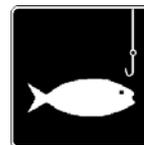


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FISHING

LOWER VERDE RIVER

RANGER DISTRICT

Cave Creek Ranger Station
40202 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Phone (480) 595-3300 Fax (480) 595- 3342

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Camping, picnicking, water activities and boating

SEASON OF USE

All year

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Fisherman's Point River Access Point (RAP):
(Elevation 1900 feet) From Carefree, take Cave Creek Road for 7 miles to Bartlett Road/Forest Road (FR) 19. Turn right on FR 19 and travel for 6 miles to the junction of FR 205. At this junction, turn left onto a maintained unpaved road. Continue 11 miles to Horseshoe Reservoir. Turn right on FR 205A and travel for approximately 1 mile to the base of the dam.

Mesquite Flat RAP: (Elevation 1860 feet) See Mesquite Flat Opportunity Guide.

Facilities: Vault toilets

Devils Hole RAP: (Elevation 1820 feet) **Access is for four-wheel-drive only.** From Carefree, take Cave Creek Road/FR 24 for 7 miles to Bartlett Road/FR 19. Turn right on FR 19 and travel for 90 miles to the junction of FR 532. Turn left on FR 532, and continue about 6 miles to Indian Springs Wash to the Verde River.

Facilities: None

Bartlett Flat RAP: (Elevation 1798 feet) See Bartlett Flat Recreation Opportunity Guide.

Facilities: Vault toilets and primitive boat launch

Riverside RAP: (Elevation 1600 feet) See Riverside Recreation Opportunity Guide.

Facilities: Vault toilets, grills and picnic tables

Needle Rock RAP: (Elevation 1550 feet) See Needle Rock Recreation Opportunity Guide.

Facilities: Vault toilets, grills and picnic tables

CONSIDERATIONS

• Help keep your trails clean; If you **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**

• **No drinking water** available at any of the RAPs

• If you plan to continue on the Verde River onto the Fort McDowell Reservation, contact the tribal authorities for permit information.

• Endangered species closures are posted below Horseshoe and Bartlett Dams. This closure is December 1 - June 30 annually. No land access is allowed during the closures. No stopping, disembarking or noise is allowed if traveling by boat.

• **Caution:** When approaching Bartlett Reservoir from the river, you may encounter mud/sand flats.

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Small-mouth and Largemouth Bass, Carp, Channel and Flathead Catfish

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

• **Carefree, Cave Creek and Scottsdale:** All services

• **Rio Verde:** Grocery items and fuel

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

• *Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks

• *Verde River Recreation Guide*, Jim Slingluff

• River-flow Information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com