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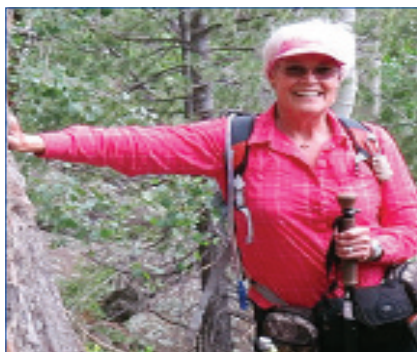
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Fall's Favored Gift: Awesome Autumn Colors



Margie Anderson

CONGRATULATIONS, MARGIE ANDERSON!

Arizona Game & Fish 2015 Awards Announced

Editor's Note: All of us at Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times congratulate our Outdoor Editor Margie Anderson on her third win of the Arizona Game & Fish Commission's award for Outdoor Writer of the Year. We are especially honored to have her on our editorial staff, along with Don McDowell (our Sportfishing editor) of Shake, Rattle, and Troll Radio who has received the Media of the Year award twice: in 2012 and 2014. It has been our honor also to receive the Media of the Year award two times: in 2008 and in 2013. Thank you to the Commission and to all those who sent in nominations.

The annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, at the Arizona Grand Resort, 8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85044. The event will honor the recipients of the 2015 Commission Awards that were selected at

the Commission's September 4 meeting.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize Arizonans who have contributed significantly to the conservation of the state's wildlife, its outdoor heritage, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. The cost is \$65 per individual.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission held its first annual awards banquet on January 12, 1991. Since then, a total of 344 recipients have been recognized with Commission awards. The awards banquet gives the Commission an opportunity to recognize individual and organizational award recipients for their contributions to Arizona's wildlife resources.

All of the costs associated with the awards banquet must be paid for by ticket

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Color Me An Arizona Autumn



Often hailed as Arizona's capital of autumn, Flagstaff is a leaf peeper's paradise. To experience the season at its most exhilarating visitors flock to the trails around 8,000 feet elevation; where large stands of aspen trees steal the show with their quaking leaves glowing like liquid sunshine.

Fall In Flagstaff

As the fall months begin to emerge, the warming autumn colors will descend from the San Francisco Peaks to

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Enjoy A Kaleidoscope Of Colors

Arizona is a dynamic state with a wide array of climate zones, and conditions particularly in the northern part of the Grand Canyon State allow for a beautiful array of fall foliage colors from mid-September through mid-November.

Drives along U.S. Highway 89 will take you through an elevation change of more than 4,000 feet in the relatively short distance of 80 miles and plunge you into a mountainous kaleidoscope of fall color that covers the entire autumnal spectrum.

Here are a few sites that give the best places to view Arizona's fall foliage, as well as the current fall foliage report for four of Arizona's national forests.

■ <http://archive.azcentral.com/travel/parksarticles/20110930arizona-fall-colors-flagstaff-sedona-greer.html>

■ <http://travel.thefuntimesguide.com/2013/09/fall-foliage-drives.php>

■ <http://azstateparks.com/>

Fall Comes To Slide Rock State Park

As of press time, many were planning to come celebrate fall at Slide Rock State Park's Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event planners have been suggesting that visitors pack a picnic and spend the day enjoying harvest and homestead demonstrations, live music, kids' activities, face paint-



ing, fly wheelers, games and activities for the whole family.

Slide Rock State Park's history began as a working Apple orchard. Today, this agricultural legacy continues. The orchard is still a working commercial apple ranch that features an original vintage 30-foot-long apple-sorting machine reconstructed by volunteers, still in the historic Pendley apple shed.

Unfortunately, they didn't produce any apples this year due to a late spring frost, but that won't dampen the Fall Celebration.

Frank L. Pendley arrived in Oak Creek Canyon in 1907 and acquired the land title

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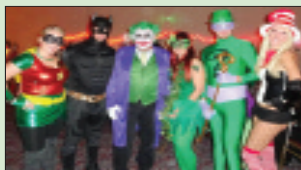
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Boating

Monsters Set To Bash Again

This is the eighth year for LakeRacerLLC's Monster Bash, which is even bigger in 2015/Page 5



Tackle & Target

Get A Head Start On Gift Giving

ohn and Margie Anderson are on top of things, suggesting gift ideas for outdoors enthusiasts now/ Pages 7, 14





Once again we sincerely thank Margie Anderson for all her outstanding contributions on Arizona's outdoors. During our 10 years of publication, she has written informative articles on everything from birding to hunting to fishing to hiking and more. The Arizona Game & Fish Commission has recognized her value by awarding her Outdoor Writer of the Year for 2015. Congratulations!

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DOWNSTREAM: October 2015 Events Calendar



BOATING

PARKER: Oct. 24 — 11th Annual Blue Water Resort & Casino 336 Enduro – BlueWater Resort, speed boat race, 10 am, 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Oct. 16-17 — Monster Bash Charity Poker Run 2015 – HQ Nautical Beachfront Resort, 602-578-5975 or <http://www.golakehavasucity.com/events/details/1785/>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Oct. 7 — 9th Annual IJSBA Parade of Nations – Under the London Bridge, celebration honoring the IJSBA World Finals participants and their respective countries' flags, 7-10 pm, 928-486-4347 or <http://www.golakehavasucity.com/events/details/1296/>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Oct. 2-4 — Lucas Oil Drag Boat Races - Thunder on the River – Rotary Community Park, professional drag boat racing, some of the fastest runs ever in the Top Fuel Hydro category 928-453-3444 or <http://www.golakehavasucity.com/events/details/1763>

COMMUNITY/SEASONAL

See complete listings @ azbw.com.

OCT. 31 Remembering the late Lisa Brookes-Haws ("Spooky") on her Halloween birthday.

TEMPE: Oct. 23 — "First Crush" to benefit Tempe Community Action; www.tempeaction.org for more details

PHOENIX: Oct. 7, 5 p.m. — Deadline for applications for AZGF Commission.

YUMA: Oct. 31 — Scary & Safe Trick or Treat – Yuma Territorial Prison, Yuma Special Olympics, 5:30-8 pm, 928-783-4771 or <http://www.visityumacity.com>

SHOW LOW: Oct. 31 — 6th Annual Main Street Spooktacular Festival <http://www.showlowchamberofcommerce.com/>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Oct. 31 — 10th Annual Main Street Halloween Fight Night – McCulloch Blvd., 5-9 pm, 928-486-6860 or <http://golakehavasucity.com/events/details/1764/>

MESA: The Paisley Pumpkin Holiday Festival: Oct. 31 — Dana Park, 480-678-9599 or <http://www.thepaisleypumpkin.com>

CAVE CREEK: Oct. 31 — Cave Creek Wicked – 602-400-3330 or <http://www.cavecreekwicked.com/>

FOUNTAIN HILLS: Oct. 31 — Halloween in the Hills – Avenue of the Fountains, 4-8 pm, 480-837-8168 or <http://www.halloweeninthehills.com>

JEROME: Oct. 31 — Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance – Spook Hall, the best costume party in the United States, 6-10 pm, <http://www.jeromechamber.com/>

KINGMAN: Oct. 31 — 13th Annual Route 66 Cruizers Halloween Bash – in conjunction with The Boys and Girls Club of Kingman, Kingman Route 66 Association and Precision Productions 5-8 pm, 928-303-0073 or <http://www.kingmantourism.org>

PHOENIX: Oct. 31, Nov. 1 — Dia de los Muertos and La Procecion - Desert Botanical Garden, 10 am - 5 pm, <http://dbg.org/>

TEMPE: Oct. 31, Nov. 1 — Monster Mash Music Fest - Tempe Beach Park, features artists include Tool, John Fogerty, Primus, Pusifer, Ghost, Linkin Park, Tedeschi Trucks Band, Deftones, Rob Zombie, Santana, Halestorm, and others, <http://www.monstermashaz.com/>

PEORIA: Oct. 30 — Halloween Monster Bash – Peoria Sports Complex 5-9 pm, 623-773-7198 or 623-773-7564 or <http://www.peoriaaz.gov/special-events>

FLAGSTAFF: Oct. 25-26 — 12th Annual Celebration of the Gente - Museum of Northern Arizona, for Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, 9 am - 5 pm, 928-774-5213 or <http://www.musnaz.org>

PHOENIX: Oct. 25 — 4th Annual Dia de los Muertos Phoenix – Margaret T. Hance Park 1-6 pm, <http://diadelosmuertosphx.com>

WILLCOX: Oct. 24-25 — Fall Pumpkin Celebration - Apple Annie's Produce & Pumpkins, 9 am - 5:30 pm, 520-384-2084 or <http://www.appleannies.com>

SEDONA: Oct. 24 — Dia de Los Muertos Celebration – Tlaquepaque, <http://www.tlaq.com>

TEMPE: Oct. 24 — 38th Annual Family Halloween Carnival - Kiwanis Community Park, 5:30-9 pm, 480-350-5185 or <http://www.tempe.gov>

PHOENIX: Oct. 23-25 — 14th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival - Desert Botanical Garden, Fri 8:30 am - noon, Sat-Sun 8:30 am - 3 pm, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

SCOTTSDALE: Oct. 23-24 — 6th Annual Halloween Balloon Spooktacular – Salt River Fields, 5-10 pm, 480-270-5000 or <http://salttriverfields.com/>

PRESCOTT: Oct. 23-24 — Annual Prescott Ghost Talk – Prescott Center for the Arts Theatre 6 & 7:30 pm, and encore performance at 9 pm on Saturday, 928-445-3286 or <http://www.pca-az.net>

PHOENIX: Oct. 16-Nov. 8 — 131st Annual Arizona State Tues-Sun, <http://www.azstatefair.com>

TEMPE: Oct. 9-11 — 43rd Annual Oktoberfest@Tempe Town Lake Sat 10 am - midnight, Sun 10 am - 6 pm, 480-491-FEST (3378) or <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com>

TUCSON: Oct. 3-11 — Oktoberfest on Mt. Lemmon - enjoy German beer, food, music, and dancing in the Mount Lemmon Ski Valley forest, no dogs permitted, please, free admission-minimal parking and highway fees,

weekends, noon - 5 pm, 520-576-1321 or <http://www.skithellemmon.com/>

PHOENIX: Oct. 3-4 — Experience Germany – Musical Instrument Museum, enjoy music, crafts, dancing and more, celebrate Oktoberfest, 9 am - 5 pm, <http://mim.org/>

FOREST LAKES: Oct. 3 — Okfest Fundraiser - Fire Station, bouncy houses for the kids, bratwurst and drinks for purchase, music, corn hole tournament, 11 am - 4 pm, 928-535-4644 or <http://www.fldaz.com/>

QUEEN CREEK: Oct. 1-31 — 21st Annual Schnepf Farms Pumpkin & Chili Party - Thu & Sun 10 am - 9 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am - 10 pm, 480-987-3100 or <http://www.schnepffarms.com>

HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: ihelp@tempeaction.org.

FISHING

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslo Community Center; <http://www.azflycasters.org>

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

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ARCHERY

PHOENIX: Oct. 13, 11:59 p.m. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department now is accepting online applications for 2016 hunt permit-tags issued through the draw process for spring turkey, javelina, bison and bear. <https://draw.azgfd.gov> and scroll down to "Apply for a Draw."

WATERSPORTS

Swimming:
PAGE: Oct. 24 — 8th Annual Powell3 Triathlon – Wahweap Marina, this USAT sanctioned race is set in one of the best landscapes in the U.S., **swim 1500 meters**, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or **swim 750 meters**, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, 8 am, 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

TEMPE: Oct. 18 — Ironman 70.3 Arizona - Tempe Beach Park, the **swim** is in a calm, manmade lake, <http://www.ironman.com/>

WILDLIFE/ANIMAL-RELATED

SCOTTSDALE: Oct. 17 — The Arizona Game and Fish Department's award-winning television show, *Arizona Wildlife Views*, has received 11 regional Emmy® nominations in nine different categories. Award winners will be announced at the 2015 Rocky Mountain Emmy® Awards Gala at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale.

WINDOW ROCK: Oct. 31 — 7th Annual Zoo Boo Event – Navajo Nation Zoo, 928-

871-6574 or <http://www.navajozoo.org/>

PHOENIX: Oct. 31 — Monster Mash and Dash 5K Run/Walk and 1K Spooky Sprint - Rose Mofford Park, 7-11 am, 623-792-7900 or <http://www.tortoiseandharesports.com/monster>

PRESCOTT: Oct. 31 — Boo at the Zoo – Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

FLAGSTAFF: Oct. 24 — 6th Annual Pumpkin Walk and nocturnal animal displays, join the fun and come in costume, 6-8 pm, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

SIERRA VISTA: Oct. 3 — Hummingbird Banding Session - San Pedro House 4-6 pm, <http://www.sabo.org>

EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE: Ongoing — 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@lostourhome.org

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the fifteenth (15th) of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.



In Memory Of Darlene Allen

July 17, 1921-
Sept. 17, 2015

Our Aunt Darlene gave so much to her family and friends and will be deeply missed. Darlene taught for many years and was active in Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Neb. She and our Uncle Bill were married for 66 years, and especially to him and their children — Michale, Jennifer, and Rex — we send our sincere sympathy. *Jim and Carol Allen*



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

October 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 8 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	October 10 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
U.S. Power Squadron	October 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Arizona 333 E. Flower Street Phoenix	\$25 (all four nights)	(602) 525-6318
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(623) 293-1637
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

September 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	November 14 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
Arizona Game & Fish Department	November 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Navi-Aids"

Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey navigation laws." You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.



Information

Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.



Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no wake."



Exclusion

Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



Danger

Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or stumps. Always proceed with caution.

Other Non-Lateral Markers

Safe Water Markers are white with red vertical stripes and mark mid-channels or fairways. They may be passed on either side.



Inland Water Obstruction Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

Mooring Buoy

Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

Note, the following actions are illegal:
◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

Forget a life jacket or need to borrow one?

Boaters at Lake Pleasant, Lake Havasu and Lake Mohave that need a life jacket can borrow one from the stations placed near each lake's boat ramps. The stations contain jackets for infants to adults. However, boaters are reminded to please return the life jackets to the station once they are done with them so they can be used by other boaters.



Clean, Drain and Dry your boat. It's the Law.



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Boating



Katie Loved The Lakes In Tempe

In Memory of Kathryn Marie Graves Martin (“Katie”) April 5, 1954 – Sept. 4, 2015

We shall miss our visits with Katie at Martin Marine — (and the red licorice she always had on hand for customers and visitors).

Katie has been described by those close to her as “a free spirit who lived life on her own terms.” We all knew her as a straightforward, sincere woman and friend. She loved boating, skiing, camping, cooking, traveling (Disneyland was among her favorites), and she will also be remembered for her Super Bowl parties and her fantastic Sangria.

Her life was full with Ken, the husband she loved dearly, and with living on the waterfront in the beautiful Lakes in Tempe. There, at The Lakes clubhouse, a memorial was held for her on Sept. 27 and a tree planted in her memory.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley in memory of Katie Martin

To Ken, her family and many friends, we at *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times* express our sincere condolences. We shall remember Katie — with a smile.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Responsibility Is Your Responsibility



By Capt. Dave Esparza

The biggest concern that I have with the boating public is the lack of responsibility. What does that mean? When you sit behind the wheel of a boat, or on a personal watercraft or in front of the tiller of a sailboat, or in other words, at the helm, you are the skipper or the captain of that vessel no matter what size, shape or configuration that it is.

That means that you have taken a position of responsibility. Just because you cannot see a traffic pattern, a white line, a yellow line or a stop-and-go signal, it does not give you the right to zigzag all over the waterway, go in circles, go the wrong direction, or go as fast as you want.

Rules Need To Be Understood

There are rules and regulations that need to be understood.

RULE 2 – RESPONSIBILITY: Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seaman, or the special circumstances of the case. NAVIGATION RULES COMDTINST M16672.2D

What the heck is that? This is the book that tells you what is right and what is wrong. The average boater, I am sure, doesn't even understand that there is such a document. It is available anywhere books are sold and online.

Arizona Has Its Own Set

And, by the way, Arizona has its own set of laws. Now boating is not just the wild frontier that you can do whatever comes to mind because there are laws that must

be obeyed; this is taking responsibility for your actions.

Under Age On 200+hp

A couple of weeks ago while patrolling Saguaro Lake with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I had a chance to talk to a very nice, competent young man who was nine years old. What was he doing? He was riding a personal watercraft alone.

This watercraft was a 200+ horse power machine capable of doing 60-70 mph. Do you think that the average nine-year-old has the knowledge to understand all of the rules and regulations of maritime law or have the capabilities of handling such a high horse-power machine? Even most adult boaters don't understand maritime rules and regulations.

When I confronted the young man's parents, they had no idea they were doing anything wrong; they stated they do it all the time.

Learn And Live

It's a shame more people don't get a proper or even basic boating education to understand the rules of boating. There is so much enjoyment, such relaxation, and fun with the family to be had on the water, but each and every one of us has to be responsible.

Does anyone know the age limit for riding a personal watercraft in Arizona? If you would like to know the answer to this question, look it up, be responsible, don't put your child or someone else's child or family in danger because you didn't know.

So, let's hear it for responsibility, seek out and take a boating class, be a responsible skipper, understand and learn the maritime laws of our state. If you do this, it will make your boating safer and much more enjoyable; make it a family event of learning and having fun together.

See you on the water.

Captain Dave



Pleasant Harbor ... Living the Life! (at Lake Pleasant)

Life's more fun at the Lake!

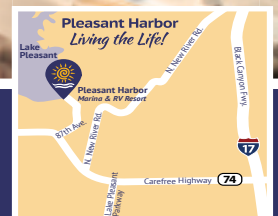


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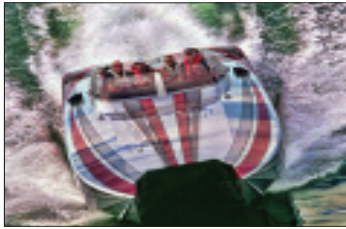


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TEAGUE CUSTOM MARINE

2015 Monster Bash Marks Eight Years

The Poker Run is themed for Halloween to make it fun for the whole family.

From Teague Custom Marine

Monster Bash 2015 is upon us — Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17 in Lake Havasu, Ariz. We are excited to announce we will be supporting Monster Bash 2015 as the Title Sponsor. We have the 2015 Monster Bash Poker Run coming on strong!

Online registration for Monster Bash is at www.lakeracerllc.com.

Once again, we're supporting the Lake Havasu Food Bank, as our designated charity, so a percentage of the poker run jackpot will be donated and you are encouraged to make any other donations of non-perishable food at the event.

The Monster Bash Poker Run is little smaller and easier going event than our Desert Storm event in April, with a fun theme and costumes encouraged. This is our eighth year for Monster Bash and it has become a favorite of our long-time participants and growing bigger than ever.

This event is limited in number and size of boats — for boats 35 feet and under, with special invitation to larger boats that have provided special support to our events. We want to encourage those who feel the Desert Storm event no longer accommodates their boats.

This year Eliminator Boats has asked to include their owners' gathering, so you'll see some Eliminator activities on the schedule.

Teague Custom Marine, plus the Nautical Resort, Barrett Custom Marine, Domn8er Powerboats, Eliminator Boats, Elton Porter Marine Insurance, IMCO, Nordic Boats, Octane Marine, Pirate Cove, Prestige Marine, and Wozencraft Insurance have encouraged Lake Racer LLC to organize this event with their sponsorships, so make sure to thank them.

This Poker Run is themed for Halloween to make it fun for the whole family. Included in this event is an opportunity for a holiday photo of each boat in front of the London Bridge. These will be included on an event photo CD to be mailed out after the event.

We'll have our Friday Lunch Run (for those who register before Oct.1) and evening reception/registration party. The Poker Run is on Saturday, and we'll top off the event with an awards costume party Saturday night in the Nautical Conference Center.

For more information, visit <http://teaguecustommarine.com/teagueblog/monster-bash-2015-is-upon-us/>

PWCs Sear The Waters At Lake Havasu

International Jet Sports Boat Association presents two sizzling events.

34th Annual IJSBA World Finals

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IJSBA World Finals Pro Freestyle Expo

The invitation-only IJSBA World Finals is the most venerable and prestigious single personal watercraft event in the world, and these very talented riders will be putting on a free public exhibition and

display right at the London Bridge in the Bridgewater Channel.

The best of the best will be showing off their freestyle moves — the most watched activity during the World Finals.

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WINTERIZING — Unlike this vessel, boats that are properly winterized (yes, even in Arizona) are most likely to enter next year's boating season without damage and ready to hit the water. Check online for BoatUS's Boaters' "Guide to Winterizing."

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As part of the ongoing competition in the freestyle and slalom classifications, selected competitors will compete in this special event in the Channel and all are welcome to watch from either side of the Bridgewater Channel.

Date: Oct. 10

Times: 6-10 p.m.

Location: Bridgewater Channel @ London Bridge Resort: 1477 Queens Bay

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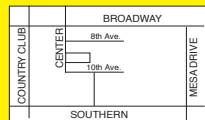
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GREAT GIFTS FOR SHOOTERS

It's Time To Be 'Makin' A List And Checkin' It Twice'

By John Anderson

Ah, it's almost that time of year again! Time for my wife to do all the holiday shopping, decorating, cooking, baking, buying and wrapping gifts, etc. I just do the paying.

Since those days will be upon us sooner than you think, here's a list of great gifts for shooters. If there's a shooter in your family (and I sincerely hope there is), something on this list is bound to make him or her happy. If you are the shooter in question, circle the items you would like and leave this in a conspicuous place.

Gun Club Membership

One of the best things I ever bought myself was a membership at Shooters World. There are plenty of perks that make the \$400 (for me and my wife) a year worthwhile.

First of all, you don't pay for range time, and you can call and reserve a lane in advance so you never have to wait



Shooting Range Membership

when you get there. You get discounts on classes and even on everything you buy in the store. To add a third family member is just \$60, so we added our grown son.

It's a great deal and between the three of us we save more than enough in range fees to cover the cost, plus we all have classes we want to take. So consider a membership as a gift — it's an awesome thing to have.

Remington Squeeg-E Cleaning System

I got one of these for Christmas last year, and I absolutely love it. It cuts gun cleaning time in half and does an excellent job. No more patches, no more mess — it's the greatest.



You can get the big kit that comes in a zippered bag for around \$75 and it will clean pretty much any caliber firearm you're likely to come across. You can also buy a smaller field kit for less than \$60. They also have handgun cleaning kits and you can even buy the Squeeg-e parts separately.

Seriously, this is the nicest gun cleaning kit ever. Check them out at Remington.com. You can buy them on Amazon and probably at your local outdoor shop as well.



YATHIN S. KRISHNAPPA
Mule Deer Doe

Mule Deer Doe Poached Near Forest Lakes

PINETOP, Ariz. -- The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is asking for the public's help in finding those responsible for the illegal killing of a mule deer doe the week of Sept. 9. The mule deer was found off Old Rim Road on the west end of Forest Lakes. The deer was killed with archery equipment.

At the time of the poaching, there was an archery antlered mule deer hunt underway. The meat was left to waste.

"The poacher left this animal to waste, and we need assistance from the public to find the individual(s) responsible," says Paul Greer, AZGFD Wildlife Manager in the Pinetop Region. "This isn't the action of a hunter; it's the act of a criminal stealing wildlife assets and resources from the people of Arizona."

Anyone with information about this case can call the department's Operation Game Thief hotline at (800) 352-0700 or visit www.azgfd.gov/thief and refer to case #15-002959. Callers may be eligible for a reward of up to \$500 in this case. All calls may remain confidential upon request.

Hearing Protection

Hearing protection is required at ranges, and shooters should wear hearing protection every time they shoot anyway — it beats hearing damage any day. Those big earmuff things work really well, but they are so bulky that they can really get in the way when you are putting a rifle or shotgun to your shoulder.



EarShield DuoForce Ear Plugs

EarShield DuoForce Ear Plugs are only about \$15 and they are great. I've had a pair for years and I love them. They are double-sided: One side goes in your ear on outdoor ranges and the other on indoor ranges.

They come in a little snap-open plastic case that fits right in your shooting vest pocket and they work really well. Small price to pay to keep your hearing.

Range Bag

There are many brands and sizes of range bags, but one thing to remember when you're buying one is that guns and ammo are heavy. The bigger the bag and the more that is in it, the heavier it is. So you might consider two smaller bags.

Look for one tailored to the kind of shooting you like to do. If it's mostly rifle, then the bag will just be for ammo, tools, a small cleaning kit, etc. If pistols are your thing, you might want a bag with separate compartments for your pistols.

Also consider looking for a place to keep your eye protection where it won't get crushed or scratched, and a place for your hearing protection. Eyes and ears need to be on before you enter the range, so they should be kept handy.

Padded shoulder straps are good. Range bags range in price from less than \$25 to well over \$100.

Shooting Glasses

It's a fact that different colored lenses help you shoot better, and there are many different colors out there. Red or orange lenses are great for sporting clays, while grey or clear are both good for pistol shooting at targets.

Wiley-X Saber Advanced Shooting

Glasses come with three different sets of colored lenses you so can use the ones that suit the conditions best.



Wiley X Saber Advanced Shooting Glasses

They are incredibly durable and strong, and good looking to boot.

The Smoke Grey/Light Rust/Vermilion set will run you about \$45 on Amazon, and the Smoke Grey, Clear and Light Rust are around \$57.

These will last practically forever, and the Saber temples can be adjusted for length or even replaced with a tactical strap. Something these have that no other glasses I've owned have had is foam across the top inside to keep sweat from dripping in your eyes. Awesome!

Absolutely the best shooting glasses I've ever had, and they are great for fishing too. And of course they have UV protection.

Classes

Shooting classes are offered at ranges, at the Game and Fish Department, by private instructors, and by organizations like the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the NRA.

A good place to start your search would be your nearest Shooters World, Caswells, or other shooting club. You can also go online to azgfd.gov to see what the Game and Fish has to offer, or visit nssf.org or rainstructors.org to find classes near you. Some are even free.

This is also a great gift for a youngster who is just starting out. The two of you should go together and I guarantee you'll learn something too. Do a little research and you're sure to find the perfect class at a price you can afford.

Ammo

No shooter ever has enough ammo. That's a given. So a box or two of ammunition for his or her favorite firearm is sure to bring a smile.

You'll need to know the caliber of the firearm, and then you can go to your local gun store or outdoor shop and you'll find

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Waterfowl, Snipe Hunting Regulations Available Online

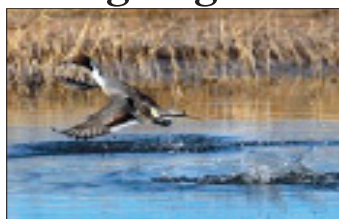
The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the 2015-2016 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations on <http://azgfdportal.az.gov/PortalImages/files/reg/waterfowlregs.pdf>.

The general waterfowl season in the "Mountain Zone" (Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County) begins Oct. 2, 2015, and runs through Jan. 10, 2016.

The general waterfowl season in the "Desert Zone" (Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 46B, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County) begins Oct. 16, 2015, and runs through Jan. 24, 2016.

Excluding scaup, ducks, including mergansers, coots and common moorhens (gallinules); white geese (snow, blue and Ross); and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) are legal wildlife in both Mountain and Desert zones.

Scaup can be harvested in the Moun-



tain Zone from Oct. 17, 2015 through Jan. 10, 2016, and in the Desert Zone from Oct. 31, 2015 through Jan. 24, 2016.

Waterfowl hunters must possess a valid Arizona hunting license, as well as a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp (for hunters 18 and older) and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (for hunters 16 and older).

For more information about waterfowl hunting, visit <https://azgfdportal.az.gov/hunting/species/waterfowl>.

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LAKE POWELL REPORT

Fishing/Catching Score Big This Year

By Wayne Gustavson
http://www.wayneswords.com

The fall sports season has begun with college and professional football kicking off. Not to be outdone, husky professional-size striped bass in Lake Powell are lining up to compete against the smaller-but-more-numerous underdog shad population.

Shad are huddling in the backs of the canyons hoping to come up with a play-book that will allow them to survive another day. Strippers are on the open water side of the scrimmage line waiting for the shad to venture out in the open where they become fair game.

Right now, the shad play is to keep crowding farther back into the canyons and coves. Strippers have been boiling in



MARLIN MAKES HISTORY — This Pacific blue marlin weighed in at San Diego's Marlin Club at 662.2 # on Sept. 23. This is a rare catch for these waters; they are generally found in warmer waters. However, area waters are warm now — 74 to 78 degrees — and the marlin are here because they are chasing their favorite foods, dorado and tuna. It is the largest Pacific Blue marlin weighed in San Diego — dating back in The Marlin Club records to 1931. John Campbell, an IGFA representative, witnessed the weigh in and shot this picture of Matt Santora, boat owner and angler, with captain and gaffer Andy Vo. The fish was hooked at 8:15 a.m., 9 miles west of Point Loma. The tackle was 100# test line and a lure.



the channels and bays but are running out of open-water shad, which limits the amount of boils seen each day.

The Best Plan

While the two groups are slightly separated, the best plan is to look for strippers huddling on the bottom in 40-80 feet of water. When a stripper school is seen on the graph, drop a spoon, swimbait or white hair jig into the aggressive mass of fish. Hook one fish and the rest will follow trying to see what the first fish was eating. Watch the graph to see these following fish while landing the first one.

Water temperature is dropping, which allows bigger strippers to spend more time feeding on the surface. The Super Bowl happens when water temperature is 65-70F and big strippers can go all the way to the back of the canyons. There will be a resurgence of boils soon that will continue well into October.

Action Is Lakewide

Striper action is occurring lakewide now. The game plan is to be on site before the sun hits the water in the morning. As light intensity increases, a few small strippers and some gizzard shad will hit the surface.

Go to the splash spots and troll the area while graphing. When a large school is seen on the bottom, stop and drop spoons and swimbaits to the waiting fish. Repeat this fishing pattern in the last hour of daylight at night. Graphing then spooning for steeper schools works in the day time as well, but strippers are much more active in the early morning and late evening.

There are some husky large and small-mouth bass holding in the backs of canyons right where the shad schools are hiding out. Topwater lures and spinner baits retrieved over and through the weeds along brushy shorelines at first light will be smacked by very large bass. Be there very early to find the larger fish.

Smallmouth Going Crazy

During the day, smallmouth bass from tiny to 2-pounds are going crazy along



GUSTAVSON

BEST EVER — Louis Trinh and family found the best striper fishing that they have ever experienced this past week at Lake Powell. Strippers were caught boiling on the surface and then on spoons as the steeper school went deeper. Fall fishing is peaking right now and will continue into October.

the entire length of rocky shoreline. Troll, cast or spoon near fast falling rocky structure to interact with an incredible number of smallmouth bass. Many bass anglers are now reporting 100 fish days over the length of the lake.

This report makes it sound as if fishing/catching is super at Lake Powell right now. Results from my recent weekly trip were 30 strippers spooned off the bottom in Warm Creek, along with a dozen smallmouth bass and one largemouth bass caught incidentally by trolling, spooning and casting, along with two large catfish hooked on spoons.

All of these fish were caught from

6:30-9 a.m. Other incidentally occurring fish that will add to the variety are walleye and bluegill.

Best In Decade

Fall fishing is at the peak for the year and total fishing success is perhaps the best seen in this decade. It would be wise to take advantage of this fishing opportunity that may not be matched in the years to come.

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

At press time, lake elevation was 3606, and water temperature was 75-76F.

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aisles and aisles of ammo. Ask for help if you need to.

The store associate will want to know whether the ammunition is for target practice, hunting, etc. If it's shotgun shells you're after, just know the gauge of the

shotgun and what your shooter likes to do.

Sporting clays? Upland? Waterfowl? Have this information before you go, or sneak at peak at what's already in the gun safe and get some more of that.

Prices vary but you can get a box of small caliber practice rounds for as little as \$7. Wander around and check it out.

Gift Cards

Some people think that giving gift cards is a bit lame, but trust me on this: your shooter *loves* to be able to spend money on guns and/or ammo or tools, or cleaning supplies, targets, steady sticks, optics, glasses — the list goes on and on.

What's his favorite store for outdoor stuff? Cabelas, Sportsmans Warehouse, or Bass Pro cards can be used online or in the store. See if your local sporting goods store has gift cards or gift certificates.

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Mmm, Fish Tacos! Stripers make super fish tacos.

From AZGFD

Stripers make for great fish tacos because of their mild, flaky, white meat, and medium texture. Also, the average-sized striper (10-12 inches) naturally fits into taco shells. If anything were meant to be —

And here's why: Once an angler fillets a striper, he or she should cut out the blood line along the center. With average stripers, that leaves two strips tailor-made to relax in those crunchy or soft, curved-corn delicacies.

Here's one way to prepare them: Dip the fillets in an egg wash and roll 'em in a bed of white corn meal and either Panko bread crumbs or your favorite spices (I used a creole seasoning).

Heat vegetable oil (enough in the pan so the fillets float) to the point that a pinch of corn meal flicked into the oil will sizzle. Fry for 3-5 minutes, depending on the size of the fillets.

Fish tacos can be as simple as adding your favorite salsa and greens — simple can be delicious.

As head we deeper into fall, expect successful striper techniques to involve jigs and swimbaits. Also, the Arizona Striper Fishing Facebook page has a helpful article on jigging for stripers.

In the end, whether you're catching stripers or "stippers," the result is the same: lots of action, unlimited bag limits, local, organic fish, and — a delicious meal.

Stripers Take Center Stage At Pleasant

From AZGFD

Some misspell them, "stippers." True enough, they are just that: stripers of line.

Today, though, we'll be talking about stripers.

Just northwest of Phoenix, the striped bass fishery is buzzing. Lake Pleasant is a haven for these linesiders, known for their line-stripping potential, excellent table fare (their mild, white meat is great for fish tacos) and, under special regulations at this 9,500-lake, no bag limit.

Great to eat. No bag limit. Yep, and this type of fishing is suitable for men and women, great-grandparents and children.

So during the next month or so of early fall, here's one way to catch these feisty fighters at Lake Pleasant, Ariz.

Lights

Fishing at night is usually the best option during early fall. The process can be simple: Submersible lights below the



PLEASANT CATCH — Barry Worman, administrator of the Facebook page "Arizona Striper Fishing," is shown with an average 12-inch striper caught in mid-September at Lake Pleasant.

boat at Lake Pleasant attract tiny shad, and the shad attract the predatory striped bass. The green-tinted surface can reveal juvenile stripers chasing and flashing and dicing balls of one-inch shad — nature's

aquarium.

A key is to find darkness. Again, fish at night and away from full moons and removed from other boaters who are dropping submersible lights. Check a solunar calendar before heading out.

On a Friday in mid-September, multiple boats — 13 in an 80-yard radius — flashed their green submersible lights. Coupled with red-and-yellow lights streaking off the dam, the scene hinted at Christmas:

It also meant the lights weren't as effective because, in this scenario, the shad disperse among the additional light. Anglers want them congregated. Find a lonely cove on a new-to-quarter moon. Corner the shad market.

All You Need

Boat anglers can head out with medium-action spinning rods filled with 12-pound fluorocarbon line (or monofilament).

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Fall Events Feature Fishing

From AZGFD

Anglers Can Join The Police

What: Peoria Police Department Family Fun Day

When: Sunday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Rio Vista Park Lake, 8866 W Thunderbird Rd., Peoria, AZ 85381

Comments: Although the event is for the police department and their families, the fishing portion of the event is open to everyone. So come out and enjoy some family fun with the Peoria Police Department and their families. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is providing free fishing for everyone during event hours. Bait will be provided and loaner equipment will be available. See you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240 or (623)236-7381

Free, Fun Festival

What: AZGFD Fall Fish Festival

When: Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to noon

Where: Hirsch Conservation Education Area (Biscuit Tank)-Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon

Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85086

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish Department is planning a fall fishing festival for you and your family. Join our staff and volunteers in a morning of free, fun fishing festivities. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers, located at the Hirsch Conservation Education Area (Biscuit Tank) at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. We will have loaner rods available for use, or feel free to bring your own! Bait will be provided for this "catch-and-release only" activity. The entire event, including the use of loaner equipment, is free of charge. In



addition, the first 50 kids to sign in with our event will receive a small "goodie bag" filled with holiday treats!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240 or (623) 236-7381

Court-Ordered Closure Does Not Affect Hunting

A portion of the Sonoran Desert National Monument is closed to recreational shooting.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department assures hunters that a court-ordered closure of a small portion of the Sonoran Desert National Monument to recreational shooting will not affect licensed hunting in accordance with state regulations.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been ordered by the U.S. District Court in Arizona to close roughly 10,600 acres near the monument's northern boundary to recreational shooting while an analysis of the environmental impacts of such shooting is conducted. About 98 percent of the monument near Gila Bend, or 475,801 acres, remains open to recreational shooting.

The closure began Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015. The scheduling of a 60-day public scoping period and four public meetings in the Phoenix area is pending. Comments and/or recommendations can be submitted

in writing to the BLM Phoenix District Office, or via e-mail at: BLM_AZ_SDNMtargetshooting@BLM.gov.

For more information about the closure, including a map and video, visit the BLM's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BLMArizona>.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recognizes the importance of protecting public access and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities, including recreational shooting. In partnership with the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and the nonprofit Tread Lightly!, Game and Fish is helping to keep Arizona's public lands healthy and open through the "Respected Access is Open Access in Arizona" campaign.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.respectedaccessarizona.org.

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AZGFD Director Re-Appointed To Prominent Presidential Wildlife Council

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior and U.S. Agriculture Secretary announced recently the reappointment of Arizona Game and Fish Director Larry Voyles to the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council.



Larry Voyles

Voyles serves on behalf of the 50 state wildlife agencies as the state wildlife agency representative on the council, which was established in 2010 to advise the departments on wildlife conservation, habitat conservation and hunting.

The three-year appointment is an important means for ensuring Arizona's wildlife and natural resource interests are represented at a national level.

This represents Voyles' second appointment to the presidentially established 18-member council.

The council is an official advisory group established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that helps promote and preserve America's wildlife and hunting heritage for future generations.

The council provides advice on conservation endeavors to both the Department of Interior and Agriculture that benefit wildlife resources and recreational hunting. It also encourages partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, states, Native American tribes and the federal government.

Arizona Files Motion To Intervene In Federal Mexican Wolf Lawsuit

From AZGFD

The State of Arizona and Office of the Arizona Attorney General early last month filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit brought by several groups in July against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The lawsuit challenges some aspects of the Service's revised 10(j) rule that governs the management of Mexican wolves in Arizona and New Mexico. 2013_MW_in_wild_IFT_web.jpg



Mexican Wolf

of Mexican wolves in Arizona and New Mexico. 2013_MW_in_wild_IFT_web.jpg

To Defend Arizona's Interests

"The Arizona Game and Fish Department took this action to defend the state's interests with respect to the Service's revised 10(j) rule for Mexican wolves. The parameters in the revised 10(j) rule use sound scientific principles and address critical stakeholder concerns, one of the primary obstacles to successfully reestablishing Mexican wolves," said Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"The groups that filed the suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on this

Arizona Bison Workshop Being Offered Near Flagstaff

On Oct. 10, see bison up close and learn about their history, ecology and conservation.

From AZGFD

Since the early days of U.S. settlement, the bison has figured prominently in literature, folk lore, petroglyphs and even on U.S. currency. Now you can learn more about this North American icon at a workshop with the Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists responsible for managing one of two herds in northern Arizona.

The department, as part of its Watchable Wildlife Program, will offer the workshop on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Raymond Wildlife Area, approximately 25 miles east of Flagstaff.

Bison played an important role in historic western expansion and settlement. These animals served as a vital resource and cultural figure for plains tribes of Native Americans. Participants will get an up-close look at these giants and learn about the history, ecology and conservation of the state's largest native terrestrial mammal.

The fee to participate is \$35 per person and includes lunch of bison burgers or brats, cowboy beans, coleslaw and cobbler.

To register, call Pam Cavalier at (623) 236-7402 by Oct. 8. Registration is limited to 30 participants (must be 10 years or older) to ensure a quality experience.



American Bison With Calf

All fees support the department's Watchable Wildlife Program, which was created to increase public awareness of wildlife through positive and personal wildlife viewing experiences.

To reach Raymond Wildlife Area, take I-40 east from Flagstaff and exit at #225. Go 10 miles south on Buffalo Range Road to the visitor's center.

Help Needed To Document Black-Footed Ferret Numbers

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is once again seeking dedicated volunteers to help document endangered black-footed ferret numbers.

As part of the black-footed ferret recovery effort, Game and Fish personnel scheduled two fall-spotlighting events, which serve as the method used to document the population of this elusive, nocturnal and endangered carnivore.

The first period was Sept. 24 to 28, but the remaining one is Oct. 22 to 26. Those wishing to assist can volunteer for one night or multiple nights. The effort is conducted at the black-footed ferret-recovery area in Aubrey Valley, west of Seligman.

Twice thought to be extinct, a small population of black-footed ferrets was discovered in 1981. Only 18 were left when captive breeding efforts began in 1985. In 1996, Arizona's Aubrey Valley was selected as a reintroduction site.

Volunteers can witness the processing of the animals, which allows researchers to understand population, longevity and movement throughout the range.

Volunteers must be able to stay attentive from sunset to sunrise and be willing to learn how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS). A parent or guardian must accompany any youth under 18.

Those wishing to volunteer, or needing more information, should e-mail azferret@azgfd.gov by Oct. 19 for the remaining opportunity. Please write "Fall Spot-lighting" with "October" in the subject



Black-Footed Ferret

line. Individuals should indicate which night(s) they are available. They also should include their full name, a contact phone number, and whether anyone else will be attending with them.

Additional information will be sent following contact, including meeting location and times.

Volunteers also should note any of the following equipment they can bring: GPS, clipboard, headlamp, pen, binoculars, walkie-talkies, 4x4 vehicle (please list passenger capacity), compass, or a spotlight that is either rechargeable or can plug into a cigarette lighter.

The weather can be cool, so individuals need to dress appropriately.

A 'KODAK MOMENT'

Bobcat Seeks Safety Up A Saguaro

With Thanks To Curt Fonger

The images are incredible. A bobcat that has scampered to the top of a saguaro cactus — and it was quite a climb. The photos were captured in Gold Canyon, at the foot of the Superstition Mountains, Ariz.

The bobcat was trying to get away from a mountain lion that was stalking it, explains the photographer Curt Fonger. He darted up a 40-foot saguaro, and there he stayed for the remainder of the day.

Curt Fonger and his wife Marta are living out their golden years on wilderness' edge in Gold Canyon. With over 40 years



of photography experience, Curt recently had a career-defining moment.

"I've never had the luxury of seeing a bobcat on top of a saguaro," he says. "Just a beautiful creature; he was displaying himself proudly, kind of looking around, probably trying to see if mister mountain lion was still around — it was almost as if he [were] posing!"

Curt Fonger says the golden cat with amber eyes stared back at him, perched on top of the cactus for hours. "He was pretty relaxed; he kind of laid on top of the saguaro, shut his eyes, almost as if he was sleeping."

The bobcat eventually came down, but the Fongers remain high. "It was that Kodak moment I think every photographer lives for."



aspect of the reintroduction project lack an on-the-ground perspective of what changes will have the highest likelihood of success for Mexican wolves."

Sought To Achieve Balance

The Service worked extensively with Arizona Game and Fish, as required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), to develop the revised 10(j) rule. The coordination that took place between the Service and Game and Fish sought to balance the needs and interests of the Mexican wolf reintroduction project, local stakeholders and all other wildlife species held in trust by the department. The changes reflected in the revised 10(j) greatly increase the contribution made within the American Southwest to overall Mexican wolf recovery, which is a requirement of the ESA.

Alleges Violation

The lawsuit filed by WildEarth Guardians and others in July alleges the Service's cooperation with the department is a violation of federal law.

One of the points criticized in the revised 10(j) rule concerns expansion of the area to be occupied by Mexican wolves. In recommending the expansion of the 10(j) area by more than eight-times its previous size, the department used extensive biological studies to guide its recommendation for westward expansion of

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RV Land Cruising



Northern Arizona State Park Week-end Scenic Drive

From Phoenix go north on I-17 100 miles to Cottonwood (Exit on 260), Dead Horse Ranch State Park is right in town, then north on 89A for 16 miles north to Red Rock State Park.

Staying on 89A, go through Sedona for 6 miles to Slide Rock State Park in Oak Creek Canyon and only 24 miles north to Flagstaff to visit Riordan Mansion State Historic Park.

From Flagstaff, take the Lake Mary Road south 100 miles to Highway 87 (to Pine and Strawberry) and stop at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. Follow 87 to Payson, and it is only 88 miles back to Phoenix.

Note: The red leaves are produced when days are warm and sunny and nights are cool (no frost). The cool nights prevent the sugar from flowing into the leaf veins and then the anthocyanins (the reds and purples) are produced.

Yellow and orange are the most prevalent as those colors are already in the leaf and do not require specific weather situations. You will notice that the sunnier spots of the mountains will become red-dish/purple as Mother Nature ushers in cooler temperatures.



Celebrate 'Fort Verde Days' In Camp Verde, Oct. 10-11

The Fort Verde Days celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fort Verde State Historic Park.

This "Fee Free Weekend" of events starts with Fort Verde Days, celebrated with a flag-raising and lowering ceremony, artillery demonstrations, living history presentations with re-enactors, special presentations, Dutch-oven cooking demonstrations, military drills and a vintage baseball game.

Travel back in time to experience Fort Verde's past with tales about less-than-sumptuous food, hot wool uniforms, difficult living conditions, poor quality equipment and the everyday duties played out by the Verde Valley's residents.

Fort Verde State Historic Park is home to four original adobe buildings and many military artifacts. Re-enactors will be on hand to provide living history presentations.

The weekend offers the public a chance to get a glimpse of the

past, while celebrating Fort Verde Days in conjunction with events throughout the town of Camp Verde. The entire family is invited to this event as the Town of Camp Verde celebrates with additional activities held in the community center, on the soccer field and throughout the town — there's even the 59th annual Fort Verde Days parade on Saturday at 10 a.m.

This year's theme is "Blast from the Past" and celebrates Camp Verde's sesquicentennial. At the park, cheer on the Fort Verde Excelsiors, as they take on the Stars and Stripes in a vintage baseball game or listen to Dr. Sam Palmer as he presents the history of the Battle of Big Dry Wash, the last skirmish.

This year's Fort Verde Days will also include a "Scarecrows around Town" contest, which invites visitors to help judge favorite homemade scarecrows. Check campverdepromotions.org for more information about the scarecrow event.



Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo

October 10th & 11th at Watson Lake Park
Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



- Cody Lundin, Founder, Aboriginal Living Skills School, LLC and star of Dual Survival providing educational sessions on Saturday
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- Arizona Game & Fish Department displays and exhibits
- 300-ft zip line
- Four person climbing tower
- An expanded two-day fishing component featuring a scenic netted cove with over 2,000 rainbow trout
- Live Creatures
- Sporting Equipment Displays
- Food
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- Kayaking
- Disc Golf
- Camping
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- Boats, RVs & ATVs
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Admission Fee Required. Business and organization booth space available, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Volunteers are always needed.



For more information, contact:
Eric Smith, Parks and Recreation, (928) 777-1590 or eric.smith@prescott-az.gov

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At left: Tonto Natural Bridge State Park



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THE END OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES?

No, In Arizona, The Outdoor Fun Has Only Just Begun

For many, Labor Day signaled the end of summer, but at Arizona State Parks, it's just the beginning of your family adventures. Get away from the hectic fall schedule and travel to some parks and nearby communities. Create moments to share while exploring the beautiful State of Arizona.

Here are the top picks of some parks and nearby communities, events and fun things to do on a weekend.



Lyman Lake

■ **Lyman Lake State Park (St. Johns)** — Stay in a rustic camping cabin by the lake and enjoy activities including water-skiing, fishing, swimming or boating. Nearby attractions include Apache County Historical Society Museum, Casa Malpais National Historic Park Landmark and Petrified Forest National Park.

■ **Tonto Natural Bridge State Park (Payson)** — The Park is surrounded by a forest of pine trees and visitors can stand on top of the bridge or hike down below to appreciate the geologic wonder. With average temperatures in the 80s and beautiful views at every turn, the city of Payson is a “must-see” destination.

■ **Kartchner Caverns State Park (Benson)** — Visit this “live” cave that is host to a wide variety of unique minerals



Tonto Natural Bridge

and formations and bring your RV to stay in the adjacent campground. Surrounding attractions in Tombstone, Sierra Vista, Bisbee as well as Benson.

■ **Alamo Lake State Park (Wenden)** — Go fishing for Bass in this premier stocked location away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. The lake is surrounded by mountainous terrain speckled with brush, wildflowers and cacti, a great



Alamo Lake

treat for nature lovers.

■ **Slide Rock State Park (Sedona)** — Come and splash and slide down a slick natural water chute or wade and sun along the creek. The nearby Sedona area has many amenities including restaurants, hotels, campgrounds in the nearby Coconino National Forest or spend the day hiking at nearby Red Rock State Park.

■ **Yuma Territorial Prison and**



Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park

Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Parks (Yuma) — On your way to San Diego? Stop by Historic Downtown Yuma to discover the rich history of the area that includes two State Parks and the main street area with historic buildings dating back to the 1500s.

Interested in visiting our National Parks across the state, then head over to FindYourPark.com to learn about the Centennial events going on around the state and share your experiences with other visitors. #findyourpark.

Make a camping or RV reservation at AZStateParks.com or call (520) 586-2283. For more information on each park and to create your adventure, visit AZ-StateParks.com.

For information about all 28 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703).

Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow [AZStateParks](https://twitter.com/AZStateParks) on [Twitter](https://www.facebook.com/AZStateParks) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AZStateParks).



Kartchner Caverns

‘Respected Access In Arizona’ Event Set For Nov. 7

Fundraiser includes fun-shoot, barbecue dinner, auctions, raffles.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Tread Lightly! will host a special event Nov. 7 to help raise awareness of the importance of protecting access and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities, such as recreational shooting, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and camping.

A fun-shoot, barbecue dinner, raffles, and live and silent auctions are planned at the Arizona State Credit Union Pavilion, located at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility



in Phoenix. Proceeds will be used to help fund the long-term implementation strategies of the “Respected Access is Open Access in Arizona” campaign. Tickets are available online at www.tinyurl.com/respectedaccess.

The cost of the fun-shoot (which includes targets and two boxes of ammunition) and dinner, catered by Bobby Q restaurant, is \$75 before Oct. 15, then \$100 after Oct. 15. The cost of only the dinner, which includes beverages and a door-prize raffle ticket, is \$50 before Oct. 15, then \$60 after Oct. 15.

The department and Tread Lightly!, a national organization that promotes responsible recreation through stewardship,

communication and education, along with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service, are helping to keep Arizona’s public lands healthy and open through the successful “Respected Access is Open Access in Arizona” campaign.

The objective is to implement education, outreach and engagement strategies that promote stewardship and foster site-stewards through volunteerism. It can’t be done alone, however. That’s why the support of outdoor recreationists, and industries that serve them, is important.

For more information about the fundraiser, call (800) 966-9900, Ext. 13, or e-mail respectedaccess@treadlightly.org. For more information about the “Respected Access is Open Access in Arizona” campaign, visit www.respectedaccessarizona.org.

‘SHOW US YOUR HELMET HAIR’

AZGFD Promotes Off-Highway Safety Education

Summer-into-fall temperatures are on the decline, which is perfect for those looking to hit the trails with an off-highway vehicle (OHV).

Whether it’s taking a drive to see the changing aspen leaves in the high country or just enjoying cooler weather on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), autumn offers some of the best conditions to head outdoors. However, OHV enthusiasts can only enjoy their time if it’s done safely and responsibly.

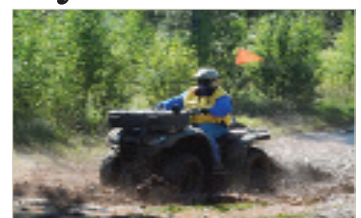
“Riding safely should be the main priority for anyone participating in the sport,” said Matthew Eberhart, Arizona Game and Fish Department OHV Safety Education coordinator. “While riding these machines is great fun and allows users to see some of the best scenery Ari-

zona has to offer, they can be dangerous if used improperly.”

To help ensure OHV users are riding responsibly, the Department’s OHV Safety Education program met late last month with the riding community to pass out information and answer OHV-related questions during the Arizona Off Road and Sand Expo at WestWorld of Scottsdale.

To further promote rider safety and helmet use, the Department encourages riders to shoot a photo of themselves with their helmet on and off and submit it to the “Show us your Helmet Hair” contest. By entering, contestants can win prizes from area businesses and OHV safety partners.

To enter the monthly contest, snap a photo of your best helmet hair and share it with Arizona Game and Fish Depart-



ment’s Instagram (www.instagram.com/AZGFDOutdoors), Facebook (www.facebook.com/azgfd) and/or Twitter (@azgfd) pages, using both hashtags #AZHelmetHair and #AZGFDHVV.

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Maricopa County's Regional Parks Repeat Free-Camping Offer

Beginning October 1, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department will bring back the Buy One, Get One campaign! The campaign allows park visitors who pay the camping fee for one night, or more, at a desert mountain county park to receive one night of equal or lesser value for free at any of the County's desert parks during that same stay.

"This is the seventh year the department has offered the Buy One, Get One promotion," said Chairman Steve Chuceri, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 2. "It is, by far, one of the Parks Department's most popular campaigns! Not only does it help them kick-off the busy camping season, [but also] it is a way we can say 'thank you' to loyal local customers."

Contact Call Center

To receive the free night, park visitors must contact the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between Thursday, Oct. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 10. Reservations booked online or before September 8 are not eligible.

"While this promotion is not valid for reservations made online, I'd like to remind park visitors that they can still book their spring visit up to six months prior to arrival via the reservation system.

"The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view campsite specifications and reserve their favorite spots from the comfort of their home com-



puters and laptops. Online reservations may be made at www.maricopacountyparks.org," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation director.

Participating Parks

Cave Creek Regional Park: Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 465-0431.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park: Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland area. The park also offers seven developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 932-3811.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park: Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park is a desert jewel in the north-east Valley. This park has 76 developed campsites that are perfect for RV or tent

camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 471-0173.

Usery Mountain Regional Park: Located on the Valley's east side, this park is located at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites which can accommodate either an RV or tent camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 984-0032.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park: At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of the rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valleys west side. The park offers 40 individual developed campsites for tent or RV camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 935-2505.

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park systems in the United States. The parks are located throughout

the county and are all within a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix. Some restrictions do apply. To learn more about this offer or a County park, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks or phone (602) 506-2930.

Restrictions

Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must phone the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. To make your reservation, select the park you are interested in reserving a campsite at, and you will be redirected to the park to book your reservation. Reservations may also be made by contacting the parks directly.

Offer not valid for group campground reservations or unit fees.

Limit of one free night per family, household and/or group in a seven day period (Monday through Sunday).

Rain checks will not be issued if space is not available.

Credits will not be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to September 8 for the October 1 through November 10 timeframe. However, this offer is valid on new reservations if individuals decide to extend their stay to take advantage of the promotion.

Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Offer is only valid for camping stays between October 1 through November 10, 2015.

Cultural-Demonstrator Series Continues In Grand Canyon National Park

The Desert View Watchtower has launched a cultural-demonstrator series. The series provides park visitors the opportunity to interact with members of Grand Canyon National Park's Traditionally Associated Tribes and for the artisans to share their history and crafts. The demonstrations are possible with grants from Grand Canyon Association and ArtPlace America.

Starting off the series was Hopi sculptor Evelyn Fredericks. Next, Jewelers, silversmiths, weavers, potters, sculptors,

and more are scheduled every weekend this autumn through Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 am to 4 pm. The demonstrations, free and open to the public, will continue on the weekends after October 24 as staffing allows.

Visitors to Desert View between now and October 8 may not be able to ascend to the top of the Watchtower, as conservators work to prevent further damage to

historic murals painted on the walls. The ArtPlace America grant is also helping

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GREAT GIFTS FOR OUTDOORSY TYPES

Get An Early Start On Holiday Shopping

By Margie Anderson

Before you know it, the annual gift-giving season will be upon us. I don't know about you, but I like to start the shopping early to spread the cost over a couple of months. If you've got outdoor types on your list, here are a few ideas that are sure to make them happy.



Weego Chargers

Weego has a great gift package this season: It's a Weego Jump Starter Battery+ bundled with a Weego smartphone charger. The Weego is pocket sized and capable of starting 12V batteries in cars, boats, trucks, etc, as well as charging phones, tablets, laptops, speakers and almost anything else you need to recharge.

Each comes with jumper cables, and the instructions are printed right on the back of the unit for easy reference. A built-in LED flashlight helps you out in low-light situations, and it even has a strobe in case you want to signal for help.

The Weego also comes with a 3-in-1 USB charging cord, 8 different laptop connectors, wall and car chargers, and a carrying case. I sure hope I get one for Christmas this year!
The offer starts October 15. The Jump Starter Battery+ has an MSRP of around \$100-\$190 depending on model. You can get more information at my-weego.com

Handheld GPS — Garmin eTrex 10

The Garmin eTrex 10 devices are the first-ever consumer devices that can track GPS and GLONASS satellites at the same time. This means they can lock on a lot quicker, plus with their sensitivity, they can lock on no matter where you are.



So yes, you may have a map app on your phone, but a real GPS will always tell you where you are and how to get back to camp, even when there is no cell service. The screen is easy to read in any light, and it's rugged enough even for a klutz like me.

If you're into geocaching, you can just upload the GPX file to your eTrex and you're ready to go. The free BaseCamp software lets you view maps, waypoints, routes and tracks and helps you plan your trip. It displays maps on your computer screen in 2- or 3D, and shows contour lines and elevations as well.

This is a seriously great handheld GPS unit. You can find them online as low as \$86.

Sunglasses

Whether you shoot, fish, hike, hunt, or just like to hang out in the park with your family, good sunglasses with UV protection are a must, especially in Arizona. Good sunglasses help you see into the water to spot fish, too.

Ocean Racing has just released some great affordable sunglasses — the Waypoint line. They are lightweight and durable and come in a variety of colors. The lenses are highly impact resistant and the glasses have holes at the temple tips so you can attach a lanyard. No blowing out of the boat allowed!

These glasses give you broad spectrum UV protection and they have saltwater-proof mirror and hydrophobic coatings for long-lasting performance. You can get them directly from OceanRacing.com for just \$59.95, and that includes a crush-proof clamshell case, microfiber cleaning cloth bag, and their universal lanyard. Check them out at oceanracing.com



Running Buddy

You don't have to be a runner to appreciate the Running Buddy pouches. They use magnets to snap onto any pants — no belt required. Slip one side inside your waistband, and the pouch on the other side latches on through your pants to keep the pouch secure — no flapping around. You can get various sizes and colors to hold phone, keys, ID — whatever. They are awesome.

These are a great idea for college students — they are much safer and more secure than carrying everything on a lanyard. There is a fairly large selection of models and prices, starting at around \$24. An excellent stocking stuffer! Check them out at therunningbuddy.com.

Orange Screw

The Orange Screw is a big orange plastic screw that you can use to tie your dog out, secure your RV awning in the wind, keep a tarp over your boat, ATV, or firewood, peg your tent down — the list is endless. It comes in a tube that slips through a hold in the top of the screw so it becomes a handle that makes it easy to screw the peg into the ground.

The company was funded on Kickstarter, and it is family owned. The Orange Screw is made from 100 percent recycled content right here in the U.S.A. You can pre-order right now on orangescrew.com

and the expected ship date is December 2015. They are lightweight, easy to use, and infinitely better than those big aluminum nails you're holding your tent down with right now.

I think you'd only need to replace a few of the pegs for your tent and they would still do the job. These things are great, seriously.

Water Purifier

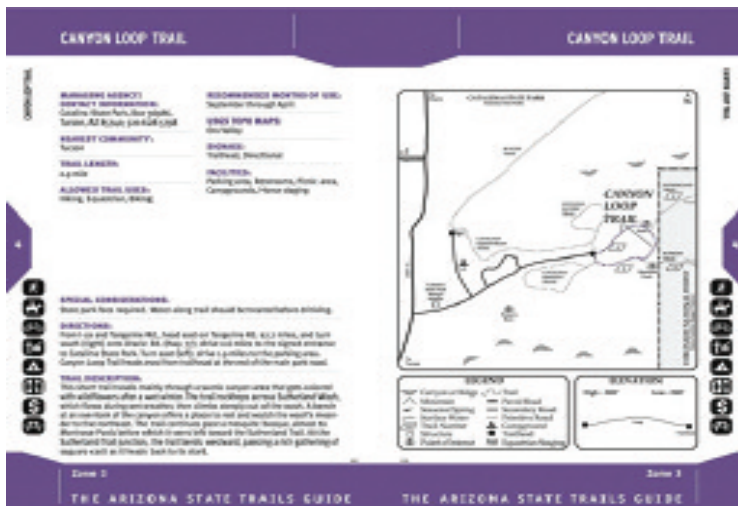
Backpacking is one of those sports that makes running out of water almost a given. Water is heavy, and it can be difficult to carry enough to keep you at peak performance. The answer is a water purifier like the LifeStraw.

With a LifeStraw, you can literally suck dirty water right out of a stream or tank and by the time it reaches your mouth, it's safe to drink. You can buy these at almost any outdoor store, and they typically run around \$20.

These are a great gift for any outdoorsman, or even for a person who likes to travel outside the country. One will give a person fresh, safe water for about a year and they weigh just 2 ounces.

Stay Tuned

Next month I'll give you some fantastic gift ideas for fishermen, so be sure to check back!

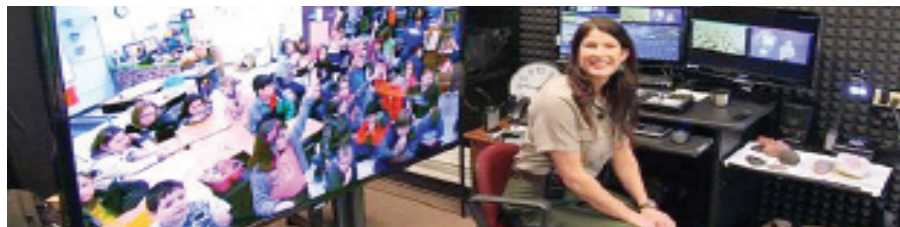


Arizona State Trails Guide

This is a great set of trail maps that covers 550 trails in Arizona. Each trail is on a separate card that can be removed from the plastic case and taken along on the trail, eliminating the need to carry a heavy book or a big awkward map. I have a complete set of these and I love them.

Each set covers a different area of the state and includes a map, how to find the trail-head, elevation profile, etc. I love these things and take them with me everywhere.

You can get and print an order form at azstateparks.com and also learn more about the trail guides. They are \$10/set.



Every Kid —

Grand Canyon National Park invites all fourth grade students to visit the park for free as part of the White House's new Every Kid in a Park program. As of September 1, fourth grade students can now go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

Good Company

News From Lost Our Home Pet Rescue



MEET SPORT! — He was found by the Tempe Police Department at the Tempe Sports Complex and brought to Lost Our Home. We looked for his family but no one came for this adorable little fellow! He is a super sweet guy, very shy but underneath it all, a total cuddle bug! We would suggest several meet and greets so this little dude gets comfortable with you. A calmer home would work best for this cutie, somewhere that he can understand that he is safe and all he has to do is be a dog! Looking for love, Sport is your man!



B AND B — Baylor enjoys his water nice and cool. He would love to share his drinks with you if you'd adopt him. He and his brother Bartley are Lost Our Home's entrance-way greeters but would brighten your day were you to be their forever home. Please visit our website for all of our adoptable special pets.



AGELESS — "Old Dogs Rule" and Freddie's rule is put on a tie to look your best for a photo shoot! Can you believe this little Chihuahua-rat terrier mix is 10 years young? Don't tell him because he still thinks he's a puppy! This good-looking guy was turned into Lost Our Home when his dad lost his home and we are lucky to have him! Freddie is blind in one eye from birth, but don't let this or his age fool you; this little fellow still has a lot of love and spunk left! He is great on a leash, loves everyone he meets and loves, loves to lie in your lap! Are you looking for a special pup? Freddie is looking for that special person!



DON'T MISS IT! — Looking for something to do on the weekends? Come hang out with Lost Our Home at the Clark Park Farmers Market on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8 to 11 a.m. located at 1730 S. Roosevelt Street in Tempe. The weekly market will feature about 20 vendors selling local produce, handmade crafts by local artists, and prepared food and coffee. LOH will be there with our amazing adoptable dogs and information about our shelter. Don't miss out on all the fun!

It's not too early to get our 2015 Champagne Brunch on your calendar!

This year our brunch will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 at the beautiful Arizona Biltmore Resort. We are already gathering items you'll love for our silent auction. Our sponsors get great recognition and ensure every penny donated goes directly to the care of the pets. If you'd like to donate an auction item or receive information on being a sponsor, please contact Jodi at Jodi@lostourhome.org. This will be the best one yet!

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with this important step to preserve the paintings and the stories they tell. For more information about the ArtPlace America grant, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/news/desert-view-tribal-heritage-grant.htm>. The grant will further arts and culture at Grand Canyon National Park by transforming Desert View into a place to celebrate, share, and learn about inter-tribal cultural heritage.

To learn more about Grand Canyon Association, the official nonprofit partner of Grand Canyon National Park, visit www.grandcanyon.org. Desert View is the eastern entrance to Grand Canyon National Park. It is located on the South Rim approximately 45 minutes east of Grand Canyon Village. To plan your visit to Desert View, go to <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm>. For more information on the cultural demonstrator series, please contact Park Ranger Sylvia Tran at (928) 638-7968.

MEXICAN WOLF

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wolves in Arizona. **Limited Value** Studies clearly indicate a relatively sparse ungulate population in western Arizona that is inadequate for supporting wolves. To allow wolves in the initial phase of expansion to disperse and occupy areas with limited prey is likely to lead to more conflicts between wolves and humans and domestic animals while providing limited value to wolf conservation.

it is more than triple the population goal defined in the current Mexican wolf management plan. The population objective for Arizona's 10(j) area is an important component of Mexican wolf recovery, but full recovery must incorporate Mexico as well, given that 90 percent of the historical habitat for Mexican wolves is south of the international border. ESA also maintains that a sub-species/species should only be re-established within its historical range, which the revised 10(j) rule accomplishes. The new rule will allow wolves a corridor to disperse into Mexico. Interconnection between wolves in Mexico and those in the Arizona-New Mexico population will increase genetic diversity. For more information on Mexican wolves, visit www.azgfd.gov/wolf.

Critics Disagree

Critics also disagree with the population objective defined in the new rule, although

STRIPERS

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ment to save some money.) Rig a dropshot with No. 2 baitholder or circle hooks and 1/2-ounce weights. Do not set the hook with circle hooks; baitholder hooks, on the other hand, will allow the angler to set the hook, an advantage with light, bait-thieving bites. Don't forget the fishing license — purchase one online to help conserve wildlife for our future fisher-children, and grand-children.

(frozen anchovies stay on the hook much longer). Hook a piece anchovy through one side of the skin, rotate the hook 180 degrees, and hook it back through the anchovy. If your fish finder is marking fish at, say, 30 feet, or on the bottom, drop the rig into the water, counting the seconds it takes for the bait to get into the target area. Keep that count in your mind — once you've found the depth of the fish, it'll be time to figure out the next number on the fish-finding combination: the bite and hook-set.

Anchovies And Action

Also pick up some anchovies (the north Phoenix Sportsman's Warehouse and most WalMarts have them) and keep them frozen in an ice chest. Head out to 50 to 100 feet of water and lower the submersible lights, chum the waters with bits of anchovies, kick back, and tell your fishing buddy a couple old line-soaking stories (true or not) as the food chain under the boat forms like bubbles into foam. In general, quality stripers tend to suspend right off the bottom, and aggressive, smaller fish around the middle of the water column.

Three Types Of Bites

"There are three types of bites here," said Barry Worman, moderator of the popular Arizona Stripper Fishing Facebook page and, during this calm, star-smearing night, boat operator. "One is the 'dink, dink dink,' really weak bites: These guys are master thieves at getting anchovies off. The second is where you get two feet of slack (in your line). They're coming up, so you've got to reel in the slack and whack them. The third bite is your rod just bends."

Monitor the fish finder for the indications of fish. If you're fishing from a kayak/canoe, cover a lot of water until you find the bite.

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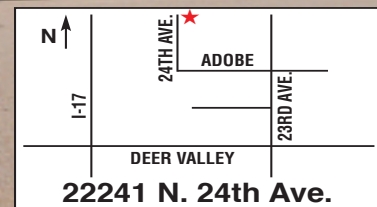
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as part of the Homestead Act in 1910. He put in the irrigation system and planted the first apple orchard in 1912. In 1933 he built the rustic cabins seen in the park today. It was sold to the Arizona Parklands Foundation in 1984 and then became a State Park.

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the streets of Flagstaff. Considering the vague perception of when the foliage will reach its peak, the Flagstaff LEAF-ometer is a great resource for those hoping to observe the transitioning colors.

This online resource enables visitors to grasp an idea of what stage of color alteration to expect leaves in when traveling to varying areas of the city. Flagstaff offers many opportunities to explore and witness the alluring golden brown, red and orange autumn colors.

Marvelous Autumn Hikes

Those interested in absorbing the scenery by foot might consider hiking some of Flagstaff's prominent trails. There are many trails, ranging in difficulty, which will provide stunning views of the changing landscape. Some of these trails include Wilson Meadow, Aspen Nature Loop and Bismarck Lake.

Wilson Meadow

Located in the Heart Prairie, Wilson Meadow is brimming with meadows and aspen groves in an open landscape. The lavish amount of nature, including fields of wildflowers and grasslands, ensures that this trail will offer incredible sights of the foliage. This trail comes in at two miles roundtrip, making it a wonderful option for those with minimal hiking experience and for those with children.

Aspen Nature Loop

Another salient trail, the Aspen Nature Loop offers views of the San Francisco Peaks and Kendrick Mountain. Located near the base of Arizona Snowbowl, this scenic loop is sure to expose some of the most impeccable fall colors. At a length of 1.8 miles, this hike is rated as relatively easy. Those looking for an effortless way to witness the scenery should consider Aspen Nature Loop.

Bismarck Lake

Situated in an alpine meadow, Bismarck Lake is the perfect location to ob-

Collecting Leaves

Leaf peepers like to collect leaves, so here is how you do it. Dry them slowly in the microwave between paper towels, press them in an old telephone book, or you can press them with wax paper with an iron and spray them with glossy preservative from a craft store. Now you have your decorations for Thanksgiving tables for years to come and a gentle reminder of your escape to enjoy Arizona's amazing beauty.

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serve both the altering autumn setting and the wildlife that is attracted by the lake. This remarkable "lake" exhibits pond-like features, acquiring shallow waters enclosed by marshes. As a resource for wildlife in the surrounding forests, visitors should expect to see some wildlife activity. Although rated at moderate difficulty, this trail gives hikers the option of a two-mile roundtrip trail or an elongated seven-mile roundtrip trail leading to Snowbowl Road.

Leaf Peepers Seeking A Scenic Fall Foliage Trip? Follow The State Parks Trail

Every autumn as the days get shorter, trees produce spectacular displays of fall leaf colors. But, finding the best color often requires a trip on the scenic byways through Arizona's north country. On the Colorado Plateau the sycamores, maple, oak, cottonwood, elm, ash and sumac colors are peaking and fall foliage road trips are a favorite fall adventure.

Now Is A Good Time

For "leaf peepers," right now is a good time to grab a jacket, hiking boots and camera and head up to higher elevations. As you start planning your trip, just remember to check the weather before you go because temperature, wind and precipitation impact foliage. The State Parks have varying degrees of leaf colors, so calling the park before you leave will ensure the best spots to see the changing

leaves.

If you head north on I-17 take the exit to Cottonwood and visit Dead Horse Ranch State Park for a horseback ride along the Verde River or fish in the lagoons. A picnic in the cottonwood grove will stir your soul with the music of the birds and leaves.

Following 89A, you'll find Red Rock State Park just up the road from Cottonwood. Red Rock State Park, a 286-acre nature preserve with winding trails lined with a lush green riparian habitat is just starting to primp with its the harvest gold, pumpkin orange and red leaves. The park has many hiking trips scheduled and special programs that you can work into your plans.

Red Rock State Park, Sedona

Red Rock State Park with its red rock pinnacles frame the crimson sumacs and fuchsia maples as the brisk nights confirm the full onset of autumn along Oak Creek.

After you enjoy one of Sedona's fine lunch spots, head up Oak Creek Canyon and stop at Slide Rock State Park for a stroll along the creek or up Hospital Canyon to capture some incredible photographs of the rushing stream and smooth red plates of rock.

Keep On 89A North

Following 89A north another 20 miles and you are in downtown Flagstaff, and then take the Lake Mary Road south past Mormon Lake, which is always an adventure because elk use the center of the dry lake as their personal spa and the entire route is brimming with wildlife.

Strawberry, Pine

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Boyce Thompson Arboretum

For those who can't get away now, consider going to Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park, a 320-acre botanical garden, to savor the grove of burgundy Chinese pistachios, sycamores and varnish trees as they change through November and December.

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