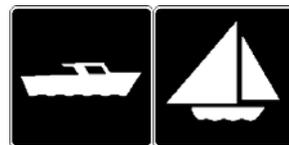


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BOATING

SAGUARO LAKE

RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger Station
5140 E. Ingram Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
Phone (480) 610-3300 Fax (480) 610-3346

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, water activities, camping and picnicking

FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle, \$2.00 per watercraft/per day
Golden Age/Golden Access: 1/2 off

ELEVATION

1,529 feet

BOATING-LAUNCHING SITE ON LAKE

Saguaro del Norte: 2 paved boat ramps

LOCATION AND ACCESS

From Mesa, travel 27 miles north on State Hwy. 87 to Bush Highway/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn right. Follow FR 204 for 4 miles to the Lake.

ATTRACTIONS

- Saguaro Lake is set in the Sonoran Desert and is rimmed with canyon walls
- As the name implies, the shores of the lake are studded with majestic Saguaro cactus.
- Try the upper reaches of the lake (east-end) for more seclusion.
- Boat access camping at the east end of the lake
- Tour-boat trips are available on the Desert Belle: (480) 671-0000.

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Saguaro Lake, Desert Charts*
- For lake-level information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com

CONSIDERATIONS

- On most weekends and holidays April - October, Saguaro Lake reaches its maximum boating capacity early in the day and additional boats are not allowed in.
- Be prepared for delays in boat access during summer weekends. Many of the Valley's radio stations carry advisories concerning crowding conditions.
- The bay in front of Butcher Jones and Saguaro del Norte is closed to motorized watercraft
- Group events (including fishing tournaments) require a permit. Contact the Mesa Ranger Station.
- The eastern end of the lake is closed to any wake from watercraft (please observe buoys)
- Motors generating a noise level of greater than 82 decibels are prohibited
- Direction of travel on the lake is counter-clockwise.
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Game and Fish Department and Forest Service enforce lake regulations.
- No trash service. **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Glass containers are not permitted
- CAUTION:** Lake-levels fluctuate daily, based on irrigation demand and power generation. Rocks and other obstacles often are near the water surface. Be aware that motor boating involves a degree of risk, and persons engaging in this activity assume the associated risks.

LAKE SIZE (FULL)

1,100 acres, 22 miles of shoreline, 116 feet maximum depth and 10 miles long

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Saguaro Lake Marina: Full-service marina, boat storage, boat rental, slips, fuel dock, bait & tackle, boat sewage tank dump, excursion boat, restaurant and ice: (480) 986-5546

Mesa: All services