

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Water was one of the most important reasons that the Tonto National Forest was established: watershed protection. Since then, the Salt and Verde rivers have had six dams constructed. While the damned water is of great value for irrigating fields and for domestic use, it is also very popular to for thousands of people who recreate in its waters every year.

Water recreation ranges from the simple to the sophisticated. Some activities require highly mechanized equipment, while other popular activities only require a swimming suit. Whatever your preferences, the Tonto National Forest has plenty to offer when it comes to water recreation.

There are also commercial partners who provide a variety of water-based recreation opportunities. See the [Commercial Partners website](#) for additional information.

CONSIDERATIONS

Although water recreation covers a wide spectrum of activities, one thing is common with all water activities: the potential for **accidents!!**

- Please be **very careful** while engaged in all water activities.
- Use extreme caution with children who are anywhere near water.
- Do not mix water and alcohol.
- If you cannot swim well, wear a personal flotation device -- PFD (life-vest)!!
- Use a good sunscreen
- Keep yourself hydrated: drink lots of water!!

OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the details concerning water recreation opportunities, please see the following Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs):

Bartlett Reservoir:

Rattlesnake Cove (WP-01-02)

South Cove (WP-01-05)

Canyon Lake:

Acacia Beach (WP-03-01)

Haigler Creek (WP-05-03)

Lower Salt River:

Coon Bluff (WP-03-04)

Goldfield (WP-03-05)

Blue Point Beach (WP-03-02)

Phon D Sutton (WP-03-06)

Salt River Tubing (CR-03-04)

Water Users (WP-03-08)

Lower Verde River:

Needle Rock (WP-01-01)

Saguaro Lake:

Saguaro Del Norte (WP-03-07)

Butcher Jones Beach (WP-03-03)

Seven Springs Creek (WP-01-03)

Water-skiing (WP-00-02)