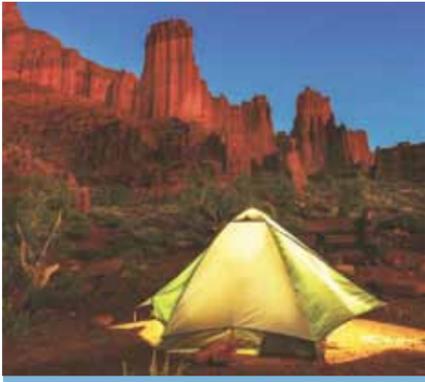


# Camping Serves Up Nature's 'Soul Food'

## ON THE COVER



## Outdoors Beckons

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Thanks to Dallas Shewmaker of LowerGear Outdoors for the enticing cover photo and for reminding us that it is time to go camping. He mentions that Arizona has a wide range of year-round camping opportunities that provide a respite from the often-chaotic hustle of the city. He quotes John Muir with this summary of the main benefit of being outdoors: "Wash your spirit clean".

As we soon move from spring into summer, there are many opportunities ahead to escape and explore, many with families. Even "beginners" have opportunities to

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## BEGINNERS' GUIDE TO CAMPING IN ARIZONA

# The Memories Can Last A Lifetime

BY DALLAS SHEWMAKER  
LOWERGEAR OUTDOORS, TEMPE, ARIZ.

Among the many benefits of living or visiting Arizona is the wide range of year-round camping opportunities. From pine trees and mountain streams, to the raw beauty of the Sonoran desert, you can enjoy time away from the hustle of the city.

John Muir said it best: "Keep close to Nature's hear t... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." Not bad advice, and easy to follow within a short drive from anywhere in the state.

The number of camping options in Arizona is staggering. As a start, there are 31 state parks, 6 national forests, 13 KOA campgrounds, 6 county parks just in the Phoenix area, many thousands of acres of BLM land, and 22 National Parks and Monuments. While camping availability at each such location varies from none to nearly unlimited, there's obviously no shortage of options.

For those considering what to take on their first camping trip, Dallas Shewmaker, owner of LowerGear Outdoors in Tempe, a retailer that rents and sells gear to many first-time campers, offers some advice.

First, learn some basic terminology about

camping that will come in handy:

- Developed campground — one with designated camping spots, usually for a fee, with amenities that may include rest rooms, showers, potable water, hosts, and sometimes electric and even wifi connections,
- Dispersed camping — generally free, undesignated spots found in BLM and national forest areas as example, but without any support services or amenities,
- Car camping — not sleeping in your car, but generally the car is near your camp site (developed or dispersed), as opposed to,
- Backpacking — consider it camping

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## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

# Here Are Some Things To Consider When Camp Cooking

Due to the difficulty of carrying large amounts of cooking fuel, campers often require their meals to cook in a short amount of time (5–20 minutes). Many campers prefer a 'just add boiling water' method of cooking, while others enjoy a more involved, and therefore, often higher quality meal.

The amount of cooking time can be disregarded if campers are able to cook over a campfire; however, due to the possibility of

a burn-ban being in place, campers do not often rely on this option.

### Shelf-Stability

Camping foods are often shelf-stable, that is, they require no refrigeration. Campers may be outdoors for days or weeks at a time, and will often pack food for the entire trip. Campers will sometimes take fresh

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### 2019 Spring Dates

- May 11-12 — River Island State Park – Parker
- May 18-19 — Dead Horse Ranch State Park – Cottonwood

### 2019 Fall Dates

- September 14-15 — Tonto Natural Bridge State Park – Payson
- September 21-22 — Slide Rock State Park – Sedona
- October 5-6 — Cattail Cove State Park – Lake Havasu
- October 12-13 — Kartchner Caverns State Park – Benson
- October 26-27 — Roper Lake State Park – Safford
- November 2-3 — Oracle State Park – Tucson
- November 30-December 1, 2019 — Lost Dutchman State Park – Apache Junction

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Mothers' Day is May 12

# May 2019 Events Calendar

## 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.

## CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

### Cottonwood

18-19 — Arizona Family Campout — Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Arizona Family Campout Programs are designed for families who have little or no experience camping. We'll introduce you to the experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Learn how to set up a tent and to cook outside, plus you will get to try some fun activities you can do while camping! \$90 for a family of up to 4. <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>



### ▲ Flagstaff

17-19 — 11th Annual Overland Expo West — Ft. Tuthill County Park. The world's premier event for adventure travel enthusiasts, with hundreds of 4x4 and ADV motorcycling classes, inspirational programming, educational roundtable discussions, and 300+ vendors of travel equipment, camping gear, vehicles, and services. <https://www.overlandexpo.com/>

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### Tucson

17 — 29th Annual Mt. Lemmon Hill Climb — Mt. Lemmon. Road bike ride, followed by an optional lunch at Summerhaven, includes four sag stops, round trip to Ski Valley is 59.6 miles, with 6,600 feet of elevation gain and

4.5% average grade. \$15-45. [https://www.bikegaba.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=307669&module\\_id=264634](https://www.bikegaba.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=307669&module_id=264634)

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

## COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

### Concho Valley

27 — 14th Annual Concho Memorial Day Parade and Picnic — Highway 61. Parade at 10 am, official flag raising ceremony at the park followed by a town picnic with food and music. Free. 10 am — 2 pm. 602-491-3797 or <http://www.conchocan.org>

### Cottonwood

1-5 — 53rd Annual Verde Valley Fair - Fairgrounds. Old time fair, free entertainment, carnival, livestock show & sale, fine art, homemaking arts, crafts, horticulture & floriculture. \$4-10. 928-634-3290 or <http://www.vvfair.com/>

### Flagstaff

18 — 13th Annual Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade — Historic Downtown Flagstaff. Presented by Pepsi. Honors the men & women of the United States Military and the American Veteran. 11 am. 928-286-7446 or <https://www.facebook.com/May18.2019/>

### Kingman

3-5 — Historic Route 66 Fun Run — More than 900 classic show cars cruise Route 66 from Seligman to Topock, Kingman includes a huge show-n-shine, musical performances, vendors and food. 928-753-5001 or <http://www.gokingman.com/Upcoming-Events>

### Sedona

5 — Cinco de Mayo Fiesta — Tlaquepaque. A colorful Fiesta saluting a rich heritage. Cheer and whistle to the music of mariachi musicians, clap to the steps of Folklorico dancers and savor traditional Mexican food. 11 am — 5 pm. 928-282-4838 or <http://www.tlaq.com>

### Tombstone

25-27 — 39th Annual Wyatt Earp Days — Celebrate the life and times of the Old West's most famous lawman in "the town too tough to die," gunfights & skits in the street, chili cook-off, hangings, street entertainment, look alike contests, 1880's fashion show. Free. 520-266-5266 or <https://www.tombstonechamber.com/event/wyatt-earp-days/>

### Tucson

5 — Free Family Friendly Cinco de Mayo Celebration — Tohono Chul Park. An event filled with the traditions of the Southwest. Enjoy mariachi band performances, agave spirit tastings, and artist displays. Includes food vendors, a local produce farmers market, local



makers, games for the kids, and much more. 10 am — 2 pm. 520-622-8848 or <https://www.agaveheritagefestival.com/all-events/2019/5/5/free-family-friendly-cinco-de-mayo>

5 — Cinco de Mayo Party — Hotel Congress. The annual Cinco De Mayo party hosted by Hotel Congress features live music, dancing and of course, agave spirits! \$5. 8 pm — 2 am. 520-622-8848 or <https://www.agaveheritagefestival.com/>

5 — 39th Annual Dr. Gann's Diet of Hope Cinco de Mayo 10K Fitness Fiesta — Tucson's largest and most scenic 10K and 5K winds its way through Starr Pass in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains. Run or walk the course with beautiful mountain scenery and great views of the Tucson basin. Afterwards, join us for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration featuring the Cholla High School mariachi band. Part of The Running Shop SAR Grand Prix series. New This Year — Finisher Medals for 10k and 5k finishers - limited to first 900 registrants. 6:30 am. <http://www.azroadrunners.org/races/detail/cinco>

12 — Tucson 5000 Run/Walk & Mother's Day Mile — Reid Park. Pancake flat, one of the fastest 5K in the west, pancake-flat, part of the 2019 Running Shop Grand Prix, also a kid's race, benefits Pima Community College Cross Country Team. \$20-25. 7 am. 520-326-9383 or <http://www.azroadrunners.org/races/detail/tucson-5000>

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While life jackets are required for children 12 and younger, wearing a life jacket is a simple step that could be lifesaving. If you do fall overboard, stay calm, move slowly and don't try to take off clothing while in the water. And if the boat has capsized, it most likely will not sink and can be used as a platform. It's advised that boaters stay on top of the capsized vessel as much as possible in order to stay out of the water.

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opy out here on the water," Jeff Downey stated, and that is when the idea of the Water Shade Canopy Float Kit was born.

The canopy float kit's four inflatable **WATER SHADE, continued on page 5**

## DO THESE FOUR THINGS NOW

# To Help Ensure A Summer Of Safe Boating



**GET IT REGISTERED — If your DSC VHF is not registered, or still registered to the prior boat owner, you're not helping yourself and could likely waste valuable response time in an emergency.**

Boatyards, marinas and clubs are waking up after a long winter's nap, and boaters have begun preparing their vessels for the season. While the boat needs to be looked at and readied for a summer of fun, so does your safety. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water says that doing these four free or low-cost things now will help ensure a summer of safe boating.

**1. Get a free Vessel Safety Check:** Where else can you ask a professional to go over your boat to ensure it's safe and has all the required safety equipment? And if the boat is not up to snuff, you won't be penalized in any way and

will instead get some welcome, friendly advice on how to improve. That's what a Vessel Safety Check does, so schedule a Vessel Safety Check now. Offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons, Vessel Safety Checks are completely free, and you may be surprised by what they find.

**2. Register your DSC-VHF Radio to get your MMSI number:** Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios can greatly reduce rescuer response times — but only if you have taken the time to register the radio and request your vessels' unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. If it's not registered, or

still registered to the prior boat owner, you're not helping yourself and could likely waste valuable response time in an emergency. BoatUS offers DSC VHF radio registration to the public for \$25 or free to BoatUS members.

**3. Inspect and prep your life jackets:** Inflatable life jackets need to be opened up every season to ensure they are in good shape. Regular (noninflatable) life jackets need to be brought out of hiding, inspected, and placed in locations aboard the boat that make it very easy for passengers to access. Life jackets are no good

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# Buying Boat Insurance: The Fine Print

Know your policy details about these six coverages.

As boat owners prep for the season, it's time to dust off the boat's insurance policy and grab a magnifying glass to read the fine print. Unlike auto or homeowner's insurance, recreational boat insurance has distinct coverages that can perplex boaters and leave them scratching their heads. What do you need to know? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) takes a look at the fine print on six of the most important coverages.

## The Consequential Damage Fine Print

Half of all sinkings occur at the dock when some small part below the waterline fails. However, these parts — an out-



**READ THE FINE PRINT** — Does your insurance policy cover this? It all depends on the fine print.

drive bellows, for example — most often fail due to “wear, tear, and corrosion” or a lack of maintenance, so the policy won't pay for a new outdrive bellows.

But here's the rub: As a consequence of the failed bellows, your boat has sunk and is likely a total loss. Who pays for that? That's why you need “consequential damage” coverage that pays for losses that often start with a failed part that may be excluded under the policy.

The small, inexpensive part that failed may not be covered, but most importantly, the rest of the repairs or total loss will be. One caveat: this consequential damage coverage often applies only to specific types of losses, for example, the immediate consequential damage resulting from any fire, explosion, sinking, demasting, collision or stranding.

## The Fuel-Spill Liability Fine Print

In addition to your policy's standard liability coverage for physical damage or bodily injury to a third party, fuel-spill liability protects you from claims

for cleanup or third-party damage due to the accidental discharge of oil or fuel that can occur in a sinking, fire, collision, or grounding.

Some policies only pay the costs associated with a fuel spill up to the policy's set limit of boating liability coverage. A better policy separates out fuel-spill liability and provides coverage up to the maximum amount you can be held liable for under federal law, which today is a whopping \$939,800.

## The On-Water Towing Fine Print

Many boat insurance policies offer some kind of on-water towing endorsement that provides a level of towing and assistance for routine breakdowns or soft ungroundings. Know how you will be able to use that coverage: Who pro-

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# Recall, Bulletin, Advisory: What's The Difference?

BoatUS deciphers what these vastly different terms mean for boat owners.

“Safety recall”, “service bulletin”, “product correction bulletin”, “service advisory”: What do these terms mean to you? Some use the force of law to require manufacturers to repair defects. Some are manufacturers' goodwill offers for free repairs, and the others are simply internal notifications that may not be much more than an “FYI.” Here's what each means to recreational boaters.

**“Safety Recall” and “Volunteer Safety Recall”:** Issued by the U.S. Coast Guard and often with a manufacturer's cooperation, a “safety recall” involves a safety problem that relates to a boat or associated equipment that is less than 10 years old. The recall must pertain to a violation of federal safety regulations or “a defect that creates a substantial risk of personal injury to the public.”

An official recall notification can also be issued under a “service bulletin” heading, but will also be called a “safety recall” on the document. Regardless, if it says “recall,” it's part of the Coast Guard program and manufacturers have to fix it at no charge, even if the boat's defect isn't discovered until many years after the recall is issued. A manufacturer can also issue a “volunteer safety recall” on its own, even after the first 10 years, and it still has the same weight as any other Coast Guard “safety recall.”

If a manufacturer goes out of business before the recall can be addressed, you are out of luck. If a new company buys the

old business, however, it may be responsible for the repairs or it may repair the defect simply as a goodwill gesture.

**“Product Correction Bulletin” vs “Service Advisory” vs “Service Bulletin”:** With issues that don't pose an imminent threat to life and limb but can be dangerous, a manufacturer may issue a “product correction bulletin.” Repairs are generally at no cost to the boat owner.

A “service advisory,” like the “product correction bulletin,” is a notice to a boat or engine owner that a Product Improvement Program (PIP) may be available that allows a dealer to be reimbursed by the manufacturer for a number of hours of labor, much like a warranty reimbursement, even if the product is out of warranty. This, too, is generally at no cost to the boat owner.

A common reason manufacturers issue “service bulletins” is for a product improvement or software updates. The costs of these types of repairs are often borne by the boater, but sometimes manufacturers help dealers so repairs can be done at little or no cost to the owner unless past the official “close date.” Even then, some manufacturers have been known to extend close dates as a goodwill measure.

Some “service bulletins” are directed to boat dealers for the purpose of helping manufacturers troubleshoot a problem that may or may not be covered by war-

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(and not legal) if they are buried at the bottom of a storage compartment and not “readily available.”

**4. Take a free boating safety course:** The numbers don't lie. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that 81 percent of boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety in-

struction. Recognize the upshot of these statistics and get instruction now at [BoatUS.org/Free](http://BoatUS.org/Free). The free online BoatUS Foundation state boating safety course easily fits into busy schedules, allowing course takers to stop at any time and pick up again later where they left off. It could also earn your state's boating safety certification. BoatUS membership is not required. And, see page 3 of this issue for more safe-boating courses. ■



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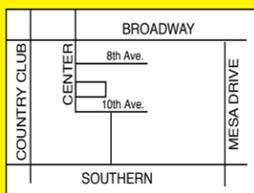
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vides the service? Does the company have 24-hour dispatch service to call for assistance? Is it easy to summon on-water help?

Having an on-water towing endorsement or a stand-alone on-water towing membership plan could allow you to leave your credit card in your wallet, and you'll get priority towboat service.

### The Salvage Coverage Fine Print

When fires, sinkings, shed-roof collapses, or running up on a shoal damages your boat, you end up with a "salvage" situation. If the boat is not a total loss and needs to be recovered and brought to a repair facility, costs can escalate quickly. Most boaters assume the cost of raising or moving the boat to a safe location is covered by their policy, but some marine insurers will subtract salvage costs from the insured value of the boat, reducing the funds available to repair the boat or the amount paid in the event of a total loss.

Also, in case of a total loss, you'll re-

ceive a check for the boat's insured value, but to pay for salvage you may only have a small percentage, perhaps just 5 or 10 percent of the insured value, to pay for recovering the boat which may not cover the salvage bill. That leaves your wallet short and you managing a potentially complex task. Better policies don't let you go it alone and provide salvage coverage that is separate but equal to the boat's hull value coverage.

### The Boat Trailer Fine Print

Not all boat insurance policies automatically provide boat trailer coverage, so be sure to check. Also find out if there are geographic limits on where you may trailer the boat. Note that if you have an accident while towing, it is your boat policy that pays to repair or replace the trailer, but any third-party damage your trailer causes to property or injuries to people is covered under your auto policy.

### The Liability-Only Boat Policy Fine Print

If you opt for a liability-only policy, make sure that it provides not only coverage for property damage and bodily injury to others but also coverage for salvage and removal of the wreck, and that separate coverage is available for fuel-spill incidents.

Need some help? The marine insurance specialists at BoatUS can help you review your current policy by calling 800-283-2883 and also offers free quotes at [BoatUS.com/Insurance](http://BoatUS.com/Insurance). ■

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ranty. Other "service bulletins" may be guides for both dealers and boat owners detailing proactive measures to prevent problems.

Regardless, if it is a "service bulletin," "product correction bulletin" or "marine service advisory" and the repair is free, associated costs such as haulouts or travel aren't typically covered. If labor costs exceed the hours the manufacturer is reimbursing the dealer, those costs may also be passed on to the owner.

**How to check your boat for recalls:** Manufacturers are required to contact the original owners of boats or products to advise of a recall, so new boat owners should always register the warranty so they may be contacted. Once a boat is resold, it becomes more challenging for manufacturers to remain in contact with subsequent owners. Regardless of the boat's age or which owner you are (second, third ...), contact the manufacturer and let it know you're now the owner.

The easiest way to find out if there is or was a recall for your boat, engine, or accessory is to visit the U.S. Coast Guard's recall website at [uscgboating.org/content/recalls.php](http://uscgboating.org/content/recalls.php). If your boat is on the list, contact the manufacturer, which can check records to see if the repair has been done. If not, it can direct you to a dealer that can do the repair. Again, some expenses such as haulouts are usually not included.

In addition, BoatUS Consumer Protection offers BoatUS members free access to the BoatUS Complaint Database, the only national database devoted solely to problems involving recreational boats, marine engines, and related products and services. To join, go to <https://www.boat-us.com/membership/>. ■

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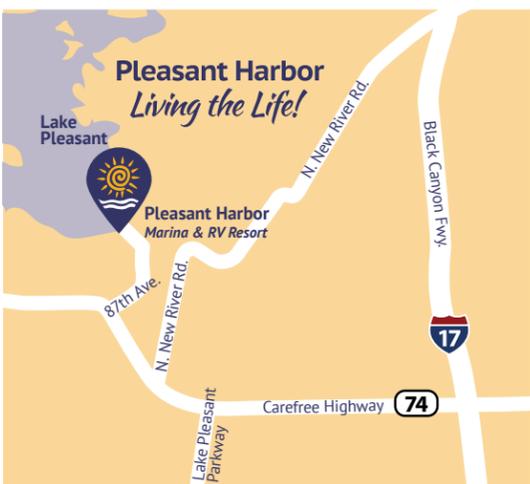
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BACK-UP/SECONDARY WEAPONS

# 'Two Is One And One Is None'

BY JOHN ANDERSON

If you have a concealed carry permit and carry a weapon regularly, have you ever considered carrying a back-up weapon? Not just a knife or a tactical pen or a monkey fist, but a secondary firearm? I've heard lots of reasons why you would want to have a second gun on you, and I've also heard plenty of reasons why people don't want to carry a second handgun. Let's look at both sides before discussing what type of secondary weapon to choose and where you might carry it.

**Pros**

Guns sometimes malfunction. Magazines fail, bullets jam — all kinds of things happen. If you've done any defensive pistol courses, you've practiced clearing a malfunction many times, but you really should practice it *a lot*. In the heat of the moment, if someone were actually pointing a gun at you and you had a misfire, what would happen? I've also heard people say that they carry a secondary weapon in case they run out of ammo.

Odds are, you're never going to be in a sustained gunfight where you need to reload, but if you carry a revolver (way less likely to fail, by the way), you are very limited ammo-wise. Six rounds is all you get most of the time. And revolvers take time to reload, even with reloaders.

**Cover Every Possibility**

Some people carry a second gun because they figure they can hand it off to another good guy and get some assistance. Again, unlikely, but a lot of people like to try to cover every possibility.

Another and more likely scenario would be if some big thug jumped you and had you pinned to the ground, making it impossible for you to get to your main



weapon. He might be sitting on your torso, right where your gun is. In that case, you might be able to reach a secondary pistol, especially if it were on your ankle.

**Cons**

Guns and ammo are heavy. How much do you really want to strap to your body every morning? If you need to lock your guns in the car, say to enter a federal building, how big of a lock box do you need for all those guns and magazines. If you and your spouse both carry, that's a lot of stuff to have to deal with on a daily basis.

**Keep It To Yourself**

Another con is that some people feel that others will think they are nuts for carrying around two guns all the time. Frankly, that shouldn't even be an issue. If you have decided to carry a weapon, that is your decision and yours only. In fact, the whole point of concealed carry is that no one should even know. Why are you telling people you carry at all, much less volunteering information about how many you carry?

I've got a feeling that if you were ever in an active-shooter situation, God forbid, the people around you will be very happy that someone on their side can defend them. But until something like that happens, keep it to yourself.

**What Weapon?**

If you've made the decision to carry a

secondary weapon, make it small and reliable. And remember that this is not your primary carry, so don't keep it in the same place. For instance, don't put two holsters on your belt. Your secondary carry can be in a variety of places. Ankle holsters are popular — a good ankle holster has no problem keeping a small pistol concealed inside your pant leg.

Some examples of nice little guns for secondary weapons are the Smith and Wesson M&P Bodyguard 38, the Taurus Protector, and the Ruger LCR, which is a double action revolver.

**Stay With A Caliber You Can Handle**

Stay with a caliber you can handle. The smaller the gun, the bigger the kick. You might find that a higher caliber is a bit much to control. Don't use magnum ammo or +P loads in this little gun, but stick to primo rounds.

You'll want to practice even more with the smaller pistol than with your primary carry. A smaller gun has a shorter barrel, and it's more difficult to be accurate with it. Practice smooth, long trigger pulls at 3, 5, and 7 yards. You should also practice getting to your gun. Get a blue gun replica and practice getting it out of the holster. Have someone sit on you as if they're going to pound your head in, and see if you can get to the gun.

**Revolvers Are Less Likely To Malfunction**

The reason that all three of the guns

I mentioned are revolvers is that revolvers are much less likely to malfunction. I'm not saying they never do, but they are quite a bit more reliable than semi-automatic pistols. There are no magazines to worry about, for one thing.

But if you really love the little Ruger LCP .380, by all means use one — but make sure you keep that thing clean and oiled, and replace the magazine periodically. What I mean is keep two magazines (at least), and keep one empty at home and the other loaded in your gun.

Springes can wear out from being constantly under tension, but they can also wear out from a lot of loading and unloading. Just shoot the gun regularly and you know if it starts having problems. You should replace the ammunition once a year as well. Go ahead and use it for practice, then reload with fresh self-defense ammo.

**Finding The Perfect Holster**

If you're like me, you'll go through a lot of holsters before finding the perfect one. They all look and sound good in the ads, but real life is often a different story. I've had ankle holsters that let even a small gun flop around, undershirts that wore like corsets, and pocket holsters that refused to let go of the gun. Nothing like drawing and having the holster still attached.

**A Little More Peace Of Mind**

The decision to carry a secondary weapon shouldn't be made lightly — it's going to be an expensive and time-consuming process finding the perfect gun and the perfect way to carry it. But there's no denying that having a back-up weapon gives you a little more peace of mind. As the preppers say, "two is one and one is none". ■



## Northern Arizona Shooting Range Open

The Northern Arizona Shooting Range has announced all ranges have been opened to the public although winter hours will remain in effect until May.

The rifle and pistol ranges, as well as stations for trap, skeet, sporting clays and five-stand, will operate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday. All shooters must arrive by 2 p.m. The rifle and pistol ranges also are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

The 160-acre range, located about 20 miles east of Flagstaff, is owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, and maintained and operated by the Northern Arizona Shooting Foundation.

The next NASF Meeting will be held at the Game and Fish Office on Lake Mary Road, May 13th starting at 7:00 p.m.

• **Rifle/Pistol Range:** Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Shooters need to arrive by 2:00 p.m.

• **Trap & Skeet and Sporting Clays:** Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Shooters need to arrive by 2:00 p.m.

• **Range Closure:** The range is closed

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# Proposed Fall/Spring Hunt Recommendations Available For Review

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's proposed hunt recommendations for the 2019-20 fall deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, bison, bear, mountain lion, predatory and furbearing mammals, and trapping seasons, as well as for the 2020-21 spring javelina, bison, and bear seasons, are available for review at [www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines).

The hunt structures and recommendations were formulated based on the hunt guidelines approved by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in September 2017.

All questions or comments about a particular game management unit or hunt can be emailed to [AZHuntGuidelines@azgfd.gov](mailto:AZHuntGuidelines@azgfd.gov). The public also is invited to call any of the department's regional offices statewide and ask to speak with a

game management biologist. No formal presentations are planned.

The proposed hunt recommendations will be presented to the commission for its consideration during a public meeting April 13 at Game and Fish headquarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, in Phoenix. The agenda will be posted at [www.azgfd.gov/commission](http://www.azgfd.gov/commission).

To learn more about the hunt recommendations and hunt guidelines processes, visit [www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines). ■



Bighorn Sheep



Deer



Javelina

# Ninth Circuit Ruling Is A Win-Win

(THIS NEWS RELEASE WAS ISSUED BY THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.)

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the limited use of motor vehicles to retrieve lawfully taken elk and bison on the Kaibab National Forest.

In January 2016, several environmental litigants (WildEarth Guardians, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council, Wildlands Network, and the Sierra Club) sued the U.S. Forest Service over its decision to allow hunters to drive cross-country up to one mile off of designated roads to retrieve elk and bison lawfully taken on the Kaibab National Forest.

## A Win-Win For Arizona

"Today's victory is a true win-win for the State of Arizona," said Attorney General Mark Brnovich. "Preserving the ability of elk and bison hunters to retrieve their animals is a win for conservation and a win for common sense."

"This ruling is a win not only for Arizona's hunters, but for wildlife conservation," said James Zieler, Arizona Game and Fish Commission chairman. "The State entered this lawsuit to protect its sovereign authority to regulate, manage and conserve wildlife in Arizona. This ruling ensures that our hunters will continue to retrieve their lawfully harvested animals to feed their families."

## Mature Elk And Bison

Mature bull elk can weigh as much as 1,200 pounds, and mature bull bison can weigh as much as 2,500 pounds. An adult bison eats approximately 35 pounds of forage per day. For some hunters, a harvested bison or elk can realistically be packed out of the field only by motorized transport. Leaving any edible portion of a harvested animal in the field to waste is unethical and illegal.

Unmanaged elk and bison herds adversely impact the habitat, and controlling their populations is necessary to keep the habitat within carrying capacity. Lawful hunting is the primary tool the Arizona Game and Fish Department uses to properly manage elk and bison populations in Arizona. Left uncontrolled, both can damage habitat and harm other wildlife species.

## Brnovich Intervenes

Attorney General Brnovich intervened on behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Department in the 2016 lawsuit brought by the environmental litigants. The State argued the loss of motorized big game retrieval for elk and bison would frustrate the ability of the Department to conserve forest resources by limiting hunters' ability to retrieve and ethically harvest the game meat of elk and bison lawfully taken on the Kaibab National Forest.

Assistant Attorney Generals John LeSueur and Linda Pollock worked on this matter for the Attorney General's Office.

## Copy Available

A copy of the Ninth Circuit opinion is available at [https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/docs/press-releases/2019/opinions/2019-03-13\\_Opinion.pdf](https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/docs/press-releases/2019/opinions/2019-03-13_Opinion.pdf) ■

## ARIZONA LAKES, ARIZONA PROS: CLIFFORD PIRCH

# May Is A Great Time To Fish Roosevelt

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

You may be familiar with Clifford Pirch if you follow the big tournament circuits like Bassmaster and the like, but Clifford is a Payson boy, and we fished with him quite a bit back in the day. He used to fish All Star Bass and he must have a couple dozen trophies from that circuit tucked away somewhere.

Clifford has fished for most of his life, and he started guiding on Roosevelt, Bartlett, and Apache, then fished tournaments on weekends. We went to Roosevelt with Clifford one May. Here's how he fished it.

## Tries Reaction Baits First

We started out in the back of a cove throwing topwater and spinnerbaits first thing in the morning. While we fished, he told us about how he had gotten fifth place at a recent tournament on Pleasant — he fished the lower end of the lake with a Castaic Minnow (soft jerk bait) and a Yo-ZuriHydro Popper topwater popping bait. The Castaic minnow runs really shallow, and he said that during the tournament his bass spit up 6-inch shad in the livewell.

Meanwhile, there didn't seem to be much going on in the cove we were in at Rosey, so he moved to some main lake type stuff — more flat areas. He switched to a small jerkbait. "I usually try reaction baits first," Pirch said. "I'm not one to sit on a hump or a channel all day unless I have to."

## Depends On The Fish

Which reaction bait he sticks with depends on the fish. He'll try a spinnerbait and a crankbait to see what works. Buzz-



Clifford Pirch

baits are his favorite lure — they tend to get bigger bites. Soon we were on the move again. He seems to spend about fifteen minutes on a spot before giving up on it. Fish were jumping all around us but we weren't getting bit.

We tried buzzbaits, poppers, and Sauvés's (Lobina Lures) near the dam under the bridge and across, but nothing.

## Sight Fishing

Soon we were cruising around looking for fish on beds and saw a few small one. John caught a fish on a spinnerbait near the curve at the mouth of the bridge cove. Clifford started sight fishing with a chartreuse Zipper Worm.

Chartreuse is a good sight fishing bait because it is more important for the angler to see the bait, Pirch says. When it disappears, you know a fish picked it up, even if you don't see the fish. Pirch is very good at sight fishing and put several in the boat, while talking to us about Roosevelt in summer.

## In July Bass Will School

In July, bass will be schooling and feeding on shad. Look for a topwater bite early and fish a lot of outside points and humps. Also spoons at any depth. He likes Hopkins spoons and tries to use a spoon the same length as the shad. He just rips it up and down and it really works on suspended bass. Look at a map of the lake and find a long point that comes way out in the lake. That's great summer structure.

We moved out into the Haystack area at this point and started fishing Westy Worms — the light heads. He says he'll switch to split-shotting if he has to, just to fill out a limit, but prefers to use things like buzzbaits and jigs for a better chance at big fish. Flat areas with lots of tumbled rocks and small smooth channels all over the place hold lots of fish, and they'll move up and down those channels to get from deep to shallow. They are a great place to swim a jig.

## Too Hot? Go At Night.

Start with reaction baits and catch all you can until the bite dies. Don't spend too much time on a spot before moving on if it isn't producing. If the reaction bite dies, look for structure and start throwing worms or jigs. May is a great time to go to Roosevelt Lake. If it gets too hot, go at night. Just go. ■

# A Big Fish Still Swims In Lake Powell

Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing.

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON

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OR [WAYNESWORDS.NET](http://wayneswords.net)

Occasionally a big, trophy striper is caught. The timing is usually random, dependent on the right lure's contacting the bottom at the same instant that the big fish is actively searching for food at the exact spot.

The number of trophy-sized fish in Lake Powell is small compared the length of the shoreline. The reason for this is the schooling behavior of striped bass. They feed as a team and work well together until food is scarce.

If a large striper stays with the school it may not get enough food to grow to trophy size. If it heads out on its own, it has to change its foraging techniques to feeding on larger game fish including bass, walleye, carp and catfish.

## Really Big Stripers

The largest striper caught in Lake Powell weighed 48 pounds 11 ounces in 1991. Since the 1990's only 30-pound stripers have been caught. Here is the latest report:

Ryan Litke and his wife Heather, ran up the San Juan for a few days to fish for bass. They had good success catching bass on Monday morning and then fishing improved as the water warmed in the afternoon. Tuesday (March 26th) got off to a slow start until 11:15 a.m. when Heather hooked a fish along the shore fishing a chatter bait.

## Strong Fish

She said that the fish was really pulling and that it was strong. Ryan's first thought was maybe she had false hooked a carp or maybe got a decent smallmouth or large-

mouth bass. As she played the fish for a few minutes, Ryan realized it might be a bigger fish, so he started to take more interest in what was happening.

Needless to say, after fighting the fish for another 5-10 minutes Ryan saw a flash and realized Heather had a good, if not great striper, and that is when he went into big-fish mode and forgot everything else. After a few more minutes of slowly working the fish to the boat, they decided the net wasn't going to work so they tired out this big specimen. When it rolled over near the boat, Ryan grabbed it by the mouth and yanked it over the side of the boat.

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# Arizona Game And Fish Outdoor Expo Draws Record 52,000 Visitors

The numbers are in, and last weekend's Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo had the largest turnout in the event's 15-year history.

The expo, presented by Shikar Safari Club International, drew 52,000 visitors over the March 30-31 weekend at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. That broke the previous weekend record of 46,600, set in 2017.

## Supports Outdoor Passions

"We're not aware of any other free event of this scale that combines conservation, recreation and industry into such a welcoming environment for the public," said AZGFD Director Ty Gray. "This is where people can find plenty of hands-on activities, see educational exhibits, test and purchase the latest equipment and products, and connect with social organizations that can provide countless 'next step' experiences to support their outdoor passions."

The expo featured everything from wildlife exhibits and family fishing



tanks, to kayaking at the 90,000-gallon "Lake Paddlemore" and trying out firearms in a safe, controlled environment on the range. There were many opportu-

nities for visitors to check out more than 150 exhibitors, including sportsmen's and conservation organizations, government agencies, recreational shooting

groups, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

## Sponsors

Shikar Safari Club International was the presenting sponsor of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo. Gold sponsors were OneAZ Credit Union and Sig Sauer. Silver sponsors were Sportsman's Warehouse and the Mule Deer Foundation.

"We are grateful to our sponsors and exhibitors who support this event and provide us with an opportunity to introduce ourselves as a department and share our mission with the public at no charge," said AZGFD Recreation Branch Chief Scott Lavin.

## Next Year's Dates

Next year's expo is scheduled for March 28-29, 2020, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. More information will be posted at [www.azgfd.gov/expo](http://www.azgfd.gov/expo) as it becomes available. ■

## Game & Fish Commission Considers Rule That Would Restrict Predator Hunting Contests

Public comment period runs to May 12.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is proposing to adopt a rule that would prohibit using any lethal method of take during a hunting contest for predatory and fur-bearing animals, as defined under Arizona Revised Statutes 17-101.

In a public meeting March 15, the commission unanimously approved a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (also posted at [www.azgfd.gov/rulemaking](http://www.azgfd.gov/rulemaking)).

The Notice was published in the Arizona Administrative Register on April 12, opening a 30-day comment period for the public to provide feedback. All public comments received up to May 12 will become part of the official record for this proposed rulemaking. There are two ways to submit comments:

- E-mail: [rulemaking@azgfd.gov](mailto:rulemaking@azgfd.gov)
- U.S. Mail: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Rules Section, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

All public comments will be evaluated before a Notice of Final Rulemaking is taken to the commission for its consideration. If approved, the final rule would be reviewed by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRCC).

The commission's intent in adopting this rule is to address social concerns associated with hunting contests that award prizes to participants who kill the largest number or variety of predatory or fur-bearing animals.

The proposed rule would not apply to lawful, regulated hunting of predatory and fur-bearing animals, which plays an important role in wildlife management. ■

## AZGFD's Spring Fishing Forecast Is Out

It's time to get a strategy for some Arizona spring fishing.

*Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, only one body of water per region is mentioned below, providing samples of what is available from the Arizona Game & Fish Department. However, above the text, there are links to the full report for each region.*

This fishing forecast includes detailed predictions of how primary water bodies statewide might rate this spring. Here are some of the forecasts by region — with "Hot" lakes predicted to be the best.

• **Southeast (Nathan Berg is AZGFD's Aquatic Wildlife Specialist in Tucson.)**

<https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingforecast/spring-fishing-forecast-southeast-region/>

### Rose Canyon Lake: Hot

Spring marks the return of fishing at Rose Canyon Lake. Although the gate for vehicular access doesn't open until the third week of April, anglers can still access the lake by walking in. Fishing during March prior to the gate opening can be quite good and some anglers routinely catch more than 20 fish per day. Fly fishing with floating flies and small Kastmasters, spoons and spinners are the best bet during this early season.

The seasonal stockings of rainbow trout will begin just prior to the official opening of the gate. Once trout stockings begin, anglers favor worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, corn, cheese and marshmallows. However small Kastmasters, spinners and spoons can be even more productive for those anglers willing to give them a try.

Anglers should vary their depth and not just place their bait on the bottom of the lake waiting for fish to come to them. Successful anglers go find the fish by varying the depth and trying different baits until they start getting bites, then focus their efforts at that depth with the appropriate baits.

• **White Mountains And Mogollon Rim (Veronica Corbett is AZGFD's Lakes Biologist out of Pinetop.)**

<https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingwaters/spring-fishing-forecast-mogollon-rim-and-white-mountains-regions/>

### Black Canyon Lake: Hot

Black Canyon Lake will be the first of the Rim lakes open and accessible to angling. Roads are open and it will be stocked in early April. Good winter storms have filled this lake back up after being very low in 2018. At press time, lake levels were 3 feet below spilling and will likely fill the rest of the way as spring runoff progresses. Fish using small gold lures or dry flies as weather warms and surface activity increases.

Black Canyon Lake is 78 surface acres, with a maximum depth of 60 feet and an

average depth of 35 feet. Like other Rim lakes, Black Canyon is deep, and low in nutrients. Catchable sized rainbow trout are stocked in the spring and early summer. The lake also currently contains illegally introduced green sunfish and largemouth bass; anglers are encouraged to catch and remove these species to help control their populations. There is no limit for bass and sunfish here.

### • Central

<https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingforecast/fishing-forecast-central-region/>

### Bartlett Lake: Good

Lake temperatures warm up to the low 70s in May. Typically largemouth bass spawning is cued when temperatures reach 60 to 70 degrees. Water levels hit 100-percent full in mid-March and should stay consistent through the spawning period, hopefully leading to a great spawn for largemouth bass and crappie.

AZGFD recently stocked around 10,000 3-inch black crappie that hopefully will grow to a catchable size by fall.

Largemouth bass are present in all sizes, and fishing is expected to be good throughout the spring as they move into shallower water. As the weather warms, shift from slowly working plastics in deeper water to crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and top-water lures for bass. When in doubt throw a live worm on the bottom and see what bites!

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## BIG FISH

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### Hard Personal Best To Beat

Everything from that point was a blur. Ryan remembered quickly measuring the length of the trophy fish at 44.5 inches and then placed it on the scale where it weighed 35.33 lbs. They took some quick

pictures and then released the giant strip-er in hopes that someone else will get to catch that fish again someday. Not bad for a woman who has only fished Lake Powell a handful of times. This will be a hard, personal best to beat.

### Why It Swam Away

The trophy fish swam away because —

## RANGE

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whenever there is a 75 percent+ prediction of 1+ inches of snow or .5+ inches of rain or sustained 30+ mph winds (not

including gusts) for Winona, Ariz., according to the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration NOAA

• **Road Closure:** After significant moisture, the road may be closed due to deep mud, which will create deep ruts if driven on and be expensive to repair.

1) The water temperature was cool (52-54F) and 2) The big fish was hooked in 12 feet of water and did not go down to the depths, which can prevent a large fish from being successfully released.

This was a great day for Ryan and Heather and also for the big fish that still swims in the San Juan Arm of Lake Powell. ■

When this happens, the range will be closed. Sometimes it can take several weeks for the road to dry out. Be sure to check the website before you drive out to the range.

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

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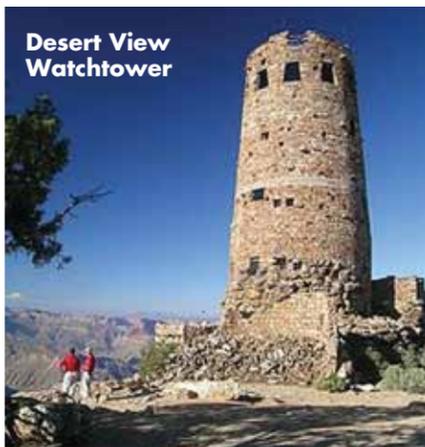
# Desert View To Become An Inter-Tribal Cultural Heritage Site

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by Kate Hammond, acting regional director for the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service (NPS), for a site plan to transform Desert View in Grand Canyon National Park into an Inter-tribal Cultural Heritage Site and share a unifying message from the park's traditionally associated tribes: "We are still here". The NPS is committed to honoring the cultural, historic, and spiritual connections that each tribe holds to the Grand Canyon.

Located at the southeast edge of Grand Canyon National Park, Desert View is near the east entrance to the park. Desert View provides many visitors with their first introduction and orientation to some of the park's most significant resources, including the Desert View Watchtower, a national historic landmark, and its surrounding historic district. The area also offers spectacular views of the Painted Desert and the Little Colorado River Gorge.

Over the last five years, the NPS has worked collaboratively with representatives from the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians (representing five bands of Southern Paiute Indians), Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai, Navajo, Zuni, and Yavapai-Apache tribes; the Grand Canyon Conservancy; the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA); the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and park concessioners to increase cultural demonstrations at Desert View and identify the necessary infrastructure needed to transform the area into an Inter-tribal Cultural Heritage Site.

In 2018, the NPS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Desert View Inter-tribal Cultural Heritage Site



Plan. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the EA evaluated a no-action alternative and a one-action alternative. Public comments received during a 30-day public comment period, that ended November 24, 2018, were used in preparation of the FONSI.

Under the park's selected action, the NPS will continue to partner with associated tribes and park partners to create authentic, first-voice tribal interpretation and expand opportunities for cultural and educational programs including demonstrations, exhibits, and personal interactions with tribal representatives and artisans.

In support of these expanded programs, the NPS will modify existing infrastructure, rehabilitate and re-use historic buildings, and complete some new construction within the existing developed footprint at Desert View.

The EA, FONSI and other reference documents further detailing the selected action can be found on the NPS Planning Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website. ■

**PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION (PRCA)**

# Spring Rodeo Is Set To Go In Payson, Ariz., In May

The 33rd Annual Gary Hardt Memorial Rodeo takes place on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at the Payson Multi-Event Center on Highway 87 across from the Mazatzal Casino.

Over 200 professional rodeo contestants are expected to compete for this year's event. Performances start at 7 p.m. each evening and the gates open at 5 p.m. for some pre-rodeo entertainment! Pre-Sale tickets for adults 12 to 64 are \$14.00, seniors: \$12.00, and children 8 to 12: \$10.00. Those age 7 and under are free. All active military admitted at no charge.

Friday night is the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" performance, where cowboys and fans alike wear pink to help lo-



**Roundup, Keith Morris, Saddle Bronc**

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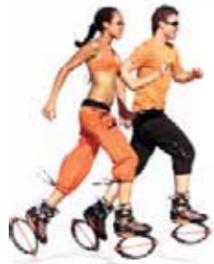
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ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES

# A Change In Plans Turns Into A Great Road Trip

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Sometimes plans don't work out. We had planned to go on an ROV ride with some friends last week, but they had to cancel at the last minute. So instead, we decided to go on a truck ride that we found in an off-road book — from Kirkland Junction to Wilhoit via a road along the Hassayampa River then down Orofino Valley. It's a short distance, but we can always make a day of it by stopping to walk, and taking every side road just to see where it goes. The Topo Maps app always gets us back.

## At Times, A Spectacular Waterfall

It's a good hour and half plus drive from our house in Glendale to Kirkland Junction, and the road we wanted actually starts just south of Kirkland Junction



This is the bridge over the Hassayampa River on the Wagoner Road.

— it's the Wagoner Road. From there we were supposed to turn north at the Hassayampa River, which was another good drive, but the road was paved.

Before too long I spotted a spring on the Topo Maps app, so we turned down a Jeep trail and walked down into a little



Here are some views from the Senator Highway near Crown King.

cancelling) — the road along the river is now private and marked "no trespassing". No worries, I saw a second road a little further on that would loop us around that private entrance and get us back on track.

Snag number three — that second road was also closed. It wasn't marked private, but there was a corral on it, and we got past that only to find that just over the hill the road pretty much petered out and there was a barbed wire fence right across it. I couldn't see any other way around it, so that ride was no longer possible. Which is a shame, because it looked and sounded amazing.

## Re-Route To Crown King

When you've already driven for over

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A View From Wagoner Road



cut to see Moore's Spring. There was a galvanized steel cattle tank there, but we walked upstream and found running water and some cool cliffs that the water coming in from another wash had cut. You could see that it would be a pretty spectacular waterfall when the streams were running.

## Some Snags

After a few more miles, we crossed the Hassayampa on a very pretty bridge and came to our turn. This is where we hit our second snag (the first being our friends'

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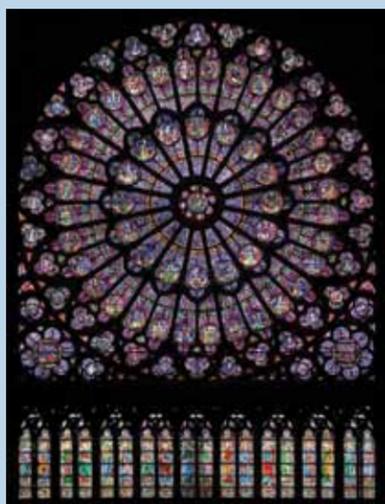
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two hours, you're not about to turn back just because the ride you planned on fell through, so we decided to go to Crown King via the Wagoner Road. This is a trip I've always wanted to do just because of the names of the places it passes through — Walnut Grove (like *Little House on the Prairie*) Minnehaha, and Wagoner. Who wouldn't want to see Walnut Grove?

We've been to Crown King many times, mostly to get to Horsethief Basin Lake, but we've always come in from the east side off the I-17. John also keeps wanting to try the back road into Crown King from Lake Pleasant — it's a legendary road that is supposed to be really rough. But this third way, though a bit longer, looked like fun.

### Gorgeous High Desert

This area is high desert, so it's gorgeous this time of year. There are lots of juniper trees and flowering shrubs, and because of all the rain we've had lately, almost every creek was running. We stopped and got out at almost all of them. Most of them flowed right across the road but all the fords were easy.

The road followed the Hassayampa for a bit, but you couldn't always see it. We passed Walnut Grove — it's a church and a little school, and the church welcomes you on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Just past Walnut Grove is a Gold Bar Ranch, which is a working cattle ranch that offers camping, a guesthouse, fishing, farm animals, and even the opportunity to participate in a round up. You can find out all about it at [goldbar-ranchbb.com](http://goldbar-ranchbb.com).

### Not For Passenger Cars

The road swoops down to the southeast before looping back to the north, and on this southern loop is Wagoner. There isn't much visible from the road of Wagoner. Shortly thereafter you ford Minnehaha Creek. Just after you cross the creek, there is a turn-out on the left, so we parked there and walked down to the water. It was gorgeous, and there were lots of really pretty yellow flowers — just four big pale yellow petals each.

After that, we passed Cherry Creek trailhead, and shortly after that, the road started getting pretty rough. It dips down into creek channels fairly often, and with all the rains, it was pretty pitted and rutted. We decided that a 4WD is recommended, although if you're good at picking the high spots, you could probably make it in a high-clearance vehicle. But this is definitely not a road for passenger cars.

### Views Are Amazing

This rough drive goes on for several miles until you come to Johnson Flat, and the road gets a lot less crazy. Then you come to Minnehaha just as the road



Minnehaha Creek



The Church At Walnut Grove

swings to the north. Like Wagoner, there isn't much to see of Minnehaha from the road, but it sure is a cool name. From there it's just north through some beautiful country until you join up with the old Senator Highway west of Crown King. The views from the road up there are amazing. Photos don't do them justice.

### Horsethief Basin Lake

Now you're up in the pines, and if you want to, you can go to Horsethief Basin Lake and take a little walk all the way around the lake. The trail is flat and easy, and part of it goes right across the dam. People fish there and there is even a boat ramp. The lake isn't stocked, but you can catch bass, catfish, and sunfish. It's very pretty up there. There are plenty of hiking and biking trails in the woods as well.

If you don't want to go the long way as we did this time, you can get there via the Bumblebee exit or the Horsethief Basin exit on I-17.

### Turn In Those Vandals

This wasn't the first time we've tried to go somewhere and found the roads closed off, unfortunately. You can buy off-road books and search online, but it's impossible to keep things updated. Odds are, you'll run across some closed roads



A Windmill Along The Road

now and then. We tried to get to Columbia, north of Pleasant, and those roads are all marked no trespassing. You can't go to Gillette any more either — it's private property and posted.

I've heard that the road to Tip Top is closed now too, and that's a shame. I can't really blame the property owners though — vandals are ruining it for all of us. Please keep an eye out for people who are shooting signs, cutting fences, or destroying or painting property. Get their license plate numbers, take photos, and turn them in.

### Roll With The Punches

Next time you go out for a day of off-roading, be prepared to roll with the punches. Bring a good map, and download the Topo Maps app onto your phone. That app will show you where you are in real time, so you can look for alternate routes. It works whether you have cell service or not, but you have to download the maps at home while you have Wi-Fi.

The maps I like to carry are the 1:100,000 maps that you can get at **Wide World of Maps**. They cover quite a bit of territory while maintaining a lot of detail. They make it easy to find a different adventure if the one you planned on isn't doable. It's fun to mark the roads you've been on, too.

One last tip about the Topo Maps app — it really eats phone battery if you have it on all day, so bring a cord and either plug into the vehicle, or bring a power bank with you. I've got a couple of small ones that I really like and they are handy. One of them will charge an iPhone four or five times.

By the way, Crown King has a little store, a restaurant, and a saloon, so it makes a nice day trip no matter which route you choose to take. *(Editor's note: And, they have incredibly delicious fudge for sale!)* ■



Mochi (our dog) is enjoying Minnehaha Creek.

# Grand Canyon National Park Rebuilding Maswik South Lodge

Starting in early April, 2019 Xanterra South Rim, L.L.C., a concessionaire within Grand Canyon National Park, has begun fulfilling a contractual obligation to rebuild the Maswik South lodging complex and construct new roads near Maswik South.



In October 2018, the National Park Service (NPS) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Maswik South rebuild and new road construction

project. This EA, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), evaluated alternatives and analyzed the impacts that would likely result from implementing the alternatives.

Public comments received during a 30-day public comment period were used in preparation of the Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The FONSI was signed by Kate Hammond, Acting Regional Director for the Intermountain Region of the NPS on February 14, 2019.

The purpose of the project is to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles in the Maswik South area and provide sustainable lodging within the exist-

ing site footprint that meets visitor needs and expectations. The Maswik South lodging buildings were constructed in 1971 and have exceeded their expected useful life.

Other existing infrastructure at Maswik South, such as sidewalks and roads, are also aging, in poor condition, or not compliant with current laws, codes and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

This project will include demolishing the six existing lodging buildings; constructing four new buildings, that will be ADA compliant, in the existing site footprint; reconstructing existing roads and

constructing one new section of road; replacing or installing utilities; and landscaping and other site improvements.

The project will cost approximately \$30 million and will replace the existing 90 basic rooms with 120 mid-scale rooms, 30 of which will have kitchenettes (a room type not currently available in the park). The project is expected to be completed, weather permitting, in 18 months.

For more information about the project contact Doug Lentz, Chief of Commercial Services at 928-638-7709 or [doug\\_lentz@nps.gov](mailto:doug_lentz@nps.gov) ■

# Tonto Releases Supplemental Impact Statement For Motorized Travel

Tonto officials have released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to address responses resulting from the Forest's 2016 Final Travel Management EIS and associated Draft Record of Decision (ROD).

The Draft SEIS responds to 13 objections as well as direction from the Southwestern Regional Forester to conduct additional analysis prior to issuing the Final ROD for Travel Management on the Tonto National Forest.

According to Neil Bosworth, Forest Supervisor for the Tonto, the Draft SEIS is a limited scope document and a supplement to the Final EIS. "This document will only address public issues raised during the formal objection process to the Draft ROD," Bosworth said. "It will not revisit those parts of the Final EIS that received no objections."

Areas identified for additional analysis under 36 CFR 212 Subpart B include

- Compliance with the Travel Management Rule, including how the Tonto



applied criteria to minimize resource impacts from motorized trails and clarifying route designations

- Objections regarding designations of specific route segments and areas

- Analysis of the impact of motorized travel on designated and eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers

- The recommended minimum road system resulting from the travel analysis process (36 CFR 212 Subpart A) completed in 2011

## Compliance with the Clean Air Act

Compliance with the National Forest Management Act for changes to recreation opportunity spectrum classes

Release of the Draft SEIS begins a 45-day public review and comment period. The document is available online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28967>

Additional details can be found at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsbdev3\\_018761](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsbdev3_018761). The public is invited to review the Draft SEIS and provide comments by Monday, May 21, 2019, using one of the following methods:

- **Using the Interactive Web Map.** Pop up boxes will appear on routes and areas that are eligible to submit comments. You will be able to type your comments directly there, and they will be captured in our comment database, anchored to the location on the map.

- **Using the Online Comment Form.** You may submit a general comment, or comments about other travel management issues not related to a specific route using this online form.

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Comments may also be hand delivered at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

## What Is The Travel Management Rule?

In 2005, the Forest Service published a new rule for providing motor vehicle access to national forests and grasslands after receiving more than 81,000 comments on a draft rule published in July 2004. Many user groups, environmental groups, and state and local governments endorsed the concept of a designated system of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use.

The final rule requires each national forest and grassland to designate those roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use. Designated routes and areas will be identified on a motor vehicle use map. Motor vehicle use outside of designated routes and areas will be provided for fire, military, emergency, and law enforcement purposes and for use under

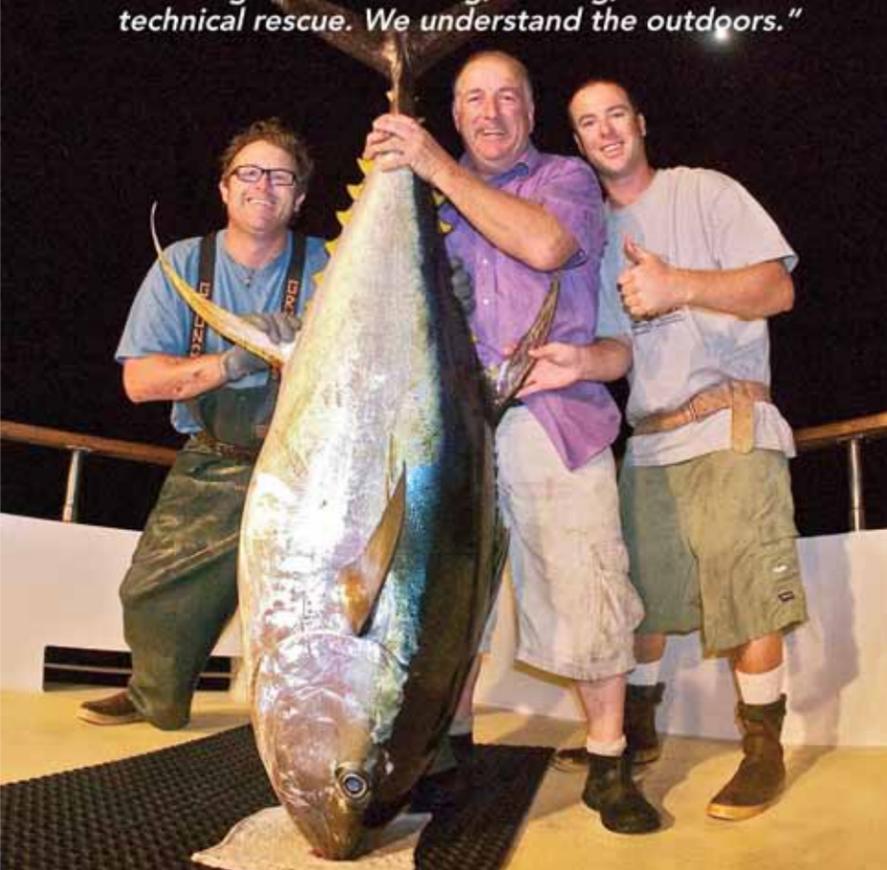
Forest Service permit. Valid existing rights are honored. The rule itself does not designate roads or areas for motor vehicles but provides a framework for making those decisions at the local level.

For more information, contact Carrie Templin, public affairs officer, at (602) 225-5290 or (602) 677-1267 or at [carriemtemplin@usda.gov](mailto:carriemtemplin@usda.gov). ■

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# AZGFD Warns Of Possible Rabies Exposure As Temperatures Warm

Spring has sprung, temperatures are trending upward and people and pets are on the move outdoors — that means potential exposure to rabies will be on the increase.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds the public to protect themselves and their pets by keeping a safe distance from wildlife, especially animals that may be behaving abnormally, such as those that appear overly aggressive and/or lacking a fear of humans.

“The weather is warming up nicely and people are outside,” said Anne Justice-Allen, AZGFD wildlife veterinarian. “At this time of year, we often see an uptick in the number of wildlife submitted for rabies testing as a result of contact with people or their pets.”

## Preventable Viral Disease

Rabies is a preventable viral disease most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The rabies virus attacks the central nervous system, causing encephalitis (swelling of the brain) and is almost always fatal once symptoms appear.

Pets such as dogs and cats, as well as livestock such as horses, should be vaccinated regularly against rabies. In addition,

dogs should be on leashes when outdoors and a veterinarian consulted if any domestic animals are injured by wildlife. Unvaccinated animals exposed to wildlife with rabies must undergo a four-month quarantine and vaccinated animals need to be quarantined for 45 days.

Rabies can be prevented in persons who have come into contact or have been bitten by wild animals through prompt administration of anti-rabies vaccine and rabies immune globulin.

“In Arizona, the principal rabies hosts are bats, skunks and foxes,” Justice-Allen said. “These animals carry their own distinct strains of the rabies virus. When rabies activity within these animal groups increases, rabies can impact other mammals, such as bobcats, coyotes, javelina, cats, dogs, horses or cows.”

## Follow The Precautions

Often infected animals may appear disoriented or intoxicated, salivate heavily or appear thirsty. The Arizona Department of Health Services recommends the following precautions to avoid exposure to rabies:

- Keep people and pets away from wild animals.



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## Striped Skunks

- Never leave pet food in your yard because it will attract wild animals.
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- If you have been bitten or scratched, or had contact with an animal, wash the wound or area well with soap and water, and report it immediately to animal control or health officials.
- Do not “rescue” abandoned young wild animals. Leave wildlife alone.
- Take precautions when camping, hunting or fishing. Avoid sleeping on the open ground without the protection of a closed tent or camper.
- Wear impermeable gloves when skinning carcasses.
- Do not disturb roosting bats.



JOHN LEFFMANN

## Red Fox



## Desert Red Bat

- If you find a bat on the ground, don't touch it. Place a box over the bat to contain it. Try to preserve the bat so it is intact for testing at a laboratory. Report the bat and its location to animal control or health officials.
- Report all animal bites to animal control or health officials.

## If Exposed, Treatments Necessary

Approximately 15 people are exposed to rabid animals in Arizona annually. People who are exposed must receive vaccine and anti-rabies serum treatment to prevent infection. ■

# Nesting Efforts End At Lake Pleasant

Eagles' nest is now empty after four attempts to produce hatchling.

For the past four months, viewers have been treated to round-the-clock glimpses of a pair of nesting bald eagles through a live-streaming camera installed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD).

Now there's not much to see but an empty nest made of twisted twigs and branches on the side of a sheer cliff above Lake Pleasant, a disappointing sign that any hope of the birds producing a hatchling will have to wait at least another year.

Thirty-seven days after having laid a single egg for the fourth time since Jan. 21, the female eagle, perhaps sensing an abnormality, chose to destroy the egg. The typical incubation period is 35 days.

The nesting eagles attracted more than 367,000 views — including 9,200 on one Sunday — since the department's camera was activated Dec. 18. The camera is funded through Heritage and Pittman-Robertson Act funds, the Southwestern



Bald Eagle Management Committee, and public donations.

The eagle camera is one of four that offer unfiltered wildlife-viewing experiences. AZGFD also has installed cameras that provide underwater views of pupfish and seasonal views of wintering sandhill cranes in southeastern Arizona and a bat roost at Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area. All of the live streams can be viewed at [www.azgfd.gov/livecams](http://www.azgfd.gov/livecams).

Viewers can support AZGFD's efforts to conserve and protect more than 800 native wildlife species by purchasing a Conservation Membership package at [www.azwildlifehero.com](http://www.azwildlifehero.com). All membership levels come with special benefits that

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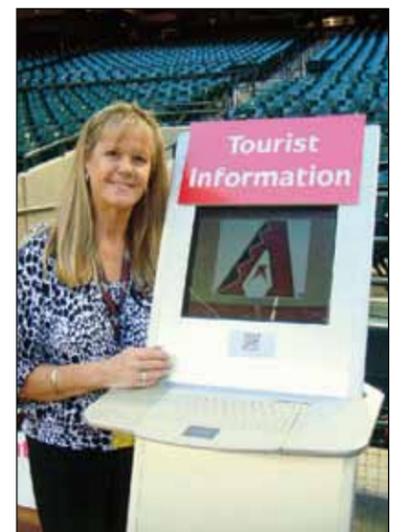
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# Lost Our Home Tells This 'Tail' About Parvo Survivors

When we were contacted by our rescue partners in need, we were glad to be able to provide a helping hand with these seven puppies in need of medical care. The puppies came to us with obvious cases of ringworm and kennel cough; however, we quickly realized that we also had something far worse on our hands.

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## A Letter To Us From Lost Our Home

Hi Everyone,

You are an important part of Lost Our Home Pet Rescue and we want to give you an update on our upcoming remodel and the impact it will have on the pets and people we serve at the shelter. Construction will begin on May 6th and has a planned end date of August 30th.

We plan to move all of the pets out of the shelter for the entirety of the remodel. It will be too noisy and stressful for them to remain here while the shelter is under construction (think jackhammers, nail guns, industrial solvents, no electric and water on some days and more).

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LOH wants to stay true to our values of providing a safe and comfortable shelter environment for the pets in our care and this would be impossible to do at the shelter during a remodel.

Before this decision was made we looked at other ways to do the remodel in which we could keep the pets in the shelter, but ultimately there wasn't a way to do it without causing a lot of stress on pets and people, plus it would extend our construction time to almost a year, and it

would cost us an additional \$200,000.

For as much loss and trouble we will experience not having use of the shelter this summer, it is still the best choice for the pets we help, for the volunteers and staff that care for our pets, and for the donors who trust that we are making the best use of their donations.

There is more information on our website including renditions of what the remodel will look like. We also have bricks for sale so you can have a permanent place at LOH to honor or remember a person or pet. Click <https://www.lostourhome.org/support/home-at-last-campaign> for more information. ■



## FORECAST

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When focusing on largemouth bass, fish near shady areas with overhangs or drop-offs. When water temperatures rise, look for jumping shad and toss your line in.

Fish tend to most active during the 90-minute windows surrounding the sun and moon rise and fall. When the moon is at full or new moon stage the effect is stronger. There are many apps that you can use that display this information for you. As fishermen know severe weather changes have an impact on the way fish feed. If a cold front is approaching the fish tend to move deeper into the water and lay low.

Barometric pressure is a good indicator. If it changes quickly, the fish tend to be less likely to show interest in your bait. If the change is gradual the fish will respond favorably.

It's expected to be a decent year for crappie and we anticipate fishing to be fair. Try fishing around submerged trees or on shelves. Try using live minnows or jigs tipped with minnows. Flathead catfish are present throughout the lake but are more common upriver or by the dam. Look for spots where the water is murkier

with vegetation or rocky covering nearby. Fishing for catfish should be great this spring.

Try using catfish baits like chicken livers for smaller catfish. To catch a trophy size try using live sunfish or carp.

• Colorado River Waters (Ryan Follmuth is AZGFD's Aquatic Wildlife Program Manager out of Yuma.)

<https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingforecast/spring-fishing-forecast-colorado-river-waters/>

**Colorado River (Parker Strip Area): Good**

Largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing in the Parker Strip should continue to be good, as it has been the past several years. Our Region 4 aquatic wildlife program caught abundant bass in the 2 to 4 pound range in November of 2017 survey. As a general rule, smallmouth bass are more common in upstream stretch of river towards Parker Dam and decrease in abundance as you progress down the river, whereas largemouth are the opposite in that they are more common in the lower sections of river near Headgate Rock Dam and decrease in abundance as you progress upstream.

The middle stretches should offer a multi-species fishing opportunity that few

places in Arizona can match. Fishing for both species should pick up as the water temperatures warm up from March to May.

Largemouth bass fishing should be best in slack-water areas with aquatic vegetation such as Bullrush or around boat docks. There are many different techniques used for largemouth bass. As a general rule, most people will use top-water lures such as frogs, buzzbaits, or walk the dog type of baits or spinnerbaits in the early morning and then switch to jigs, crankbaits, or swimbaits as the day progresses. Using plastic baits that resemble worms, crawdads, frogs, or lizards often work well.

Smallmouth bass fishing should be best near slackwater areas, rocky points or docks. Many of the same baits and techniques used for largemouth bass will be effective for smallmouth bass as well.

Redear sunfish are also widespread but are most likely to be found around aquatic vegetation in slackwater areas. In the November 2017 survey we captured numerous redear to in the 1 to 2 pound range with a few close to 3 pounds. This underutilized fishery could provide lots of fun for anglers willing to try something different. Redear will bite on meal worms, nightcrawlers or small crappie jigs.

• North Central (Chuck Benedict is an AZGFD Aquatic Wildlife Specialist out of Flagstaff.)

<https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingwaters/spring-fishing-forecast-north-central-region/>

**Oak Creek: Good**

Fly anglers and folks using lures can catch some nice-sized brown trout on Oak Creek during in the spring once runoff slows down with some big browns being caught, especially in the area around Grasshopper Point. Try woolly buggers or spinners.

Anglers also can check our nearby Slide Rock State Park.

The stockings of rainbow trout will resume once spring runoff slows down. Areas stocked depend on accessibility to the creek and parking availability for the stocking truck. Bait anglers should drift salmon eggs or worms below a bobber with the current. Anglers drifting flies under a bobber can also catch rainbows.

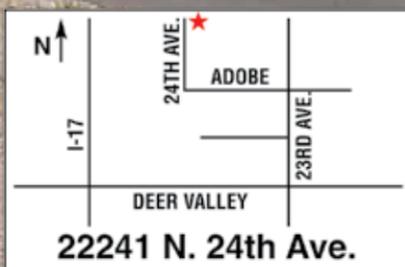
Remember the reach of the creek between Call of the Canyon Crossing (West Fork parking lot) and Junipine Resort is open to catch-and-release fishing only using flies and lures with a single barbless hook. This reach is not stocked and has some nice brown trout in it. ■

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location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org.

## CAMP COOKING

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food that can be consumed in the first day or two of a hike but will usually not risk carrying perishable food beyond that timeframe.

Campers hiking in the snow or other cold conditions or campers with access to a cold-water source may be able to store perishable food in the snow or secured in a bag and kept in the cold water to act as a refrigeration source.

### Lightweight

Backpackers must carry everything with them so they require all of their gear and food to be as lightweight as possible. Campers often turn to freeze-dried and dehydrated meals and ingredients for this reason, but they will also sometimes take a pouch of tuna or some other ingredient with a high water content with them as a

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### Clarksdale

treat, providing that the item has nutritional value.

### Nutrition Content

Backpackers, canoeists, climbers and other outdoor enthusiasts often cover many miles every day, consuming thousands of calories to keep their energy level high. Backpackers require an average of 480 calories per hour as well as higher sodium levels.

Because of the high levels of nutritional burn and emphasis on weight, backpackers monitor the ratio of calories-to-ounce that their food provides. To ensure their bodies are properly nourished, campers must pay close attention to their meal plans.

### Ingredients/Methods

To prepare meals that work well outdoors, campers employ a variety of techniques. All campers are advised to prepare meals that are made of easy-to-

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### Sanoita

4-5 — 104th Annual Santa Cruz County Horse Races - Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Live Quarter Horse and thoroughbred races with simulcast wagering from Turf Paradise and the Kentucky Derby. \$20, gates open at 10 am, post time is 1 pm. 520-455-5553 or <http://www.sonoitafairgrounds.com/annual-sonoita-horse-races> ■

prepare ingredients.

### Freeze Drying

Freeze-drying requires the use of heavy machinery and is not something that most campers are able to do on their own. Freeze-dried ingredients are often considered superior to dehydrated ingredients, however, because they rehydrate at camp faster and retain more flavor than their dehydrated counterparts. (Note: Frozen dried eggs can be shelf stable for up to 25 years.)

Freeze-dried ingredients take so little time to rehydrate that they can often be eaten without cooking them first and have a texture similar to a crunchy chip.

Small amounts of freeze-dried ingredients are sometimes available for sale from emergency supply outlets or from stores specific to camping. Freeze-dried ingredients that have not been combined into a meal are often hard to find, however, and are often sought out by campers.

### Dehydrated Meals

Dehydration can reduce the weight of the food by 60 to 90 percent by removing water through evaporation. Some foods such as onions, peppers, and tomatoes dehydrate well. Dehydration often produces a more compact, albeit slightly heavier, end result than freeze-drying.

Full meals or individual ingredients may be dehydrated. Dehydration of individual ingredients allows the flexibility to cook different meals based on available ingredients, while precooked and dehydrated meals offer greater convenience.

Several cookbooks and online grocery stores specialize in dehydrated foods. A Fork in the Trail and Another Fork in the Trail are both backcountry cookbooks that focus on dehydrating full meals.

### Precooked Foods

Surplus military meals, Meals-Ready-To-Eat (MREs) are sometimes used by campers. These meals contain precooked foods in retort pouches. A retort pouch is a plastic and metal foil laminate pouch that is used as an alternative to traditional industrial canning methods.

### Common Ingredients

The final type (mentioned here) of ingredients available to campers are those that are typically found in the grocery store. Some examples of these types of food are polenta, grits, quick-cooking pasta (such as angel hair pasta), uncooked, instant ramen, instant potatoes, dried soups, jerky and pouch meats such as tuna, SPAM or salmon.

When using these common ingredients, campers often repackage them to reduce packaging or combine them into a meal-ready package, therefore reducing prep-time at camp. The main requirement that campers look for in these types of ingredients is the cook-time with 20 minutes' being the longest amount of cook-time that many campers will tolerate. ■



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with everything you need on your back, with no expectation of support or amenities — definitely dispersed.

• Shewmaker suggests a good first camping trip is car-camping at a developed campground with amenities, not too far from home, for just one or two nights. This is a safe, easy learning environment to prepare you for greater adventures next time out. There are many detailed “take-this” lists available online, but he breaks his suggestions into five broad categories:

• Shelter — This includes appropriate size tent and your personal clothing options, suitable for the time of year and location,

• Sleep system — For most, that is an appropriate-temperature sleeping bag and mattress pad,

• Food and water — Some developed camp sites are near restaurants, but part of the charm of camping is sharing a rustic meal. Carefully calculate the amount of food your party needs for the time out, and have room for a cooler, small propane stove, and several bags of snacks. Take along a few gallons of water jugs just in case. Don't forget storage baggies, trash bags, and utensils.

• Lighting — It's dark out there in the wild, so lanterns, flash lights, or head lamps are required.

• Personal items and tools — Remember, those handy medicine cabinets, closets and tool sheds are all left at home, so bring toiletries, prescriptions, glasses, duct tape, basic tools, paracord, and a sharp knife.

Perhaps the most important thing to bring is patience and perspective. It might rain a bit, there might be a temporary glitch somewhere along the way, but the relaxing memories with family and friends can last a lifetime!

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Coming Soon: 2020 Spring Dates

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- March 21-22, 2020 – Catalina State Park – Tucson
- April 4-5, 2020 – Patagonia Lake State Park – Patagonia
- April 18-19, 2020 – Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area – Show Low
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- May 9-10, 2020 – River Island State Park – Parker
- May 16-17, 2020 – Dead Horse Ranch State Park – Cottonwood

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Registration is \$90 for a family of up to four. Additional family members are \$5 each. One family accepted per registration. For families greater than four — special arrangements are needed — please email [ljuers@azstateparks.gov](mailto:ljuers@azstateparks.gov).

Sorry, children five years and young-

er and pets cannot attend this program. Since this event focuses on learning to tent camp, RVs are not allowed. If a session is listed as full, you may be added to the waitlist by emailing [ljuers@azstateparks.gov](mailto:ljuers@azstateparks.gov).

### What To Bring

Families should bring food, sleeping bags or any bedding, pillows, camping chairs, clothing, sturdy shoes and personal items including toothpaste, towels, soap, etc. The program will provide tents, sleeping mats, flashlights, chairs and all activity equipment. Beverages provided include water, coffee, tea, and sports drinks.

Provided snacks include seasonal fruit, granola bars and more. Families are responsible for bringing two lunches, dinner and breakfast.

### Activities

Activities vary depending on the park, participant ages and weather conditions:

- Guided Hikes
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- Fishing Clinic
- Live Animal Demonstrations
- Campfire Stories
- Presentations on geography, birding, geology, astronomy
- Service Project.

### Program Provides

- Tents
- Sleeping mats
- Camp chairs
- First aid kits

• All activity equipment  
Plus: Water, coffee, daily snacks, Dutch Oven dessert for dinner, and campfire treats!

### Families Provide

- Food for Saturday's lunch and dinner, and Sunday's breakfast and lunch
- Sleeping bags or any available bedding
- Pillows
- Clothing
- Good, sturdy shoes
- Water bottles
- Flashlights
- Personal items (toothpaste, towels, soap, etc.)

### Suggestions For Your Meals

You will need to provide four meals for your family during your Family Campout weekend — lunch and dinner for Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Arizona State Parks Family Campout Program will provide propane stoves for cooking as well as healthful snacks and a few essentials listed below.

You should bring whatever pots, pans, and cooking utensils you will need to prepare your meals. Also, please bring eating utensils (forks, knives, spoons) for each member of your family. Your everyday home utensils are a fine option. We will supply plates, bowls, and cups for your family. Be sure to include additional items as necessary for anyone in your family with special dietary concerns.

For more information, visit <https://azstateparks.com/family-camp>. ■

## COVER

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learn how to make the best of the outdoor experience — from equipment to foods to safety to activities while camping — and much more.

So, perhaps we all should consider another comment from Muir: “Break clear away, once in awhile and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods”. ■



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