for gun classes near you. Our local shops offer all kinds of courses, including some

designed specifically for women. They also offer classes like Improvised Weapons that will show you how to defend yourself even if you don't have a gun.

Also, take a concealed-carry course, and it will usually include some information on legal matters in your state. There are also books that will educate you about the laws about defending yourself in your state. This is crucial information and something you absolutely should not neglect. Use these dog days of summer to get yourself caught up on gunmanship.

## News

### Act Fast To Comment On Shooting Areas In Arizona

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced last month that they are accepting public comments on a proposed shooting sports pilot project on public lands within the Arizona State Office's Phoenix District. The pilot, being conducted in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, will evaluate a variety of active management options to enhance access and safety.

Under the proposed pilot, consistent with Secretary's **Order 3356** and the John

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# Arizona Hunting Calendar For July 2019

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

**For the Fall 2019 Hunt:**  
Deadline was **June 11, 2019**. Tags mailed out by **July 31, 2019**

If tags are left over, first come applications accepted by mail on or after 8 a.m. July 22, 2019. Available at Game and Fish offices after 8 a.m. July 29, 2019 except crane and raptor.

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### 2019 Fees

General Hunting, resident: \$37 Non-resident: not available see combination  
Combination Hunt and fish, resident: \$57 Non-resident: \$160

Youth combination hunt and fish (ages 10-17), resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$5

Short-term combination license, resident: \$15/day, Non-resident: \$20/day

There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2019-2020 Hunting Regulations at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) for details.

Report Vandalism: 1-800-VANDALS  
Report poachers: Operation Game Thief 800-352-0700 rewards for information that results in an arrest.

*Be sure to check the hunting regulations carefully before you hunt. Many of the following hunts have notes and legal requirements listed. You must check the regulations. Pick up a paper copy at outdoor stores, Game and Fish offices, or go online at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) and click on regulations to download the booklet. "Open areas" have restrictions beyond what is listed here. ALL HUNTS require*



**YEAR 'ROUND — Eurasian Collared-Dove season is year-round with no bag or possession limits.**

*a valid hunting license or combination license. Hunters under 10 need a license or they must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid license. Falconry-only hunts require a Sport Falconry License. See regulations for daily limits and bag limits.*

**Tassel-eared tree squirrel Unit 31:** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (these were the dates for 2018-2019 as well, so season is open year-round).

**Limited weapon tree squirrel, 11M:** Oct 4 – Dec 31, 2019 see regulations

**Cottontail rabbit:** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (same dates last year, so season is year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges, and 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any cottontail.

**Cottontail rabbit limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot):** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (same dates last year, so season is year-round) Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges) any cottontail rabbit.

**Falconry-only cottontail rabbit:** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.

### Predatory and Fur-Bearing Mammals

Coyote and skunk: Jul 1, 2019 – June

30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

**Coyote and skunk Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge:** July 1 – June 30 (year-round)

**Coyote and skunk limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot):** July 1 – June 30 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

**Pursuit-only predatory and fur-bearing mammals:** June 1- July 31 2019 and April 1 – June 30, 2020. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

### Other Birds and Mammals

**House sparrow and European starling:** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

**Gunnison's prairie dog:** July 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2020 Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area in Unit 1, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

**All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves:** year-round. Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) English house sparrows and European starling:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) Gunnison's prairie dog Unit 11M:** year-round.

**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed**

**ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

**Falconry-only seasons: see regulations.**

### Quail Hunting

**See regulations for limits**  
**Falconry-only quail 25M, 26M, and 38M:** Jul 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2020 Any quail.

**DOVE HUNTING** season is two parts: an early season in September that is just a couple weeks long, then another late season which usually runs late November through early January. The 2019-2020 regulations pamphlet isn't out yet. *Dove hunters are required to have an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp in addition to their hunting license.*

**Eurasian collared doves** may be hunted year round with no daily bag or possession limits.

Note: The dove and band-tailed pigeon regulations booklet is out. Waterfowl still wasn't at press time.

### Big Game Hunting

**See regulations for information on hunts and dates. Big game hunting is by permit only. To see draw odds go to [toazgfd.com/Hunting/surveydata](http://toazgfd.com/Hunting/surveydata)**

### Bear

You can buy a non-permit tag for bear over the counter. Seasons vary by unit and units close when the quota is reached. You are responsible to call and report kills and also call before hunting to make sure the unit is still open. See regulations for details. Seasons are in Aug – Dec. There are also archery-only non-permit tags.

**Spring bear hunts** are during March

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# Buckle Up And Wear A Helmet

Stay safe on your OHV this summer.

As many people are gearing up to spend time outdoors this summer, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) reminds everyone planning to ride an off-highway vehicle (OHV) to do so safely and responsibly.

Numerous fatal accidents last year involved utility task vehicles (UTVs) that rolled over and pinned the operator underneath. Wearing a seatbelt is critical because it will help keep the operator and any passengers inside the UTV in the event of an accident.

If children are a part of the adventure, they must wear a U.S. Department of Transportation-approved helmet. While helmets are required for all operators and passengers under the age of 18, they're strongly recommended for everyone.

In addition, ride safely by following these practices:

- Only carry the number of passengers recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer. Many accidents are the result of too many people riding a machine that was designed for fewer passengers.
- Wear riding goggles, a long-sleeved shirt, pants, riding gloves and over-the-

ankle boots.

- Never ride alone.
- Be prepared and equipped with a map, first-aid kit and whistle, and have basic tools on hand.

- Stay on designated trails.
- Take an OHV safety education course designed to teach off-road motorists how to ride safely and responsibly.

Citations and warnings are given for issues like failing to have a current OHV Decal and allowing children under the age of 18 to ride without a helmet. It's also important to remember that OHVs and alcohol don't mix — operating any vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is always illegal, regardless of what type of vehicle it is.

For more information about OHV riding in Arizona, including a list of locations to ride throughout the state, visit [www.azgfd.gov/OHV](http://www.azgfd.gov/OHV). ■

## IF YOU'RE VISITING NEBRASKA

# Summer Hours Extended At Homestead National Monument

Homestead National Monument of America has begun extended hours for the summer. The monument will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through Labor Day Weekend. Along with the extended summer hours, the monument will offer a wide variety of special programs. The Freeman School will be open daily 1-4 p.m. The Freeman School will be opened by request other times as long as staffing permits.

Parking areas and trails will continue to be open from dawn to dusk. Staff will be available to present short talks on a wide variety of topics ranging from the Last Homesteader's tractor to prairie plants.

"Summer is an exciting time of year to visit Homestead National Monument of America," stated Superintendent Mark Engler. "We encourage everyone to check out and keep up to date with all the amazing programs we have planned for this year."

Remember, Homestead National Monument of America has an exciting schedule of events planned for 2019. Keep up with the latest information by following



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on Twitter (HomesteadNM) and Facebook (HomesteadNM).

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. Admission is free of charge. For additional information, please call 402-223-3514 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/home/>.

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# The Bucket, Re-Imagined

Technology advances at blinding speed in the RV world. Few would expect something like a lowly pail to keep pace, but that was before the Deluxe One Bucket System. Shurhold Industries completely reimagined this invaluable item that belongs in every motorhome and trailer. Made in the USA, it transforms the cleaning process, and how products and tools are stored. A video is at [bit.ly/OneBucketSystem](http://bit.ly/OneBucketSystem).

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# Visitation Tips/Reminders For Busy Summer Season

Grand Canyon National Park's summer season has begun; plan ahead to make the most of your trip!

## Trip Planning Tips

Save time and purchase your entrance pass online! With Your Pass Now visitors can purchase their Grand Canyon annual pass (\$70), motorcycle pass (\$30), vehicle pass (\$35) or pedestrian pass (\$20) online before they get to the park. At the park entrance, just show either a printed copy of the pass or have it saved on their mobile device to enter the park. Visitors traveling from Albuquerque or Phoenix are encouraged to drive to the park's eastern entrance gate for shorter wait times.

Don't spend time looking for a parking spot within the park; park in Tusayan and ride the shuttle bus in. Visitors traveling to the Village area who are planning to arrive after 10 a.m. when parking lots are



**Bright Angel Trailhead**

full, can maximize their time in the park by riding the Tusayan shuttle bus.

## Conditions On The North Rim

While most facilities are open, some scenic areas on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park such as Point Imperial, Cape Royal, and Point Sublime might have delayed accessibility due to

lingering snowpack and/or waterlogged areas created by melting snow. Check ahead for current conditions.

Water conservation measures including portable toilets in public areas, use of disposable plates and utensils in all dining facilities and the closure of the public laundry and shower are currently in place until repairs to the park's waterline are completed measures. As a reminder, all visitors to Grand Canyon National Park should be aware of their water use and practice water conservation measures while visiting the park.

## Hike Smart

Visitors to Grand Canyon National Park, especially those hoping to visit the inner canyon, need to prepare for summer temperatures in the park and on the trails. Anyone planning to hike into the canyon should take extra precautions to hike smart. This includes hiking before 10 a.m.

or after 4 p.m., packing plenty of water, dressing appropriately for weather, and carrying plenty of salty snacks.

In the summer, temperatures on exposed parts of the trail can reach over 120 F (49 C). Hiking in extreme heat can lead to serious health risks including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, hyponatremia, and hyperthermia. Rangers advise that anyone hiking in heat needs to balance food and water intake, drink when thirsty, and get wet to stay cool.

Additional information about hiking smart in the heat is available online at [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-smart](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-smart).

This year, Grand Canyon National Park celebrates 100 years since its designation as a national park! For a full list of centennial events and to learn more visit, [go.nps.gov/2019\\_events](http://go.nps.gov/2019_events). ■

# Tourism To Grand Canyon Creates Economic Benefits



A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that the 6.3 million visitors to Grand Canyon National Park in 2018 spent \$947 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 12,558 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$1.2 billion.

"Grand Canyon National Park welcomes visitors who come from across the country and around the world," said Sarah Creachbaum, acting superintendent. "We

know that these visitors make significant contributions to the economy - local, state and national. The National Park Service appreciates the support of our partners and neighbors in providing services that enhance the experience of those who visit the park, and are proud to work with them in sustaining our communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor-spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Egan Cornachione of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$20.2 billion of direct spending by more than 318 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 329,000 jobs nation-

ally; 268,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$40.1 billion.

Nationally, lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending, about \$6.8 billion in 2018. Food expenses are the second largest spending area and visitors spent \$4 billion in restaurants and bars and another \$1.4 billion at grocery and convenience stores.

Visitor spending on lodging supported more than 58,000 jobs and more than 61,000 jobs in restaurants across the country. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 28,000 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 20,000 jobs.

Report authors produced an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available online at the NPS Social Science website.

To learn more about national parks in Arizona and how the National Park Service works with Arizona communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, visit [www.nps.gov/arizona](http://www.nps.gov/arizona).

This year, Grand Canyon National Park continues to celebrate 100 years

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# Arizona's White Mountains Offer Cool Options To Beat Summer Heat

With triple digit temps on the horizon for the next few months in the desert areas of Arizona, residents will be looking for ways to keep cool. The White Mountains offer a perfect summer getaway for Valley residents who want adventure that's affordable, close, and fun. Several major summer events in the White Mountains provide the perfect opportunity for both families and those seeking a weekend of summer relaxation in a cooler climate.

The summer season will feature events that will appeal to everyone, including two ahead:

- Show Low Main Street Farmers Market & Art Walk : Every Saturday through Sept. 28
- Pinetop-Lakeside Days: Aug. 17

The White Mountains also offer a variety of outdoor activities including fishing and hiking at Woodland Lake Park in Lakeside, camping at Big Lake, and paddle boarding and kayaking at Fool Hollow Lake.

For those who like to golf, the Pinetop Lakes Golf and Country Club offers a



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# At These Sites, You'll Forget You're In Town

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Summer is tough when you live in the valley. I get that. I know a lot of people who are die-hard hikers who will run up Squaw Peak in 110 degrees, but I'm not one of them. In the summer I like to head north or south to the mountains to do my hiking where I can find plenty of gorgeous trails that don't bake you to a crisp.

However, if you're up for a casual stroll and you go very early or very late in the day, there are some great places in and around Phoenix where you can take a pretty flat walk and be near water the whole time. The key is time of day. Get there at dawn or dusk. A couple of these have shade in places, but one doesn't.

## Take A Lot Of Water

As always, take a lot of water with you – not just one of those little plastic bottles you buy. Get a good insulated water bottle and fill that bad boy up. Even better – take two. Get a little dayhiker pack and just use it for water. My granddaughters love their Hydro Flasks. They're pricey, but very "in" right now – they are insulated and keep water and ice all day. You can get them all the way up to a 64 ounce bottle. They come in tons of colors and the kids put stickers all over them.

## The Riparian Preserve At Water Ranch In Gilbert

This place is gorgeous and my granddaughters love to take their friends here. There are four and a half miles of trails that wander around the various ponds, and there is even a floating boardwalk at the northern end of the lake so you can get a good view of fish and the ducks on the water. This place is actually water basins that are part of the Town of Gilbert's reuse of effluent water. Treated water fills the ponds and is allowed to percolate into the aquifer for future use.



This is the little stream from one of the ponds at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve.

### Little Stream, Big Lake

There is a little stream at one of the ponds that is fun to see and hear, and the big lake is filled with reclaimed water and is actually an urban fishery. The fishing is catch-and-release only, with barbless



This is a view of Four Peaks from one of the trails at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve.



Hundreds of species of birds have been sighted at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve.

hooks, for bass and sunfish. The trout, catfish, and other fish you can catch and keep, with a limit of two catfish and two trout.

The trails have all kinds of curves so much of the time you feel like you're all alone there. There is a hummingbird garden, a butterfly garden, an observatory, and even a hilltop outdoor classroom. They also have restrooms, picnic ramadas, and a play area. This is a fantastic place to see birds and ducks, but the rules forbid feeding any animals you see there.

### Dogs Are Welcome

Dogs are welcome – on a leash – and you should clean up after them. There are even campsites, but you can't drive to



This is one of the trails at the Gilbert Riparian Area at Water Ranch.

them. The hours are sunrise to sunset unless you have a permit and you're camping. The sidewalk areas, including the ramadas and Water Ranch Lake are open 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Campsites

Campsites are \$30 per night if you are a Gilbert Resident, and \$45 if you're not. The small \$30 sites are big enough for up to 20 campers. The larger 20-35 camper



Even the entrance to Arizona Falls makes a fun photo.



Sit on these big blocks and enjoy Arizona Falls.

in your information. They'll send you an email that is your permit. I received mine almost immediately.

While you're online, print out a copy of the map of the trails. To get there, take 91st Ave. south from I-10. After about five miles, you'll reach Broadway Road. About another mile or so south, you will see a small paved driveway on the right side of the road with a closed gate. It doesn't look like an entrance, but it is. Park so as not to block the gate. There is a little walk-through to the left of the gate.

### Very Beautiful Waterfall

There are no restrooms, no trash cans, and no shade here. However, there are tons of birds, mammals, and beautiful

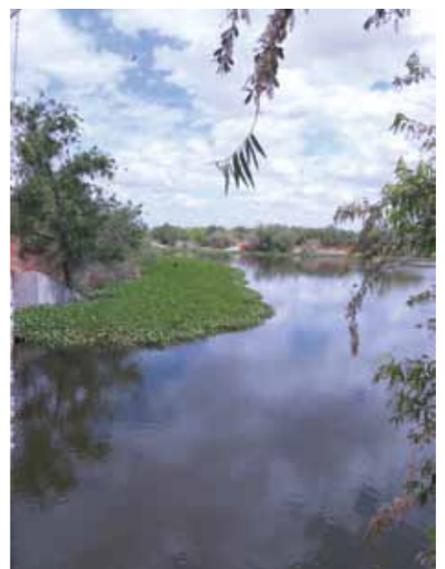
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Tres Rios is named for three rivers: The Salt, the Gila, and the Agua Fria; they join together near Avondale Boulevard.

### Tres Rios Wetlands

We just visited this place recently with our granddaughters and we loved it. We were the only ones there – we saw one lady arriving just as we were leaving, but that's it. Before you go, visit their website at <https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservices/tresrios> and get a free access permit by clicking on the link and filling



Here is the pond across the trail from the waterfall.

# RV GFCI Receptacle Protects Against Shock

Having an electrical outlet capable of monitoring and shutting itself off makes for one less thing to worry about while camping. Areas such as the galley, bathroom or outdoor kitchen can be made much safer by utilizing ground fault circuit interrupter receptacles. The GFCI Duplex Receptacle from Hubbell is UL-listed and designed to protect people from line-to-ground electrical shock hazards.

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The Hubbell GFCI Duplex Receptacle can mount in any standard 2.5" box and accepts lock-

ing fork terminals. It meets the National Electric Code (NEC) standards.

To accommodate a wide range of interior finishes, it is available in white, ivory, gray and brown. A matching nylon wall plate comes standard. A gray or white PVC weatherproof lift cover is available for installations exposed to the elements. The Hubbell GFCI Duplex Receptacle retails for \$26.

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## WALKS

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ponds and streams. When you park and walk through the gate, you'll be passing a large area to your right that is fenced in. This part is closed, but keep walking. Tall reeds block your view of the water on your right most of the time, but occasionally there is an opening and you can see all kinds of birds and ducks. As you pass the end of this closed part, you come to an area where there are no reeds and you can see a big pond. On the left as you pass the end of the pond, there is a very noisy and beautiful waterfall — very *Instagram* worthy.

### Two Wetlands

Past the waterfall are two wetlands. The North Overbank Wetlands is a perennial segment with marsh, open water and riparian forest. The South Overbank Wetlands is designed to be an ephemeral system with mesquites, riparian gallery forest, and riverine terrace. Like the Water Ranch, this place is designed for treated

water, or effluent. You can fish if you have a Tres Rios permit and an Arizona Fishing License. We didn't fish, but we had a great time walking the trails. There are informational signs along the way, and we saw a lot of songbirds, blackbirds, ducks, squirrels, and rabbits.

### Stop For Coffee And Crepes

There is no drinking water here and no picnic areas, but we had brought plenty of water with us. You should do the same. Early in the morning and later towards dusk are the best times to see animals, but even in mid-morning we saw plenty of birds and small mammals. I did a quick search for coffee places nearby and we stopped at Colados Coffee and Crepes on Indian School Road on our way home. It was great — the coffee was super and the crepes were delicious. Their address is 7540 West Indian School Road if you'd like to try it.

### Arizona Falls

There isn't a whole lot of walking to be done here, but it sure is a fun place to take the kids. This is actually a wonderful 20-



**Our granddaughter Trinity is standing over the waterfall at Tres Rios. What a beautiful place!**

foot waterfall on the canal right in town on 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road. It is now G.R. Herberger Park, and it's a great place to visit.

### Waterfalls On Three Sides

The main entrance is on the south side, and there is a foot bridge to the viewing platform. You can sit on boulders with water falls on three sides in the water room, and there is a shaded area as well. You can even see the antique gears from

the original hydroelectric plant if you peer through the falls. This is just a great place to relax and cool off, and listen to the sound of the waterfalls. It's open 24 hours a day.

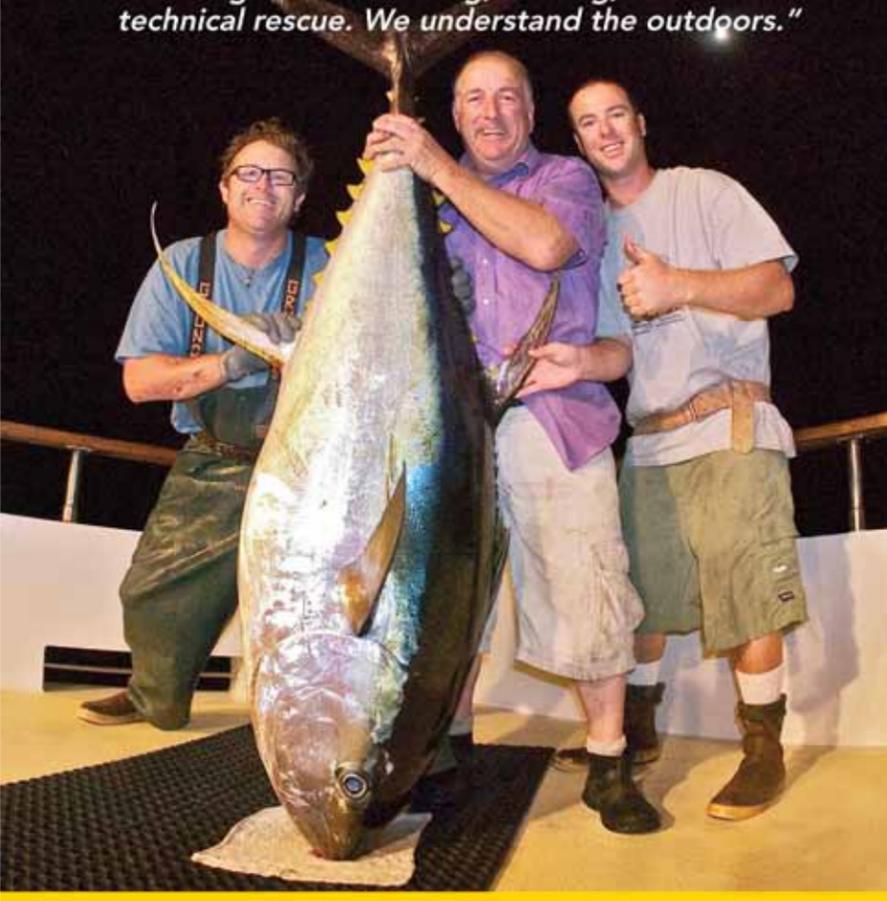
### Three For Free

All three of these places are *free* to visit, so get the kids up early one day and head on out to enjoy the outdoors. You'll forget you're in town! ■

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# Moving Car Can't Stop Recovered Tortoise

Dozens of tortoises up for adoption by the Arizona Game and Fish.

In a battle against a moving vehicle, a Sonoran desert tortoise is most certain to lose every time. While "Charlie," a 20-plus-year-old tortoise, escaped with its life in this instance — albeit with a damaged shell that has now healed — it's now well enough to be adopted into a forever home.

As is "Hook," another tortoise that needed surgery to amputate its right foot after being attacked by a dog. Today both are among the multiple tortoises seeking to provide slow doses of companionship to their caregivers and an opportunity to lovingly tend to the backyard of their adoptive homes.

"Tortoises are amazingly resilient animals," said Tegan Wolf, AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program coordinator. "While the Arizona Game and Fish Department strives to keep wildlife wild, captive des-



ert tortoises cannot be released into the wild because they may spread diseases to wild populations. Because of this, we place dozens of adoptable tortoises into homes to live out their lives as lovable loyal companions."

Desert tortoises offer a unique alternative to more traditional family pets and can teach many of the same life lessons to children, including responsibility, compassion and commitment. Contrary to many assumptions, desert tortoises can

be interactive and provide companionship without as many demands as a cat or dog.

While Charlie and Hook are between 20 and 40 years old, dozens of other desert tortoises eligible for adoption vary in age and size. Arizona residents interested in providing an adoptive home to a desert tortoise can find an adoption application and packet with general information at [www.azgfd.gov/tortoise](http://www.azgfd.gov/tortoise).

Those applying to adopt a tortoise will be contacted by the department once their application is reviewed and approved.

Adopters need to have a securely enclosed yard or separate enclosure in their yard, free from potential hazards such as a dog, fire pit or unfenced pool. The enclosed area must include an appropriate shelter for the tortoise to escape Arizona's extreme summer and winter temperatures.

All of the desert tortoises eligible for adoption are given health exams before going to their new homes.

## Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Depart-

ment 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).

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# Collaboration Pairs Wildlife Conservation With Beer

Conserve and Protect Kolsch is a creative twist on funding wildlife conservation.

Cheers to Arizona wildlife! Through an innovative public-private partnership, the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Mother Road Brewing Co. present: Conserve and Protect Kolsch.

In a creative twist on funding for wildlife conservation, Flagstaff-based Mother Road Brewing Co. has released special-edition cans of its Conserve and Protect Kolsch-style ale. As the sunset-orange, purple-mountain colored label says, "Conserve and Protect Kolsch is best enjoyed pulled from a cold river, and straight from the can. It pairs well with fresh air, wild-caught fish, and good company."

## Available Statewide Soon

For a limited time, wildlife enthusiasts can contribute to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's mission to conserve and protect wildlife in a new way. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of Conserve and Protect Kolsch cans will be donated to AZGFD to support its critical on-the-ground conservation work that



is done without any general fund tax dollars. Conserve and Protect Kolsch will be available statewide soon.

## New Audience

"We want all Arizonans to know about the agency's efforts to conserve and protect 800-plus wildlife species in the state," said Ty Gray, director of AZGFD. "With Mother Road's launch of Conserve and Protect Kolsch, we're talking to a new audience that cares about sustainability, enjoys the outdoors and wants to contribute to wildlife conservation."

## 'Conserve And Protect'

Mother Road graciously branded its popular summertime Kolsch with the agency's Conserve and Protect messaging at no cost to the department.

"Assisting with wildlife and habitat conservation in Arizona is a natural fit for Mother Road as it dovetails with our mis-

sion of 'building community one pint at a time,'" said CEO Michael Marquess.

## Become A Conservation Member

In addition to supporting this unique collaboration, the public can contribute directly to Arizona's wildlife by becoming a Conservation Member at [\[lifehero.com/join\]\(http://lifehero.com/join\). Your annual gift will ensure the department's science-based, on-the-ground conservation work can continue to make a difference for generations to come.](http://azwild-</a></p>
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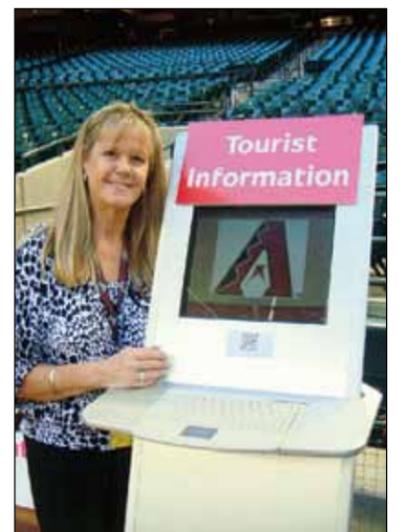
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BY JIM ALLEN

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# GCNP Has Its Dark Sky Park Certification

The National Park Service and the International Dark Sky Association are pleased to announce that Grand Canyon National Park has received its official International Dark Sky Park certification. The International Dark Sky Park certification gives Grand Canyon National Park support to continue to grow the park's educational programs and creates economic opportunities for neighboring communities as well through astronomy-based tourism. The certification does not

carry legal or regulatory authority; however, it demonstrates a commitment by parks to improve night skies through the use of more energy-efficient, sustainable lighting.

Certification also reaffirms Grand Canyon's commitment to educate the public and gateway communities about the importance of good lighting and opportunities to work together toward common goals. Certification efforts began in 2016 when Grand Canyon National Park was given Provisional International Dark Sky status after an initial inventory and assessment of over 5,000 exterior light fixtures. The provisional status gave the park three years to retrofit 67 percent of the light fixtures to be dark-sky compliant in order to achieve full certification. At the time, 35 percent of the lights were already dark-sky compliant. In late May of 2019, the park completed the retrofit process of an additional 34 percent of the light fixtures, bringing the total dark-sky compliant lights in the park up to 69 percent.

The process was then reviewed and accepted by the International Dark Sky Association, officially certifying Grand Canyon National Park as the newest International Dark Sky Park. In the coming years, the park plans on making 90 percent of the lights dark-sky compliant. The number of lights inventoried and retrofitted in this process undoubtedly makes Grand Canyon National Park one of the largest, most complex, International Dark Sky Parks in the world. ■

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## CONTEST

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### Many Opportunities

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The judging process is "blind," meaning entries are assigned a number and evaluated anonymously. Personal information is not attached to images or re-

vealed during judging. Photos are evaluated solely on creativity, photographic quality, effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject, and whether or not submitted images meet the basic size and formatting requirements.

### Need-To-Knows

Entries are accepted through Aug. 9, 2019, at 5 p.m. MST. Cash prizes will be awarded, and prize money is funded through publications sales.

As always, the contest is free to enter. It's also easy: People can enter via email or through a file-sharing website. The official rules are posted at [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest). ■

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can offer advice on issues he sees such as driving, equipment and safety.

"The student puts in all the hard work," Bilas notes. "My responsibility is to help the person achieve the goals they've set for themselves and motivate them to be-

come the best they can."

Bilas has over 30 years of experience competing, coaching and writing about watersports; a video is at [youtu.be/JcU213hf1Vc](http://youtu.be/JcU213hf1Vc). He can be reached at 561-433-4554 or [zenbilas@bellsouth.net](mailto:zenbilas@bellsouth.net).

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since its designation as a national park. To prepare for the next century of stew-

ardship, 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. ■

## HEAT

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challenging course set among the beauty of the White Mountains. The course is open to the public.

Thrill-seekers can enjoy a scenic lift ride, ziplining, and downhill mountain biking at Sunrise Ski Resort.

Show Low Lake has the best walleye fishing in Arizona and is also home to rainbow trout, bluegill, largemouth bass,

and other fish.

Fool Hollow Lake is a great place to fish for rainbow trout, walleye, channel catfish, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and others.

### Perfect Weekend Getaway

"For Valley residents, the White Mountains is the perfect destination for a weekend getaway," said White Mountains Partnership President Paul Watson. "We're close enough so it doesn't involve a long drive and our climate provides wel-

## WINNERS

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the Year" award; Mike Ingram, a dedicated contributor to Arizona's outdoor heritage, member of many sportsmen's/conservation organizations, and strong supporter of AZGFD's hunter/angler recruitment and retention efforts; John Koleszar, who has been active as a volunteer, fundraiser, writer and radio co-host, and has served in leadership roles for many sportsmen's/conservation organizations; Richard Williams, an active outdoor heritage advocate whose leadership has led many groups to become involved in furthering the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and the hunter/angler recruitment and retention effort in Arizona, and Malpai Borderlands Group, a nonprofit organization that brings ranchers, scientists, and key agencies together and carries out a series of conservation and habitat improvement projects and activities.

### The Event

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will also feature live/silent auctions, exciting raffle and door prizes, and music by the Back Porch Bandits. Suggested attire is business casual or western wear.

come relief from the summer heat. With so much to see and do, the hardest part is having enough time to enjoy all there is to offer."

For additional details on outdoor recreational activities and accommodations in the White Mountains, please visit [www.azwhitemountains.net](http://www.azwhitemountains.net).

### About The White Mountains Partnership

The White Mountains Partnership (WMP)'s mission is to collaboratively

Individual tickets are \$70. A table for 10 is \$700. A table of 10 and a full-page ad in the banquet program is \$1,200.

Purchase tickets online at <https://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/hall-of-fame>, or call Rebecca Bouquot (WFT Ticket Chair) at (602) 501-4788.

### About The Hall Of Fame

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was developed in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to honor those who have made significant contributions to Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage. Previous inductees include the likes of Senator Barry Goldwater, Congressman Mo Udall, sports writer Ben Avery, outdoor writer Bob Hirsch, the Phoenix Herpetological Society, Senator John McCain, and many other men, women and organizations that have served selflessly and continuously worked for the success of conservation of Arizona's precious wildlife resources.

### Wildlife For Tomorrow

Wildlife for Tomorrow is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide additional support for projects and education activities where traditional resources are not adequate.

For more information, visit [www.wildlifefortomorrow.org](http://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org). ■

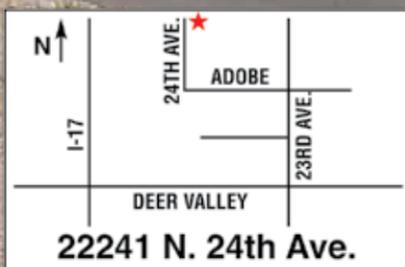
promote tourism across the northeastern region of Arizona. The Partnership includes Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Navajo County and Summit Healthcare, and is the primary resource for information regarding transportation, lodging, dining, attractions and seasonal events for White Mountains visitors. The Partnership works closely with the White Mountains Regional Chambers of Commerce to elevate the region's four seasons of tourism through recreation, wildlife, culture, history and sports. ■

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and Angling Heritage Workgroup; at the Arizona Nordic Village in Flagstaff. Register: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/144434>

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### ▲ Frozen

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### Swimming Flagstaff

14 — 35th Annual Mountain Man Triathlon - Lake Mary. Sprint: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 6.2 miles. Spectators free. 5:30 am. 928-526-8761 or <https://mountainmanevents.com/>

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Ongoing — A unique food bank that serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of families in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, [Jodi@lostourhome.org](mailto:Jodi@lostourhome.org).

### Prescott

1-7 — 132nd Annual Prescott Frontier Days & World's Oldest Rodeo – Prescott Rodeo Grounds. 8 rodeo performances, Arizona's largest rodeo parade, kiddie parade, arts & crafts show, food, rodeo dances. 7:30 & 1:30 pm select days. 928-445-3103 or 866-407-6336 or <http://www.worldsoldestrodeo.com>

### Sierra Vista

4 — 8th Annual Pets & People Promenade - Veterans Memorial Park Dress your pet in their best outfit and get ready to strut your stuff. Free. 7 am. 520-459-0433 or <https://visit.sierravistaaz.gov/events/>

### Williams

4-7 — World Series of Team Roping Qualifier – By Fuller Productions. 928-692-28465 or <http://ExperienceWilliams.com>

### Show Low

5 — 14th Annual 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/>

### Pinetop/Lakeside

6 — Wonderful Wetlands – White Mountain Nature Center. Discover the importance of wetlands to wildlife (and people), the impact of invasive

species, and enjoy our annual search for water critters at the Big Springs pond. Be ready to get wet! Free. 10 am. 928-358-3069 or <https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/>

27 — Jaguars! – White Mountain Nature Center. Occasionally seen in Southern Arizona today, the jaguar's range once included the White Mountains! The Northern Jaguar Project's presentation will detail this cat's history and status. Free. 10 am. 928-358-3069 or <https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/>



### ▲ Eagar

27 — 16th Annual High Country Hummer's Festival – Sipe Wildlife Area. Sheri Williamson, with Southeastern Bird Observatory, along with her banding crew will return to for an activity filled morning. The main event is watching the hundreds of hummingbirds that visit the area in summer and seeing Sheri and her volunteers collect, measure, weigh, assess and band the birds. Birding for kids - the kids may make their own hummingbird feeder. 8 am – noon. 928-367-4281

### Springerville

27 — 16th Annual High Country Hummingbird Festival – Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area south of Eagar. This free event features Hummingbird banding, plant displays for attracting hummingbirds, live wildlife from Arizona Game & Fish Wildlife Center, wildlife walk with a naturalist, children's activities and education. Free. 8 am – noon. 928-367-4281 or <http://www.whitemountainaudubon.org/special-events.html>

### Sierra Vista

31-8/3 SIERRA VISTA: 28th Annual Southwest Wings Birding & Nature Festival - Cochise College. Guided tours, field trips, seminars, vendors, displays, lectures, bat stalks, owl prowls, displays, arts & crafts, keynote speaker. <http://www.swwings.org> ■

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love of Arizona wildlife and support of the collaboration by tagging photos with #cheerstoAZwildlife.

About The Arizona Game And Fish Department

The mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department is to conserve and protect the state's 800-plus species of wildlife. AZGFD receives zero general fund tax dollars. Funding is primarily provided by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags or stamps, and via a federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition.

About Mother Road Brewing Company

Mother Road Brewing Company is an Arizona top-five craft microbrewery located along Route 66 in Flagstaff. Mother Road was John Steinbeck's name for Route 66 in The Grapes of Wrath. The original brewery on Mikes Pike, the 1926 alignment of Route 66, is dedicated to experimental beers and processes, while the new Butler Avenue brewery brews for distribution in kegs and cans.

Both breweries welcome guests into the tap rooms for pints, conversation, games, merchandise, and tours. Mother Road distributes statewide in Arizona with Hensley Beverage Company and its partners. For further information, visit [motherroadbeer.com](http://motherroadbeer.com). ■



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have to be willing to keep your big lure in their feeding area until they decide it's time for lunch.

### A Good Spot: Stay The Day

Giant worms are often so big that they require no weight. Sometimes a small bullet sinker used in front of the worm will help it get through submerged brush and over rocks. Duclos and Jones inch the worms through submerged brush, over feeding areas and in channels. Duclos has a rod holder on the back of his boat, and he often rigs up a big worm and lets it drag across the bottom as he drifts over a point while casting another big bait. But most of their time is spent fishing these worms extremely slowly across the bottom. He often double-anchors above a good spot and stays there all day.

"You don't need to worry about not feeling the bite," Duclos says. "A big bass will simply inhale the lure and keep on going." You need a rod like a broomstick, he says, with just a little give in the tip. He uses 8- to 14-pound fluorocarbon line. Jones, on the other hand, often fishes big baits on spinning gear and likes the feel he gets from braided line. Either way, the ability to set the hook hard in deep water is something you need to keep in mind.

### On Your Way To Trophy

Duclos likes to locate submerged trees along channels and swim the big worms through them slowly, giving them a slight twitch now and then to make their progress erratic. He also "stitches" worms along the bottom, using his fingers to take up line an inch or so at a time, keeping the lure in the strike zone as long as possible.

"Big bait, big fish." How often have you heard that one? But just throwing a big bait doesn't guarantee you a big bass. If you're willing to take the time to find the right places and fish these huge plastics with agonizing slowness, you're on your way to being a trophy bass fisherman. ■

## GUN TALK

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D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, the BLM has identified four recreational shooting "microsites" located on BLM-managed public lands in Maricopa and Pinal Counties near Phoenix. The proposed pilot microsites would offer shooting-sports enthusiasts enhanced access and safety through varying levels of potential site development, such as firing lines, backstops, side berms, concrete pads and/or restrooms.

The sites were selected because they are located in easily accessible areas and have minimal conflicts with other recreation activities (such as hiking, mountain biking, off-highway vehicle use and camping) or with natural or cultural resources, housing developments, commercial permits, or energy and telecommunications lines.

The pilot will not change existing dispersed recreational shooting access, with approximately 97 percent of BLM-managed lands in Arizona remaining open to shooting sports. The pilot will also not affect licensed hunting on public lands.

A 30-day public scoping period will end July 2, 2019. Public input during scoping will guide the BLM's development of an environmental assessment of the proposal.

Documents related to this project, including a fact sheet, are available for review on BLM's ePlanning website at <https://go.usa.gov/xmfVv>.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments directly on the ePlanning website. Comments may also be sent via email to: [PDOEA@blm.gov](mailto:PDOEA@blm.gov) or mailed to the BLM Phoenix District Office at 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027, to the attention of Tyler Lindsey, or sent by fax to (623) 580-5580. Please include "RecShooting Microsites" in the subject line.

### SCI Helps Derail Anti-Hunting Legislation Act

In June, Safari Club International President Paul Babaz praised efforts that killed

an anti-hunting bill in Connecticut's Assembly. The Connecticut Assembly adjourned *sine die* for the current session, handing anti-hunting groups a stinging defeat by failing to advance Senate Bill 20, which would have blocked importation of elephant, lion, leopard, rhino, and giraffe parts from Africa.

"Hunters and wildlife conservationists around the world, especially in Africa, are overjoyed to see that Connecticut's SB 20 failed to secure passage in the state House of Representatives," Babaz said. "SCI orchestrated its grassroots and other resources in the state to educate, advocate, and defend the use of hunting as a wildlife conservation tool. SB 20 was a reckless, partisan assault on the basics of wildlife science. Far from protecting certain animals, the drafters of SB 20 would have condemned them to more poaching and further population decline.

"SB 20 was based on the erroneous belief that politicians in Hartford, Connecticut know best how to manage wildlife in countries halfway across the globe. Further, it is highly unlikely that any SB 20 supporter consulted an African wildlife manager or even the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service before introducing the bill," Babaz continued. "But by banning imports SB 20 would have caused more harm than good. Regulated international hunting is beneficial to wildlife conservation and this fact is recognized by authorities such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

"Instead of seeking to criminalize Connecticut's hunters, members of the Assembly should consider leaving wildlife conservation to the experts or to wildlife managers in the sovereign African countries responsible for these species," Babaz explained. "While SCI members view the failure of SB 20 as a win for international hunting, make no mistake, we will not be backing down or shrinking from the fight—in Connecticut or anywhere. SCI will aggressively defend international hunting as a tool for conserving Africa's most treasured species. ■

## ADVICE

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bors, and rivers than we've seen in recent years. Ships can be deceptively fast, and recreational vessels attempting to cross in front of moving vessels can disappear under a ship's bow and out of the captain's line of sight, greatly decreasing safety for all aboard and potentially creating a very scary situation. For more information on safe boat operation around ships, go to [BoatUS.org/RulesOfTheRoad](http://BoatUS.org/RulesOfTheRoad).

**3. Beware of the spring/summer season of rain.** According to NOAA, nearly two-thirds of the lower 48 states face an elevated risk for flooding through and beyond May. (Think of the monsoon season ahead.) Snowmelt and heavy rain have brought trees, flotsam and jetsam downstream where they can collide with boats and create additional safety challenges with the increased current. A boater's best bet is to slow down, watch your speed (especially running down current), keep an extra lookout, and hope the sun comes out soon!

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water offers a range of online and on-water boating safety training courses – including 36 free state courses – that can be found at [BoatUS.org/Courses](http://BoatUS.org/Courses). ■

## HUNTING

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– May. Archery is May – July. See the spring regulations for details.

### Bison

Seasons vary in length and are in December. There are also limited opportunity permits for general, muzzleloader, and archery. Those hunts also vary in length and are in late August – December. See regulations.

**Spring bison** hunts are in January, April-June, July, and August, depending on unit. See the spring regulations for details.

### Nonpermit Tags – Purchase Over the Counter

Archery Turkey  
Youth-only turkey  
Bear  
Mountain lion  
Javelina  
Elk  
Archery deer  
Bobcat seal (for sale or export)

See the regulations for information on these non-permit tags and prices.

### Population Management Hunts

To be put in the hunter pool for population management hunts, fill out the form found in the regulations.

### Sunrise and Sunset June 2019

Times shown are for Phoenix, Arizona. Figure up to nine minutes earlier for eastern areas, nine minutes later for western areas. ■

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