

GO FISH ARIZONA!

AZGFD Suggests Five Top High-Country Lakes This Summer

FROM AZGFD

With summer temperatures heating up, anglers are starting to head to the cooler climate and great fishing opportunities in Arizona's high country. Below is a listing of five high country lakes that our Aquatic Wildlife Branch predicts will be good bets this summer:

Big Lake

Because of its size, productivity and visitor amenities, Big Lake is considered one of the best White Mountains fishing lakes. Fishing is excellent in summer typically before midday when water quality is best and trout are most active. Try fishing weed edges or in shallower water where aquatic insects are emerging and fish or crayfish may be hunting. Bait and shore fishermen can try anything from worms to



RICHARD N. HOME

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At Woods Canyon Lake

Come To The Fun Side Of Lake Pleasant

Pleasant Harbor Offers The Perfect Weekend Getaway

Pleasant Harbor is located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant and is the lake closest entrance from Phoenix. For those wanting a weekend camping experience, both full hook-up campsites (electric, water, sewer and internet access), as well as dry camping spaces are available.

Pleasant Harbor also features a full-service marina, including several boats ramps. The marina and campground are open 24/7, 365 days a year. Even on busy summer holiday weekends, Pleasant Harbor remains open. Showers, convenience store, pool

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We Salute Our Flag And Our Freedom

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

This pontoon boat at Lake Pleasant displays a great combination: freedom to enjoy the outdoors and our waterways in particular. In the middle of July we celebrated Flag Day (July 14) and the birth of the U.S. Army (July 14, 1775). This month, of course, is Independence Day on July 4.

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As Smokey Has Said For Decades: 'Only You Can Prevent Wildfires'

Editor's Note: For obvious reasons, we are running these reminders as wildfires scorch our state with devastating consequences for our lands, our people, and our wildlife. It is the season that we all need to be particularly vigilant and extremely careful.



Restrictions Overview

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management implements three stages of fire restrictions on state lands: Stage 1, Stage 2, and closures.

So what's the difference?

Stage 1

Stage 1 is the first phase of the restrictions. Under



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Elk Bath is an award winning photograph of elk avoiding a wildfire.

Would You Like To Join Us?

Please note update below and stay tuned for new venue. At press time, we did not have the changes, so please check with dburt@azgfd.gov.

AN INVITATION FROM DOUG BURT
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Come join us for our summer two-day Hunting Angling Heritage Workshop Group (HAHWG) gathering, originally scheduled for July 9-10. (See update below.) RSVP so I can get enough food and drink, thanks to Hunting Works for Arizona and Wildlife for Tomorrow: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/183259>.

Details:

- Early arrivals on Friday are welcome.
- Saturday: Noon - 5 p.m. with a working lunch, host dinner, and social hour.
- Sunday: 7 a.m. Host Breakfast, then 8 a.m.-noon meeting and work session.

Some Key Agenda Items:

- Group Discussion - 1, 2 & 3 year planning, direction & improvements for growth / sustainability
- National Pulse Report & Discussion
- Special Guest Presentation - staying relevant
- Marketing Successes and Increased Public Awareness
- Seasonal Effort Report for HAHWG

R3

- Angling R3 Efforts, growth and future
- North American Model - Creative Approaches for Dinner Party - Discussion & Brainstorm
- 2022-23 Resources and planning for season success
- Round robin

Update

The Pipeline Fire in Flagstaff has resulted in closures until further notice by the Coconino National Forest; that includes the Arizona Nordic Village, which is where we host Summer HAHWG. At this time, the Nordic Center is telling customers with events through mid-July to seek an alternate location. Our event is July 8-10. So, we are looking into options:

1. Find an alternate location - that still allows a two-day, outdoor, overnight event, preferable in the cool air and pine trees, sites being considered:
 - The Arboretum - called, they are booked
 - Raymond Ranch
 - NAU Centennial Forest facility - new, researching
 - Other ideas - email, dburt@azgfd.gov
2. Push out our meeting date, to allow for monsoons to do their work; move past 4th of July fire restrictions, and meet at Nordic either July 22-24, or July 29-31? I need to check on site availability and caterer, but this could be the best option. ■

ARIZONA BIG GAME SUPER RAFFLE

Don't Miss Your Chance To Enter

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission annually awards the organization Special Big Game Tags, for seven of the state's big game species — bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, bison and turkey. Raffle tickets are available for \$5 to \$25 each, depending on the species, and ticket sales go to on-the-ground conservation.

The deadline to enter the 17th annual Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is Sunday, July 10, at 10 p.m. (Arizona time). There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets that you can order. The names of the winners will be drawn July 20. In the 16-year history of the raffle, more than



\$9.2 million has been raised for Wildlife and Wildlife management in Arizona. Last year's event generated \$765,125.

Every dollar raised for each species

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JULY 6

Mountain Explorers Summer Camp

Wednesday, July 6, 8 a.m.-Friday, July 8, 5 p.m.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
2021 N Kinney Rd, Tucson, Ariz.

Escape the heat and get immersed in nature! Kick back with Desert Museum staff under the shade of the pines for some exploration and quality time in the fresh air on Mt. Lemmon. Read more on *Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum*.



Mt. Lemmon

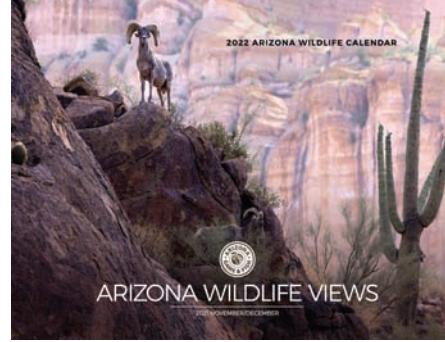
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Friday, July 8, 6:30 PM – Sunday, July 10, 3:00 AM

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Grab Your Camera And Enter Arizona Wildlife Calendar Photo Contest

Submissions accepted through 5 p.m.

(Arizona time) Aug. 12.

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 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 and www.arizonahighways.com after Nov. 1, 2022. ■



JULY 22

Arizona Elk Society Summer Youth Outdoor/Wilderness Educational Skills Camp

Friday, July 22- Sunday, July 24

Camp Raymond

Boy Scout Camp Rd., Parks, Ariz.

This event is an annual event and parents almost fight to get their children into this event each year. Wapiti Weekend is a two-day educational camp for children and teens ages 5-18. Registration — Read more on *Be Outdoors Arizona*.

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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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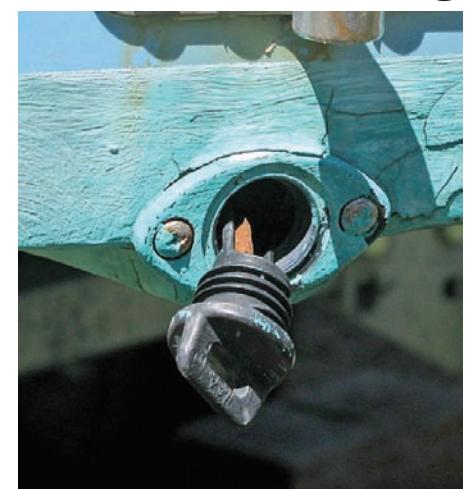


As Boating Season Kicks Off, Three Things Boaters Get Wrong

Find out the one thing that 60 percent of boat owners admit they forgot.

You made it through your long to-do list of spring commissioning items and you're ready to go in the water during the summer boating season. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) says don't forget these three often-overlooked steps that could bring your season to a screeching halt.

1. Don't get hosed. Aged hoses and fittings below the waterline are the single most common cause of sinkings – especially early in the season. Biggest culprits? Corroded fittings, old hoses, rusty

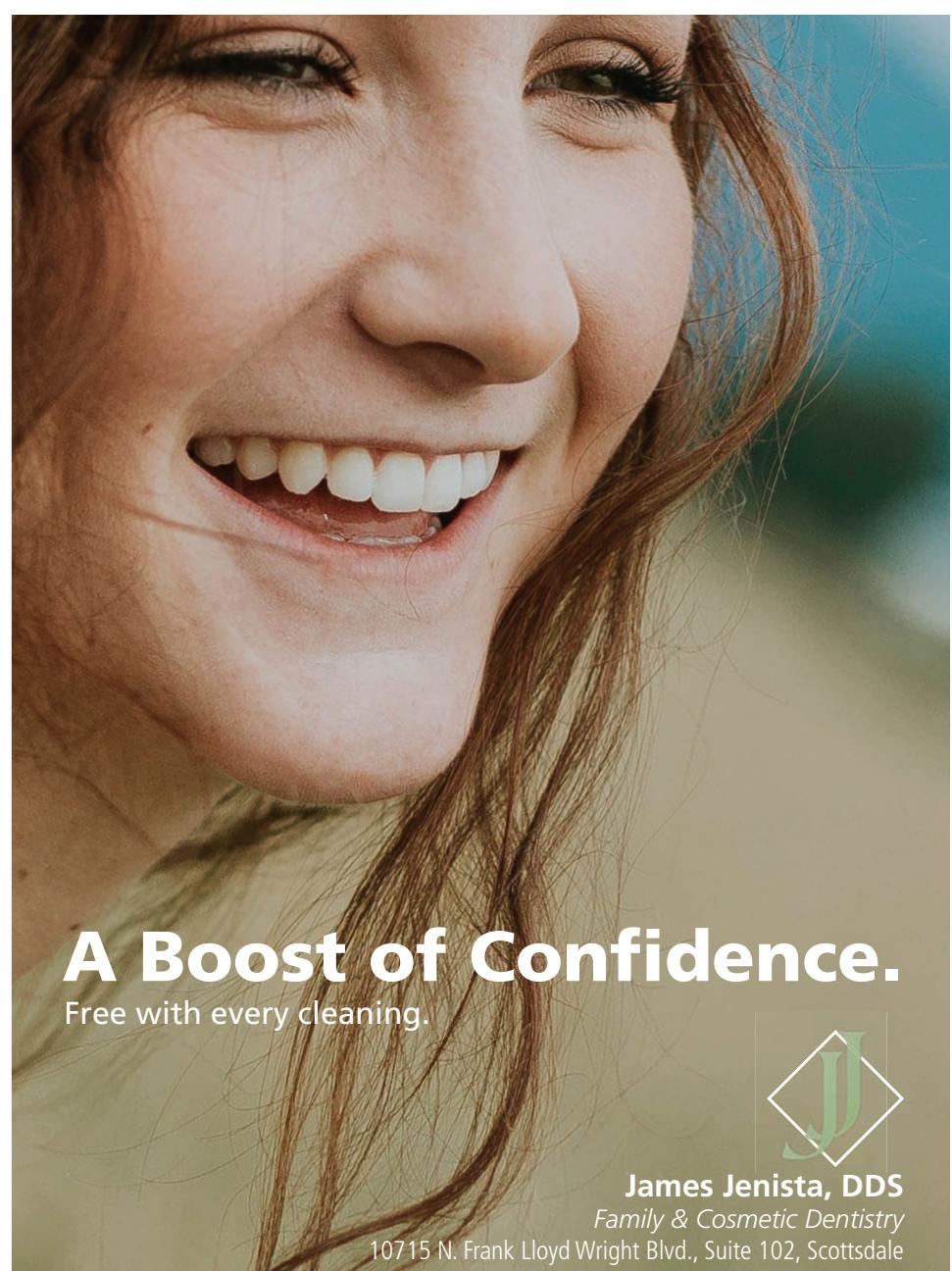


BoatUS knows how many boaters have actually forgotten to install the boat drain plug when launching.

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Keeping an eye on your boat's sacrificial anodes may help identify stray current in the water.



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BoatUS Offers Three Clean-Refueling Tips for Boaters

At the first-ever Earth Day celebration in 1970, pollution was commonly accepted as the price of prosperity, and many Americans remained unaware of environmental concerns. Recreational boaters, however, could see the damage firsthand.

"Boaters have always had a close relationship with the water," said BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. "We swim, fish and recreate in it, so clean water has always been important to us." Today the BoatUS Foundation offers three marina or gas dock refueling tips that can prevent spills all summer long. "Every drop that makes it safely into the tank is better than a drop in the water," added Sensenbrenner.

1. Use a disposable "oil-sorb" every time you fill up. Fueling can sometimes be messy — so be prepared. As you pull up to the fuel dock, have an oil-sorbent nozzle "donut," absorbent pump "bib," or a few absorbent pads ready to go.

2. Learn how to become a "fuel whisperer." Prevent fuel backsplash from getting into the water. That means when you fill up the boat at the gas dock, you'll hear a distinct sound — a soft bubbling or gurgling noise exiting from the fuel deck fill. If you listen carefully, the sound will change as the tank fills. Experienced boaters can hear when the tank is nearly full, giving them opportunity to ease the dispense lever, stop fuel flow and prevent a bubbling backsplash. Topping off a boat fuel tank is never recommended, as is using the dispensing handle's hands-free (also known as "hold open") clip. It's recommended to leave a little room in the tank for potential fuel expansion on hot days.

3. Never use dish soap to disperse a spill at the fuel dock. A bottle of dish soap sitting on top of the gas pump may have been a familiar site in grandad's day, but it is no more. "People once thought it was a safe way to get rid of a sheen," said Sensenbrenner. However, using dish soap to disperse a small fuel spill only spreads the oil farther into the water column and sediment. Instead, keep a small supply of



This boater has a small fuel spill kit he keeps aboard that includes an oil-sorbent "donut" to use on the fuel nozzle when filling up.

absorbent pads aboard just in case. Once used, dispose of them in the right kind of container — ask your marina or fuel dock on how to dispose of as hazardous waste.

For more clean boating refueling tips, visit the BoatUS Foundation website. ■

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hose clamps, leaking stuffing boxes, and split bellows (on inboard/outboard-powered vessels). Before launching, using a bright light and mirror to take a good look at all your hoses and bellows (drive and shift cable) to ensure they are in good condition. Hoses should fit snugly and be double-clamped where possible. Clamps tend to corrode on the bottom where it may be hard to see. Inspect thru-hulls for corrosion or cracking, and make sure seacocks operate easily so you can close them in an emergency. Immediately after launching, check everything again.

2. A matter of anodes: Much of the value of any recreational vessel is its propulsion system and nearly every recreational vessel has anodes — or zines — those bolted-on sacrificial chunks of metal (made from zinc, aluminum or magnesium) that protect the running gear

from its own self-destruction in the form of galvanic corrosion. Don't forget to inspect or replace anodes if necessary, and keep an eye on them over the season. The rate at which an anode deteriorates may indicate stray current in the water.

3. Yes, you did forget the plug: It's one of the most common mistakes made by boaters in the spring, most often at the launch ramp. In a recent survey of BoatUS members, more than 60% of the nearly 1,500 respondents admitted to forgetting to insert the drain plug at some point in their boating lifetime. Having a boat launch checklist can help — laminate it and use a snap ring to connect it to your boat ignition keys so you will always have it ready.

BoatUS has a range of Spring Commissioning information, including an essential checklist, here: <https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2020/january/launch-into-spring>. ■

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Consider These Simple Tips For Clean Outboards

Whether it's a single small outboard on the back of a runabout or quads on an offshore center console, it's important to maintain engines in showroom-like condition. Keeping cowlings clean not only makes the entire boat look better, but adds to their overall resale value. Shurhold offers some Clean-N-Simple tips for helping outboards look their best.

Unlike the deck and hull that are typically made of gelcoat, the engine cowling is likely painted and therefore softer than other onboard surfaces. It may also have 3D or printed graphics, so it needs to be cared for differently from the rest of the boat.

The first step to detailing an outboard is a thorough washing with a quality boat soap such as Shurhold Brite Wash. Biodegradable and environmentally friendly, it won't strip away any previously applied wax. The formula quickly emulsifies the dirt, grime, hard water and salt baked into the paint surface by engine heat.

Using stiff-bristled brushes will leave small scratches in the paint that will then



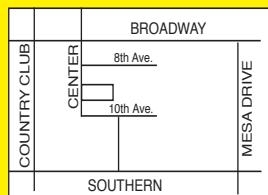
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attract more dirt. It's better to use a Soft or Extra Soft Hull Brush that will allow the soap to lift the sediment off and away from the surface. Shurhold offers a wide range of handles that its attachments snap onto, making reaching the back and sides of the outboard easier.

After rinsing, using a high-quality chamois such as a Deluxe Water Sprite Hand Towel or Mop will remove excess water before it dries. Water spots on black and grey outboard cowlings are especially noticeable and difficult to remove, detracting from the engine's appearance.

Finally, it's important to maintain a layer of wax on the outboards. A quality product such as Shurhold Pro Polish will act as a sacrificial barrier to make subsequent cleaning that much easier. Providing a deep, high-gloss shine, it contains UV inhibitors to protect paint from the harsh effects of the sun. A video of the entire process is at www.bit.ly/DetailOutboards.

Ideal for cleaning the entire boat, a 32 fl. oz. bottle of Brite Wash is \$13.98. The

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BOAT WRAPS

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BoatUS Magazine Highlights Nine Great American Freshwater Lakes

The focus is on boating-centric inland lakes with distinction.

There are 123,439 freshwater lakes – those water bodies generally larger than 20 acres – in the continental United States. Which ones may be best for recreational boating?

BoatUS Magazine senior editor Rich Armstrong and contributing editor Fiona McGlynn consider the question in the magazine's February/March issue with the feature "Freshwater America," which highlights nine boating-centric lakes from New York to Washington.

"Americans continue to explore their backyards, and so do America's recreational boaters," said *BoatUS Magazine* editorial director Bernadette Bernon. "With a look inland, away from saltwater and tides, "Freshwater America" captures each lake's distinct boating identity and includes waters in Arizona, California, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Washington." The availability of *BoatUS* member discounts and services are also noted.

Lake Powell, Arizona:

While its water level was 30 percent of capacity last year, America's second largest man-made lake with 96 major canyons and 2,000 miles of shoreline remains in the top realm of houseboating destinations. It's also popular with wakesports enthusiasts, anglers and kayakers who paddle the slot canyons. Dozens of fish species are stocked, and if a houseboat is too big for you, runabouts, ski boats, pontoons and PWCs are available for rent. This is a true desert boating experience.

Lake Tahoe, California:

More than 6,000 feet above sea level in the Sierras, this alpine lake is renowned for its clear waters offering 75 feet of visibility — making hanging out at anchor a new experience. There are 13 marinas, 2 clubs, 17 ramps and distinct north and south regions, the latter being where most of the action is and recovering from the Caldor fire. Trophy mackinaw, cutthroats and kokanee salmon lurk in its turquoise-hued waters.

Inland Waterway, Michigan:

The nearly 40-mile inland waterway with 11 marinas stretches across Michigan's upper "mittens" from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. The waterway's two largest bodies, Mullett and Burt lakes, are



located in the middle of a rural tourist region that triples in population in the summer — yet boat traffic remains modest. Paddlers are abundant, as are the sportfish — walleye, pike, rainbows, smallmouth, steelhead and perch. Don't forget your rod: The 17,000-plus acre Mullett Lake is the home of the current state record for a 193-pound lake sturgeon.

Flathead Lake, Montana:

The largest non-man-made lake west of the Mississippi, Flathead's stunning mountain views abound. The lake's clear waters are known for trout (lake, rainbow and bull) and whitefish. This is the place to camp, picnic and explore islands with old-growth ponderosa pine forests, wild horses, mule deer and bighorn sheep. Many out-of-town boaters plan their trips to coincide with the famous Flathead cherry harvest (mid-July to early August). Nine marinas dot the lake's shoreline.

Lake George, New York:

There are crystal clear lakes, and then there is Lake George. Its waters are rated for drinking and surrounded by towering forest-green Adirondack scenery where tucked-away bays, knee-deep sandy anchorages, towering cliffs and more than 170 islands await — some available to boat camping. Angling (land-locked salmon, trout, bass and crappie), watersports and paddling are popular. Traffic on the south end of the 32-mile long lake can be heavy on summer weekends, but a stop to the touristy village there is must.

Fontana Lake, North Carolina:

This deep, man-made lake with emerald green waters is a hidden gem in the shadow of the Smoky Mountains' endless forest. But don't come looking for a crowd as there is a paucity of ameni-



ties — just four marinas and no dockside restaurants. What you will find are cold mountain waters that hold fish species typically found up north (walleye, steelhead), a winding watery playground with hidden cove hideaways, misty mountain-top islands (created by the 480-foot Fontana Dam) and stunning beauty.

Lake Murray, South Carolina:

The lake is the site of many local and national fishing tournaments as well as watersporting events and summer music concerts. Rental cottages and Airbnbs, most with their own boat ramps and docks, along with 14 marinas and numerous restaurants, make the lake popular across a diverse range of watercraft. If you're lucky, you'll see the annual return of purple martins to Bomb Island (June-August) when waves of birds fill the sky. On busy weekends, a quiet spot can be found out of the wake zone by heading east away from the dam, back in a quiet cove.

Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, Oklahoma:

If you are looking for the centerpiece of a tourism destination, Grand Lake is it. Ranked among the top bass-fishing lakes in the U.S., with an incredible 18 marinas on a 1,300 mile shoreline, five state parks, bustling towns, restaurants and waterfront resorts lining the shore, Grand Lake caters to a wide variety of boaters. Anglers as well as families lounging and playing on large floating mats hang out in its quiet coves. Predictable winds make this lake a friend to sailors.

Lake Chelan, Washington:

Just a mile or two wide and 50 miles long, Lake Chelan threads its way deep into the North Pacific Cascades. The incredibly deep lake, much of it boat access only, gets 300 days of sunshine each year and is surrounded by forest. State parks, more than a dozen remote boat campsites, an old copper mine village and a 312-foot waterfall are popular. The lake is for play — wakesports, skiing, windsurfing and paddlers. Sailors find consistent winds up on the north end. Salmon, trout and small-mouth await anglers. ■



With Gas Prices So High, These Tips Are Welcome

FROM A NOTE AT SOUNDINGS ONLINE

Gas prices are up, so the Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has collected 21 fuel-saving tips to help boaters save money. Some of these methods may sound obvious, but some are novel. They include things you can do before heading out, at the dock, and while on the water.

Tips range from engine-tuning and prop optimization to finding good deals on gas, lightening your load, improving boat efficiency and even "buddy boating". Whether it's money or the environment that motivates you, there are some good tricks on this list to help you boat better and smarter. You can see the list here: <https://www.soundingsonline.com/news/21-ways-to-save-gas-while-boating> ■

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

You can buy tickets for the Big Game Raffle now at www.arizonabiggamesurraffle.com

Tickets range in price from \$10-\$25. Winners of the AZ Special Tags have the opportunity to hunt year-round for the species they won. There are many other great prizes as well, so be sure to check it out. **DEADLINE FOR ONLINE ORDERS IS JULY 10!**



Black Bear

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 increase 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).

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- PointGuard is completely discretionary.



Bison Herd

2021-22 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.



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There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2021-2022 Hunting Regulations at www.azgfd.com for details. Watch for the 2022-2023 regulations to come out in early summer/late spring.

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/) 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

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 and at retailers where licenses are sold.

What to Hunt Right Now: Small Game

General tree squirrel

Unit 31: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 (year round) Tassel-eared tree squirrel.

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: Jul 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (year-round) 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

Coyote and skunk limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): year-round. 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-

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Grants Available For Development Of New Hunters, Anglers

July 12 is deadline to apply for Local Sportsmen's Group grants.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is accepting applications for \$75,000 in annual grant funding for local sportsmen's organizations to provide public, mentored projects that are focused on the recruitment and development of new hunters and anglers.

The Local Sportsmen's Group grants program places a high priority on projects that involve the pursuit or harvest of fish or wildlife with a valid license (and any necessary hunt permit-tag) and are geared toward participants who have the appropriate experience and skill levels relevant to a particular project.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive application process. Online applications and instructions are available at www.azgfd.gov/LSG. Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) July 12.

"This grant program continues to provide much-needed funding for Arizona's conservation organizations to connect with the public through quality, mentored projects at a time when there's a huge demand for traditional outdoor and wildlife recreation like hunting and fishing," said Doug Burt, AZGFD's recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) manager.

"The projects from these funds, and the efforts of these community groups, return far more in value than the grant dollars would on their own by providing education about safe and ethical hunting and fishing, and how sportsmen play an important role in wildlife conservation."

There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for this grant program. Game and Fish does not receive any of the state's general tax funds and operates under a user-pay, public-benefit model. The grant program is an investment in the continuance of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation participation in Arizona.

To learn more about how hunters, anglers, shooters and boaters fund wildlife conservation, visit www.azgfd.com/hunting/wsfr. ■

AZGFD Posts Angler Reports

Angler posts

For each edition of the Fishing Report, we'll select some photos and reports submitted by members of the angling public either through the Fish AZ Facebook Group or through the bfishing@azgfd.gov email address. If you'd like your photo/report considered for publication here, please indicate the species, place, date, name (we only publish first name and last initial), and any other information you'd like to provide. For more photos (including new photos each day), visit the Fish AZ Facebook Group.

Bartlett Lake

At Bartlett Lake last weekend, Jason S. Said, "Best way to have a good morning fishing is to forget your phone. Caught 20 in 2-1/2 hours and went through all my chartreuse swim baits. Got lucky and caught a big one (4.1 pounds) in front of someone that took a pic and sent it to me."

Woods Canyon Lake

At Woods Canyon Lake on the Rim, trout have become active. Try worms or PowerBait for rainbows. For tiger trout, try rooster tails or small swimbaits. Reports from anglers have been mixed.

Lees Ferry

At Lees Ferry, John B. reports he caught four browns and 25 rainbows over the weekend. He had success on black and gold Panther Martins with barbless hooks, fished deep.

Lake Powell

At Lake Powell, Wayne Gustaveson (www.wayneswords.com) reported he tried to duplicate the great fishing from a prior week, but pointed out that fishing trips are always different. What worked last week wasn't working well this week. The only way to find success is to try as many spots as possible and change techniques until the fish respond.

Last week, he and his fishing party found a large cove, shaded by a high wall with a shallow rocky ridge extended out into the bay, and the fish responded immediately to the crappie jig. Small schools of stripers, mostly one and two-year-old schooling fish, showed up on the graph



and really liked the crappie jig. If the jig was cast close to the school, the stripers responded immediately.

Smallmouth bass were just as active as stripers, and the anglers hooked almost as many bass as stripers using the same crappie jig along the same rocky ridge.

Show Low Lake

At Show Low Lake over the holiday weekend, Anthony B. had success catching trout that were biting on night crawlers fished from shore. Caught one 15-inch, 1.9-pound rainbow, also one 13.5 inches and 1.2 pounds.

AZGFD Hatcheries

AZGFD hatcheries are actively stocking most of the reservoirs in the Williams and Flagstaff areas and streams within the Verde Valley. This is the time of year when fishing for trout starts to slow down and fishing for bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish starts to heat up. Campgrounds on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests are now open.

Stay informed re: the stages of fire restriction where you plan to fish. The Ponderosa Pine trees are producing a lot of yellow pollen that is accumulating on the surface and along the shoreline of many of the area lakes. The pollen is completely harmless to the fish. Here are reports from some of the area lakes:

Kaibab Lake

At Kaibab Lake, fishing has been good for trout on PowerBait, worms, small lures and flies. The water is very turbid (dirty), so fishing with bait or very slowly with flies and lures will produce the best results. Rainbow trout were stocked last

week. The lake level is low, but launching a small boat is still achievable. Only boats with a 10-horsepower motor or less are allowed on the lake.

Cataract Lake

At Cataract Lake, the lake level is close to full. Rainbow trout were stocked last week. Anglers fishing with small lures and flies have been catching largemouth bass, rainbow trout and brown trout, and tiger trout recently. Only boats with a 10-horsepower motor or less are allowed on the lake.

Whitehorse Lake

Jolan B and his wife camped at Whitehorse Lake campground two weeks ago. He caught one 15-inch bass, one 10-inch bass, and about a dozen smaller ones on crankbaits.

Upper Lake Mary

At Upper Lake Mary, the lake level is low, but the concrete on the two main boat launches by the dam are in the water and there are currently no issues launching a boat. Access to the Narrows is now open. Black crappie and bluegill have been recently caught by anglers. The lake is very turbid, so fishing with bait or lures with a lot of vibration is recommended.

Willow Beach

Near Willow Beach (Colorado River) in northwestern Arizona, Mike H. reports that large stripers are being caught on swimbaits, jerkbaits and soft plastic jerkbaits. White, orange, green and pink are the top colors. Trout were stocked about two weeks ago and are being caught on PowerBait and Panther Martins (black with the yellow dot, and orange with the gold spoon attached). The smallmouth and largemouth bite further south on Lake Mohave has been good.

Thank You, Anglers

Arizona fishing opportunities wouldn't be possible without the Sport Fish Restoration Program. It was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984. Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides grant funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education. ■



BIG SUN!

Lake Havasu has developed a reputation for producing large redear sunfish, and that reputation was recently reaffirmed when Zac Mickle caught a 5.07-pound, 16-1/4-inch eye-popper. As big as this fish was, it was not a world record. That belongs to Thomas Farchione, who in May 2021 caught a redear that weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. The publication Outdoor Life has an article about Zac's catch. As the article states, "Every panfish angler in the country should have a trip to Lake Havasu planned at some point. It's clearly worth the trip".

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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 20, 2021 – Feb 24, 2022

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

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) Gunnison's prairie dog Unit 11M:

year-round.

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

Falconry-only seasons 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. ■

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A TRIBUTE FROM MARGIE AND JOHN ANDERSON

We've known Marc for a long time and have done several stories with him. He was the kind of guy who would tell you the straight dope all the time, no matter what. I loved that about him. Marc was a

heck of a stick, too – he'd take us to Pleasant or Bartlett and just flat out catch bass, talking the whole time. Entertaining is an understatement when it came to Marc!

Fishing was just one side of him,



That smile! It was infectious. He was so much fun to fish with!



Marc At Lake Pleasant

though. Marc loved his family with his whole heart and he never failed to tell us stories about his mom and dad – he was so proud of both of them! And he was

immensely proud of his niece and her dancing! He talked about her so proudly you'd think he was her dad! He was always whipping out his phone to show off videos of her dancing, and he'd have that big goofy grin the whole time!

Marc was co-host on Don McDowell's radio show for years, and he was so fun to listen to! But more than fun, he was informative and entertaining. He also had an amazing work ethic and made the most beautiful floors. He was darn proud of those floors for good reason.

I loved to do stories with Marc because he was so real. Not at all self-conscious, and willing to give away all of his "fishing secrets" just because he loved to help other people, especially fellow anglers. I can't think of a single fisherman who didn't like Marc. We all miss him so, and his death came way too early.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Marc on July 7 at 11:00 am at the CCV on 67th Avenue and Happy Valley Road. ■

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The collage consists of five distinct images arranged around a central logo. The top-left image shows a person performing a high jump while water skiing. The top-right image features a white speedboat with three passengers, kicking up spray. The bottom-left image depicts a sailboat with the number '99' on its sail, set against a backdrop of mountains and clouds. The bottom-right image shows two men on a boat; one is holding a large striped bass. The central image is a circular logo for "ARIZONA Boating & Watersports" featuring the state's sunburst design.

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AZGFD Cautions OHV Riders, Boaters, Anglers, During Monsoon

Monsoon weather is right around the corner, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) cautions boaters, anglers and off-highway vehicle (OHV) users that weather conditions can quickly change and become dangerous for those who aren't prepared.

The severity of monsoon storms varies greatly from a minor dust storm to a violent thunderstorm capable of producing hail, deadly lightning and flash flooding.

"Arizona is known for its often unbearable summer heat; it's also known for great places to get outdoors, whether that's on an OHV in the high country or one of our many lakes or rivers," said Josh Hoffman, boating safety education coordinator.

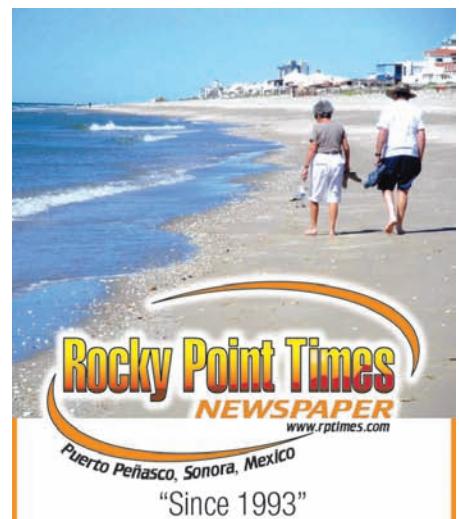
"However, it's important that people keep the day's weather in mind. If severe weather is likely, or storms are starting to build up around you, it's a good time to safely get off the water or trails and head indoors."

Paddlers who enjoy the water on a paddleboard should pay extra close attention to the weather, as they can be more vulnerable to dangerous monsoon weather.

AZGFD offers the following advice to protect those recreating during a monsoon:

When On A Shoreline Or Riding An OHV

- Always wear proper safety gear, including a helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, pants, over-the-ankle boots and gloves.



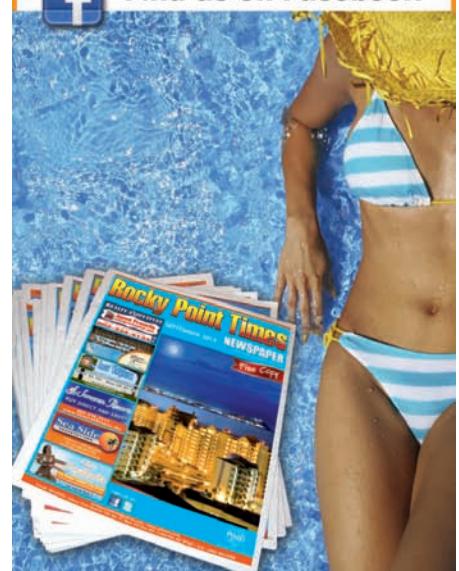
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- Seek shelter indoors if storms are developing or are nearby.

- Never cross running water. While it can look shallow, it might be deep enough that it could push the vehicle downstream or get it stuck in loose sediment.

- Drive slowly to not lose control on muddied trails.

- To avoid being struck by lightning, avoid open fields, high ground, trees, poles or other tall objects, and standing bodies of water.

- Be aware of, and avoid, flash flood zones.

For more information on riding an OHV in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.com/OHV/.

When On A Boat, Personal Watercraft Or Paddleboard

- While life jackets are legally required for anyone under 12, everyone should wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. Storms can create large waves that could knock a passenger from the boat. A life jacket does you no good if it's stowed when you're thrown.



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- Monitor the weather and use a weather radio or a weather app for updates from the National Weather Service. If storms are predicted, or are building, pull the boat out of the water or consider postponing the outing.

- Secure all gear above and below decks.

- Keep everyone aboard away from electrical and ungrounded components, and remain as low in the boat as possible.

- If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay clear of metal objects as much as possible.

- Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.

- Turn on navigation lights.

- If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. It might be best to ride out the storm in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves. But never try to ride out a storm in a paddlecraft.

- Boats should head the bow into waves at a 45-degree angle. Personal watercraft should head directly into the waves.

For more information on boating in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.com/Boating/.

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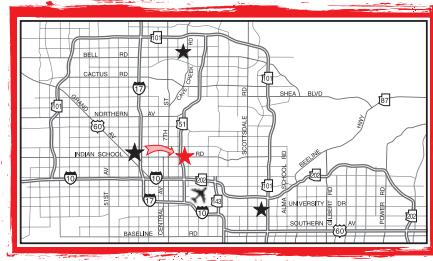
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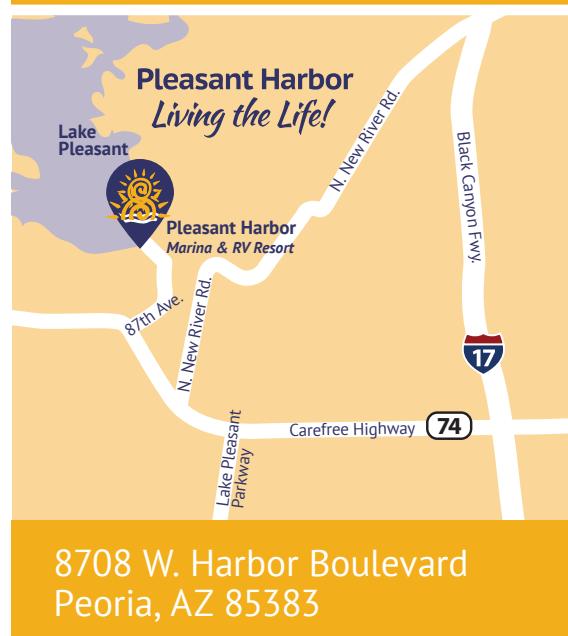
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Williams – It's A Great Family Getaway

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

John and I and Mochi went to Williams again this past week and I've got to tell you, it's one of our favorite places to get away in the summer. It can be a bit warm during the day, but since we spend most of our time in the woods, it's shady, breezy, and wonderful!

Camping was amazing. There are plenty of places for dispersed camping along the main roads, so you don't need a 4x4 – although I would recommend high clearance. We have the Jeep, so we took some true 4x4 trails, and that's always an option for you if you're equipped.

Perkinsville Road

The most fun way to get to the Williams area is via the Perkinsville Road. Pick it up in Chino Valley or Jerome – it's mostly a graded gravel road, but it becomes paved just past the Drake Road. It's about 47 miles from Jerome to Williams via this road.



Perkinsville Road, The Bridge Over The Verde River

Glorious Views

Perkinsville Road has glorious views when you get up on top of the plateau – if the sky is clear, you can see the red rocks with the San Francisco Peaks behind them. Last week we saw some honest-to-goodness cowboys rounding up cattle just outside Chino Valley on the Perkinsville Road.

There are lots of places to stop and let the kids run around, including a stop with



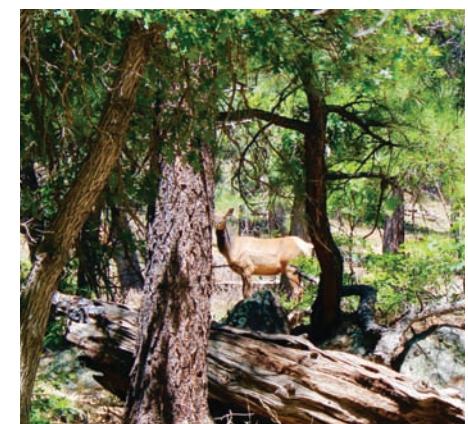
The Verde River At Perkinsville

a bench and great views of the red rocks. (June 2022 there was a detour to the Perkinsville Road at Chino Valley, but just follow the signs and you'll be fine.)

Beautiful Bridge

When the Perkinsville Road crosses the Verde River there is a beautiful single-lane bridge to cross. You can pull off just after the bridge, park in the shade, and play in the river, which is usually not very deep but very pretty and cool. Mochi loves it!

Once you get up near Williams you'll pass from the Prescott National Forest into the Kaibab National Forest -- a Forest Service Map is incredibly helpful because it will show you the road numbers, so you know where you are!



There's always a chance you'll see elk or deer along the road when you're near Williams. We spotted three cow elk this last trip.



A Roundup Happening Along The Perkinsville Road Near Chino Valley

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If camping is your thing, there are unlimited opportunities for it around Williams. We camped off FR138 near Pine Flat.

Places To Camp

Off to the east of the Perkinsville Road are several beautiful lakes: White Horse is the easiest to get to, and there are plenty of places to camp around there, including campgrounds. Dogtown Reservoir is easy to get to as well, meaning you don't need a 4x4.

Bill Williams Mountain Loop Road

If you're up for a drive that passes through all kinds of different vegetation – pines, oaks, junipers, etc., you should check out the Bill Williams Mountain Loop Road. We had a bit of a hard time finding it from the Perkinsville Road heading north. Watch for the sign that says Lockett Spring, and the turnoff for the Bill Williams will be just a bit farther

north, with a sign that says "Coleman Lake".

McClellan Reservoir

The loop is Forest Road 108, and it took us about two hours to go from the turn-off on Perkinsville Road (also called Coconino County Road 73 here) to the end on I-40 near Devil Dog exit and McClellan Reservoir.

By the way, McClellan Reservoir is a great place to let the kids burn off some steam. It's right next to I-40 but hardly anyone goes there. It's a very pretty place, not a whole lot of parking, but just a pleasant spot to pull off the road, wind down, and have a bite to eat. There's only one way in or out, so keep your eyes peeled for the sign

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Cultural Demonstrator Series Resumes In-Person At Desert View

The Cultural Demonstrator Series returned to Desert View within Grand Canyon National Park. After an absence of more than two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the series returns in-person every Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The series will run for 14 weeks from June 2 through September 2.

The Cultural Demonstrator Series provides park visitors and residents the opportunity to interact with members of



Phillip Sekaquaptewa's Compresso Bolo Tie (Hopi)

WILLIAMS

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Side Roads To Explore.

The Bill Williams Loop road passes Coleman Lake very near the Perkinsville Road, but when we went by last week it was mostly meadow. There were some deeper channels that we could see water in, but not much. All along the loop road are lots of nice places to pull off and let the kids play in the woods.

There are some water holes along the road as well, and those are always pretty, plus there are a lot of side roads to explore, and plenty of places to camp. We did the loop on our way home after camping near Pine Flat, and the drive from the Devil Dog exit on I-40 back through Chinon Valley to Phoenix took us just under three hours.

Other Things To Do Near Williams

Besides camping, fishing, hiking, off-roading and relaxing in the woods, there are lots of things to do in and around Williams. Bearizona is nearby and that's always fun. It's a drive-through wildlife park where the animals are loose, and you stay in your car. The girls loved it when we took them there.

Bears, Deer, And A Zonkey

Bearizona also has a walk-through area with more animals, a restaurant, and more. The best time to visit in the summer is early and late in the day when the animals are more active. You can plan a visit at their website www.bearizona.com.

There is also a Deer Farm near Williams. We took the kids there when they were little and they *loved* it – you get to walk around with the deer! They also have bison, camel, wallaby, llama, elk, and a zonkey! Check their website out for more info: www.deerfarm.com.

There are lots of Route 66 themed things to do in and around Williams, and of course a lot of Grand Canyon tours leave from there. We also visited Williams in 2020 and wrote an article full of outdoor things to do around there and you can read that and see the photos at <https://www.azbw.com/pdfs/AZBW-WOT-July-2020-Full-Issue.pdf>.

Off-Road Near Williams

If you do have a high clearance vehicle or a 4x4, check out the various lakes near



Navajo Bracelets

Grand Canyon National Park's Traditionally Associated Tribes and for the artisans to share their history and crafts. Weavers, carvers, potters, painters, sculptors, jewelers are just some of the disciplines presented by cultural demonstrators. This series is made possible with grants from Grand Canyon Conservancy.

The 11 traditionally associated tribes of Grand Canyon include the following: Diné (Navajo Nation), Havasupai Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Kaibab Band of Paiute



Lucy M. Lewis (Acoma Pueblo) Fineline Jar

Indians, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and Pueblo of Zuni.

Desert View is the eastern entrance into Grand Canyon National Park. It is located on the South Rim approximately

45 minutes east of Grand Canyon Village. To plan your visit to Desert View, go to <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/desert-view.htm>.

For more information on the Cultural Demonstrator Series, please contact Park Ranger Daniel Pawlak at 928-638-7893. ■



This is seriously the biggest dandelion puffball I've ever seen. I found it along a hike to Stewart Spring and it's at least 3-1/2 inches across!



There are channels in Coleman Lake that had a bit of water in them.

Williams. If you start looking at a map, you'll be amazed at how many there are around there! Kaibab Lake, Cataract Lake, Dogtown, White Horse, JD, McClellan, Santa Fe, Ashfork Stone Dam – and that's just some of them!

Wowed By The Views

Some of these are a bit difficult to find, but with good maps it makes a fun little adventure. One of our favorites was JD Dam – so pretty, and we were the only ones there! From there it's an easy drive to Sycamore Point, where you'll be wowed by the views! Check out that story I mentioned from July 2020 for details on how to get there.

Hiking

There are tons of hiking trails at all



This is one of the little water holes along the Bill Williams Mountain Loop Road. The road is very good - graded gravel and any car can do it easily.



Coleman Lake. It's a lot like Mormon Lake — usually dry.

kinds of difficulty levels in the Williams area. Just remember that it's likely to be pretty warm during the day, so plan accordingly: Take lots of water, wear a hat and sunglasses, and be careful.

For The Kids

For a short, easy hike with the kids, Keyhole Sink is fun. On I-40 east of Wil-

liams, near Parks, go to the Oak Hill Snow Play Area. Park there and walk across the street to the trailhead for Keyhole Sink. It's only about a mile long and pretty flat, and it's through the woods.

A sink is an area that has sunk. Imagine that! They usually have some water in them if you're lucky, and when we were there, there was just a little water. But there are petroglyphs on the cliffs around the Sink, and it's a very pretty place with a cute little gate to go through when you get close. Kids would absolutely love it.

Williams Proper

If you're not into camping, no worries. Williams is a good-sized town with places to stay, plenty of restaurants, fun shops (lots of Route 66 stuff!), and all kinds of places to spend time. I could easily spend weeks in and around Williams and never get bored – check it out this summer! ■

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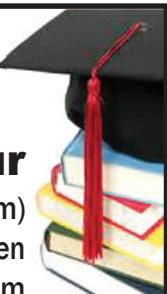
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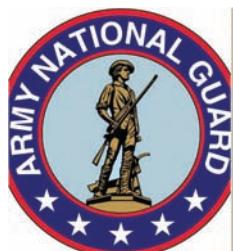
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It is certainly no different with a military birthday. We celebrate each branch and its birthday because we are proud of our military members and what they represent. Below is a quick guide (in chronological order) to each of our military branches birthday and a brief history of its birth.

National Guard: December 13, 1636

The National Guard of the United States is a joint activity of the United States Department of Defense composed of reserve components of the United States Army and the United States Air Force: the Army National Guard of the United States for the Army and the Air



National Guard of the United States for the Air Force. It is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Army: June 14, 1775

The U.S. Army was founded on 14 June 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies," for one year.



Navy: October 13, 1775

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on 13 October 1775. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a

Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

Marine Corps: November 10, 1775

The Marine Corps was founded to serve as an infantry unit aboard naval vessels and was responsible for the security of the ship and its crew by conducting offensive and defensive combat during boarding actions and defend-



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ing the ship's officers from mutiny.

Coast Guard: August 4, 1790

The Coast Guard's official history began on 4 August 1790 when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling.



Air Force: September 18, 1947

Until 2019 known as the most recent branch of the U.S. military to be formed, the Air Force is also the largest and most technologically advanced air force in the world. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on 18 September 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947.



Space Force: December 20, 2019

President Donald J. Trump signed into law legislation creating the first new

MICHAEL GANNON



A SALUTE — Geri Hermann of the VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary provided this first birthday cake in a birth-date series that will honor all branches of our military.

armed service since 1947, the U.S. Space Force. The direct antecedent of the Space Force, Air Force Space Command, was formed on 1 September 1982 with responsibility for space warfare operations.



Editor's Note: In honor of each of these birth dates, the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3513, are providing a birthday cake at the Post. Stop by and join us in a salute (a slice of cake) to our military branches. ■

GUNS, GUN SAFETY, MORE

Being A Legal Gun Owner Is A Heavy Responsibility

BY TOM COLE

RETired U.S. MARINE

I am a legal gun owner. I have owned guns for years and have many according to some people's estimates. Being a legal gun owner is a heavy responsibility. It starts with ensuring you know how to properly use the weapon and adhering to the five basic safety rules:

1. All firearms are considered loaded (never assume anything – check it).

2. Always point firearms in a safe direction until on a target and ready to fire.

3. Always keep your trigger finger off the trigger until ready to fire.

4. Always know your target and what's behind it (bystanders, traffic, etc.).

5. Always maintain control of your firearm (if not in possession, lock it up).

Preventing accidents comes with training. If you have youth in your home, you should start them off with gun safety classes starting at age 6. When they have learned safety thorough drills in a safe space without ammunition you should take them shooting. This serves two purposes. It trains the kids that guns are not toys and it takes the stigma off of the weapons so that they don't want to "find the hidden gun" in the house.

Also, train your kids to get out of a house when some other kid pulls their parents' gun for show and tell. Better safe than sorry.

Pistol training should be done with both semi-automatic and revolver pistols to ensure the kids can tell when they are loaded and unloaded. Drills on this are very valuable (see rules above) and no ammunition need be in the area to practice this.

Also, you weapons should be secured (locked up) when not in use. There are rapid-open gun safes for home protec-

tion that can keep the kids out and keep you ready to defend if needs be.

Now let's talk about the AR-15 and other similar weapons for a moment. They have been called "assault weapons" and "weapons of war".

1. There is NO SUCH THING AS AN ASSAULT WEAPON! That is just a politician made-up title for a non-existing weapon.

2. As a retired U.S. Marine, I can tell you that no sane combat veteran would take an AR-15 into combat. It is NOT a weapon of war. The AR-15 is used for long range target practice and hunting. This is not to ignore the fact that they have been misused for evil; they have. But that is more of a mental illness issue than a gun issue.

Another point, gun laws will NOT prevent evil from doing evil. They may mitigate some issues, but it has been seen that the vast majority of gun laws will not stop the lawless from doing what they will do. More people in this country are bludgeoned to death than killed by guns every year.

I'd like to see a five-year plan from the politicians that would effectively get rid of all *illegal* guns on the streets, and if they can show me at the end of five years that it has worked substantially, I'd be willing to talk further about gun control measures. Until then, their efforts are virtually worthless and based on political showmanship.

A ban on weapons of any kind would only adversely impact legal gun owners and their rights.

The best plan is as I stated in the beginning is to train up the youth of this nation for gun safety and ensure that they don't have casual access to guns and ammo. Taking away the mystery of guns is half the battle. ■

AZGFD Partners With SWCC To Present Wildlife Series

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Arizona Bark Scorpion

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Coming Up:

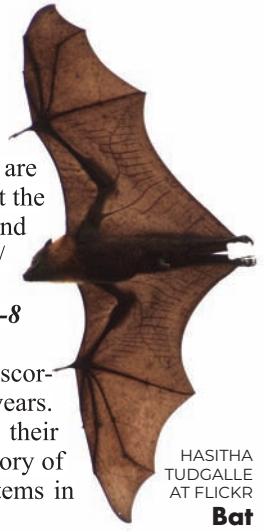
• *Misunderstood Creatures of the Night — Bats! — 6:30-8 p.m.*

July 14 (AZGFD)

Bats are misunderstood creatures. These flying mammals are an amazing species that fill an important niche. Learn about the different species that inhabit Arizona, their natural history, and what makes these animals so fascinating. Register: <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/enews/wildpluslife/060122/>

• *Incredible Crawling Critters — Scorpions! — 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 11 (AZGFD)*

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: <https://bit.ly/3xTWa2u> ■

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AZGFD Offers Reward In Unlawful Shooting

This was not the act of a hunter.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is seeking information about the recent shooting of two javelinas in the Cave Creek/Carefree area.

CALL 'OPERATION GAME THIEF'!

capture and transport the javelinas to a local wildlife rehabilitation facility for treatment. Unfortunately, neither of the animals survived.

Evidence, including arrows, blood samples and DNA, was collected at the

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Watch The Video Of The Month: Wildlife Crossings

Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists and road ecologists have been working with the Arizona Department of Transportation and other agencies across the nation, advising them on how to build wildlife-crossing structures. The goal is to potentially make roads safer by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions and maintaining landscape connectivity for wildlife. Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeHQtBR4Gzk>

Did You Know?

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Mountain lion populations are best managed by professional biologists. Want to learn more about mountain lion management in Arizona? Read the recent guest opinion column in the Arizona Republic written by Brian Jansen, Ph.D., a mountain lion biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD). The article is a condensed version of a longer article written by Dr. Jansen that is posted on the AZGFD website: <https://www.azgfd.com/Agency/Commission/commissioncorner/>

WILDFIRES

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these lower-level restrictions, campfires are allowed, but they must be within a developed site. See the QuickTabs below for more detailed Stage 1 restriction information.

If weather conditions worsen and fire danger increases, the agency will move into the next stage of restrictions. Under Stage 2, even stronger stipulations are put in place, including no more campfires.

And, if conditions continue to decline and extremely high fire danger becomes

a threat to the public and our firefighters, closures will go into effect. Within a closure, no public access will be allowed on state-owned and managed lands until the Department of Forestry and Fire Management rescinds its decision.

Restrictions typically stay in place until Arizona moves into its monsoon season. During that time, higher humidity levels and increased moisture move in and help decrease the fire activity across the state.

While we never like to prohibit recreational activities, there is a time when it is necessary to protect our Arizona State lands, human life, wildlife, property, and

SUPER RAFFLE

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through the raffle is returned to the Arizona Game and Fish Department and managed by the Arizona Habitat Partnership Committee for that particular species. With input from local habitat partners across the state and sponsoring organizations involved in the fundraising, project priorities are determined that will provide the most benefit to each species. ■

DOWNSTREAM

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JULY 30

Arizona Family Retreat

Saturday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 3

Lost Canyon - A Young Life Camp
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Our retreat provides inclusive worship, biblical teaching, fun, age-appropriate activities, and meaningful connections with families who understand the unique joys and challenges of life. Read more on *Joni and Friends* ■

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scene. AZGFD is also soliciting additional information as part of a thorough law enforcement investigation.

"Help from the public will play a critical role in making an arrest in this case," said Debra Groves, wildlife manager. "This is not the act of a hunter. This was a criminal act by someone who deliberately broke the law, and the department does not condone this kind of blatant disregard for the laws that govern the ethical and legal take of wildlife. It is important for anyone with information to come forward, and help Game and Fish bring those responsible to justice."

Anyone with information about this case can call the AZGFD's Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-352-0700 and refer to case #22-001167.

Caller's identities will remain confidential and can remain anonymous upon request. A reward of up to \$1,500 for information that leads to an arrest in this case has been made available through AZGFD's Operation Game Thief program. ■

of the roadway.

5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.

6. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force or other authorized personnel in the performance of an official duty.

7. All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated by city ordinance.

Closure Exemptions

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For More Information

For information about permits to legally recreate on State Trust land, please call the Land Department's Public Desk at 602-542-4632 or contact the Department of Forestry and Fire Management, 1110 West Washington St #500, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Phone: (602) 771-1400

- Stage 1 Restrictions
- Stage 2 Restrictions
- Closures

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Prohibitions

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove including fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites is prohibited. Persons using a device fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off is permitted. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, is prohibited.

3. Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations is prohibited.

4. Mechanical and Industrial prohibitions: operating any internal combustion engine, no chainsaw use from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, or using an explosive.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. This process can be utilized in cases where public works and public utility emergency repairs are necessary.

2. Industrial operations where specific operations and exemptions are identified and mitigation measures are implemented as outlined in an agency plan.

3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.

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2. Smoking is prohibited unless: it is within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site/improved site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

3. The discharging or using of any kind of fireworks and incendiary devices is prohibited.

4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame is prohibited.

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LAKES

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PowerBait, especially with strong scents to lure fish out of any leftover winter slump.

While all water is cool and fresh, shore fishing should be just as successful as fishing from a boat. Launching large boats is difficult this year due to low water. If you do get a small boat on the lake, try trolling spinners and flies. To attract cutthroat, use lures that resemble crayfish or their movement. Brook trout will hit flies, but also try nightcrawlers on the bottom. Check US Forest Service for road closures and fire restriction updates.

Woods Canyon Lake

Lake levels should be stable. If fishing for trout from shore, try PowerBait or worms. Fly anglers may have luck on dry flies or small nymphs right at sunset. Boaters can try trolling a Super Duper or tiny gold Kastmaster lures. The lake is loaded with crayfish; try fishing for large trout with spinners or lures that imitate crayfish patterns. Fish for illegally stocked green sunfish along the rocky shore with nightcrawlers. Woods Canyon Lake is stocked weekly throughout the summer with rainbow trout and in May with tiger trout. Stocking began in April. Check US Forest Service for road closures and fire restriction updates.

Woodland Lake

Woodland caught some water this past spring after poor snow and rain during 2021. Water levels will be low this summer again, but catchable-size rainbow trout were stocked in March, April and

May, as well as fingerling channel catfish, 4- to 6-inch largemouth bass, and adult bluegill. Despite low water in 2021,

Woodland Lake likely has holdover bass, sunfish, and catfish lurking. Channel catfish can be caught using bait on the bottom, especially at night. Small bass and sunfish may be hiding under the floating dock and can be fun with a small hook, worm and bobber.

AZGFD and the Town of Pinetop Lakeside partnered to complete phase one of a fish habitat project on Woodland Lake in August 2021. Twenty-seven Georgia Cube structures were placed in the lake with the ultimate goal of improving fishing for warm-water fish. Locations of all structures will be released to the public in the near future

Kaibab Lake

Access to the lake is open. Fishing has been excellent for trout on PowerBait, worms, small lures, and flies. The lake was stocked with 3,000 rainbow trout two weeks ago. The lake level is low, but launching a small boat is still achievable. Only boats with a 10-horsepower motor or less are allowed on Kaibab Lake.

Dogtown Lake

Road access to the lake is open. The lake is full and the water clarity is good. Fishing has been a little slow, but nice holdover brown and rainbow trout have been recently caught on flies (#12 bead head prince nymphs, #10 bead head black or olive simi seal leech) and small lures. About 2,500 rainbow trout were stocked recently. Only boats with an electric motor are allowed on the lake. No gas-powered motors. ■

FLAG

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All these are reminders of the good fortune we have to live in this country -- even with its flaws and shortcom-

ings. The United States of America offers us opportunities to accomplish all we can be, and she needs our constant vigilance and willingness to protect her. We are her guardians — every one of us! ■

LAKE PLEASANT

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and clubhouse amenities are available to weekend campers at Pleasant Harbor RV Resort.

The marina offers an array of water-sports and lakeside activities featuring the world's largest floating waterslide (H2-Whoa!), recreational sailboats, motorboats, pontoons, jet skis, kayaks, and paddle board rentals. With amazing views of Lake Pleasant and easy water access, camping reservations fill up fast, so be sure to call ahead for reservations.

After a day full of lake activities, enjoy a meal and drinks at Dillon's Bayou. This lakeside restaurant is open for lunch and dinner during the week and breakfast, lunch and dinner on the weekends and often features live entertainment.

For more information about the Pleasant Harbor or camping reservation, please call 623.235.6140 or visit www.pleasantharbor.com.

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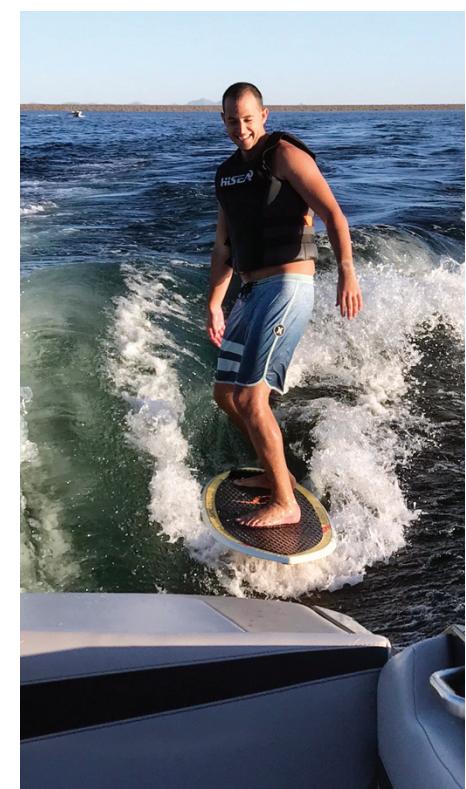
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Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Labor Day: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Night Flights: 8-10 p.m. Thursday – Sunday (Labor Day weekend only)

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Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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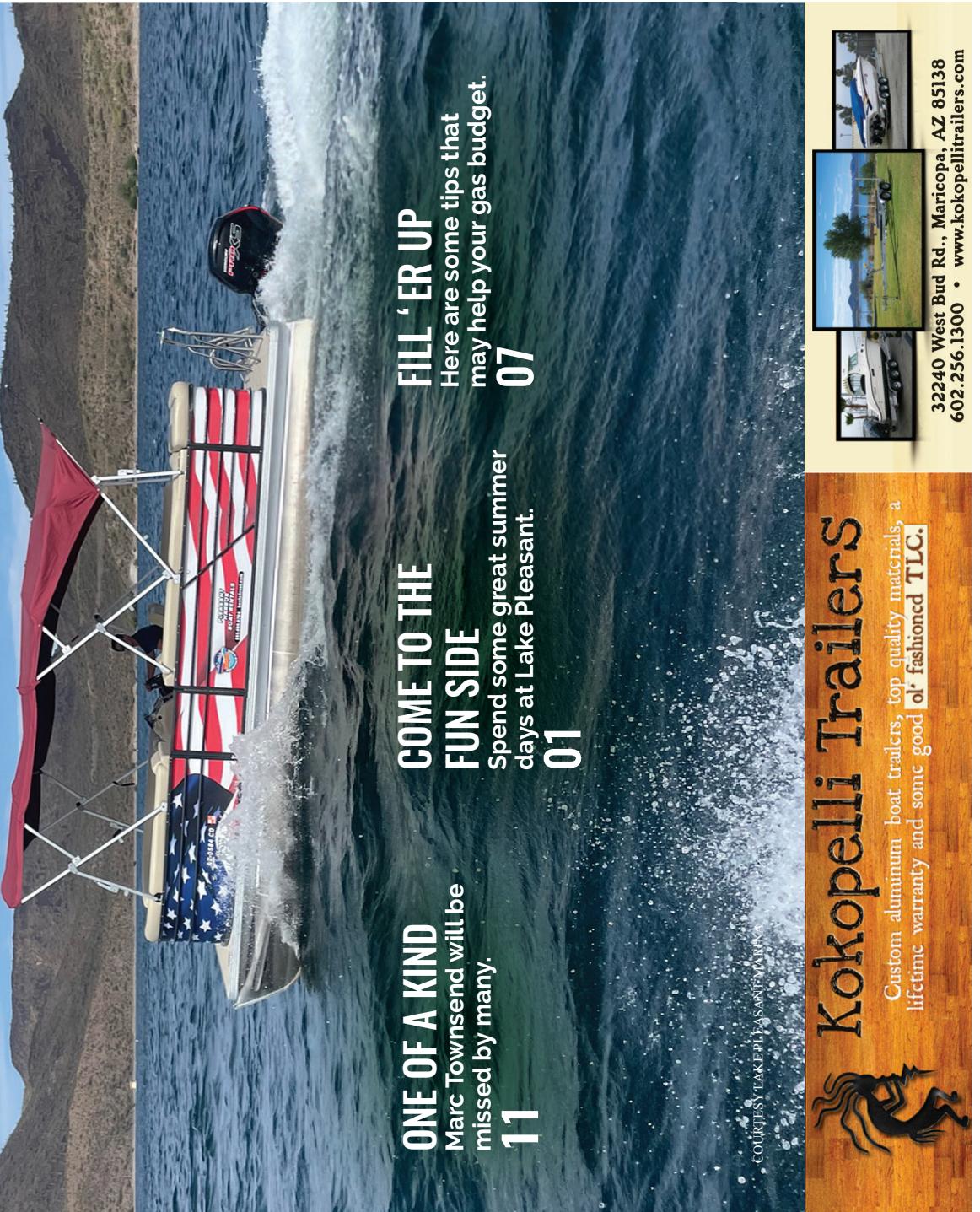
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ARIZONA'S BEST KEPT SECRET



Located just 55 minutes from Tempe Town Lake on beautiful Bartlett Lake in the heart of the Tonto National Forest, Bartlett Lake Marina's family atmosphere and beautiful surroundings makes it a wonderful location for your friends and family to enjoy an unforgettable Arizona day on the water.

2,815 ACRES OF FUN!

Bartlett Lake Marina has a boatable surface area of 2,815 acres - more than Canyon Lake and Saguaro Lake, combined. Fed by the pristine waters of the Verde River, Indians of this valley spoke descriptively in their legends of the river's "sweet waters".

Outdoor enthusiasts frequent Bartlett Lake for a variety of recreational opportunities, including shoreline camping in Arizona's natural desert terrain. While in this part of the Tonto National Forest, visitors may see mule deer, bald eagles, javelina, coyotes, and many indigenous desert plants, including the majestic saguaro, mesquite trees, and blooming ocotillo.



BOAT RENTALS

Bartlett Lake Marina is ideally located 17 miles northeast of Carefree and only one hour from Phoenix. Our marina offers a range of well equipped comfortable pontoon rental boats. All safety gear and full instruction are included. We welcome novices! You can trust our rental boats to keep you and your family safe while exploring the surrounding bays. We have a number of different pontoon boats for your party needs. We also offer a variety of packages from full day rentals, and weekend rental packages.



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