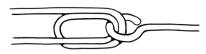
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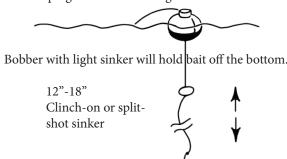
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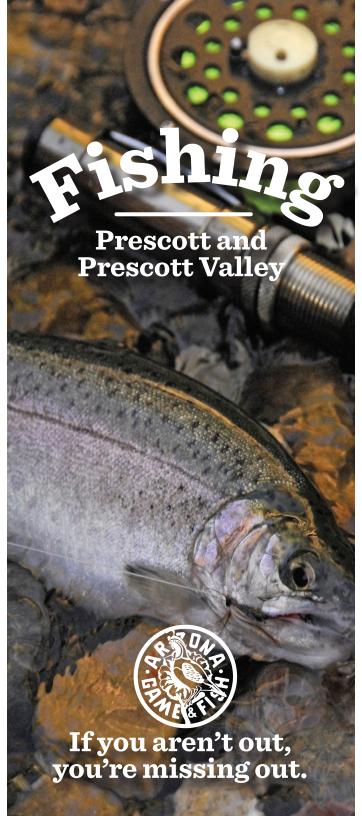
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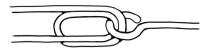
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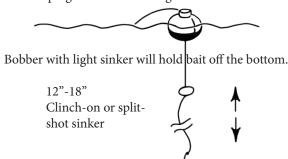
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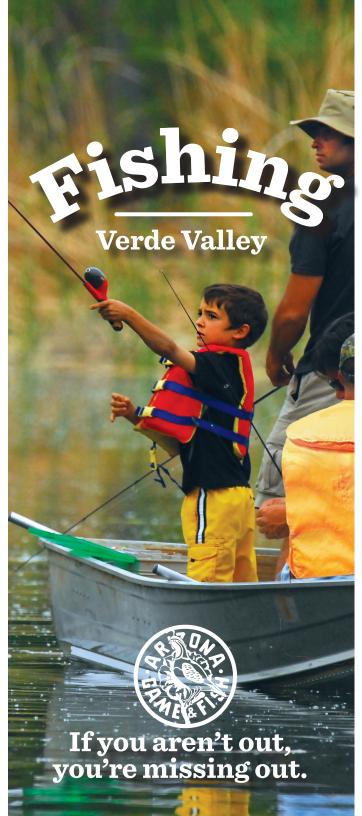
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# Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood

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Location: 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road From I-17, go west on Hwy 260 toward Cottonwood to Main Street (Hwy 89A) and turn left. Turn right from Main Street onto North 10th Street Park entrance will be in ¾ mile, toward the end of the road.

Amenities: The 423-acre park has three lagoons available for fishing. There are restrooms, visitor center, ramadas, camping, RV sites, cabins, hiking and biking trails, picnic areas and a boat launch. Only canoes and small boats without motors are allowed. The park also offers several access points to the Verde River for additional fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities.

# Mingus Lake, Prescott National Forest

*Location:* Between Prescott Valley and Jerome on Highway 89A, turn on Forest Road 104. Follow dirt road for about two miles. Watch for the lake on your right.

Amenities: There is one picnic table, a ramada/shelter, vault toilet, and garbage service. There is no drinking water at this location, so prepare accordingly. Although the access gate is locked after the first snow and does not reopen until spring, walk-in access is still permitted.

Fishing: Rainbow trout and bullhead.

## **FEES AND HOURS**

Hours and fees vary per lake. Visit the websites listed on the back cover for more information.

#### Verde River

Fishing: Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, sunfish, and crayfish.

#### Lower Tapco River Access Point, Town of Clarkdale

Location: 3400 Sycamore Canyon Road. From I-17, go west on Hwy 260 toward Cottonwood to Main Street (Hwy 89A) and turn left. Between Cottonwood and Clarkdale, turn right onto Tuzigoot Road, cross the Verde River, and then turn left onto Sycamore Canyon Road Travel 2.2 miles and turn left into the access point.

*Amenities:* This is a day use area with a canoe/kayak launch ramp, portable toilets, and hiking trails. Rainbow trout are not stocked in this section of the Verde River.

#### Tuzigoot Access Point, Town of Clarkdale

Location: 15 E. Tuzigoot Road. From Cottonwood, travel north on Hwy 89A, then Main Street, towards Clarkdale. Turn right onto Tuzigoot Road. Go across Verde River bridge and in about a quarter mile take the first turn right onto a dirt road. Follow the road about 300 yards to the river.

Amenities: This is a day use only area with hiking trails and a primitive canoe/kayak launch located approximately 500 feet downriver from the Tuzigoot Bridge. Rainbow trout are stocked at the site from mid-November through the end of March.

#### **Bignotti Access Point, Prescott National Forest**

Location: Between Cottonwood and Camp Verde, take Hwy 260 to Forest Road 147 (toward Thousand Trails RV Park). Left on 147A (watch for sign). Narrow dirt road crosses a flat area then winds down to the river. (Approximately 10-15 minutes off of paved road.) Accessible to all vehicles during dry weather. Not recommended when wet.

Amenities: Restrooms, picnic tables and grills. Rainbow trout are stocked at the site from mid-November through the end of March.

## White Bridge Access Point, Prescott National Forest

Location: Located in Camp Verde on the corner of Hwy 260 and Quarterhorse Lane,



Verde River

across the highway from the Verde Ranger Station. (From I-17, east on Hwy 260, first right after the bridge crossing the Verde River.)

Amenities: Restrooms, picnic tables and grills.

#### Beasley Flat Access Point, Prescott National Forest

Location: From I-17 in Camp Verde, go west on Hwy 260 (towards Payson). Turn right on Salt Mine Road (County Road 163; it's the first right after Main Street, shortly before the bridge over the Verde River). Follow the paved road for approximately 9 ½ miles to where it ends at a "T." Turn left (this is FR 334) and follow the gravel road ½ mile to Beasley Flat.

*Amenities*: Restrooms, picnic tables, ramadas, grills, canoe/ kayak launch, and hiking trail.

### River Front Park Access Point, City of Cottonwood

Location: 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road From I-17, go west on Hwy 260 toward Cottonwood to Main Street (Hwy 89A) and turn left. From Main Street, turn right on North 10th Street. In a quarter mile, turn right into Riverfront Park. At end of the parking lot are several paths to the river.

Amenities: Restrooms, picnic tables, hiking trails, dog park, and outdoor sports fields. Rainbow trout are stocked at the site from mid-November through the end of March.

## Black Bridge Access Point, Town of Camp Verde

Location: Montezuma Castle Highway at the Black Bridge. From Main Street (aka Finney Flat Road), turn north at the Circle K convenience store onto Montezuma Castle Highway. Drive north about a half mile and turn right into Rezzonico Family Park (next to the Camp Verde Public Library).

Amenities: Restrooms and picnic tables.

# Beaver Creek, Coconino National Forest

Fishing:
Rainbow trout largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, and crayfish.

Location: I-17 to the Sedona turn-off at Exit 298 (AZ Highway 179).



Beaver Creek

Leave the freeway here and drive 2 miles east on Forest Road 618 to the day use area. FR 618 is gravel and suitable for sedans in most weather.

*Amenities*: No other amenities. Stocked with rainbow trout in the spring and fall.

# West Clear Creek (Bull Pen), Coconino National Forest

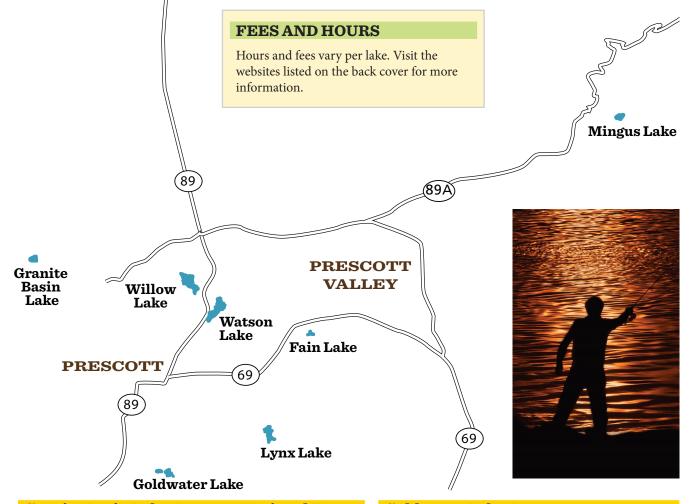
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Location: From I-17 in Camp Verde, take Exit 287 and turn east onto Hwy 260. Travel a little over 9 miles on Hwy 260 to Forest Road 618. Turn left (north) onto Forest Road 618. Drive north about 2 miles to Forest Road 215. Turn right (east) onto FR 215 and drive about 3 miles to the Bullpen Ranch trailhead.

Amenities: Restrooms and hiking trails.

West Clear Creek



# Granite Basin Lake, Prescott National Forest



Location: From downtown Prescott, go northwest on Montezuma Street, which turns into Whipple Street, which turns into Iron Springs Road. Continue on Iron Springs Road for approximately 3.5 miles. Turn right on Granite Basin Road

(Forest Road 374) and go approximately two miles into the recreation area.

*Amenities:* There are restrooms, camping, and picnic areas at the site. Hiking trails radiate out from this location. Only electric motors are permitted. Bring drinking water.

Fishing: Largemouth bass, sunfish, channel catfish, and bullhead.

# Goldwater Lake, Prescott



Location: 2900 S.
Goldwater Lake Road
Go south on Mount
Vernon Street, which turns
into Senator Highway. It
is about four miles to the
entrance of the lake. Turn

right and park in the designated parking spots.

Amenities: This 15-acre lake offers restrooms, picnic areas, and a boat launch ramp. Only electric motors are allowed on this lake. There is a ramada and the lake offers canoeing and kayaking opportunities. There are hiking trails and a playground. Canoe and kayak rentals are often available.

*Fishing:* Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, sunfish, channel catfish, and crayfish.

# Willow Lake, Prescott



Location: 1497 Heritage Park Road off Willow Creek Road near the Heritage Park Zoo.

Amenities: Boat launch ramp. Only electric motors are allowed on this lake. There is a courtesy dock, picnic ramadas, trails, and restrooms.

*Fishing:* Largemouth bass, sunfish, channel catfish, bullhead, and crayfish.

# Watson Lake, Prescott



Location: Four miles north of downtown at 3101 Watson Lake Road

Amenities: Watson Lake is an ideal location for local anglers. It is located close to town and offers two boat

launch areas, camp sites, trail system, kayak and canoe rentals, fish cleaning stations, picnic ramadas, picnic tables, barbeque grills, and restrooms.

*Fishing:* Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, sunfish, channel catfish, crappie, bullhead, and crayfish.

# Fain Lake, Prescott Valley



Location: From I-17, travel west on Highway 69 toward Prescott Valley, turn left on Glassford Hill Road. Turn right on 2nd Street and go past ADOT Road. Follow Fain Park signs to lake.

*Amenities:* Restrooms, tables, drinking water, and barrier free access. No boats allowed. There is a fishing dock and hiking trails available.

*Fishing:* After dredging in 2012, there was a one-time stocking of bass and bluegill. Fish commonly caught includes: rainbow trout and catfish. Brook and brown trout will also be stocked when available.

### Lynx Lake



Location: Located off Highway 69 between Prescott Valley and Prescott. Turn south on Walker Road and go approximately three miles to the entrance.

Amenities: Camping, RV facilities, boating for electric or 10 HP and less, hiking, restrooms, and picnic areas. There is a trail system around the lake. Small boat, kayak, andcanoe rentals are sometimes available on the northshore. Those bringing their own boat can launch from the south shore.

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Rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, sunfish, channel catfish, bullhead, carp, crappie, and crayfish.

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