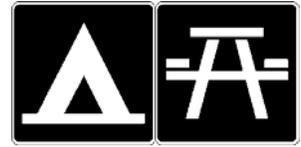


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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

VALENTINE RIDGE

RANGER DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley Ranger Station
P.O. Box 450
Young, AZ 85554
Phone: (928) 462-4300 Fax: (928) 462-4346

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, all-terrain bike trail and wildlife observation

SEASON OF USE

April - November

ELEVATION

6600 feet

FACILITIES

- Vault toilet, grills, picnic tables, and 10 camp units.
- No drinking water** available

FEES

None

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Access #1 (40 miles east of Payson) From Payson, travel 33 miles east on paved State Hwy. 260. Turn right on unpaved Young Road/Forest Road (FR) 512, and continue for approximately 5 miles to unpaved FR 188. Turn left on FR 188 and travel 2 miles to the site.

Access #2 (22 miles north of Young) From Young, take State Hwy. 288/Forest Road (FR) 512/Young Road, north for 20 miles to FR 188; turn right onto FR 188 and follow it for 2 miles to the site.

ATTRACTIONS

- Situated near Canyon Creek, known for its rainbow trout fishing
- A 9-mile all-terrain bicycle loop trail starts at the campground
- Wildlife includes: Abert squirrel, black bear, mountain lion, elk, turkey and deer.
- Arizona Game & Fish Department Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery is nearby. Public is welcome.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Both FR 512 and FR 188 are unpaved roads suitable for passenger vehicles
- Four-wheel-drive and/or chains maybe advisable after heavy snows
- Bear-proof your camp -- especially foodstuffs
- 4-trout limit
- In the winter, temperatures dips into the teens
- Not recommended for trailers **over 16 feet**
- A sewage dump facility is located at Ponderosa Campground on Highway 260, 15 miles east of Payson. There is a \$5.00 dump fee.
- No trash service: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Forest Lakes: Gas and food

Payson: All services

Young: Gas and food

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide, Arizona State Parks