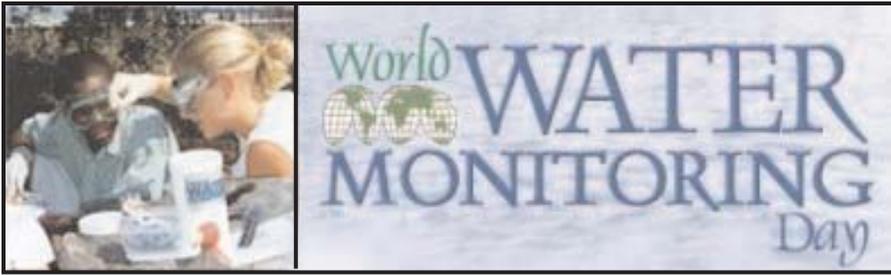




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On October 18, citizens of the global community will join in World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD), a worldwide opportunity to positively impact the health of rivers, lakes, estuaries and other waterbodies. Volunteer monitoring groups, water quality agencies, students, and the general public are invited to test four key indicators of water quality: temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity.

This brochure is a starting point to waters across Arizona. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and its volunteer program, the Earth Team, are taking part in World Water Monitoring Day. If you would like to get involved, contact NRCS at 602-280-8806 or george.couch@az.usda.gov. The Earth Team may be able to assist you or your organization in purchasing water monitoring kits. You can also visit the World Water Monitoring Day web site at <http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/>.



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Alamo Lake



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Lake description: Alamo Lake, located on the Bill Williams River where the Big Sandy River and Santa Maria River come together, was created with the completion of Alamo Dam in 1968. The Army Corps of Engineers designed the earthen dam primarily for flood control. During flood events, the lake basin is capable of "capturing" large amounts of water in a relatively short time. The lake has been recorded rising 11 vertical feet in one night. Unusually high flows during the late 1970's and through the 1980's have increased the average size of the lake.

Directions: Alamo Lake State Park is located 38 miles north of Wenden and US 60. From Wickenburg, take Hwy 60 west to Wenden. Turn north on the Alamo Lake access road and drive 38 miles to the park.

Ashurst Lake

Lake description: Ashurst Lake is a good place for fishing with excellent views of the San Francisco Peaks. The campground has 25 single unit sites, picnic tables, fire rings, cooking grills, drinking water, restrooms, and boat ramp on the lake's west side.

Directions: From Flagstaff, drive south 19 miles on Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road) then east about 4 miles on Forest Road 82E.



<http://www.eatstayplay.com>

Becker Lake



Lake description: Becker Lake was created in 1880 by constructing a dam at the head of an old oxbow of the Little Colorado River. The lake is a shallow reservoir and is known for large rainbow trout.

Directions: Two miles northwest of Springerville, AZ, off US 60. Paved roads most of the way.

<http://www.fishinaz.com>

Big Lake

Lake description: Big Lake is a 500 acre lake located in the White Mountains at 9,000 feet elevation.

Directions: 19 miles southwest of Eager using Arizona 260 and U.S. 273 either approaching from the east near Eagar or the west near Sunrise Resort



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Black Canyon Lake

Lake description: 7,100 feet elevation

Directions: Located 18 miles southwest of Heber, AZ on AZ 260, FR300 & FR86

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Chevelon Canyon Lake



Lake description: The Chevelon Canyon Lake is an excellent source for Brown Trout fishing located atop the Mogollon Rim. Heavy snow occurs mid-October through May in this area. A slightly difficult one-mile hike is required to reach the lake.

Directions: Located 60 miles east of Payson off State Route 260

<http://www.azgfd.gov>

Cholla Lake

Lake description: Cholla Lake is the largest body of water in Northeastern Arizona.

Directions: Located eight miles west of Holbrook, 1 mile off I-40, Exit #277

Concho Lake

Lake description: Concho Lake is 60 acres at an elevation of 6,300 feet.

Directions: 10 miles west of St. Johns on Route 61.

Crescent Lake

Lake Description: Surrounded by forests and rolling meadows, Crescent Lake is known for its brookies and rainbows. Lake is at 8,900 feet.

Directions: 41 miles southeast of Pinetop using Arizona 260 and 273. The road from 260 to Crescent Lake is continually being improved.

Dead Horse Ranch Lake



Lake Description: Dead Horse Lake is located in the Dead Horse Ranch State Park. In 1950, The Ireys family came to Arizona looking for a ranch to buy. This particular ranch happen to have a dead horse in the road that caught the childrens' attention. The family bought the ranch and named it Dead Horse Ranch.

Directions: From Cottonwood, follow 89A northwesterly towards Clarkdale. Before entering Old Town, look for Dead Horse

State Park sign to right. Enter Park and follow signs to the lake.

Dogtown Lake

Lake Description: Dogtwon Lake got its name from the extensive prairie dog towns that once inhabited this area south of Williams, AZ.

Directions: From Flagstaff, take I-40 west to Williams, turn south on 4th Street (County Road 73). Go 4 miles to FR 140, then go left for 3 miles to FR 132. Go left again and follow the signs.

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Earl Park Lake

Lake Description: Elevation 8,200 feet

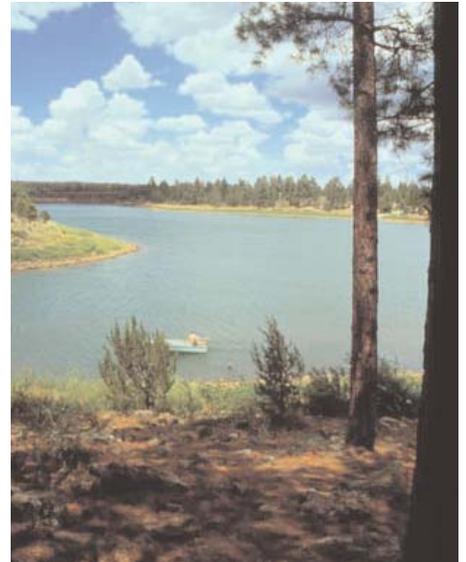
Directions: Located two miles east of AZ 473, just east of Hawley Lake

Fool Hollow Lake

Lake Description: Elevation 6,600 feet; Fool Hollow Lake is 149 acres. The tiny town of Adair has long since been covered by the lake, but it was Thomas Westly Adair who was responsible for the name Fool Hollow. In 1885, Adair moved into the area with the intention of farming. The locals joked that only a fool would try and farm the place. The name stuck.

Directions: From Payson, take SR 260 north (2 hours) to Old Linden Rd. Drive 0.6 miles to Fool Hollow Lake Rd.

From Mesa, take US 60 to Globe, then to Show Low.



<http://www.pr.state.az.us>

Hawley Lake



Lake Description: Hawley Lake is located on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation. The lake is one of the prettiest lakes on the reservation and is accessible year-round. Hawley Lake requires fisherman to attain a permit from the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Directions: Between Eager and Pinetop, lake is accessed via Highway 260 towards Show Low, then turn on Hwy. 473.

<http://www.fishinaz.com>

Kinnikinick Lake

Lake Description: Kinnikinick Lake is usually accessible between the months of April and October. The San Francisco Peaks can be seen on the horizon.

Directions: Drive 30 miles south of Flagstaff on Forest Highway 3 and turn east on FR 125. Follow this road 4 miles to FR 82 and turn southeast 5.5 miles to the campground. FH 3 is paved, other FR's are graveled and suitable for passenger cars in most weather. FR 82 is either snow covered or muddy in winter and is therefore closed.



<http://www.fs.fed.us>

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Lake Havasu

Lake description: State park on the scenic shore of Lake Havasu, a 45-mile-long lake created by Parker Dam. Arguably the most popular water-lovers location in Arizona, Lake Havasu is home of the London Bridge.

Directions: Lake Havasu State Park is located in western Arizona along the California border. The park is 10 miles south from Lake Havasu City on State Highway 95 at 699 London Bridge Rd., off Hwy. 95 & Industrial Blvd.



<http://www.desertusa.com>

Lake Mary (lower & upper)

Lake Description: Sometime's its a lake; sometimes it's not. Lower Lake Mary, the smaller of Flagstaff's twin lakes, has a tendency to disappear during the long dry spells that periodically hit this area. Upper Lake Mary is the largest of Flagstaff's twin lakes.

Directions: (Lower) Drive 8 miles south from Flagstaff on Forest Highway 3
(Upper) Drive 12 miles south from Flagstaff on Forest Highway 3

Lake Mead



<http://www.americansouthwest.net>

Lake description: Three of America's four desert ecosystems--the Mojave, the Great Basin, and the Sonoran Deserts--meet in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. As a result, this seemingly barren area contains a surprising variety of plants and animals, some of which may be found nowhere else in the world.

Directions: From Flagstaff, take I-40 west for approximately 145 miles to the US-93/Beale St. exit (exit 48) toward AZ-66/Las Vegas/AZ-68. Turn right onto W Beale St./US-93 N. Continue to follow US-93 N. for approximately 70 miles.

Lake Mohave

Lake description: Long and narrow lake created by the Davis Dam.

Directions: Located 60 miles south of Hoover Dam, south of Lake Mead and just north of Bullhead City

Lake Powell

Lake description: Lake Powell stretches from the Glen Canyon Dam in Arizona up the Colorado River through Utah, past the San Juan confluence to Hite for a total of 186 miles. Including the numerous flooded canyons, Lake Powell has more than 2,000 miles of shoreline, 96 major side canyons, and is the second largest man-made lake in the U.S. The lake is located just north of Page, Arizona.

Directions (to Page): From Phoenix, approximately 140 miles north on I-17. Merge onto I-40 E via exit 340A for 5.5 miles. Take the exit toward AZ-89/Page/Grand Canyon for 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Country Club Dr/I-40 Blvd. for 0.4 miles. Merge onto US-89 N. for 128 miles.

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Lee Valley Lake

Lake description: Lee Valley Lake is a 45 acre lake, 9,400 feet elevation, and near Mt. Baldy Wilderness.

Directions Located one-mile west of Arizona 273, about halfway between Sunrise, AZ and Big Lake

Little Ortega Lake

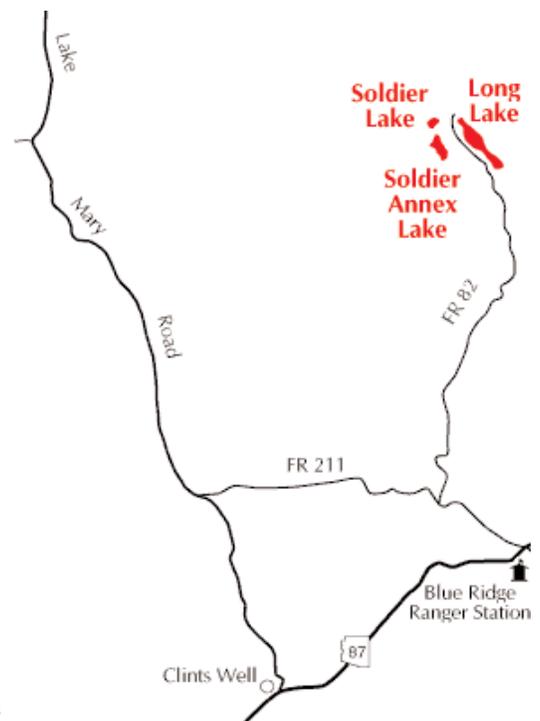
Directions Located east of St. Johns, AZ off of AZ 61

Long Lake

Lake description: Long Lake is the largest of three shallow lakes, the others being Soldier and Soldier Annex Lakes. All three lakes are located in open grassland, dotted with volcanic rock, pinyon and juniper trees.

Directions: Drive 48 miles south of Flagstaff on Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road). Turn east (left) on FR 211. Follow FR 211 about 8 miles to FR 82 then turn left (north) 12 miles to Long Lake.

Or from Phoenix going north on Hwy 87, turn west (left) on FR 211 about a quarter mile north of the Blue Ridge office (about milepost 300). Turn right about 3.5 miles at the FR 82 intersection and then 12 miles to the lake.



(map)
<http://www.fs.fed.us>

Luna Lake



Lake description: Seasonal restrictions preventing access within the confines of the Luna Lake Wildlife Area have been implemented to safeguard nesting bald eagles and waterfowl. Contact the Alpine Forest Service office at (928) 339-4384 for more information.

Directions: Located three miles east of Alpine, AZ on Highway 180

<http://www.azgfd.gov>

Lyman Lake

Lake Description: Created as an irrigation reservoir by damming the Little Colorado River, this 1,200-acre park encompasses the shoreline of a 1,500-acre reservoir at an elevation of 6,000 feet. It is fed by snowmelt from the slopes of Mount Baldy and Escudilla Mountain, the second and third highest mountains in Arizona. Water is channeled into this river valley from a 790-square-mile watershed extending into New Mexico.

Directions: Lyman Lake State Park is located in eastern Arizona. The lake is one mile off U.S. Highway 191, about 11 miles south of St. Johns, alternatively 18 miles north of Springerville.

Lynx Lake

Lake Description: 55-acre lake located in the ponderosa pines near Prescott

Directions: From Interstate 17, travel west on State Route 69 toward Prescott. Turn left on Walker Road and follow sign to Lynx Lake.

Mexican Hay Lake

Lake Description: 164 acres, Mexican Hay Lake is at an elevation of 8,800 ft. Mexican Hay is a small, weedy lake - hence the name. A small boat, tube, or waders are almost a necessity, since the shoreline is very brushy.

Directions: Located 15 miles southwest of Springerville, AZ using Arizona 260 & 273

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Mormon Lake

Lake Description: Mormon Lake is the largest natural lake in Arizona and is located in Flagstaff at an elevation of 7,000 feet.

Directions: Drive south from Flagstaff 25 miles on Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road) to the Forest Road 90 intersection. Turn west on FR 90 and drive about 4 miles to the lake.

Nelson Reservoir

Lake Description: 100 acres

Directions: Located south of Springerville on US 180. Travel east on SR 260 to Show Low. Turn left at junction U.S. 60 through Show Low to Springerville. Travel through Springerville to junction SR 180/666. Turn right onto SR 180/666 to Nutrioso. Travel approximately 7 miles, lake is on the right.



Pacheta Lake



Lake Description: Pacheta Lake is 68 acres located at an elevation of 8,200 feet.

Directions: Located six miles southwest of Reservation Lake on Y20 or Y70

<http://www.wmonline.com>

Rainbow Lake

Lake Description: Rainbow Lake is 80 acres located at an elevation of 7,000 feet.

Directions: Located northwest of Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ, 1 block south of AZ 260 (White Mountain Blvd.) using either Rainbow Lake Road or Lake View Road

Reservation Lake



Lake Description: Reservation Lake is 280 acres at an elevation of 9,000 ft. and one of the three Greer lakes.

Directions: Located one mile north of Greer, AZ, 19 miles south of AZ 260 using AZ 273 & FS 116

<http://www.wmonline.com>

Rogers Lake

Lake Description: During the winter of 1881, Henry Corey and Ralph Gaines stole eight large gold bars (each bar was three feet long and four inches wide) from the Tip Top Mine near Gillette, AZ. Next, the outlaws robbed a stagecoach near Flagstaff, AZ of \$25,000 in gold and silver coins. The pair returned to the lake and placed all of their loot in large wooden kegs, chipped a hole in the ice, and lowered the kegs into the lake. Knowing that the sheriff was on his way, Corey and Gaines made a hasty retreat, leaving the treasure behind. Gaines was later killed and Corey was later arrested and spent 24 years in prison. After his release, Corey returned to the lake in search of the treasure, but it was never found. During dry times throughout the year, the dry lakebed areas of this low level lake can be easily searched. Rogers Lake can expand to the size of 1600 acres.

Directions: Located approximately 12 miles southwest of Flagstaff on Woody Mountain Road

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Show Low Lake

Lake Description: Show Low Lake is 100 acres and located at an elevation of 6,500 feet.

Directions: Located one mile off Arizona 260 in Show Low, AZ on Show Low Lake Road

<http://www.wmonline.com>



Sunrise Lake

Lake Description: Sunrise Lake is located on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation. The lake is 900 acres at an elevation of 9,100 feet. Indian Fishing License & Recreation permits are required.

Directions: From Show Low, take SR 260 south to SR 273 and then the Sunrise exit. Follow signs.

Tonto Lake

Directions: Located roughly 30 miles southeast of Fort Apache, AZ, using Y70 and Y40 or access from Pacheta Lake using Y40

Willow Springs Lake

Lake Description: Scenic 150 acre lake at 7,600 feet in elevation in the tall ponderosa pines in the Mogollon Rim

Directions: From Payson, take SR 260 east to the top of the Mogollon Rim and watch for signs. Drive time: approximately 2 hours from Phoenix

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Bartlett Lake

Lake Description: 2.5 times larger than Saguaro Lake (1,280 surface acres) and 3 times larger than Canyon Lake (980 surface acres).

Location: Bartlett Lake is 48 miles NE of Phoenix. Bartlett and Horseshoe lakes are located in the Verde River Valley, roughly 30 miles north of Scottsdale. Take Carefree Hwy, Scottsdale or Pima roads to Cave Creek Rd., and follow the signs



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From Central Phoenix: 51 north to Bell Road, right on Bell to Tatum Boulevard, left on Tatum (North) until you reach Pinnacle Peak Road, right on Pinnacle Peak to Pima Road, left on Pima to Cave Creek Road, right on Cave Creek 5 miles to Bartlett Dam Road, right on Bartlett Dam 20 minutes to Bartlett Lake

From the West Valley: Take I-17 north to Carefree Highway, right on the Carefree Highway, then left on Cave Creek Road, go through Cave Creek & Carefree about 8 miles to Bartlett Dam Road, right on Bartlett Dam and in 20 minutes you will arrive at Bartlett Lake

Canyon Lake

Lake Description: Canyon Lake is the third in a chain of four lakes created by damming the flow of the river (Mormon Dam built in 1923-25). Apache Lake and Roosevelt Lake are upstream, and Saguaro Lake is downstream. Tortilla Creek and Boulder Creek flow into the lake. The main source of the lake's water is from the Salt River, which drains thousands of square miles of mountain watershed in eastern and central Arizona.

Location: Highway 60 to Apache Junction, turn North on Idaho Rd. to "The Apache Trail" Highway 88, travel 16 miles NE on the paved Apache Trail; just past the second one lane bridge.

Horseshoe Lake

Lake Description: Horseshoe Lake is located near Bartlett Lake. Like Bartlett, it is open year-round. This lake is more difficult to get to of the two on the Verde River. The lake also experiences major fluctuation by the Salt River Project in the summertime due to the fact that water supply needs of Valley residents increases. SRP has been known to nearly drain the reservoir in summer.

Location: Horseshoe Lake is 22 miles east of Carefree and 10 miles north of Bartlett Lake.

From Carefree go 22 miles east to Bartlett Lake. Horseshoe Lake is 10 miles north of Bartlett Lake on the Verde River. It can be reached by a well-marked turnoff from the road to Bartlett Lake.

From Fountain Hills drive north on Fountain Hills Boulevard which turns into McDowell Mountain Road. Follow McDowell Mountain Road to Forest Drive in Rio Verde. Turn left and drive to Rio Verde Drive. Turn left and follow Rio Verde Drive to Pima Road. Turn right and drive to Cave Creek Road. Turn right to Horseshoe Dam Road (FR 205). Turn right and follow the road to the well marked turnoff to Horseshoe Lake which is about two miles before Bartlett Lake. Follow this road approximately 10 miles to the lake. Note that major parts of this road are not paved.

Lake Pleasant

Lake Description: The "Carl" Pleasant Dam, later renamed Waddell Dam, was constructed between 1926 and 1928, creating the upper portion of the Lake. At this time it was the largest agricultural Dam in the world. The Dam stood 76 feet in height and 2,160 feet in length. At 126 feet above streambed, its elevation was 1,601 feet. It created a lake with 3,706 surface acres of water having a shoreline of 50 plus miles. The objective was to impound runoff waters, from the Agua Fria River and the Bradshaw Mountains, for irrigation purposes.

Location: Lake Pleasant is located 15 miles west of I-17 (Black Canyon Freeway) on Carefree Highway (State Route 74) 30 miles north of Phoenix.

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Martinez Lake



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Lake Description: Martinez Lake is located on the Colorado river 31 miles from Yuma. The river stretches upstream 70 miles to Blythe, AZ and downstream 7 miles to the Imperial Dam. There are numerous canals and backwater lakes that quadruple the shoreline.

Location: Located 45 minutes north of Yuma. From Yuma, take U.S. 95 North approximately 20 miles to Martinez Lake Road. Head west on Martinez Lake Road approximately 15 miles towards Fisher's Landing.

Roosevelt Lake

Lake Description: Once the largest man-made lake in the world, Roosevelt Lake is the biggest of the six Salt River Project lakes. The lake covers more than 17,000 acres.

Roosevelt is created by the confluence of Tonto Creek and the Salt River.

Location: Visitors can reach the lake via the Apache Trail, 80 miles from Phoenix, or by a 20-mile drive over the paved Highway 88 from Globe. The lake also may be reached from the Beeline Highway (State Route 87) via State Route 188.



<http://www.americansouthwest.net>

Saguaro Lake



<http://www.fountainhillsguide.com>

Lake Description: Salt River lake closest to Phoenix

Location: Bush Highway north from U.S. Highway 60 to the Saguaro del Norte Recreation Site turnoff.

Or travel Beeline Highway (State Route 87) from either the

McDowell Road turnoff in Mesa or from Shea Boulevard near Fountain Hills.

About eight miles after crossing the Verde River, turn right at signs indicating the Saguaro Lake Recreation Area.

From Mesa, exit US 60 at Bush Highway. Travel north 7 miles to Granite Reef Dam.

From Payson travel south on 87 about 60 miles and turn left on the Bush Highway (FR 204). Travel past the Saguaro Lake Marina Road to the stocking sites. Follow the signs to Granite Reef, Phon D. Sutton, Blue Point Bridge and Water Users.

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Tempe Town Lake

Lake Description: Two mile lake, 1/4 mile wide in Tempe.

Directions: South Bank Access Direct access is available from the Red Mountain Freeway (Loop 202) and other connecting freeway routes. From the Red Mountain Freeway (exit south), motorists can access Rio Salado Parkway at Priest Drive, Rural Road or McClintock Drive.

From Phoenix: Take the Loop 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) east to the Priest/Center Parkway exit. Exit north (left), cross the freeway overpass and turn east (right) on Washington Street. Look for the Marquee Theater on the south side of the road (it sits on the southwest corner of Mill Avenue and Washington Street). Enter the Marquee Theater parking lot and travel south. The Operations Center is located under the freeway in the parking lot. (Note: an additional entrance to the parking lot is located on Mill Avenue, south of the Marquee Theater.)

From Mesa: Take the 101 (Pima Freeway) north to the 202 (Red Mountain Freeway). Take the 202 west to the Center Parkway exit. Exit south at Center Parkway and travel north to Washington Street and turn east (right). Look for the Marquee Theater on the south side of the road (it sits on the southwest corner of Mill Avenue and Washington Street).

From Scottsdale: Take Scottsdale Road south - it turns into Rural Road at McKellips. Continue south to Curry Road and turn west (right). Turn south (left) at Mill Avenue and enter the parking lot just south of the Marquee Theater.



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Upper Salt River



Directions: North and East of Roosevelt Lake
From Phoenix, take US 60 east to the Salt River Canyon Bridge, 40 miles northeast of Globe, Arizona. Turn west then north

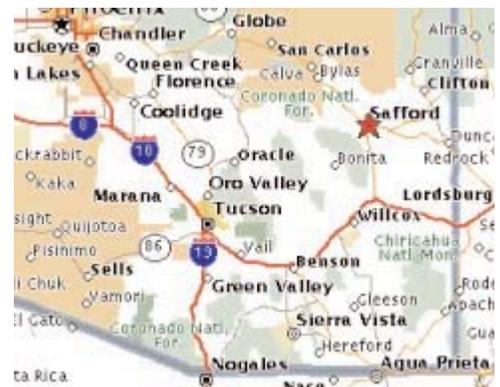
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Dankworth Pond

Lake Description: Dankworth Pond is a man made structure originally used for commercial catfish farming.

Directions: Dankworth Pond is just a few miles south of the 366 exit on 191 south of Safford, AZ



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Lake Arivaca

Lake Description: There are very few facilities at the lake, very hilly but with some nice areas to fish from shore. Don't eat the fish by order of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Directions: About an hour from Tucson south towards Nogales on I-19. Get off at the Arivaca Amado turnoff, then follow the road to the city of Arivaca. Follow the signs that point you south from town for the last few miles.



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Marijilda Creek (Shannon Campground)

Lake Description: Shannon Campground is small and tucked away along the upper reaches of Marijilda Creek, a pleasant little brook that winds through a setting of tall trees and green grass. Elevation: 9,100'

Directions: From Safford, drive south 8 miles on US 191 to AZ 366. Turn right (southwest) onto 366 and drive 22 miles to the campground entrance on the right side of the road.

Mittry Lake

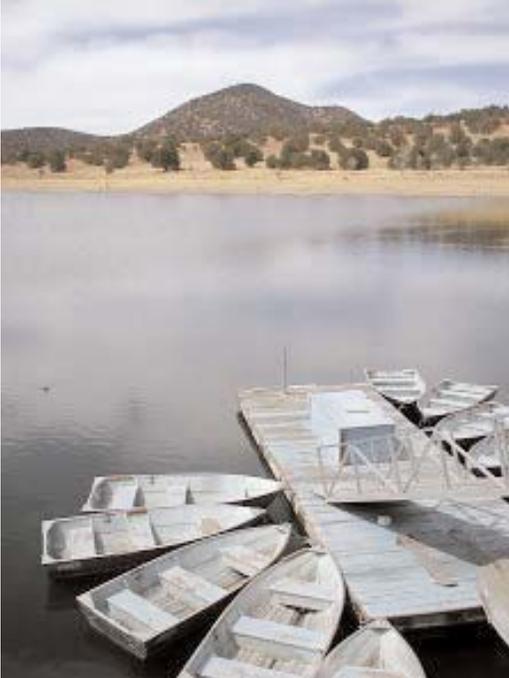
Lake Description: 750 acres

Directions: Laguna Dam is approximately 15 miles northeast of Yuma. From Yuma, take Highway 95 north to East Imperial Dam Road, then turn left (west) toward the lake, following wildlife area signs.



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Parker Canyon Lake



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Lake Description: Parker Canyon Lake Dam was constructed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 1966 with revenue from fishing licenses.

USDA Forest Service Constructed & Maintains the recreation facilities at Parker Canyon Lake.

Directions: From Tucson, take I-10 east approximately 20 miles to State Route 83 (exit 281) and turn south 50 miles through Sonoita to Parker Canyon Lake.

Patagonia Lake

Lake Description: At two and a half miles long and 250 surface acres, Patagonia Lake is popular for a variety of recreational activities, including water skiing, fishing, camping, picnicking, and hiking. Created by the damming of Sonoita Creek, the lake is habitat for bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish, and is stocked with rainbow trout during the winter.

Directions: I-10 East to Hwy 83 South to Hwy 82. Hwy 82, 7 miles past the town of Patagonia.



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Pena Blanca Lake

Lake Description: Pena Blanca means “white rock” in Spanish. Named for the light-colored bluffs overlooking the water. It is surrounded by Pena Blanca Canyon in the Pajarito Mountain foothills. The lake is a beautiful 49 acre lake and is at an elevation of 3,800 feet. Pena Blanca Lake was built in 1957, by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Directions: From Nogalas, you can get to Pena Blanca Lake by taking Interstate 19 north for 8 miles up to the Ruby Road exit. Then take the Pena Blanca/Ruby Road exit 12 left and head west to the lake. The drive over to the lake is approximately 10 miles.



Post Creek



Directions: In Graham, Arizona, Post Creek is on the way up to Riggs Flat Lake on Mt. Graham. It's right off the road, just look for the sign on the east side of the road a few miles after the pavement ends.

<http://www.fishinaz.com>

Riggs Flat Lake



<http://www.fishinaz.com>

Lake Description: Riggs Lake is located in a mixed conifer forest at 8,600 ft. elevation. Accessible facilities here include paved parking, designated parking spaces, paved walkways, an accessible lakeshore edge (pier) for fishing, and a fish cleaning station.

Directions: From Tucson, take I-10 east 88 miles to US 191. Turn left (north) and drive 26 miles to Swift Trail (AZ 366). Turn left and continue up the mountain.

Roper Lake

Directions: Located just north of the 366 exit off 191 - 7 miles south of Safford, AZ



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Rose Canyon Lake

Lake Description: Rose Canyon Lake is the only lake in the Santa Catalina District that is managed for recreational fishing. It is relatively small (6 acres), and is tucked away in a picturesque stand of mature ponderosa pines high on the slopes of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The lake was drained and renovated (drained and dredged) in 2002.

Directions: From Tucson, drive northeast on Tanque Verde Road to the Catalina Highway. Continue 17 miles into the Santa Catalina Mountains to the Rose Canyon Campground turnoff. Follow the access road through the campground to the parking lot at the turnaround. From the parking lot, hike a quarter mile down to the lake.



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San Carlos Lake



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Lake Description: A major storage facility of irrigation water for fertile downstream farmlands from Coolidge and Florence to Sacaton and Casa Grande. President Calvin Coolidge and Will Rogers were both on hand in 1930 for the dedication of the dam with no water behind it. Rogers said after surveying the Gila River that had shrunk to a tiny trickle and a lake bottom filled, not with

water, but with grazing cows, "If this was my lake, I'd mow it." It took half a century for the lake to fill. Water levels range from fairly high to near empty driven by downstream irrigation needs, water levels have dropped low enough to cause fish kills and risen high enough to set new high-water marks. The lake has been drawn to the dead-pool level nearly 20 times. It has been full – the largest body of water in Arizona, with 158 miles of shoreline and 19,500 acre-feet of water – on just three occasions. The 25-mile-long lake is relatively shallow with few drop offs. The main lake has a maximum depth of some 75 feet at the dam. Before the dam was built, mesquite and palo verde trees covered what is now the lake bottom.

Directions: On the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation 25 miles east of Globe 50 miles west of Safford, AZ

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Alvord Lake

Lake Description: Big lake on the south side of town, Lots of people use this lake for picnics and parties. In recent years Alvord has experienced extremely low oxygen levels during the summer months. Consequently it has been necessary to cancel some catfish stockings. Alvord Lake is 25 acres, the largest of Arizona's designated Urban Fishing Lakes.

Directions: Cesar Chavez Park is in southwest Phoenix, at southwest corner of 35th Avenue and Baseline Road



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Canal Lake



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Lake Description: Located just north of Tempe Town lake. Quiet and lots of shade.

Directions: Canal Park in northwest Tempe, southwest corner of College Avenue (68th Street) and McKellips Road

Chaparral Lake

Lake Description: Nice big lake not far from the 101. Easy to find, plenty of birds thanks to an island just for them.

Directions: Chaparral Park in west Scottsdale, northeast corner of Hayden and Chaparral Roads



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Cortez Lake



Lake Description: Nice small lake, right off I-17, and easy to find.

In 2000, Cortez Lake was drained, dredged and rebuilt. This revitalization project by the City of Phoenix included deepening the lake to 14 feet, reducing all shallow zones, adding fish habitat, and installing an aeration system. This project was funded by the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative, passed by voters in 1999.

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Directions: Cortez Park in northwest Phoenix, at northeast corner of 35th Avenue and Dunlap Avenue

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Desert Breeze Lake

Lake Description: Small lake with plenty of places to fish.

Directions: Desert Breeze Park in west Chandler, southwest of Ray Road and McClintock Drive on Desert Breeze Boulevard



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Desert West Lake

Lake Description: Nice small lake just a few blocks north of I-10 on the east end of Phoenix.

Directions: Desert West Park in southwest Phoenix, at 63rd Avenue between Virginia Avenue and Encanto Boulevard



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Encanto Lake

Lake Description: Medium size lake seems larger because of the islands. Close to the center of town.

Directions: Encanto Park in central Phoenix, northeast of 15th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard (between Thomas and McDowell Roads)

Kiwanis Lake



Lake Description: Big lake (13 acres) and easy to get to.

Directions: Kiwanis Community Park in central Tempe, southwest of Baseline Road and Mill Avenue

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Papago Ponds

Lake Description: Near the Phoenix Zoo, these ponds are managed primarily to provide quality largemouth bass fishing opportunity for the urban angler.

Directions: Papago Park in east Phoenix, immediately north of the Phoenix Zoo on Galvin Parkway between McDowell Road and Van Buren Street

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Red Mountain Lake

Lake Description: Big lake on the north east side of town.

Directions: Red Mountain Park in east Mesa, at southeast corner of Brown Road and Sunvalley Boulevard (3/4 mile east of Power Road)



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Riverview Lake



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Lake Description: Nice small lake right on the 101 so it's easy to get to

Directions: Riverview Park in west Mesa, northwest corner of Dobson Road and 8th Street

Steele Indian School Lake

Lake Description: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

Directions: Steele Indian School Park on the northeast corner of Indian School Road and Central in downtown Phoenix. Park entrances are from 3rd Street north of Indian School or from Farrington Street (1 block north of Indian School Road) east off of Central Avenue.

Water Ranch Lake



Lake Description: This is just one of a group of lakes at the Water Ranch. This is a great destination for a day of exploring and watching wildlife.

Directions: Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in north Gilbert, at southeast corner of Greenfield Road and Guadalupe Road

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Kennedy Lake

Lake Description: Size: 10 acres, Depth: Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

Directions: J. F. Kennedy Park in southwest Tucson, north of Ajo Way between La Cholla Boulevard and Mission Road.



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Lakeside Park

Lake Description: Depth: Maximum depth 35 feet, average depth 15 feet.

SPECIAL NOTE: In recent years Lakeside has experienced extremely low oxygen levels during the summer months. Consequently it has been necessary to cancel some catfish stockings. A state-of-the-art aeration system was installed by the City of Tucson in 2002 to improve lake conditions for fish.

Directions: Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park in east Tucson, northwest corner of Stella Road and Sarnoff Drive



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Sahuarita Lake

Lake Description: Not too far from I-17, and with the new signs, it's not too hard to find. Depth: Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 7 feet.

Location: Take Sahuarita Road exit (exit 75) off Interstate 19 (Nogales Highway) and head 1.0 miles east to La Villita Road. Take La Villita Road 1.2 miles north to the north shore of the lake.

Silverbell Lake

Lake Description: Nice size lake in North West Tucson. Easy access from I-10.

Location: Christopher Columbus Park in northwest Tucson, east of Silverbell Road between Camino del Cerro and Grant Roads.



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Green Valley Lakes

Lake Description: Green Valley Lakes consists of three urban lakes: Bunch River and Tunnel Lakes. Upper lake 2 acres, middle lake 1 acre, and main lake 10 acres. Maximum depth of main lake 21 feet.

Location: Green Valley Park is in west Payson, AZ, on Main Street and Green Valley Road (one mile west of Beeline Highway 87).

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Agua Fria River: c.120 mi/193 km long, W Ariz., intermittent stream; rising 20 mi/32 km ENE of Prescott; flows generally S to join Gila R. 16 mi/26 km W of Phoenix. New Waddell Dam (300 ft/91 m high, 4,800 ft/1,463 m long; built 1992) forms L. Pleasant, 30 mi/48 km NNW of Phoenix, used for irrigation and water storage from the Central Arizona Project. Hayden-Rhodes aqueduct crosses river 4 mi/6.4 km below (S of) dam.

Big Sandy River: c.80 mi/129 km long, Ariz.; formed by confluence of Cottonwood Wash and Trout Creek, at small sect. of Hualapai Indian Reservation near Hualapai Peak, Mohave co., W Ariz.; flows S, past Wikieup, joining Santa Maria R. 43 mi/69 km ENE of Parker to form Bill Williams R.; intermittent. Hualapai Mts. to W.

Bill Williams River: c.40 mi/64 km long, W Ariz.; formed by confluence of Big Sandy and Santa Maria rivers near S tip of Hualapai Mts.; flows W through Alamo Lake Reservoir to Havasu L. in Colorado R. on Calif. state line, just NE of Parker Dam. Forms boundary of La Paz (S) and Mohave (N) cos.

Black River: c.130 mi/209 km long, E Ariz.; rises SE of White Mts. in S part of Apache co., c.15 mi/24 km S of Eager, in Apache-Sitgreaves Natl. Forest; flows SW then NW to White R., forming Salt R. c.40 mi/64 km NE of Globe. Black and Salt rivers form boundary bet. Fort Apache (N) and San Carlos (S) Indian reservations.

Blue River: c.65 mi/105 km long, Greenlee co., E Ariz.; rises near N.Mex. state line c.28 mi/45 km SSE of Eager; flows generally S through Apache-Sitgreaves Natl. Forest to San Francisco R. 12 mi/19 km NE of Clifton.

East Verde River: central Ariz.; rises at Mogollon Rim, S edge of Mogollon Mesa; flows c.50 mi/80 km SW and W to Verde R. 37 mi/60 km S of Cottonwood. Entirely in Tonto Natl. Forest.

Hassayampa River: intermittent stream, c.60 mi/97 km long, W central Ariz.; rises S of Prescott, in Yavapai co., flows S, past Wickenburg, to Gila R., 8 mi/12.9 km WSW of Buckeye. Crossed by Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct, c.25 mi/40 km N of its mouth.

Little Colorado River: 315 mi/507 km long, largely in Ariz.; rises in SE Apache co., E Ariz.; flows generally NW through Ariz., past St. Johns, Holbrook, and Winslow, along Painted Desert, to Colorado R. in the Grand Canyon, in Grand Canyon Natl. Park, 70 mi/113 km N of Flagstaff. Stream is dammed, forms Lyman L. (State Park), for irrigation 10 mi/16 km S of St. Johns.

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Salt River Mountains: Maricopa co., S central Ariz., bet. Gila and Salt rivers, in S part of city of Phoenix, rise to 2,612 ft/796 m in W tip; 33°34'N 110°55'W. Include Phoenix South Mt. Park. Gila R. Indian Reservation to S.

Salt River: 200 mi/322 km long, in central Ariz.; formed in plateau region of E Ariz. by confluence of Black and White rivers c.40 mi/64 km NE of Globe, where it forms, with Black R., boundary bet. Fort Apache (N) and San Carlos (S) Indian reservations, then it flows generally W, to Gila R. 15 mi/24 km WSW of Phoenix, through Salt R. Canyon and Tonto Natl. Forest, where it passes through Theodore Roosevelt L. reservoir and dam, Apache L. (Horse Mesa Dam), Canyon L. (Mormon Flat Dam), and Saguaro L. (Stewart Mt. Dam), and through Granite Reef Dam, which diverts water to canals to irrigate Phoenix area, in close succession, then forms S boundary of Salt River Indian Reservation, then flows past Mesa, Tempe, and Scottsdale, and through city of Phoenix, S of downtown. Sierra Ancha and Mazatzal mts. are N of river's mid-course; Salt River Mts. S of lower course in Phoenix.

Salt River Valley: Maricopa co., central Ariz., at Phoenix. Irrigated region around the lower course of the Salt R., which rises in mt. streams near the Mogollon Rim of the Mogollon Plateau and flows SW to join the Gila R. in S central Ariz. Native Americans used the Salt R. for irrigation here many cent. ago. In the 19th cent., Amer. settlers began irrigated farming in the valley, and the Mormons used some of the old Native Amer. canals at Mesa, Ariz. The Salt River project, the 1st large irrigation scheme undertaken under the Federal Reclamation Act of 1902, is one of the most economically successful projects in N. Amer. It began in 1903 when construction started on the Roosevelt Dam in a canyon E of Phoenix. The dam, forming Roosevelt L. behind it, impounded enough water to irrigate fields for about 2 years even if no rain falls.

San Carlos River: c.40 mi/64 km long, SE Ariz.; formed by confluence of 2 forks near Gila Mts.; flows W and S, past San Carlos village, to San Carlos Reservoir (in Gila R.). Near Natanes Peak (7,590 ft/2,313 m) near Gila-Graham co. line, forms co. line to its confluence. Drains San Carlos Indian Reservation.

San Francisco River: c.160 mi/257 km long, in E Ariz. and W N.Mex.; rises in S part of Apache co., E Ariz., at Big Creek, Catron co.; flows E into N.Mex., then S and W through Apache and Gila natl. forests, reentering Ariz. in Greenlee co., in Apache Natl. Forest, where it is joined by Blue R., from N, then S, joining Gila R. 7 mi/11.3 km SW of Clifton.

Santa Cruz River: Located in Arizona and Mexico; rises in Patagonia, SE Santa Cruz Mts., S Ariz.; flows S into Sonora, NW Mexico, then N, re-entering Ariz. near Nogales and continuing N past Green Valley to Tucson, where it turns NW, passes S of Casa Grande joining Gila R. 20 mi/32 km S of Phoenix, in Gila R. Indian Reservation. Stream is intermittent. Used for irrigation in Pima co.

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Santa Maria River: c.50 mi/80 km long, W central Ariz.; intermittent headstream which rises near Sheridan Mt., Prescott Natl. Forest, mt. region W of Prescott in Yavapai co.; flows SW to point near S end of Hualapai Mts., where it joins Big Sandy R. to form Bill Williams R.

Verde (vuhr-DEE) River: c.190 mi/306 km long; rises in Yavapai co., central Ariz. NW of Prescott; flows N as intermittent stream, then E and S, past Cottonwood, Camp Verde, through Horseshoe L. and Bartlett reservoirs, joins Salt R. 23 mi/37 km ENE of Phoenix. The valley supported early Native Amer. civilizations and is dotted with ruins, such as those at Tuzigoot Natl. Monument. Bartlett and Horseshoe dams are on the Verde R. Receives East Verde R. 22 mi/35 km SSE of Camp Verde.

White River: c.30 mi/48 km long, E Ariz.; formed in SW Apache co., W of White Mts., in NE part of Fort Apache Indian Reservation; flows SW to Black R., forming Salt R. in Gila co., c.40 mi/64 km NE of Globe.

Resources

This brochure is a starting point to identify waters across Arizona. Many sources exist to learn more, and here are just a few sources that can be found on the World Wide Web.

<http://www.2az.us>
<http://www.arizona-leisure.com/arizona-lakes.html>
<http://www.arizonaland.com/html/>
http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation
<http://www.azwhitemountains.net/outdoor-fishing-public.htm>
<http://www.co.navajo.az.us/ParksRec>
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<http://www.wmonline.com/attract/lakes.htm>