

# A Place for Many People

People come to Crescent Moon Ranch for lots of different reasons.

Some come to play, take photos, enjoy nature, cool off in the creek, relax, or make a spiritual connection. Some seek out Cathedral Rock and Red Rock Crossing because of their strong spiritual power. Whatever your reason for coming, enjoy and protect this special and sensitive place.

## Leave No Trace - Sin Dejar Huellas



**Know Before You Go.** Plan ahead for your trek, whether it is on foot, bike, or horseback. Be sure you are physically fit for the trip you have chosen and you know your route. Pack appropriately for the weather and take plenty of water.

**Prepárese antes de salir de casa.**



**Stick To Trails.** Damage to the biological soil crust takes 70 to 125 years to grow back. Prevent erosion and avoid damaging sensitive plants and organisms by staying on designated trails.

**Camine por los senderos marcados.**



**Trash Your Trash.** Pack out and dispose of any trash properly. Even “natural” waste, such as apple cores and orange peels, should be carried out. Pick up after your pet; thousands of pounds of dog feces contribute to *E. coli* bacteria in Oak Creek each year.

**Utilice los basureros.**



**Leave It As You Find It.** Leave plants, rocks, animals, and artifacts where you find them so that others can enjoy the discovery as well.

**Déjelo tal como lo encontró.**



**Keep Wildlife Wild.** Observe from a distance. Never feed wild animals or throw rocks or other objects at them. Keep pets on a leash.

**Permita que los animales salvajes se mantengan salvajes.**



**Be Considerate of Other Visitors.** Hike single file in small groups. Let nature’s sounds prevail. Avoid speaking loudly or making noise.

**Sea considerado con otros visitantes.**

## Follow the Rules - Siga las Reglas



**Day-use only—no camping**

Uso diurno. Prohibido acampar



**No glass containers**

within 300 feet of the creek

Prohibidos los envases de vidrio a menos de 300 pies del río



**No campfires**

Prohibidas las fogatas



**No charcoal grills**

outside of day-use area

Prohibidas las parrillas de carbón de leña fuera del área de uso diurno



**No fireworks**

Prohibidos los fuegos artificiales



**Keep pets on leash**

Mantenga sus mascotas con sus correas

**“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”**

—Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*, 1966

## Home to Rare Snakes

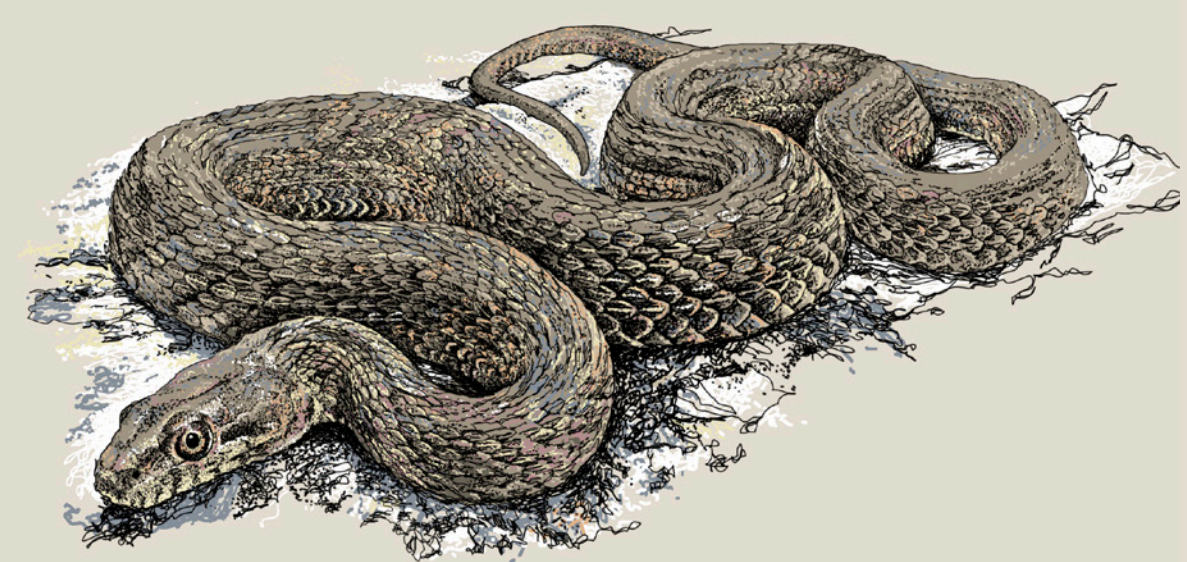
Two species of nonvenomous gartersnakes live near Oak Creek, where they hunt small fish. The **northern Mexican gartersnake** occurs here in the lower reaches of Oak Creek. The **narrow-headed gartersnake** lives upstream in Oak Creek Canyon as one of the last populations of its species in Arizona. It is against the law to harass, handle, hurt, or kill these rare reptiles. Stay on designated trails to avoid harming their streamside habitat.

## El Hogar de Culebras Poco Comunes

Dos especies de culebras *garter* no venenosas viven cerca de Oak Creek, donde ellas cazan peces pequeños. **La culebra garter mexicana nortea** (“northern Mexican gartersnake” en inglés) se encuentra en la parte baja de Oak Creek. **La culebra garter de cabeza angosta** (“narrow-headed gartersnake” en inglés) vive río arriba en el Cañón Oak Creek como una de las últimas poblaciones de su especie en Arizona. Es contra la ley molestar, recoger, herir o matar estos réptiles poco comunes. Manténgase en los senderos señalados para no dañar su hábitat ribereño.



**Northern Mexican Gartersnake**



**Narrow-headed Gartersnake**



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