



# Take Care!

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

How many times do we use the phrase, “Take care” when signing off on texts and emails? We mean this, but it is often just a cursory comment. However, around water, whether boating, fishing, swimming, or just enjoying, the message needs to be powerful and at the fore of our thoughts. “Safety First” and “Take Care” are not just well wishes. They are life savers. And having PFDs for all on board, including our precious pets, is paramount to doing just that: saving lives.

That being said, having fun is at the top of the list of almost all water activities, and the featured water slide at Lake Pleasant Harbor says this in spades: H2O Whoa! is a huge attraction that offers in incredible thrill: “H2 Whoa!” is mammoth and more than 10 feet taller than the previous world record holder,” according to its owner/operator.

Finally, as we move through the summer, grateful for all things outdoors, we thank those who are being honored in the 2022 class of inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame. Without outdoors caretakers such as these, our wild life and recreation activities would not thrive as they do. Congratulations to them all!

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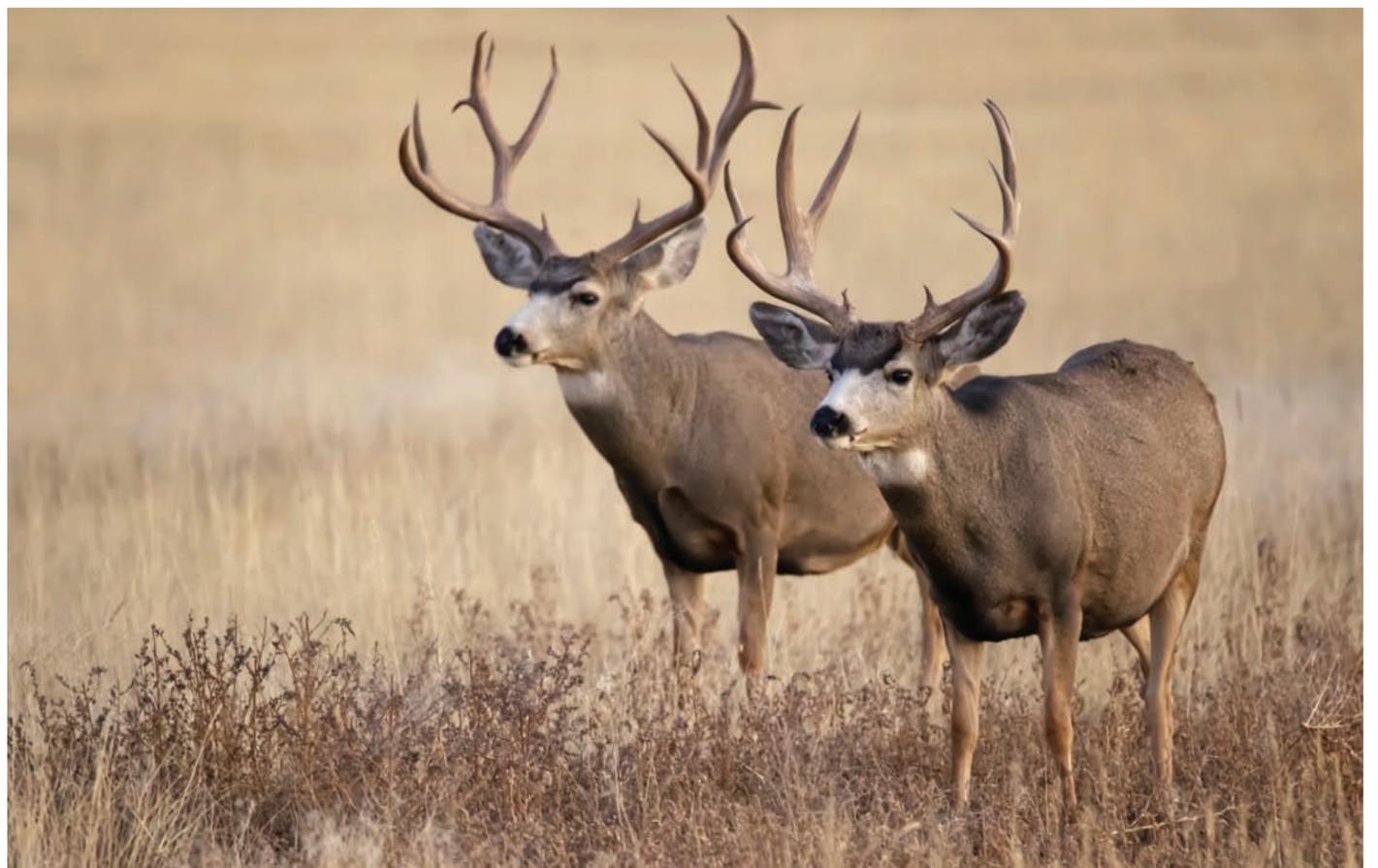
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# Wildlife For Tomorrow Announces Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame Inductees

The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation will honor the 2022 class of inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame at the annual Hall of Fame banquet on Saturday, Aug. 20. The event will be held at the Hilton Resort at the Peak, 7677 N. 16th Street in Phoenix.

## This Year's Inductees

**Dr. Tom Boggess III, of Camp Verde,** is a retired veterinarian and long-time outdoorsman who has been involved with wildlife organizations for more than five decades. He was heavily involved in fundraising for wildlife projects, participated in and provided veterinary care on many sheep and pronghorn captures, and mentored countless young sportsmen.

**Cinda Howard, of Eagar,** is a well-known Arizona fly-fishing guide who has been featured in numerous fly-fishing books and articles and has held leadership positions



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with several angling organizations. She has worked with AZGFD on “Introduction to Fly Fishing” videos, led trips throughout the West, and spent considerable time teaching people the sport of fly fishing.

**Joe Miller, of Payson,** has been a driving force behind many fisheries conservation projects in Rim Country, northern Arizona, and the White Mountains. He has been a tire-

less advocate for watershed protection, trout conservation, native trout recovery, stream improvement work, and forest health.

**Bill Winter (deceased)** made a huge positive impact on Arizona and the nation before his passing in 1975 at the age of 52. His passion for the outdoors and acute business acumen led to leadership roles in the Arizona Wildlife Federation and eventually to the presidency of the 3-million-member National Wildlife Federation in 1972.

**The Mule Deer Foundation** works tirelessly towards improving the well-being of wildlife in Arizona and the West. The organization has 11 chapters in Arizona, partially funds two biologists shared with AZGFD, conducts youth hunt camps, provides volunteers for various wildlife projects, and raises funds for habitat improvement efforts.

The Aug. 20 banquet will include a social

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PHILIP BROWN ON UNSPLASH

# Nominations Sought For 2022 Arizona Game And Fish Commission Awards

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is soliciting nominations for the 2022 Commission Awards. Nominations can be submitted online; the submission deadline is Aug. 24, 2022.

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.

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## H2 WHOA! – WORLD'S TALLEST FLOATING WATERSLIDE



# Come To The Fun Side; Come To The Fun Slide

H2 Whoa! the world's tallest floating waterslide has opened at Lake Pleasant. At a height of 34 feet “H2 Whoa!” and recently recorded by The Guinness Book of World Records as the Tallest Floating Waterslide, a major new water attraction called “H2 Whoa!” is now open at Lake Pleasant. This mammoth water slide features three launch ramps and a blob jump for even more outrageous thrills.

## “H2 Whoa!” Is Open Seven Days A Week

“H2 Whoa!” celebrated an official Grand Opening the weekend of April 27 – 29 and is located at Pleasant Harbor on the Southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant. The slide will be open seven days a week

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# Check These Dates In August+

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**August 12, September 9: Fishing Regs Changes**

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking public input on proposed changes to the 2023-24 Arizona fishing regulations. There are four proposed changes:

- Opening the upper portion of the south fork of the Little Colorado River to catch-and-release angling for Apache trout including a seasonal angling closure.

- Creating a catch-and-release only fishery for all fish species at Lower Goldwater Lake.

- Expanding the current catch-and-release section of Oak Creek and the west fork of Oak Creek for all species of trout.

- Continuing catch-and-release only on all fish species at Cluff Ranch Pond #3, excluding rainbow trout.

Written comments can be submitted by email to [fishregscomments@azgfd.gov](mailto:fishregscomments@azgfd.gov) through Aug. 12, 2022. Comments can also be submitted by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Andy Clark, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

The proposed regulation changes are scheduled to be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission at its public meeting Sept. 9, 2022, in Pinetop, Ariz. An agenda will be posted in advance of the meeting at [www.azgfd.gov/Agency/Commission](http://www.azgfd.gov/Agency/Commission).

**August 12: Arizona Wildlife Views Photo Contest**

One best in show and 11 first-place winners will be showcased in the 2023 calendar, which is published in the November-December 2022 issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views*. The best-in-show photo is published on the calendar's cover, and as one of the photos representing a month.

We're partnering with *Arizona Highways* to provide an easier way to submit photographs. Use the online form at [www.arizonahighways.com/photography/photo-contest](http://www.arizonahighways.com/photography/photo-contest) to submit your Arizona wildlife photos. Each contestant may submit a maximum of three photographs, which must be uploaded as separate submissions through the form.

This contest is for images of Arizona

wildlife. All photos must depict wildlife native to and found in Arizona, and all photos must have been taken in Arizona settings.

Please review the Official Rules prior to entering. Entrants are responsible for complying with the Official Rules or may result in disqualification. The deadline is 5 p.m. (Arizona time) on Aug. 12, 2022. Winners will be announced online at [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest) and [www.arizonahighways.com](http://www.arizonahighways.com) after Nov. 1, 2022.



WOODY KELLY ON UNSPLASH

**August 19- Sept. 8, Dec. 9-31, Jan. 1-3, 2023: Changes For Archery Deer Hunters**

Archery deer hunters: AZGFD makes changes to over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag opportunity

Arizona's over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag archery deer hunting opportunity will continue for the 2022-2023 hunts, but harvest limits have been set by unit and by species.

**A few reminders:**

- Season dates for over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag archery deer seasons vary by unit and may be: Aug. 19-Sept. 8, 2022; Dec. 9-31, 2022; and/or Jan. 1-31, 2023. Not all units will be open for all time frames; hunters should check the status of harvest limits online.

For more information, view the "2022-2023 Arizona Hunting Regulations" at [www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/](http://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/)

**August 24, January 21, 2023 : Nominations Sought**

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is soliciting nominations for the 2022 Commission Awards.

Nominations can be submitted online; the submission deadline is Aug. 24, 2022.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission will select the 2022 Commission Award recipients at its Sept. 9, 2022 meeting. The awards will be presented at the annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, 11111 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

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Registration is at Southwest Outfitters, 159 Paseo Del Sol, LHC

For more information: Southwest Kayaks Facebook page, 928.680.9257, [justin@swkoutfitters.com](mailto:justin@swkoutfitters.com), [swkoutfitters.com](http://swkoutfitters.com)

**September 2-5**

Coconino County Parks & Recreation is hosting the 73rd annual Coconino County Fair on Labor Day Weekend Sept. 2 through 5 at Fort Tuthill County Park. The County Fair is an annual community event where adult and youth alike showcase their interests and hobbies by exhibiting livestock animals and handicrafts. There will also be live entertainment throughout each day, carnival rides, fair food, games, vendors, and much more!

For more information on the County Fair go to <https://www.coconinocountyfair.com/> or call the Coconino County Parks & Recreation Department at 928-679-8000. ■



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from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Admission is \$25.00 and allows riders a one-hour pass for unlimited use of the slide and blob jump. Visitors to Pleasant Harbor must also pay the \$6.00 per vehicle gate entrance fee.

"H2 Whoa!" is mammoth and more than 10 feet taller than the previous world record holder," said Gary Schmit, owner and operator of H2-Whoa!

**One-Stop Recreation Spot**

Forty five minutes from downtown Phoenix, Pleasant Harbor, serves as a one-stop recreation spot for lakeside fun. Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina is open to the public 365 days a year, and in addition to their latest slide attraction, the marina features Dillon's Bayou restaurant, boat, sailing and Jet Ski rentals, kayaks, and paddle boards, fly boarding, slip rentals and storage, as well as a full service RV resort with 254 spaces, featur-

ing a clubhouse, store, heated pool and Jacuzzi.

Additionally, Pleasant Harbor features the *The Phoenix*, a 150-person boat cruise, with daily excursions, as well as breathtaking sunset and music cruises. Need a boat or water skis? Rent a Jet Ski? Paddle board or sailboat? How about trying out fly boarding?

Hydroboarding is one of the hottest new extreme watersports, allowing lake visitors the opportunity to propel up to 50 feet off the water with the assistance of a fire hose and infused water propulsion. These and much more are all available at Pleasant Harbor.

**Pleasant Harbor RV Park**

After a full day of lake activities, there's no reason to drive back home — Pleasant Harbor RV Park offers full hook-up and dry camping, with amazing views of Lake Pleasant. Be sure to call ahead for reservations (800-475-3272)!

"We pretty much have it all," said Glen Vortherms, General Manager of Maricopa

Water District (MWD), owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor. "With our close proximity to Phoenix, and seven day a week public access, we are one of the hidden gems of the Valley."

From the Phoenix area, Pleasant Harbor is the closest destination and entrance to Lake Pleasant, conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87th Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). For more information about the Pleasant Harbor, please call 928-501-LAKE (5253).

**Pleasant Harbor (Lake Pleasant) Recreational Opportunities**

- Pleasant Harbor
- H2-Whoa!
- Lake Pleasant Cruises
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- Pleasant Harbor Boat Rentals
- Go Sail AZ
- Lake Pleasant Sailing Club ■

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

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

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

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



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



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(clockwise from upper left) Bombora Dog Lover, Wanderer, Family and Adventurer Bundles.

## PFD Bundles Get People (And Pets) On The Water

New boaters and paddlers or those who want to upgrade their safety gear will find it hard to resist Bombora's new Bundles. Centered around its unique inflatable US Coast Guard-approved PFDs, they combine everything needed to get out on the water. Ideal for couples, families of four or those with a canine best friend, they're offered at a 30% discount over separate purchases.

Extremely comfortable, the Bombora PFD is worn around the waist and designed for adults 16 and older with chest sizes from 30" to 46". When needed, a tug on the activation cord triggers the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder to instantly inflate the device. Once used, it's quickly and easily

rearmed and repacked.

The Adventurer Bundle includes a pair of Type III Adventurer PFDs that each provides 25 lbs. of buoyancy. Bombora's Wanderer Bundle contains two slightly smaller Type V Wanderer PFDs that deliver 16.5 lbs. of flotation. Each collection includes two Rearing Kits.

Bombora's Family Bundle comes with two Type V Wanderer PFDs and a pair of US Coast Guard-approved Type III Kids Vests. Designed for maximum comfort, the child-sized life jackets provide 11 lbs. of buoyancy and come in two sizes. The child model is approved for kids 30–50

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# BoatUS Offers 21 Gas Saving Tips For Boaters

Gas prices are up. What can boaters do to prepare for a summer of boating? The 800,000-plus member Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has 21 fuel-saving tips boaters can do to help save on fuel and still enjoy a fulfilling season on the water. While some of these techniques may sound obvious, there may be some you never considered.

## Before Heading Out

**1. Tune your engine now.** A once a year for a tune-up and service will help it run more efficiently.

**2. Match the boat's prop to the boat and activity.** Propellers are most efficient when they're matched to the kind of boat you have and what you use it for (e.g., towing water skiers, fishing). Ask the pros at a propeller shop for recommendations and experiment with different models. The right prop can potentially increase fuel efficiency by as much as 10%.

**3. Check your WOT.** Take your boat out on a calm day and run wide-open throttle (WOT). The WOT rating is the RPM range the motor should achieve when running at wide open throttle. If it's not able to reach WOT — or overruns it — you've got the wrong prop and you're not getting the most bang for your fuel buck.

**4. Check for propeller damage throughout the season.** A dinged or broken propeller will hurt your fuel economy, so regularly inspect yours and replace it if it's damaged.

**5. Keep the prop clean.** Barnacles and other growth can attach to the propeller, which will slow it down and impact fuel economy.

**6. Keep a slick hull.** For boats that spend a lot time in the water, barnacles or stuck-on grass can create drag on the hull and make the engine work harder. Boats in warm places will probably need to be cleaned weekly, while those in colder waters may be able to go a month or two.

**7. Measure your fuel flow.** Install a



Joining BoatUS has its benefits, including fuel discounts at nearly 400 marinas.

fuel-flow meter, which can show you in real time how many gallons per hour your engine is burning, and allow you to dial in the most efficient speed for your boat.

**8. Upgrade your motor — if you can.** With the pandemic, engines have been hard to come by, but newer engines tend to be significantly more efficient than older models. The fuel savings alone might not be enough to justify an upgrade, but you're likely also benefitting the environment. If your vessel is suitable, there are more options for electric and hybrid propulsion than ever before.

**9. Join BoatUS.** Yes, this is a pitch, but it will save you gas money. Members receive exclusive marina fuel discounts at nearly 400 BoatUS Partner Network marinas across the United States that offer BoatUS members up to 10 cents off per gallon of fuel.

**10. Refuel smartly ashore.** Most recreational boats in the U.S. are refueled at

roadside gas stations, mini-marts and other retailers. It may be wise to enroll in the retailer's customer loyalty or "cash back" program. Just read the fine print on how your discount is delivered. Your credit card company or grocery store may also offer percentage-based "cash back" program on fuel.

## At The Dock

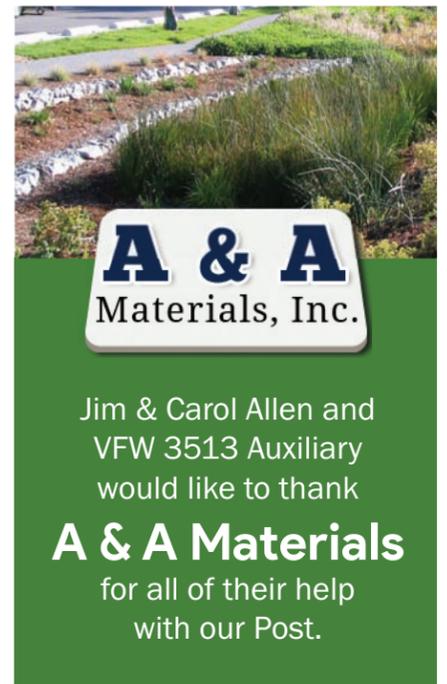
**1. Ditch extra stuff.** Take stock of what's onboard; additional weight means more drag. Clean out anything you won't need, from extra anchors to old, unused lines and tools. Of course this does not include safety gear or necessary ground tackle.

**2. Lighten your tanks.** Don't run with

a full freshwater or fuel tank unless you absolutely need it. Water weighs 8 pounds per gallon, and some boats have freshwater tanks that can hold 100 gallons, so emptying half can add up quickly. Gasoline weighs 6 pounds per gallon, so if you don't need a full tank to safely return (you obviously don't want to worry about getting stranded), lighten your load and bring less. A rule of thumb when planning for fuel use on any outing is you need to have one-third of your fuel to your destination, one-third back home, and one-third in reserve.

**3. Avoid excess idling.** It's a common misconception that engines need time to warm up. Modern engines are fuel inject-

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lbs. with chest sizes 20" to 25". The youth version is for those 50-90 lbs. with chest sizes 26" to 30".

The Dog Lover Bundle includes a Type V Wanderer PFD and a Bombora Dog Life Vest. Available in four sizes to fit canines between 12 and 90 lbs., it's easy to put on and take off. The PFD is designed to allow the pet to run and swim freely without restricting the legs and joints.

The Adventurer Bundle costs \$280; the Wanderer Bundle is \$195; the Family Bundle runs \$224.99; and the Dog Lover Bundle is \$124.99. All are available in a wide range of colors and patterns.

Contact local dealers or Bombora, 781-709-3225.

## Dogs: Safer Around Water With PFDs

Even dogs that are bred to swim can struggle if tired or the water is cold and rough. Designed especially for canines, Bombora's line of Dog Life Vests is perfect for keeping pets safe whenever they're on a boat, SUP or kayak, or simply lounging poolside with their human companions.

Bombora Dog Life Vests are available in four sizes to fit pets up to 90 lbs. and are designed for all-day comfort. EPE layered and segmented foam forms around the body while amply-sized leg holes provide even short-legged breeds the ability to paddle unrestricted. Three Delrin quick-release buckles adjust and allow PFDs to be put on and taken off quickly.

Covered in a soft, yet durable, polyester fabric, Dog Life Vests have an integrated D-ring leash attachment and reinforced grab handle. Built-in side pockets are ideal for storing treats and leads. They're available in two color combinations: turquoise and white Tidal or blue, yellow and red Sunrise.

Extra small Bombora Life Vests fit pets up to 12 lbs. with a collar size between 8"-12" and a body girth of 13"-17". The Small model is designed for dogs 12-24 lbs. with a collar size between 10"-14" and a girth of 15"-21". The medium version is for 24-60 lbs. with a collar size between 13"-19" and a girth of 24"-36". The Large size is meant for 60-90 lbs. with a collar size between 18"-26" and a girth of 13"-17". They cost \$45.

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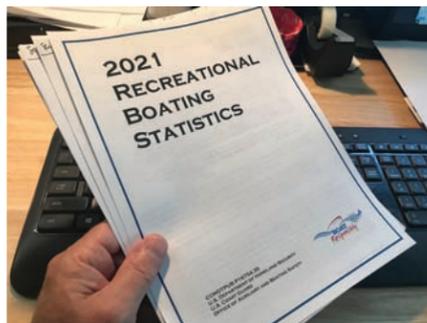


# Boating Accidents Down In 2021, But Safety Education Remains Critical

U.S. Coast Guard has released its 2021 recreational boating statistics.

With the pandemic putting more people than ever on the water and consequent rise in boating accidents and fatalities, there's some better news in the newly released 2021 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics.

The latest Coast Guard report shows double-digit declines year-over-year across the board in the main boating safety indicators: Boating accidents dropped 15.7%, injuries decreased 17.2%, and fatalities dropped 14.2%. The 2021 fatality rate decreased to 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels, a 15.4%



reduction from 6.5 deaths per 100,000 in 2020.

"The new report shows a dramatic decrease in injuries and fatalities, more than I can recall in recent memory," said BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water president Chris Edmonston. "However, even with Covid restric-

tions lifted and boating no longer one of the few ways to recreate with the family, operator inexperience remains one of the top risk factors contributing to accidents." Operator inattention, improper lookout, machinery failure and excessive speed round out the list.

"The need to focus on these five boating safety basics and the continued need for boating safety education has not changed," added Edmonston.

The BoatUS Foundation offers the only free online boating safety course accepted by boating license agencies in 36 states. Courses are also NASBLA-approved and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Foundation also offers On-Water Powerboat Training at 15 locations from Maine

to Florida and Southern California.

What's influencing these latest boating safety numbers? "We're unsure if this latest data is an anomaly or a trend, but we believe the increasing number of states requiring mandatory boating safety education, as well as states requiring education for a greater portion of their boating citizens, is having a positive effect," said Edmonston. He also notes, however, that paddlecraft operators remain a concern, as they typically don't have any requirements for education before hitting the water. Where the data was known, 2021 statistics show that 15% of deaths were attributed to kayaks — unchanged from the year prior.

For more go to [BoatUS.org](http://BoatUS.org). ■

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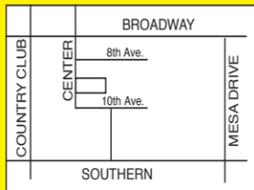
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Glidecoat Marine Ceramic Coating uses nanotechnology. Equally effective on gelcoat and marine paint, the tested and proven formula's particles form a protective molecular network that chemically bonds to the boat's surface. Delivering unprecedented protection against corrosion, chemicals and damaging UV rays, it also restores color, gloss and hardness. Plus, it's extremely hydrophobic, meaning it sheds water and dirt far better than natural or synthetic wax.

Applying Marine Ceramic Coating is straightforward. Glidecoat offers the formula by itself or as part of bundles with specialized cleaning products to prepare

the surface. Working in 3' x 3' sections, the solution is wiped onto the hull or deck until fully saturated; then the area is finished with a clean microfiber cloth to remove excess coating. These steps are then repeated. A video is at [www.bit.ly/MarineCeramicCoating](http://www.bit.ly/MarineCeramicCoating).

Once Marine Ceramic Coating is applied, salt, dirt and other contaminants can't adhere to the surface. Continued maintenance is a matter of simply hosing down the boat with fresh water and drying with a chamois. Because of its unique hydrophobic qualities, it reduces the potential of getting annoying water spots.

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Surface Wipe, 250ml of Marine Ceramic Coating, four microfiber cloths and four application sponges, and costs \$349.95.

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# New Basic Cleat Mounts Temporarily, Without Drilling

There's often a need to tie off a line or attach a piece of gear where there isn't a dedicated fitting nearby. Many boat owners use an antenna mount or bimini tube as a substitute and instantly regret their decision when it begins to fail. With the new Basic Cleat or Stainless Steel D-Ring from SeaSucker, it's easy to create a temporary attachment point in the cockpit, on deck or even on the side of the hull without drilling holes in the boat.

Made in the USA with UV-resistant materials and stainless steel hardware, the Basic Cleat uses SeaSucker's innovative Vacuum Mount. Unlike a mere suction cup, the device maintains its holding power for days by simply pumping its power button. The 4.5" version secures 120 lbs. to any clean, non-porous surface while the 6" cleat offers 210 lbs. of strength. The rugged polymer cleat is sized for lines up to 5/8".

Also available in 4.5" and 6" models with the same holding strength, the SeaSucker Stainless Steel D-Ring is offered



in two versions to accommodate knots and snap fittings. Straps work well with the flat-topped ring, while the pointed ring helps with centering a line or attachment.

The white SeaSucker 4.5" Basic Cleat costs \$65; the 6" version is \$85. The 4.5" Stainless Steel D-Ring is offered in black or white with a flat or pointed ring and

runs \$59; the 6" model is \$79. Contact local dealers or SeaSucker, LLC, 1912 44th Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203. 941-900-1850. ■



## TIPS

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ed, so when you start them, they're ready to go in a minute or two.

**4. A note on safety:** Self-refueling your boat while it's in the slip at a marina with portable containers may be prohibited due to fire hazard or potential for a spill, and depending on the volume of fuel needed for a fill-up may be impractical. It's also problematic as the risk of fire and explosion goes up when gas is transported in your vehicle. This type of refueling is better suited to small vessels with portable tanks that can be removed, filled at a gas station and returned to the boat. Regardless of how you refuel, follow all safety guidelines.

### On The Water

**1. Rearrange your passengers.** Evenly distributing the load aboard your boat is the simplest way to help you boat run most efficiently when the boat's trimmed, which is roughly parallel to its at-rest waterline and not leaning too far to one side or the other.

**2. Get on plane.** Most recreational boats run most efficiently when they're on plane, so once you're out of the no-wake zone, safely get on plane as soon as you can. If your boat has trim tabs, experiment with the up/down switch to find the sweet spot where your boat moves most efficiently and achieves the best trim.

**3. Watch your wake.** One sign you're blowing gas is the size of your wake. While sometimes you have no option, slowing down to no-wake speed saves fuel. It's a matter of plowing a wall of water rather than efficiently slipping over or through it. Of course, wakesurfers will take umbrage to this tip. We get it.

**4. Try slowing down.** Yeah, that's a hard one for a lot of us, but in addition to stretching a tank of gas, it's safer. You'll see more things and have more time to react in the water, such as other boats or approaching traffic.

**5. Reduce wind drag.** A canvas or bimini top is great for protection from the sun, but you can improve fuel efficiency while underway by taking it down if you can. Just be sure to bring — and apply — sunblock.

**6. Navigate smartly.** The ultimate trick to saving fuel, of course, is running your engine less. Travel to closer destinations or drop anchor somewhere nearer to home to enjoy your fun afternoon on the water. If possible, take the shorter route and route trips in synch with current and tide, and try to avoid a lot of banging into head seas.

**7. Share your angling outings by "buddy boating."** Head out this weekend by inviting the guy in the slip next to you, and then rotate on the next weekend's angling outing. This fuel-saving technique is especially popular with anglers who fish canyons far offshore. Of course, this also improves your social aspects of fishing life as well. ■



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# Give Spoons A Try This Summer At Pleasant

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

When the weather heats up and the fish quit chasing reaction baits, John Murray starts using a spoon, especially at Lake Pleasant. “Spoons will catch everything in the lake,” says Murray, “including not just bass but stripers, whites, crappie, and even catfish.” The beauty of spoons is that you can fish them on almost any structure.

Murray likes white spoons, and he likes to have feathers on the hooks. For deep summer fishing, he usually chooses a jigging spoon like a Crippled Herring and changes the hooks out to wide gap Owners or Gamakatsu’s.

## He’s A Wonder!

Ever since I’ve known John (and he was a kid when we met!), he’s been an absolute wonder at reading electronics. He was the first guy I ever knew who had a paper graph back in the day when the rest of us were still using flashers!

He starts graphing while he’s still at the ramp, looking for how deep the shad or the thermocline is. The bass, he says, will be within five feet of that. Once he’s got the depth, he can program his graph to show him structure that intersects that depth. It’s pretty magical.

## Guess What Happens

“A spoon is as good a structure bait as a worm is,” Murray says. The beauty of it is that you can fish it a lot faster than a worm, and it’s easier to get the fish hooked, too. He likes to cast a big spoon

out and rip it back to the boat in summer. Hot weather fish don’t really eat the bait, he says – they just get agitated and swipe at it. But swipe at a treble hook and guess what happens!

You will probably get a lot of fish that aren’t hooked well in summer so a fast reel will help you there – jerk up quickly and reel fast so you can take up line and get it taut enough to set the hook. Almost all of the bites will come as the spoon falls after you rip it or lift it. You may not feel anything – the spoon just won’t fall. Set the hook!

## Watch Your Line

Watching your line is key. If you get a bow in the line when you know you’re not on the bottom, set the hook. He says if the fish are just nipping at it and not getting hooked, change colors or lighten the bait.

The key to catching them on a spoon is to make sure that when it drops after lifting or ripping, the line is good and slack so the spoon can do its wobble action. He’ll go close to the dam or on the cliffs and drop down to the fish, then rip it up hard before killing it and letting it flutter down.

## Great Catches At Pleasant

If there are trees or brush, he’ll sometimes put a spoon inside a white tube bait to slow it down and give it a better profile. If he gets snagged, he’ll just tighten up on the line then let it go slack, and it will usually fall right off the snag.

We’ve had great catches on the vari-



John Murray

ous cliffs and bluffs at Pleasant, and also on the underwater humps. Just keep your eyes on the graph and when you see them,

drop a spoon down. On a lot of graphs, you can actually see the fish and even the spoon! Give them a try this summer! ■

# August 2022 Arizona Hunting Calendar

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Make sure you don’t miss an opportunity to hunt! Keep an eye on the Arizona Game and Fish website at [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) so you know when the latest regulation booklets are available. Applications are online only starting in January 2022. Don’t miss out!

The 2022-2023 Arizona Hunting Regulations were posted online in early May at [www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/](http://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/).

Draw deadlines for spring javelina, spring bear, spring turkey, and spring bison will be the second Tuesday in October pending commission approval.

## Changes to Pointguard

- For \$25, an applicant will have the opportunity to surrender a hunt permit-tag and have their bonus points reinstated for all eligible big game species for three consecutive draw cycles from the date of purchase.

- PointGuard Plus can be purchased from the time of completing an online application, right up to the deadline to update credit card or debit card information (prior to AZGFD processing hunt applications). The fee is non-refundable.

- Those who purchase PointGuard Plus will receive priority positioning for the reissuing of hunt permit-tags that are surrendered by PointGuard members and non-members alike.

- A free AZGFD portal account is not required to purchase PointGuard Plus. A **portal account** is still needed for those applicants wishing to view their draw results, however.

- PointGuard Plus is completely discretionary.

And PointGuard?

- Like PointGuard Plus, standard PointGuard is available to all applicants when applying online for a hunt permit-tag.

- PointGuard is \$10 per species (an in-

crease of \$5), per applicant, and also can be purchased from the time of completing an online application until the deadline to update credit card or debit card information. The fee is non-refundable.

- Only one hunt permit-tag may be surrendered, per species. If an applicant is drawn in the future for that particular species, that hunt-permit tag must be used, expending all accumulated bonus points. Only then may an applicant participate again in PointGuard (and PointGuard Plus).

- A free AZGFD portal account is not required to purchase PointGuard. A **portal account** is still needed for those applicants wishing to view their draw results, however.

- PointGuard is completely discretionary.

## 2022-23 Fees:

General Hunting, resident: \$37; Non-resident: not available see combination

Combination Hunt and fish, resident: \$57; Non-resident: \$160

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

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

You can now auto-renew your hunting and fishing license if you have an AZGFD portal account. See the details at [azgfd.com](http://azgfd.com).

There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) for details.

## Over the Counter Non-Permit Tags

There are many opportunities to go hunting that do not require hunters to submit an application for a hunt permit-tag via the Draw.

Referred to as over-the-counter tags, these permits are available for purchase from department offices and in many cases from license dealers.

Species and hunts available are: archery-only deer (some unit restrictions); limited opportunity elk; mountain lion; bear; archery-only javelina and juniors-only turkey (shotgun only).

Arizona’s over-the-counter, nonpermit-tag archery deer hunting opportunity will continue for the 2022-2023 hunts, but harvest limits have been set by unit and by species.

This approach is in accordance with hunt guidelines ([www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Guidelines/](http://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Guidelines/)) approved April 1, 2022, by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. Harvest limits were set at 20 percent of the estimated harvest for a unit and species. Failure to report a harvest, as well as hunting in a closed unit, will be strictly enforced.

All over-the-counter archery deer hunters will be required to report their harvest either online or by phone within 48 hours of taking their deer (details in the 2022-2023 Arizona Hunting Regula-

tions booklet). When the number of deer equaling the archery deer harvest limit for a particular unit and species has been reported, the unit will be closed to further archery deer hunting at sundown the Wednesday immediately following.

Hunters will be responsible for checking online or by telephone before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open. The department’s website will be updated continuously to reflect the number of deer harvested and whether a harvest limit has been reached and a unit is closed.

The 2022-2023 Arizona Hunting Regulations will be posted online in early May at [www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/](http://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/).

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

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AROID FROM SAN LUIS OBISPO

# Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations Available Online

Waterfowl and snipe, trapping rules are also on AZGFD's website.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has posted the "2022-2023 Arizona Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations" at [www.azgfd.com/hunting/regulations](http://www.azgfd.com/hunting/regulations).

In addition, the "2022-2023 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations" and "2022-2023 Arizona Trapping Regulations" can be found on the department's website.

The dove and band-tailed pigeon regulations are produced in a downloadable format that hunters will find handy in the field. A glossy, color brochure, now available at license dealers statewide (call in advance for availability), contains important hunting information, such as season dates, daily bag and possession limits, and legal requirements, at a glance.



All hunters 18 and older must possess a valid Arizona hunting license, as well as a migratory bird stamp for the 2022-2023 season — both of which can be purchased online now at [www.azgfd.com/license/](http://www.azgfd.com/license/). A combination hunt and fish license for youth hunters 10 to 17 is only \$5 and includes a migratory bird stamp.

Dove hunters play an important role in conservation. Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) funds are excise taxes collected on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment (including 11 percent on ammunition), the benefit of which comes right back to Arizona for habitat improvements, shooting ranges, boating access and more. ■

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*Be sure to check the hunting regulations carefully before you hunt. Many of the following hunts have notes and legal requirements listed. You must check the regulations. Pick up a paper copy at outdoor stores, Game and Fish offices, or go online at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) and click on regulations to download the booklet. "Open areas" have restrictions beyond what is listed here. ALL HUNTS require a valid hunting license or combination license. Hunters under 10 need a license or they must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid license. Falconry-only hunts require a Sport Falconry License. See regulations for daily limits and bag limits. This calendar is for convenience only. You must read and follow the hunting regulations found in the booklets and pamphlets available at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) and at retailers where licenses are sold.*

### August Opportunities

**Mountain Lion:** Aug 19, 2022 – May 31, 2023 This hunt is held by zone, with zones having annual harvest limits. Seasons vary by zone. When the limit is reached, the hunt is over in that zone. You must call to report kills or check hunts before going hunting. There are also archery and pursuit-only tags available. See regulations for details on weapons, fees, zones, etc.

### Small Game

**Tassel-eared tree squirrel** Unit 31: year-round.

**Cottontail Rabbit:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges, and 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any cottontail.

**Cottontail rabbit in Buenos Aires, and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuges:** year-round any cottontail rabbit.

**Cottontail rabbit in Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge:** Aug 19, 2022 – Feb 23, 2022. Any cottontail rabbit.

**Cottontail rabbit limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot):** year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges) any cottontail rabbit.

**Falconry-only cottontail rabbit:** year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.

### Predatory And Fur-Bearing Mammals

**Coyote and skunk:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

**Coyote and skunk Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge:** year-round

**Coyote, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge:** year-round

**Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge:** Aug 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

Coyote, skunks, raccoon, bobcat,

gray fox, ringtail, and badger Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge Aug 19, 2022 – Mar 2, 2023

**Bobcats and foxes Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge** Aug 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

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

**Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot):** Aug 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

### Other Birds And Mammals

**House sparrow and European starling:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

**Gunnison's prairie dog:** July 1, 2022 – Mar 31, 2023 Open areas north of the Gila River excluding National Wildlife Refuges, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

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

**Jackrabbit Open Areas statewide including Buenos Aires and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife refuges, excluding all other Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M:** year-round

**Black-tailed Jackrabbit, Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge:** Aug 19, 2022 – Feb 24, 2023.

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

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

**Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footedferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves:** year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Falconry-only seasons for Sparrows and Starlings, crow, coati, Gunnison's Prairie Dog, others: see regulations.

### Reptiles

A hunting or combination license is required for taking reptiles. A Fishing or combination license is required for taking softshell turtles. See regulations booklet for list of legal reptiles and taking methods.

General Reptiles: year-round – see regulations for areas, limits, and closed areas.

**Archery-only non permit-tag deer** Aug 19 – Sep 8, 2022. See 2022-23 hunting regulations for details.

## Big Game Hunting

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

**ANTELOPE:** Seasons vary by unit and are in August and September. Antelope hunting is by permit-tag only. Deadline for permit applications is usually late January or early February. Watch for the regulation booklet to become available.



**BEAR:** General Bear seasons are August – December.

You can buy a non-permit tag for bear over the counter. Seasons vary by unit and units close when the quota is reached. You are responsible to call and report kills and also call before hunting to make sure the unit is still open. See regulations for details. There are also archery-only non-permit tags and those hunts are in late August through September. There is an annual limit to female bear harvests in each area. See the regulations for info.

**JAVELINA: General nonpermit-tag required javelina Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2022-23, 40B excluding Pima County, 41, 43A, and 43B excluding National Wildlife Refuges.** See 2022-23 regulations for exclusions and regulations.

**Archery-only nonpermit-tag required Javelina** hunts Jul 1 – Dec 31, 2022 for 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A north, 7, 9, and 11M. Any Javelina.



**MOUNTAIN LION: license and hunt non-permit tag required for all hunts. See regulations.**

**Mountain Lion** Aug 19, 2022 – May 31, 2023 Statewide excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

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# AZGFD Stocks Tiger Bass Into Roosevelt Lake

Donation comes courtesy of Roger Coffman of Mr. Fish.

Anglers received a treat for the future when the Arizona Game and Fish Department stocked 15,000 tiger bass into Roosevelt Lake on June 14. Tiger bass are from Alabama and are a cross between an aggressive northern largemouth bass and a pure strain Florida largemouth bass that comes from a proven line. These fish are known for being aggressive and fast-growing.

The tiger bass were donated by Roger Coffman, owner of Mr. Fish, the company that has been a primary provider to AZGFD of warmwater fish (catfish, bass, sunfish, crappie and grass carp) for many years.

## All The Way From Arkansas

Coffman drove the tiger bass to Arizona all the way from his home base in Arkansas, a trip he makes regularly while delivering fish to AZGFD and our state. This year alone Mr. Fish has stocked more than 1.4 million fish into the state's lakes and ponds during 310 stockings. The fish provide seasonal fishing opportunities for anglers, help in the establishment of new community waters, and supplement current populations.

This is the third year Coffman and Mr. Fish have donated tiger bass to AZGFD. He donated 8,000 tiger bass in 2017 and



another 10,000 in 2019. You may be asking why he donated these fish when they would fetch a nice price if sold. The reason is his philosophy: "Always give something back to the people who make you successful."

## Mr. Fish: A Family Business

Mr. Fish is a family business run by Coffman and his grandson Jimmy Coffman, delivering sport fish and bait fish to multiple states. He purchases these fish from select aquaculture farms, transports them, and stocks them into requested waters.

He takes pride in building great relationships with his partners, and to increase

his success in Arizona, he provided three custom-built Ford F550 fish distribution trucks in order to increase his company's and the department's efficiency at distributing fish across the state.

## Thank You, Roger!

The next time you see Roger or one of his Mr. Fish trucks, know that he has dedicated his career to his family business to keep recreational fishing as part of the life of Arizona anglers.

## More AZGFD News Here

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ALTERNATIVES IN NORTHERN AZ

# Rainy Days Don't Need To Spoil Your Fun

BY MARGIE ANDERSON



West of Flagstaff off I-40, Meteor Crater is also much less likely to have rain.

This is the time of year when the monsoons hit with a vengeance, and I can't tell you how many times we've been rained out when we are vacationing in Flagstaff. Since we took the granddaughters there almost every year for a week or so of hiking, there were inevitably days when we had to retreat indoors.

### Storms Brewing?

Usually, we were able to get at least one hike in up on the mountain before the storm hit, but not always! Once a huge thunderstorm blew in right while we were riding the ski lift down from Snowbowl – that was exciting (scary)! What's worse is when you're a mile from the trailhead and



Monsoon Storm Over The San Francisco Peaks



a thunderstorm rolls in.

My best advice for days that look stormy is to check the weather relentlessly. Those storms can move in fast, and it can get dangerous if you're out on a hike (or on a ski lift!) when it happens. On days when thunderstorms are predicted, try some alternative entertainment.

### Hotels

First off, when I'm making reservations for our week in Flagstaff, I make sure the hotel has an indoor pool. Swimming can keep the kids busy for hours! Tires them out, too. You have to watch out, though – once I booked us at a hotel that said, "indoor pool" and half of it was outdoors – with a plastic curtain between. Very strange.

We always brought games and things like that with us, and unless it rained, we pretty much never used them because we were all tired from a long day outdoors. If you forget to bring something and can't



Snowbowl Ski Lift

find anything on the tube, see if the hotel has games or movies to borrow. Lots of them do!

### Riordan Mansion

John rolls his eyes every time we mention Riordan Mansion because we've been there so many times – but the girls love it! The Riordan Mansion State Park is right outside Northern Arizona University.

It's a huge stone and log mansion and the only way to see the inside is to take a guided tour. The tours start on the hour starting at 10 am. The last one starts at 4 pm and they are open every day except



Lots of good photo opps are at the Riordan Mansion!

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Riordan Mansion



Here's one of the surprises on the outside of Riordan Mansion.

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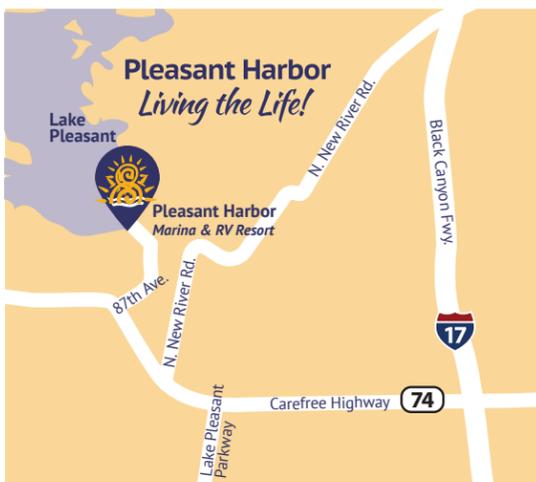
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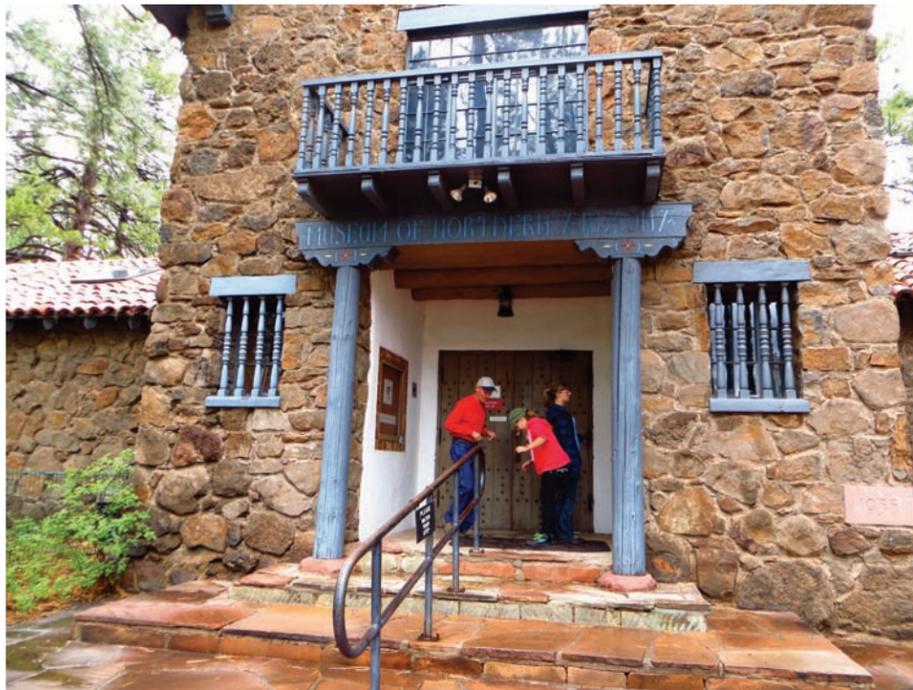
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Christmas. On Thanksgiving and Christmas eve they close at 2:00.

**Grab A Pamphlet**

If you get there early and it isn't raining yet, be sure to grab a pamphlet at the desk and go on a bit of a scavenger hunt outside. The outside of the mansion and the grounds have a bunch of cool things to discover – strange faces, carvings, tiles, etc. The pamphlet tells you where to search, and the girls always loved that!

Inside you get to see all the rooms, fully furnished, and learn about the Riordans and the history of the area. It's a lot of fun, even for kids. It's \$12 for ages 14+, \$7 for ages 7-13, and kids under 6 are free. You can call and make a reservation (recommended, but we never did) at 928-779-4395. The website is <https://azstateparks.com/riordan-mansion/>.



**Museum Of Northern Arizona**

The museum is open 10-5 Monday and Wednesday – Saturday, Sunday 11-5. They're closed on Tuesday. They are located at 3101 N. Fort Valley Road, and their phone number is 928-774-5213. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for Native Americans 10+, \$10 for ages 10-17, and children 9 and under are free. Their website is <https://musnaz.org>.

**Flagstaff Pioneer Museum**

You probably noticed this place if you've ever driven to the Snowbowl – there's a big black train engine out front! It's not the one by the Chamber Of Commerce, it's the one at 2340 North Fort Valley Road. Unfortunately, they are closed temporarily, but keep an eye on their website at <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/museum/pioneer-museum/> and sign up for their newsletter to get info about when they open back up.



**Emily At Lowell Observatory**

yon Railway leaves from Williams, which is west from Flagstaff on I-40. The train leaves daily at 9:30 and gets you to the



**Museum Of Northern Arizona**

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There are all kinds of exhibits here with information on the native peoples, past and present, the geology (volcanos!) and all kinds of interesting things. Last time we were there they had a sand area where kids could use trowels and be archaeologists. They also have a great gift shop.



**Lowell Observatory — Emily, John, and Trinity**

**Lowell Observatory**

The Lowell Observatory is where Pluto was discovered! They're open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm every day, and they're located at 1400 West Mars Hill Road. You can see the dome from a long way away. They offer science halls, historical tours, stargazing, and all kinds of cool stuff.

Tickets are \$25 for ages 18+, and \$16 for ages 5-17. The tickets are all-day passes with in and out privileges, so you can take off and get some lunch or dinner and come back after dark for some stargazing. Visit their website at <https://lowell.edu> for information and to buy tickets.

**Grand Canyon Railway**

It doesn't matter if it's raining when you're riding the train! The Grand Can-

Grand Canyon at 11:45. Then you've got three hours to explore the Canyon and all the historical buildings and exhibits.

The train leaves the Canyon at 3:30 and has you back in Williams at 5:45 pm. Williams has plenty of wonderful places to eat and to stay, so no need to drive back to Flagstaff unless you want to.

**Who Doesn't Love Trains?**

There are six classes of cars from Pullman Class to the Luxury Parlor. Prices range from \$67 for adults and \$32 for kids 2-15 for Pullman Class up to \$226 for adults 16+ for the Luxury Dome and Luxury parlor, with under 16 not permitted. Children under 2 are not allowed on the Observation Dome either, but they ride free on Pullman, Coach, and First Class.

Who doesn't love trains? This is an all-day adventure that I think is a real bargain, considering the amazing memories you'll make! Plus, you can relax, enjoy the scenery, and take all the photos you want. Go to [www.thetrain.com](http://www.thetrain.com) to see all the options and buy tickets.

**And, If 'Raindrops Keep Falling On Your Head' —**

Hopefully, you won't have more than one day rained out, but if you do, you can always drive a bit to Sunset Crater, Wupatki, Meteor Crater, Walnut Canyon, or even Winslow if it's not raining there. We usually do the Snowbowl ski lift first thing (check their website for possible coupons!), then go for a hike if weather permits.

I've written quite a few stories about the hikes on the mountain, so be sure to check those out right here on *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating and Watersports*. ■



**South Rim of the Grand Canyon: It's much lower there and a lot less likely to be raining.**

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# Hop In And Cool Down

Water isn't only for hydration in Tempe – it's for fun too! Tempe has a variety of splash pads, water parks, and pools to choose from when the summer days get toasty.

Here are a few options in Tempe to keep you cool all summer long:

## Kiwanis Wave Pool

The Kiwanis Pool is perfect for the whole family. No need to re-apply sunscreen here – the pool is indoors. It has lap swimming and 3' waves – rafts are also available for rent (the water slide will be closed until winter due to supply issues). Daily wave sessions are from 1-5 p.m. daily. Admission is only \$5 for adults and kids 13 years and older. For children from 2-12 years old, admission is \$4. Check the website for more details and to confirm hours of operation before going.

## Splash Pad At Tempe Marketplace

The splash pad at Tempe Marketplace is surrounded by a shaded seating area for parents and it's close to a few spots where you can get an iced beverage or dessert, such as the cafe inside Barnes & Noble, Panera Bread, Churrolicious and Mojo Yogurt.

It's open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Parents can also enjoy live musicians who play within earshot of the splash pad on Friday and Saturday evenings. And, if you plan it correctly, you can even schedule your visit around a blockbuster movie at the Harkins Theatre at Tempe Marketplace.

## Boating In Tempe

There are two places in Tempe where you can get out on the water: Tempe Town Lake and Kiwanis Lake.

Boat Rentals of America at Tempe Beach Park offers electric boats (with



## Kayaking At Tempe Town Lake

surrey tops for shade), stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, pedal boats and the snazzy new swan pedal boats. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, Monday-Thursday & 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

Boat Rentals of America at Kiwanis Lake rents kayaks and pedal boats by the half hour or hour. A signature part of Kiwanis Park, this smaller lake is perfect for a family outing. You can also rent cruiser, tandem and surrey bikes by the half hour or hour.

Riverbound Sports schedules sunset paddle board meetups at the Tempe Town Lake Marina on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The paddle boards can be picked up from their shop located at 1425 E. University Dr. Ste. B-102 Tempe, Arizona 85281. Check their website for more information and a calendar of events.

Northshore WaterSport Rentals provides rental kayaks, stand up paddleboards, large party boards (that accommodate more than one person) and e-bikes. Check their website for rates and directions to their location on the north side of the lake.

## Neighborhood Splash Pads

Check out one of Tempe's neighborhood splash pads. Kiwanis, Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee neighborhood parks are open through October 31.

- The Cloud at Kiwanis Park – 5233 S. Ash Ave. Tempe, AZ 85283



## Splash Pad At Tempe Marketplace



## The Cloud At Kiwanis Park

- Jaycee Park – 817 W. 5th St., Tempe, AZ 85281
- Esquer Park – 2407 E. McArthur Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281
- Hudson Park – 1430 S. Cedar St., Tempe AZ 85281

## The Phoenix Zoo

The Phoenix Zoo, located in beautiful Papago Park, has several splash pads and water play areas.

*Leapin' Lagoon Splash Pad* is perfect for babies and toddlers. Adults can take a break and watch from shaded benches or join in the fun if they don't mind a good

soaking. There's also a changing area.

*Yakulla Caverns* with its stalactites, stalagmites and a splash pad is great fun for kids five and over.

*At the Virginia G. Piper Enchanted Forest*, kids can take the bridge over a trickling river to the treehouse, slide down the giant tree trunk and end with a splash through the river bottom.

## Golfland Sunsplash

Waterslides and mini golf in the same spot? Yes please! Featuring over 30 rides and attractions, Golfland Sunsplash is sure to please everyone in the family. Thrilling waterslides, a huge wavepool, a winding lazy river and more, are all there to take advantage of to cool off this summer. Check the website for hours, as they vary throughout the summer.

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Check out more summer fun ideas that are happening all summer long in Tempe: [tempetourism.com](http://tempetourism.com) ■

# Arizona State Parks And Trails Launches New Reservation System

The new system will support millions of park visitors with updated features to easily manage campground, cabin, tour and event reservations

Arizona State Parks and Trails had updated its reservation system to support the needs of nearly three million visitors annually. The new system was in place at the end of July, and all existing reservations will be automatically transferred.

Updated features will include the ability to modify or cancel existing reservations online as well as select additional site amenities when making a reservation. Additionally, visitors will be able to make reservations at multiple parks on one transaction. The system will continue to be optimized with new features and tools to meet the diverse needs of Arizona state



## Alamo RVs



## Fool Hollow State Park

parks and the growing number of visitors. People are encouraged to sign up for the Arizona State Parks and Trails monthly newsletter for additional details and park news, activities, and events year-round.

"Millions of families and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the beauty and accessibility of Arizona's state parks each year. As visitors to our parks increase, we wanted to enhance the user experience and meet the needs of these customers," said Bob Broscheid, director of Arizona State Parks and Trails. "We are pleased to introduce the new system to make the reservation

process even more convenient for travelers both near and far."

The new system will allow access to parks across the state, supporting RV, tent, cabin, and event reservations as well as tours at both Kartchner Caverns State Park and Riordan Mansion State Historic Park. Once the update is complete, visitors will once again be able to make reservations for up to a year in advance. The Arizona State Parks and Trails reservations system will be available online at [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com) or by calling 877-MY-PARKS.

"We are excited about partnering



## Kartchner Caverns State Park

with Arizona's dedicated team of park professionals to help connect citizens to your Gold Medal park system," said Bill Bryan, vice president of US eDirect North America. "Together we will strive to make it easier than ever to plan your day in the park so you spend more time recreating and less time in line or online making a booking."

In addition to the new reservation system, Arizona State Parks is also updating its cancellation and modification policies, reducing its reservation fees, and including refundable cleaning deposits for cabin stays. All new reservations will now be available starting at 8 a.m., rather than midnight, to facilitate easier access to reservations a year in advance.

For more information about the new reservation system and policy updates, visit [AZStateParks.com/Changes](http://AZStateParks.com/Changes). To sign up for monthly email updates about park adventures, highlights and news, please visit [AZStateParks.com/Newsletter](http://AZStateParks.com/Newsletter). ■

# There Are Many Ways To Help Our Veterans

In 2022, K9s For Warriors intends to establish Arizona as the headquarters for its West Coast Operations.

*Editor's Note: Although there are many ways to help and honor our veterans, here is a summary (in no particular order) of some. Even though there are some ratings -- by letter -- below, this publication does not recommend any one above another; that is for individuals to decide. (Please inform us of others you support.)*

## Some Top Choices Among Veterans Charities

### Armed Services YMCA of the USA (A)

Who We Are: The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) is the constant in a military family's life: on the home front and during deployment, when transitioning between bases, and in times of conflict and peace. The ASYMCA is an independent, national non-profit and Association of the YMCA of the USA, specifically dedicated to serving active duty military service members and their families of all six Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard. The oldest military support organization in the U.S., the

ASYMCA has been "Strengthening Our Military Family®" since 1861 through its 12 branches and 23 affiliate partners, serving 87 military installations and facilities nationwide. Our nationally and locally tailored programs and services for our nation's troops and their families

are offered at no or low cost and require no dues or membership fees. ([asymca.org](http://asymca.org))

### Bob Woodruff Family Foundation (A)

We Stand Up for Heroes: The Bob Woodruff Foundation has partnerships in communities across the country. We are able to identify and invest in best-in-class programs that are serving the diverse needs of impacted service members, veterans, families, and caregivers right in their communities. ([bobwoodrufffoundation.org](http://bobwoodrufffoundation.org))



### Fisher House

#### Fisher House Foundation (A+)

Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. All Fisher Houses are completely free of charge. Fisher Houses are owned and operated by



### Service Dogs

the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs in association with the attached hospital. Each Fisher House is between 7 and 21 suites and can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a spacious common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and a living room with a library and toys for children. Newer houses are 100% wheelchair accessible and include elevators.

A Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice, or counseling center. If you are looking to stay in a Fisher House or volunteer, please contact the house manager: Arizona: Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

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### Gary Sinise Foundation (A)

The Gary Sinise Foundation serves our nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families, and those in need. We do this by creating and supporting unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities. ([garysinisefoundation.org](http://garysinisefoundation.org))

### Homes For Our Troops (A)

Our mission is to build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives. We are evaluated as one of America's top-rated veterans and military charities. (<https://www.hfotusa.org/>)

### Hope For The Warriors (A)

We believe in a holistic approach to well-being and understand that many factors impact a service member's life—family, community, employment, and countless others. As such, our programs take a 360° approach to service, promoting whole-person wellness for each service member we support. Through our three program areas—Transition Services, Clinical Health & Wellness, and Sports & Recreation—we help service members and military families on their journey to wellness and a successful transition to civilian life. ([hopeforthewarriors.org](http://hopeforthewarriors.org))

### Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A-)

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund serves United States military personnel experiencing the invisible wounds of war: traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS). When our servicemen and women return from the battlefield, we help them fight the war within by building world-class, advanced treatment centers providing the best TBI and PTS care, enabling these heroes to continue to serve on active duty and enjoy a full and productive life. ([fallenheroesfund.org](http://fallenheroesfund.org))

### K9s For Warriors (A-)

Roughly 20 veterans die by suicide every day, and K9s For Warriors is determined to change that. K9s For Warriors exists because of a fierce dedication to saving the lives of both veterans and rescue dogs. This program is backed by scientific research and empowers veterans who fought for our freedom to live a life of dignity and independence. Graduates of the program are able to live a life that they previously did not think was possible. Many have reunited with their families, gone back to school, found renewed enjoyment in life, and significantly reduced their medications.

K9s For Warriors is the nation's largest veteran service organization focused on providing highly trained Service Dogs to Warriors. Our program is focused on mitigating the debilitating symptoms of service-connected traumas. We validate our methods through tireless research and make breakthroughs every day. Successfully guiding a veteran through the K9s For Warriors program and providing them with a Service Dog doesn't just change the Warrior's life. It saves it.

The majority of our K9s are rescued from shelters or surrendered by their owners. In saving these animals from abandonment or euthanasia, we give them purpose. Each pair who graduates from our program represent two lives saved—the Service Dog and the Warrior. In 2022, K9s For Warriors intends to establish Arizona as the headquarters for its West Coast Operations. K9s plans to hire and train 25-60 new employees including: dog behaviorists, dog trainers, kennel caretakers, veterinary staff, support staff.

Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs coming from high-kill rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery. ([k9sforwarriors.org](http://k9sforwarriors.org))

### Tunnels To Towers

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation builds mortgage-free smart homes for our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Each home is designed to address the unique needs of each individual. These homes help our most severely injured veterans and first responders to reclaim their day-to-day independence. What percentage of donations goes to Tunnels to Towers? 93.00% Is Tunnels to Towers a good organization to donate to?

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# Arizona Game & Fish Watches Over Our Wildlife

## Wild Arizona: 200 Captive Desert Tortoises Need Forever Homes

For some, a dog or cat will do just fine. But for others who are considering adopting something truly unique to Arizona, say hello to your next family member:

“Many people don’t even consider opening up their homes to desert tortoises, but they make fantastic and personable pets,” said Tegan Wolf, desert tortoise adoption program coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD).

“It’s rewarding to hear stories from those who have adopted a captive tortoise and made them part of the family, because they’re a unique alternative to traditional family pets. They offer many of the same life lessons to children, and they can provide just as much companionship and personality as a dog or cat.”

Due primarily to illegal breeding, AZGFD has 200 tortoises of various ages and sizes available for adoption. Captive tortoises grow up to about 14 inches long and can live 80-100 years. They cannot be released back into the wild because they could spread diseases that harm wild populations.

Arizona residents interested in providing an adoptive home should review the Tortoise Adoption Program page on the department’s website. Instructions on how to properly care for a desert tortoise and how to build an enclosure/burrow are included.

Once the burrow is completed, potential adopters can submit an online application at [www.azgfd.gov/tortoise](http://www.azgfd.gov/tortoise). All applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be contacted by the department. Adopters must have a securely enclosed yard or construct a separate enclosure/



burrow to prevent the tortoise from potential hazards, such as a fire pit, unfenced pool or dogs. The enclosed area must include an appropriate shelter for the tortoise to escape Arizona’s extreme summer heat and a place to brumate — a seasonal period of inactivity similar to hibernation — during winter.

AZGFD allows for one tortoise to be adopted per person, per household, but an additional tortoise of the same sex can be adopted if it is placed in a completely separate enclosure, as these reptiles can be territorial. Federal law prohibits desert tortoises from being transported across state lines.

While it is illegal to remove Sonoran desert tortoises from the wild, it’s also illegal to allow them to breed in captivity. AZGFD and its partners must spend valuable resources and time each year to find homes for hundreds of captive tortoises.

“One female tortoise living to 80 years old can produce more than 800 babies in her lifetime,” Wolf said. “This is why it is crucial that we work together to ensure that tortoises are not only placed in proper homes, but with responsible owners.”

For more information about AZGFD’s Tortoise Adoption Program, or to provide a donation to help the department cover costs for tortoise food, shelter and medical expenses, visit [www.azgfd.gov/](http://www.azgfd.gov/)

tortoise. Or listen to the “Wild About Arizona” episode on desert tortoise adoption, the official podcast of AZGFD.

If you suspect someone is illegally breeding Sonoran desert tortoises, contact the department’s Operation Game Thief hotline 24/7 at 800-352-0700. Those submitting a tip can remain anonymous.

## Three Orphaned Black Bears Rehabilitated, Released Into The Wild

Three juvenile male black bears were recently released back into the wild by Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) biologists after months of rehabilitation at the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center in Scottsdale.

Two of the bears were orphaned early last year when the sow was fatally injured by a vehicle collision, and they were taken to Southwest Wildlife by the Navajo Nation. The third was found orphaned in southeastern Arizona in October and was captured by an AZGFD wildlife manager. After efforts to locate the sow proved unsuccessful, it was transported to Southwest Wildlife.

“Our agency has a history of successful partnership efforts with Southwest Wildlife,” said Dustin Darveau, terrestrial wildlife specialist for AZGFD’s Mesa re-



gion. “The center has the knowledge and experience working with young bears, along with the facility to handle them in a secluded area with limited human interaction.”

Once these juvenile black bears showed proficiency in foraging and natural behavior methods during the rehabilitation process, they were considered ready for release back into the wild. The bears were tranquilized, given a final health assessment, and fitted with identification ear tags prior to being loaded into transport carriers and taken to an approved release site in suitable black bear habitat.

Two of the young bears were recipients of a prototype GPS ear tag that has solar capabilities to continually charge the very small batteries necessary for communi-

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cating with satellites. AZGFD hopes to receive location data to document the bears' survivability, dispersal and habitat use, which provides valuable information for future bear management in Arizona.



### Wild Arizona: Now Accepting Entries For Arizona Wildlife Calendar Photo Contest

Do you want to see your photo on the cover of *Arizona Wildlife Views*' annual calendar? Do you have a knack for capturing great photos of wildlife? Then you won't want to miss the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 16th annual wildlife photo contest.

One best in show and 11 first-place winners will be showcased in the 2023 calendar, which is published in the November-December 2022 issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views*. The best-in-show photo is published on the calendar's cover, and as one of the photos representing a month.

We're partnering with *Arizona Highways* to provide an easier way to submit photographs. Use the online form at [www.arizonahighways.com/photography/photo-contest](http://www.arizonahighways.com/photography/photo-contest) to submit your Arizona wildlife photos. Each contestant may submit a maximum of three photographs, which must be uploaded as separate submissions through the form.

This contest is for images of Arizona wildlife. All photos must depict wildlife native to and found in Arizona, and all photos must have been taken in Arizona settings.

Please review the Official Rules prior to entering. Entrants are responsible for complying with the Official Rules or may result in disqualification. The deadline is 5 p.m. (Arizona time) on Aug. 12, 2022. Winners will be announced online at [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest) and [www.arizonahighways.com](http://www.arizonahighways.com) after Nov. 1, 2022.

#### Get Your Stickers

Speaking of *Arizona Wildlife Views*, the 65th anniversary of the award-winning magazine takes a special form in the July/August issue.

Art Director Pierre Balla designed a sheet of stickers that is included with every copy of the July/August issue (found in the middle of the magazine), while supplies last. All subscriptions ordered via the online store through July 31 will receive the July/August issue.

We can't wait to see the stickers "out in the wild" on your water bottles, notebooks, tackle boxes and gear cases.

### Walk On The Wild Side: Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area

Ahh... Can you feel that cool, refreshing breeze?

There might not be a better place to be right now than Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area, which offers more than 800 acres of cool, high-country opportunities for the entire family.



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The area is managed through a partnership between Arizona State Parks, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Forest Service, and City of Show Low. Located north of Show Low in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Fool Hollow offers wildlife viewing, hiking, picnicking, camping, fishing and more.

Wildlife that call Fool Hollow home include squirrels, raccoons, beavers, elk and deer, as well as birds like goldfinches, bluebirds, Steller's jays and various waterfowl (including geese, herons, egrets and ibis on a seasonal basis).



For hikers, there's a 1.5-mile trail that winds along the lake, with access to the 103 miles of the White Mountain Trail System within 15 miles of the recreation area.

Directions: From Show Low, travel west on West Deuce of Clubs and turn right onto East Linden Road. Travel for about 2.5 miles and turn right. Take the first right (about .7 miles), and the destination will be on the left.

### Upcoming Events: Virtual Speaker Wildlife Series

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has partnered with the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center (SWCC) to host virtual wildlife lectures. In addition to partnering with SWCC, the department's Wildlife Viewing Program will conduct its own critter-based lectures twice each month. Coming up —

**Incredible Crawling Critters — Scorpions!** — 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 11 (AZGFD). Description: One of the longest-lived groups of critters on the planet, scorpions have largely remained unchanged for millions of years. In fact, those found in your backyard are quite similar to their ancestors of the Paleozoic Era. Learn about the

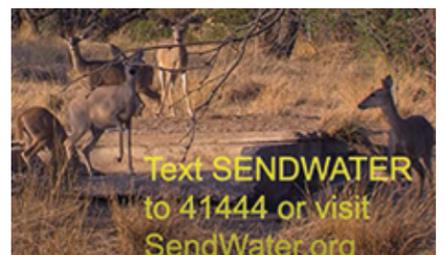
natural history of scorpions, and the important role they play in the ecosystems in which they live. Register

**Elk Workshop** (two sessions) — 9 a.m.-noon, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 20 (AZGFD). Description: Want to learn about elk — and see hundreds of them in one place at one time? Then either of these workshops is for you. With support from Mormon Lake Lodge, this event includes a one-hour presentation and a field trip to watch elk on Mormon Lake. Walking will be minimal during the field trip. The viewing location will be determined that day, based on where the elk have been observed. Participants will need to provide their own transportation from the presentation to the nearby viewing location.

Spotting scopes will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, snacks, and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for standing. Cost is \$20 per participant (children 12 and younger are free and do not need to be registered). Note: Cash will not be accepted at the door. For assistance with registration, contact Cheyenne Dubiach at [cdubiach@azgfd.gov](mailto:cdubiach@azgfd.gov) or 602-509-8122.

To register for the 9 a.m.-noon session: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/183344>

To register for the 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. session: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/183345>



### Send Water

Help deliver life-saving water to Arizona's wildlife suffering from the extreme heat and drought. Text SENDWATER to 41444. Your donation will help the Arizona Game and Fish Department to haul water to remote parts of the state where there's little or no water for thirsty animals. ■

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## CALENDAR

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**Archery-only mountain lion** Aug 19, 2022 – May 31, 2023 Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

**Pursuit-only mountain lion** Aug 19, 2022 – May 31, 2023 Statewide excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

## NOMINATIONS

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als, organizations, clubs, foundations or government agencies. Arizona Game and Fish Department employees are not eligible for nomination.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission will select the 2022 Commission Award recipients at its Sept. 9, 2022 meeting.

### 2022 Award Categories

#### Award Of Excellence

Any individual, group, organization, club, foundation, or agency that has excelled in efforts to benefit wildlife, wildlife habitats, or programs of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Youth Conservationist Of The Year

Any individual, 18 years of age or younger, who has excelled in efforts to benefit wildlife and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Media Of The Year

Any media source (radio, television, magazine, newsletter, or periodical) that has published articles or materials beneficial to public interest about wildlife or wildlife related topics and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

See the regulations for mountain lion harvest limits. When the harvest limit is reached, that unit will close to hunting. You are responsible for checking online at [www.azgfd.gov/lionhunting](http://www.azgfd.gov/lionhunting) or call 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to find out if management zones are closed.

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#### Conservation Organization Of The Year

Any organization, group, foundation, or agency that has excelled in efforts to enhance the welfare of wildlife, wildlife related recreation, and the mission of the Game and Fish Department.

#### Conservationist Of The Year

Any individual, not associated with a professional agency, which has excelled in efforts to enhance, conserve, and manage wildlife or their habitats.

#### Natural Resource

#### Professional Of The Year:

Any individual who through a professional agency affiliation has excelled in efforts to enhance, conserve, and manage wildlife or their habitats.

#### Volunteer Of The Year:

Any individual who, as a registered volunteer with the Department, has excelled in efforts to support and benefit the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Educator Of The Year

Any individual whose educational activities have advanced and supported the welfare of wildlife, wildlife related recreation, or the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Of The Year

Any individual who has acted in the

#### Archery deer

#### Bobcat seal (for sale or export)

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

### Population Management

To be put in the hunter pool for population management hunts, fill out the form found in the regulations. You need to re-submit every year. For 2022, the printing deadline for the regulations booklet resulted in an error. On page 59 you will find the application for the management hunts, and the expiration date says Dec. 31, 2021. Per Game and Fish, just cross that out and write in "Dec. 31, 2022". ■

role of a mentor and whose efforts have resulted in the promotion and support of future wildlife conservation efforts and the development of future wildlife conservation leaders in Arizona.

#### Advocate Of The Year

#### (Two Nominations)

Any individual that has engaged in political advocacy for the betterment of wildlife conservation and in the support of the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

#### Business Partner Of The Year

Any business partner that actively promotes Game and Fish through innovative approaches, community involvement and a customer service focus that benefits the citizens of Arizona and supports the Game and Fish's mission of wildlife conservation.

#### Buck Appleby Hunter Education

#### Instructor Of The Year Award

Any hunter education instructor who actively participates in hunter education activities and demonstrates the highest level of customer service, dedication and professionalism during these activities. Award category recently approved by the AZGFD Commission in honor of Buck Appleby, a long time hunter education instructor who passed away in 2010. ■

## INDUCTEES

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hour, auction, dinner and the awards ceremony. To purchase banquet tickets or for information on sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/halloffame> and scroll down to the appropriate links.

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

Wildlife for Tomorrow is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to accelerate and magnify the impact of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's mission to conserve and protect Arizona's wildlife and provide safe, ethical outdoor recreation.

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

### Did You Know?

*Wildlife for Tomorrow* is the official philanthropic partner of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Wildlife for Tomorrow provides a way for people who are passionate about the outdoors and wildlife conservation to give back to the places that have given so much joy. Subscribe to Wildlife for Tomorrow to learn about the many ways you can contribute to conservation efforts.

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



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### COOL IDEAS!

Tempe has a variety of splash pads, water parks, pools to refresh you on toasty days.

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