

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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WATER-ACTIVITIES

GOLDFIELD

RANGER DISTRICT

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

NAME OF WATERWAY

Lower Salt River

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Tubing, boating, fishing and hiking

SEASON OF USE

Late Spring - fall
April 1 - October 31: Day-use only
Winter camping: October 15 – March 15

ELEVATION

1360 feet

FACILITIES

Vault toilets
No drinking water available

LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is 19 miles northeast of Mesa. From Mesa, travel 7 miles on U.S. Highway 60 to Power Road/Bush Highway/Forest Road (FR) 204, and turn north. Follow Bush Highway for 11 miles to FR 204A and turn left. Follow FR 204A for one mile to the site.

ATTRACTIONS

- Goldfield is a popular river-access point (RAP) for tubers floating the Lower Salt River
- This site is also a bus stop for Salt River Tubing

FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle (Day-use)
\$6.00 camping fee during season only

CONSIDERATIONS

- This area becomes quite crowded on hot summer weekends
- Bring sun block and tennis shoes if planning to float the river
- To avoid injury, wear shoes when wading in the river
- Pets must be on a leash
- No glass containers in the Lower Salt River area.
- CAUTION:** Fallen trees and other materials in the river can trap swimmers and floaters:
BEWARE!! Alcohol, sun and water are deadly combinations
- Please use trash receptacles

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Salt River Tubing: Tube rentals, bus service and snacks

Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort: Lodging, food and stable

Saguaro Lake Marina: Full-service marina, fishing supplies, ice, water, restaurant and phones

Mesa: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- For river-flow information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com