



ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

Community Fishing Program

- Celebrating 30 Years of Bringing Fish to the People!
- 15 Communities and Growing!
- 35 total waters with more to come!
- New Waters in Gilbert
- More lakes + More Fish = More fun!



Arizona's Community Fishing Program motto is:
**"If people can't get to the fish,
we'll bring fish to the people."**

We take great pride in providing a fun, family-friendly fishing opportunity at city park lakes and ponds across Arizona. For 30 years, we've been providing excellent customer value through the consistent, reliable delivery of quality fish throughout the year. In 2014 we expanded the Program to more waters. In 2015, we will continue to work with new communities to bring more fish to more waters for more people.

35 waters to fish!

As of 2015, we have established fishing waters in
15 Arizona communities.

For more detailed information on specific locations of the Community Fishing Waters see the lake and park maps within this Guidebook. You can also find additional information at www.azgfd.gov or pick up a copy of the 2015 Arizona Fishing Regulation booklet at your local license dealer.

Fish Stocked in Community Fishing Waters

(see page 6 for new delivery schedules)



CHANNEL CATFISH 13-18 INCHES
(stocked in the spring and fall)



BLUEGILL 5-7 INCHES
(stocked once in spring)



RAINBOW TROUT 10-13 INCHES
(stocked in the winter)

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is the state agency charged with conserving and managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resources. Its money comes from the sale of licenses, permits, fees and federal excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment and boats. Policies are decided by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor.

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Welcome to Arizona's Community Fishing Program

New name, same great program, and more locations



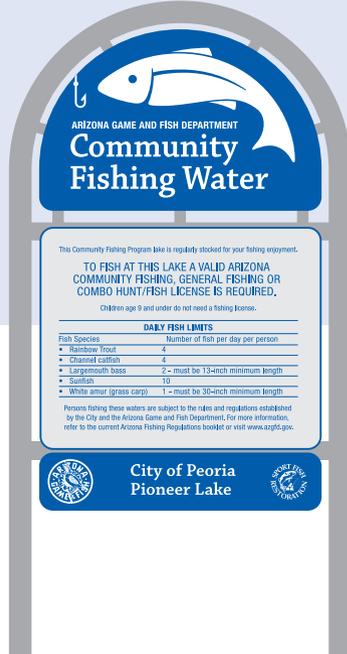
Whether you are an experienced, occasional or new angler, the Arizona Community Fishing Program offers fishing opportunities that you are sure to enjoy. There are currently 35 city park lakes participating in the Program, a partnership between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and 15 cities across the state. Detailed maps and park-specific information on all Community Fishing waters are found on pages 19-63. To ensure fishermen have a good chance of catching fish, plenty of ready-to-catch fish are stocked during the fall, winter and spring seasons.

More than 4 million Arizona residents live within a 20-minute drive of a stocked Community Fishing Program lake. Close by and convenient, all the parks offer parking, restrooms and other amenities to make your fishing trip and park visit enjoyable.

Why fish community lakes?

- All lakes are regularly stocked
- Lakes and parks are well maintained
- Fishing is a fun and rewarding sport
- Anyone can fish
- Fishing is relaxing and peaceful
- Parks are pleasant and safe environments
- Fish are safe to eat and good for you

Distinctive Community Fishing Program signs are posted at key locations at all participating waters, uniquely identifying these fisheries from other city waters. The signs also highlight the fishing license requirements and special bag limit regulations that apply to Community Fishing waters.



2015 Changes & Highlights

35 waters to fish! A new location has been added in Gilbert. We've changed Water Ranch to a Special Regulation water with catch-and-release for bass and sunfish. See the inside cover and table of contents for a complete listing, or look for NEW fishing locations identified in the lake and park map section on pages 19-63.



New name and look With so many changes taking place in 2014 including the addition of 70 percent more waters and simplification of the fishing and hunting license structure, we took the opportunity to change the program's name from Urban Fishing to Community Fishing Program. We believe this better describes the concept of interacting with and engaging local communities in fishing recreation. The expansion to new locations will bring fun and convenient fishing experiences into neighborhoods and communities across Arizona.

Simpler licenses make it easier to go fishing Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Game and Fish Department's license menu shrank to a simple list of five fishing options, including the Community Fishing license. All extra privileges and stamps have been bundled into the General Fishing license creating value and new opportunity. This is exciting because it means *anglers can now fish Community Fishing waters using any valid fishing or combination hunt and fish license.*

All 35 lakes and ponds in this guidebook are specially designated Community Fishing Program waters that require one of the following licenses for anglers 10 years of age or older:

- Community Fishing, or
- General Fishing, or
- Youth Combination Hunt and Fish (ages 10-17), or
- Combination Hunt and Fish (18 and over)

What stays the same

- All original urban fishing waters will continue to be managed and stocked with fish in the same amounts. See pages 6-7 for fish stocking details.
- Daily bag limits for designated lakes and ponds are the same except for Water Ranch.
- Commitment to quality, customer service, and angler satisfaction.
- Reliable, consistent, 100% on-time delivery of healthy, tasty, ready-to-catch fish.



Community Fishing Regulations at a Glance

The Game and Fish Commission specially designates certain municipal lakes and ponds as Community Fishing Program waters. These waters have their own special rules and regulations. Here are some key Community Fishing regulations anglers should be aware of.

License Requirements: All persons 10 years or older, while fishing any public fishing water in Arizona, must have on their person a current Arizona fishing or combination (combo) hunt and fish license. Community Fishing Program waters require any of the following license types.¹

AGE	LICENSE TYPE	FEE	
		RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Under age 10	No license required		
Ages 10 - 17	Youth Combo Hunt/Fish	\$5	\$5
Age 18 and over	Community Fishing	\$24	\$24
	General Fishing	\$37	\$55
	Combo Hunt/Fish	\$57	\$160
	Short Term Combo Hunt/Fish <i>Valid one day only</i>	\$15/day	\$20/day
Age 70 and over and AZ resident past 25 years	Pioneer – Combo Hunt/Fish <i>Available only from Game and Fish offices</i>	Complimentary	N/A

¹Other valid licenses include blind and disabled veteran complimentary licenses, and youth-group two-day fishing license.

ALL Arizona fishing and combo hunt/fish licenses:

- Are valid for one year (365 days) from date of purchase.
- Include Community Fishing privileges, valid at any of the 35 waters found in this guidebook.
- Include the two pole privilege, allowing for the simultaneous fishing with two poles (lines) in the water at once. This privilege applies to Community Fishing licenses also.
- Are valid for ALL fish species including trout.

Licenses can be purchased at any one of 320 convenient sporting goods or retail dealers statewide, any Game and Fish office, or online at www.azgfd.gov.

GOODBYE EXTRA STAMPS!



Operation: GAME THIEF
Report Violators
Call 24/7, 1-800-352-0700



Bag and Size Limits

Community Fishing waters are designated either as a lake or a pond and have different daily bag limits. Lake or pond status is specified throughout this guidebook and on signs posted at each park.

FISH SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMITS		MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
	Lakes	Ponds	
Catfish	4	2	None
Trout	4	2	None
Bass	2	1	13 inches or more
Sunfish: <i>various species including bluegill, redear, green and hybrid</i>	10	5	None
White Amur (grass carp)	1	1	30 inches or more
Other	None	None	None

Once you catch a fish and do not release it, it now counts toward your daily bag limit. This includes any fish you catch and give away to someone else. Once your daily limit is reached, you must stop fishing for that species.

Method of Take, Use of Bait

Angling:

- All new fishing and combo licenses allow the angler to fish with two poles or lines simultaneously. In no case are more than two poles allowed to be used at the same time.
- Anglers may have no more than two hooks, or one artificial lure with more than one hook attached, or two artificial flies or lures, attached to the same line or pole.
- No snagging or use of seine nets, cast nets or dip nets to capture sport fish.

Other:

- Park rules and regulations vary by city and are identified on signage at each park. Posted open park hours are also the times that anglers may fish.
- When fishing, Game and Fish laws require you to attend your line, that is, stay near your fishing pole at all times.
- When fishing, the hook, fly or lure must be used in such a manner that the fish voluntarily attempt to take it in their mouths.
- It is a violation to fail to keep all edible portions of fish in an edible condition or to

leave fish to die. This is wasting “game” meat.

- It is illegal to transport live fish from a lake or to transfer live fish from one body of water to another. Unauthorized stocking of fish, minnows and crayfish is illegal.
- The use of live bait fish (such as minnows) is illegal at all Tucson area lakes (Silverbell, Kennedy, Lakeside and Sahuarita), and also at Green Valley Lakes in Payson.
- It is a violation to litter. This includes hooks, fishing line, bait containers, wrappers, etc.



All About Fish Stockings

Stocked Fish

Catfish – Ready-to-catch channel catfish averaging 1.5-2 pounds (14-18 inches) are stocked during the warmer seasons in the spring and the fall. Farm-raised catfish are delivered by contracted fish suppliers based in Arkansas.

Trout – Catchable rainbow trout from 10-13 inches are stocked during the winter season from four sources. Two Colorado-based trout farms are contracted to supply most of the fish, and a trout vendor in Arizona will provide fish for expansion waters in the Phoenix area. Game and Fish state trout hatcheries will continue to stock fish into Tempe Town Lake and the four Yuma area waters.

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish – Adult sunfish from 5-8 inches are stocked once annually in the spring. These fish are brought in from Arkansas farm ponds.

Annual Stocking Schedules – Primary Fish Delivery Strategies

With new Community Fishing locations come more adaptable and customized fish stocking strategies. These distinct strategies will be applied to the Community Fishing waters.

“Traditional” strategy: 21 waters will be stocked with catchable catfish or trout from September to June, at two-week intervals. Catfish are stocked 4 times in the fall and 7 times in the spring. There are 9 trout stockings in the winter, and one sunfish stocking in the spring for 21 total stockings per year.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 STOCKINGS						
Catfish		4						7		
Sunfish								1		

“Expansion” strategy: 7 waters in the Phoenix area, and 4 waters in the Yuma area, will be routinely stocked with catchable catfish or trout from October to June, at two-month intervals. Catfish are stocked once each in October, April and June. Trout are stocked once in December and again in February, and sunfish are stocked in June for at least 6 total stockings per year.*

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1
Sunfish										1

*Note: All 4 Yuma-area waters receive monthly stockings of hatchery trout from November to March.



“Trout Only” strategy: Only catchable rainbow trout are stocked into Payson’s Green Valley Lakes from October to May, every two weeks (15 total stockings). Tempe Town Lake receives hatchery trout 5 times from November to March, monthly.

Payson - Green Valley Lakes (Trout Only)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout		15 STOCKINGS								

Tempe Town Lake (Trout Only)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1	1			

“Custom” Strategy: Waters in this category may receive stockings tailored to meet special demands. Water Ranch in Gilbert is a great example as a Special Regulation Water where trout will be stocked monthly from November to February (4 stockings), catfish will be stocked monthly in September, October, March, and April (4 stockings), and bass and sunfish will be stocked once in the spring, for a total of 10 stockings.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish	1	1					1	1		
Largemouth Bass							1			
Sunfish							1			



About the Community Fishing Program



The nationally acclaimed Arizona Community Fishing Program is a significant contributor to quality of life for urban residents. Fishing is a wholesome activity well suited for families and anglers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Spending time in the outdoors at a beautiful park setting is relaxing and enjoyable, and catching a tasty fish is a great benefit.

Partnerships with Parks

There would be no Community Fishing Program without the support and participation of willing cities across the state. Community Fishing waters are all located in city park lakes that are funded, managed and maintained by the cities for public use and enjoyment. Parks departments pay annual fees to the Department to help offset the high costs associated with the stocking of fish and installation of signage.

Growth and What's Next?

The expansion of the Community Fishing Program to include more locations is a testament to the Department's commitment to "bring fish to the people." The rebranded Community Fishing Program is positioned to expand even more in the years ahead. As the economy recovers and city budgets grow, new park construction projects will follow that include new lakes for fishing. With the successful expansion of the Community Fishing concept to waters in the Yuma area, more areas across the state will be considered. **Our Goal is become established in at least**

36 Arizona Communities by 2025.

Funding and SFR partnership

Funding support for the Community Fishing Program is based on a user play, user pay model. The program is financed by the sale of fishing licenses, Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Program (federal) funds, and annual fees collected from the city parks and recreation departments. SFR funds originate from federal taxes that are collected every time an angler purchases fishing equipment or merchandise. These funds are returned to the states to spend on sport fishing programs and fish stocking.



The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives no money from Arizona's general fund. Your purchase of a fishing license contributes to the department's ability to manage wildlife.



Where to Get More Information

Current information on Program activities and stocking schedules is prepared every two weeks in the Community Fishing Program Bulletin. Bulletins are posted at Fishing Information Stations at your nearest Community Program lake or they can be downloaded from the Web at www.azgfd.gov. To receive your free copy of the bi-weekly Community Fishing Program Bulletin or the weekly Fishing Report, subscribe under AZGFD eNews.

Game and Fish Online Fishing Information

www.azgfd.gov/fishing

Community Fishing Program (CFP):

- CFP Bulletin Bi-weekly newsletter, what's biting
- CFP Stocking Schedule Weekly fish stocking schedules
- CFP Lake Locations Find nearest lake, see lake maps
- Find links to all participating park websites



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TUCSON	555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson 85745.....	(520) 628-5376
MESA	7200 E. University Drive, Mesa 85207.....	(480) 981-9400



Basic Fishing Setups

Proper rigging of your hooks, weights and baits is a fundamental part of your fishing success. The following methods have proven to work well for trout, catfish and sunfish in urban waters. Use lighter line and smaller hooks and weights for trout and bluegill. Some baits such as worms are effective for all fish; however, most other baits are species-specific.

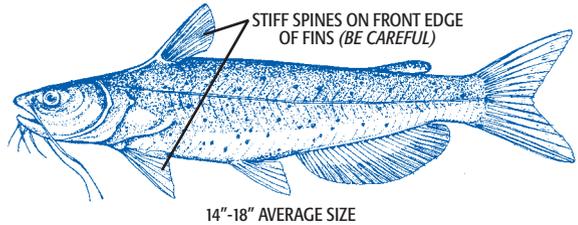
NOTE: See the inside back cover for illustrations and a complete checklist of the essential fishing equipment and baits that are recommended for community fishing.

Channel Catfish

Line: 8 to 12 lb. test

Hook Size: 2 to 6 baitholder

Bait: Worms, stink baits, hotdogs, liver, shrimp



Catfish are best caught using a hook and sinker setup (**fig. 1 and fig. 2**). Catfish bite best in darker environments. Fish the deepest spots during the daytime and shallower areas after dark.

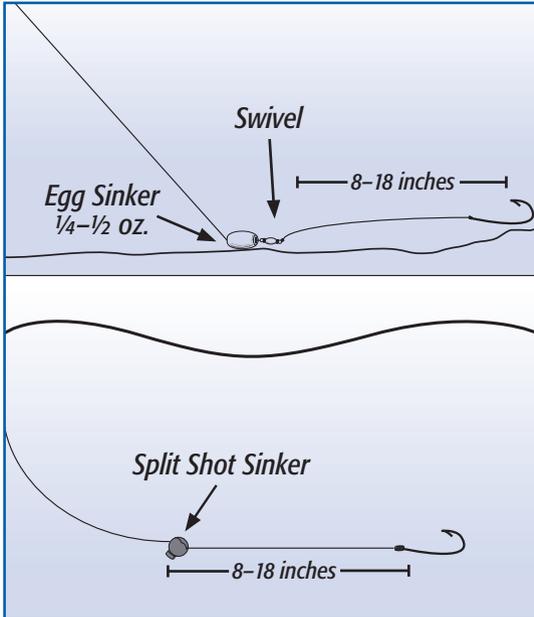


Figure 1:
Egg Sinker Setup

Figure 2:
Split Shot Sinker Setup

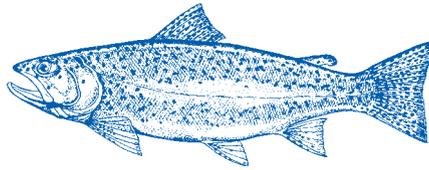


Rainbow Trout

Line: 4 to 6 lb. test

Hook Size: 8 to 12 baitholder

Bait: Worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait



10"-12" AVERAGE SIZE

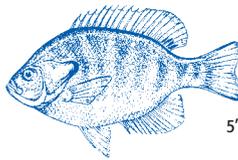
When using prepared floating baits, the bottom fishing set up with an egg sinker is most effective (**fig. 1**). When fishing for trout, use the egg sinker set-up with 2- or 4-pound line tied below the swivel to the hook. Fishing with a bobber (**fig.3**) can work well for trout when using non-floating baits such as worms or salmon eggs. For trout lures, small in-line spinners such as Panther Martins or Mepps, or spoons such as KastMasters or Super Dupers, can be effective.

Sunfish

Line: 2 to 6 lb. test

Hook Size: 8 to 12 baitholder

Bait: Worms, mealworms, corn



5"-8" AVERAGE SIZE

Sunfish or bluegill can be caught using the bobber setup (**fig. 3**). Use a small pencil or round bobber and fish along the lake edges in 4-8 feet of water. Use enough weight below the bobber so that it can be pulled underwater easily. Try to cover up the hook with the bait.

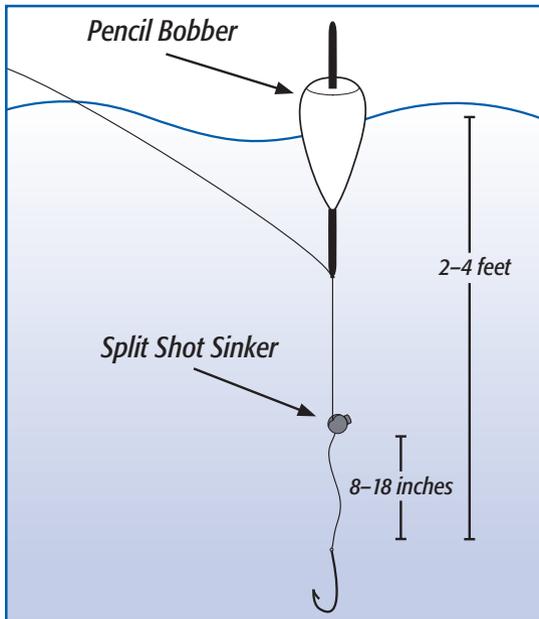
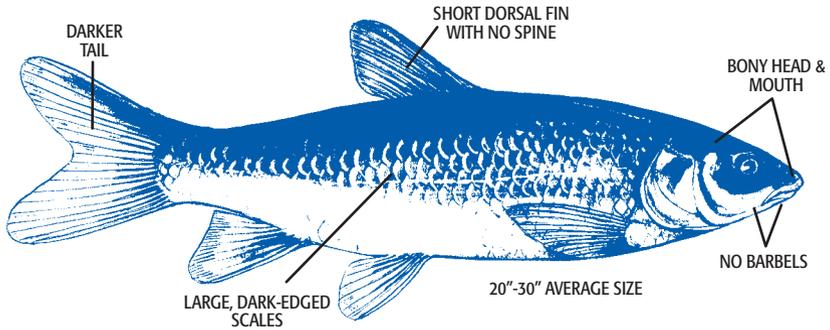


Figure 3: Bobber Setup



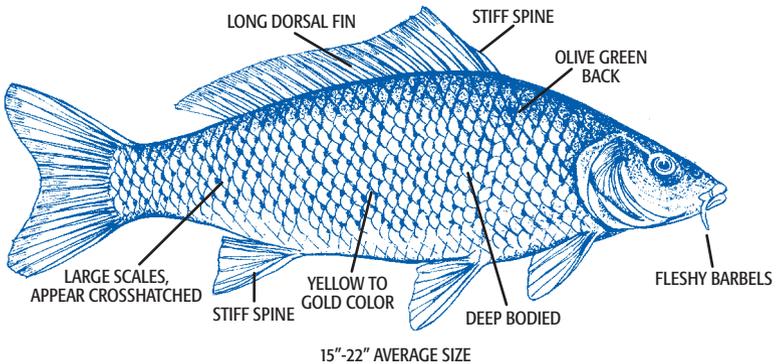
Know the difference between these two carp species!

Keep white amur in our lakes. They are helping to keep our waters clean and free of weeds. If caught, please consider releasing them unharmed.



White Amur (also called Grass Carp - Limit 1 fish 30" minimum length)

White Amur (also called grass carp) are weed eating fish specially stocked by lake managers to control aquatic weed problems. They are an important biological tool used to rid lakes of nuisance weeds and algae, helping to reduce or eliminate the need to apply chemicals in the water. Stocked white amur are expensive, certified as sterile, and will not reproduce. These "underwater lawnmowers" are vital to keeping lakes clean, healthy and fishable.



Common Carp (Unlimited harvest)

Common Carp are found in some lakes. They are not stocked, but can reproduce in some of the larger lakes. A variation of the common carp, the Israeli or mirror carp, is found in Tempe Town Lake and is very unique with irregular sized and spaced scales along the sides.



Proper Release Methods

Fish are a valuable resource, and fishing for them is a fun and exciting recreational experience. Fresh fish are also a great source of nutrition. Keeping only what you plan to eat and releasing the rest is good stewardship of this precious resource. By limiting your harvest, and practicing good catch-and-release techniques, you can help preserve the fishery and ensure that fish remain for another day.

Fish can easily die when subjected to excessive handling and poor release techniques. The fish may swim away at first, but likely dies in a matter of minutes or days if it is left out of the water too long, covered in dirt, squeezed too hard, or injured from forced removal of a deeply impaled hook. **The following catch-and-release tips will greatly improve the fish's chance of survival.**

Do's:

Quick hook sets: Avoid letting fish swallow hooks by paying attention to your line.

Quick retrieve: Exhaustion stress can be fatal, the longer you play a fish, the more stress it endures.

Wet hands and a gentle touch: Handling fish with wet hands will help keep their protective slime from coming off.

Keep the fish in the water as much as possible: It is best to unhook the fish while it is still in the water. If you want a picture, have your camera ready to go and limit holding the fish out of the water for too long.

Carefully remove the hook: Grasp the hook firmly and back it out the same direction it went in. Use pliers, a hook removal tool, or grasp the hook at the eyelet.

Quick Release: Gently place the fish back into the water. If it doesn't swim away, you may need to move the fish forward and back under water so oxygen flows over the gills and it can recover.

Don'ts:

Avoid forcefully removing swallowed hooks: If the hook is embedded down the throat, clip the line as close to the eye of the hook as possible. Hooks will dissolve over time. A fish that has a hook pulled out from its throat has less than a 50% chance of survival. A fish with the hook left in its throat has a 90% chance.

Avoid touching the gills or eyes: Holding a fish by the gills can be lethal; these are extremely sensitive and easily damaged organs.

Avoid letting the fish flop around on the ground: A fish can easily harm itself on land and lose some of its protective slime coating. It is best to minimize the amount of time it spends out of the water.

Avoid a firm grip: Fish are slippery and wiggly. Instinct will lead an angler to tighten their grip on the fish, and potentially crush their internal organs with force.

Other helpful techniques may include using barbless hooks, circle hooks, hook removal tools, and rubberized nets for handling fish.



Caring For and Preparing Your Catch

If you're going to eat your catch, you should know how to care for it from the hook to the frying pan. Nothing tastes better than a freshly caught fish. Our urban lakes offer high quality fish that are delicious, nutritious, and an affordable alternative to buying fish from a store.

Responsible anglers catch only what they plan to eat – making sure the fish does not go to waste before it is eaten. Here are some tips to keep your catch fresh and tasty, and avoid having to throw a fish away.

- **A cool, moist place to put your catch.** One of the quickest ways a fish can go bad is by being left in a warm area (on land or in the water). A good solution is to bring an ice chest with enough ice for the trip and immediately place the catch on ice. You can also keep the fish on a stringer if the water is cool.
- **Keep the fish alive until you are ready to leave.** The longer you can keep a fish alive and fresh, the better it will taste when you eat it. Using a wire basket or a stringer is a typical tactic used by most anglers. If using a stringer, thread the stringer through the fish's lower jaw instead of the gills. This keeps the fish alive a lot longer. Once you are ready to leave the lake, place the fish in a cooler or container. When you leave, remember it is against the law to transport your fish alive in water.
- **Clean the fish as soon as you get home, and store it properly:** The sooner you get home and gut and clean your fish, the better it will taste. Once properly cleaned, the fish will keep for up to 2–3 days in the refrigerator sealed in a container. If you need to store it for longer, you can freeze it in water or a ziplock bag and it will keep for 2–4 months.

For tips and instructions on preparing your catch, including gutting, filleting and cleaning your fish, go to www.takemefishing.org. Click on the Fishopedia tab and go to Preparing Your Catch.

Hundreds of recipes for cooking and preparing delicious trout and catfish can be found at www.foodnetwork.com/recipe. Enter "trout" or "catfish" in the search box.



How to Fillet a Fish

Filleting a freshly-caught fish is a breeze. As you begin, have a razor-sharp fillet knife at hand. Put on a protective glove and you're ready to go!

- 1.** Set fish on a cutting board or other flat surface. Grasp it by the head or jaw and cut immediately behind the gill cover. Holding a slight angle back toward the gill, cut down until the knife blade hits bone, but don't cut into the bone.
- 2.** Turn the blade so it is pointed toward the tail (parallel to the rib cage) and cut back toward the tail. Holding the head firmly, use a slight back-and-forth sawing motion. A razor-sharp knife glides through meat and you can easily tell if you cut into the rib bones. If you do, wait until you have the fillet in hand, then trim off any small pieces of bone.
- 3.** Once you reach the tail, don't cut all the way through the skin, but flip the fillet over so the skin side is on the cutting board. To separate flesh from skin, insert the knife through the flesh near the tail (just above and parallel to the skin) and cut forward while holding onto the body.
- 4.** Remove the rib cage (if necessary). Cut around it at a slight angle to save as much meat as possible while not cutting through the ribs.
- 5.** When all fillets are ready, rinse them thoroughly. If you are going to freeze them, put them in slightly salted water overnight in the refrigerator first. This produces milder-tasting fish fillets.



Use freezer bags for freezing your fillets. Include just enough fillets in a bag for a single meal. Fill the bag with enough water to cover the fillets and freeze it all. You're done!

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Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic invasive species in Arizona are defined as “any aquatic species that is not native, and whose introduction may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.” Typically they are moved from lake to lake by common recreational activities such as boating and fishing. When these invaders come into contact with our native, resident species, they often out-compete them for food and territory because there are no natural predators to stop them.

What you can do

- To prevent spreading aquatic invasive species, at the end of every fishing trip make sure to **remove any visible mud, plants or fish** from your equipment.
- **Clean, drain and dry** all equipment before using it again.
- **Don't transport or stock live fish** (or aquatic plants). It's illegal.
- Find out more at www.azgfd.gov/mussels

Do not move fish between waters or introduce fish to waters from which they did not come. Doing so can have far-reaching consequences, posing threats to resident fish and perhaps infecting waters and spreading disease.



Arizona's Community Fishing Program Most Unwanted Invasive Species:

- 1. Golden Alga** is a one-celled microscopic alga that produces a toxin that can kill fish and clams. It is already found in numerous Arizona waters including some Community Fishing waters in the Phoenix area. The algal toxins are harmless to humans, pets and birds.
- 2. Quagga mussel** is a shelled bivalve that attaches to many different surfaces, natural and man-made. It filters the water through a siphon and eats large amounts of microscopic algae, the base of the food web. A single adult can produce four million larvae (called “veligers”) a year, quickly clogging pipes and blanketing large areas of the lake bottom. Quagga mussels were discovered in Red Mountain Lake in 2012.
- 3. Crayfish** are sometimes used as bait. They consume large quantities of aquatic plants, fish, and even each other. They annoy anglers by stealing their bait.
- 4. Tropical fish** such as *Plecostomus* (alga eaters), goldfish, pacu and even piranhas have been illegally released from fish tanks and ponds. They carry diseases, prey on food items important to sport fish, and may create fear and panic when found.
- 5. Hydrilla and other tropical/aquarium plants** can rapidly infest ponds, becoming a nuisance as they cover the surface or the bottom. Expensive to control, they can be a persistent pest.



Are the Fish Safe to Eat? Is the Water Safe for Fish?

Yes. The fish stocked into Community Fishing waters are fresh off the farm and safe to eat. These fish farms are inspected regularly, maintain current health certifications, and have excellent reputations.

During each stocking, the fish are also inspected by Game and Fish biologists to ensure that only healthy fish are delivered into the community lakes and ponds and established protocols are followed. It's very likely that the fish you catch made the journey from the fish farm less than two months ago.

Many people may not realize it, but a greenish water color and reduced water clarity is a good sign. It means a lake is productive. The color you see is a planktonic algae community that supports a food chain that allows fish in community waters to feed, reproduce and grow.

Game and Fish biologists regularly check the Community lakes to verify that the water is safe for the fish. Parks departments and lake management consultants also keep an eye on the lakes and use best management practices to control nuisance weeds and algae, monitor fish health, and keep our lakes clean from pollutants and litter.

Finally, remember that proper care, cleaning and cooking of your catch will ensure a delicious meal with many health benefits.



Rainbow Trout stocking at Rio Vista Pond, Peoria





Community Fishing Program Waters

This section includes maps and specific information on each of the 35 Community Fishing Program waters located in 15 cities across Arizona.

- Lakes are grouped by city, and key lake and city park information is listed to ensure you have a pleasant and enjoyable fishing experience when you visit.
- All parks have parking, restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, handicap access, and much more. Facilities, landscaping and lakes are well maintained by parks staff.
- Community Fishing Program bulletin boards and regulation signs are posted at all lakes to keep you informed of the current fishing regulations and license requirements.
- Enjoy fishing the park lakes. Please help keep your community parks clean and follow the rules and regulations.

Key to map symbols



Parking



Boat Ramps



Covered Ramadas



Restrooms



Handicap Access



Playgrounds



Information Stations



Dog Parks

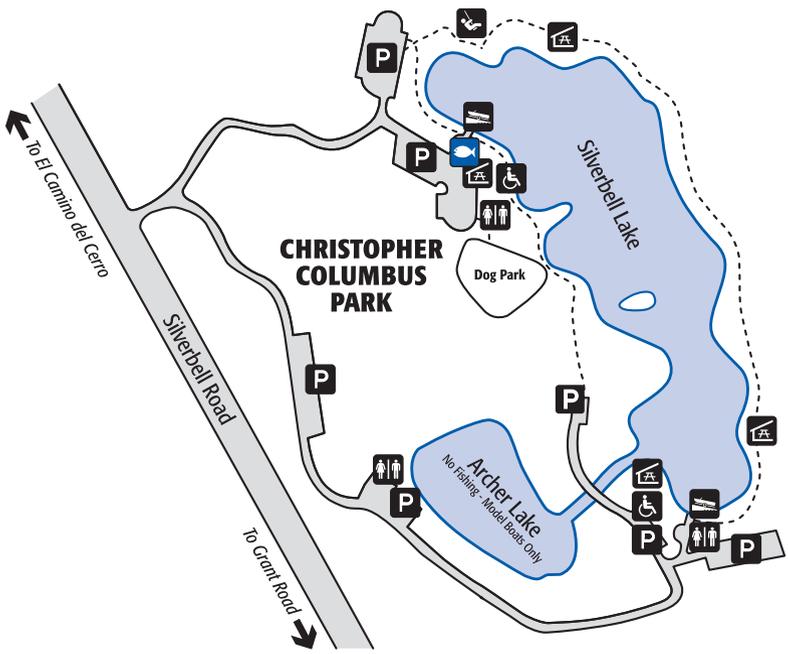
Tucson Area Community Lakes



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Silverbell Lake



Location: Christopher Columbus Park
4600 N. Silverbell Road
Tucson, AZ 85745

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 7 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. No fishing allowed in Archer Lake. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Boating
- Large Shade Trees
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Dog Park
- Model Airplane Area
- Model Boat Lake (Archer Lake)

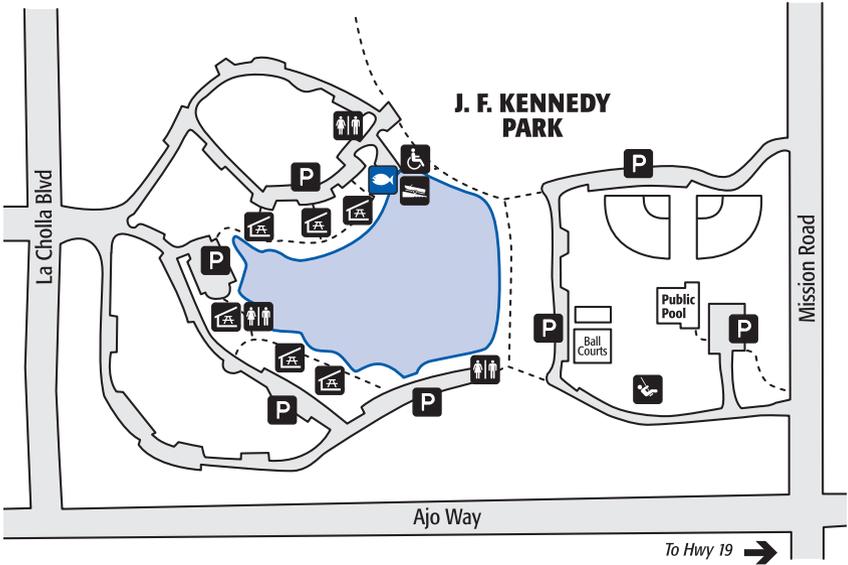
Joined CFP in 1984



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Kennedy Lake



Location: J. F. Kennedy Park
3600 S. La Cholla Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85713

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper flotation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

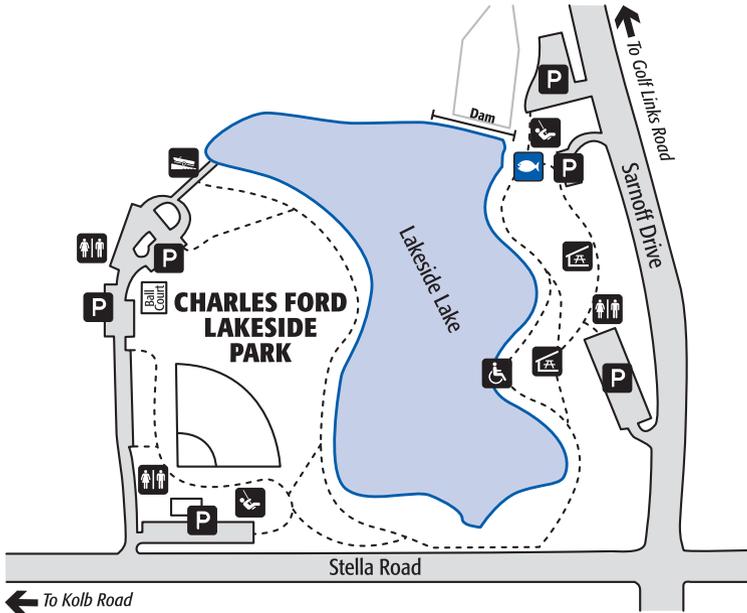
- Boating
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Swimming Pool

Joined CFP in 1984



Lakeside Lake

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Chuck Ford Lakeside Park
8300 E. Stella Road
Tucson, AZ 85730

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 14 acres at full capacity.
Maximum depth 35 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Boating
- Playgrounds
- Sports Fields
- Walking Trail

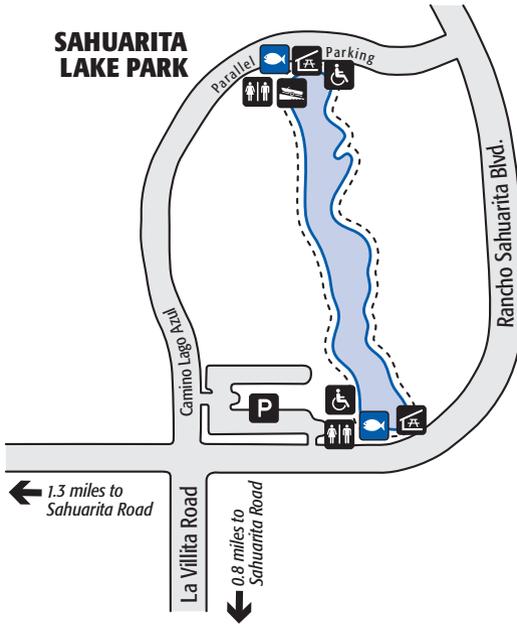
Joined CFP in 1986



Sahuarita Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			



Location: Sahuarita Lake Park
15466 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers, littering, cleaning of fish on premises, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Gas motors prohibited. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Animals must be restrained by a leash at all times. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

Sahuarita Parks and Recreation
(520) 822-8896
www.sahuaritaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Boating
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Group Ramadas
- Walking Trail

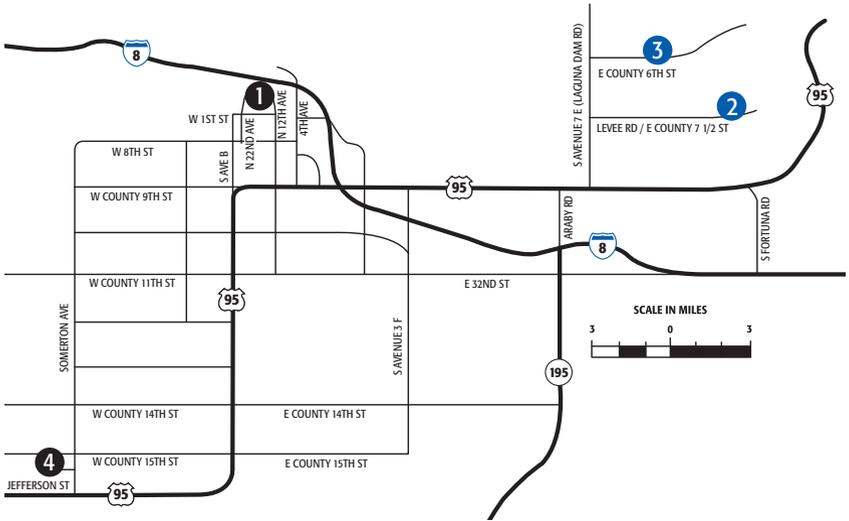
Joined CFP in 2002





West Wetlands Pond, Yuma

Yuma Area Community Lakes & Ponds



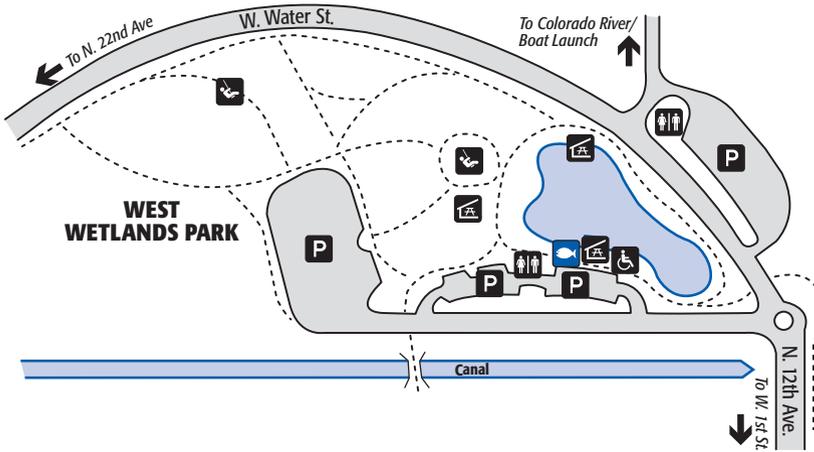
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Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month, plus extra trout

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish		1						1		1

West Wetlands Pond



Location: West Wetlands Park
282 North 12th Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1.3 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Leashed dogs are permitted in the park. Motorized vehicles are not permitted off roadways and are to be parked in designated areas only. No open fires are permitted. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Yuma Parks and Recreation - (928) 373-5243
www.yumaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

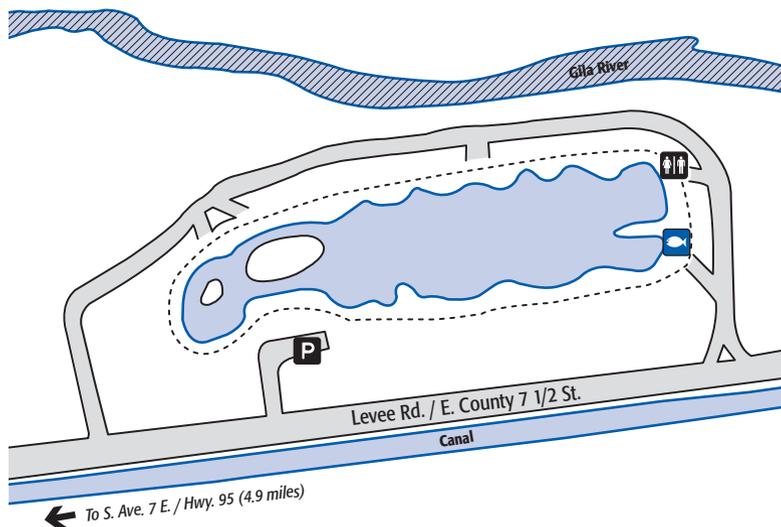
- Ramadas
- Walking Trails
- Playgrounds

Joined CFP in 2014



Fortuna Lake

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: From I-8, turn north on Araby Road and travel 1.5 miles to Highway 95. Turn east on Highway 95 and travel ½ mile to Ave. 7 E. Turn north on Ave. 7 E and travel 1.5 miles to the levee. The levee is on the north side of the Main Outlet Drain. Turn east on the levee road and travel approximately 3.4 miles, Fortuna Pond will be on your left.

Park Hours: Open 24 hours.

Size: 9 acres.

Rules: Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor. Camping limited to 14 days. No facilities on site.

For more park information, contact:
 Yuma Region AZ Game and Fish Office (928-342-0091), Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (928-317-3200)
www.blm.gov (search: Fortuna)

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

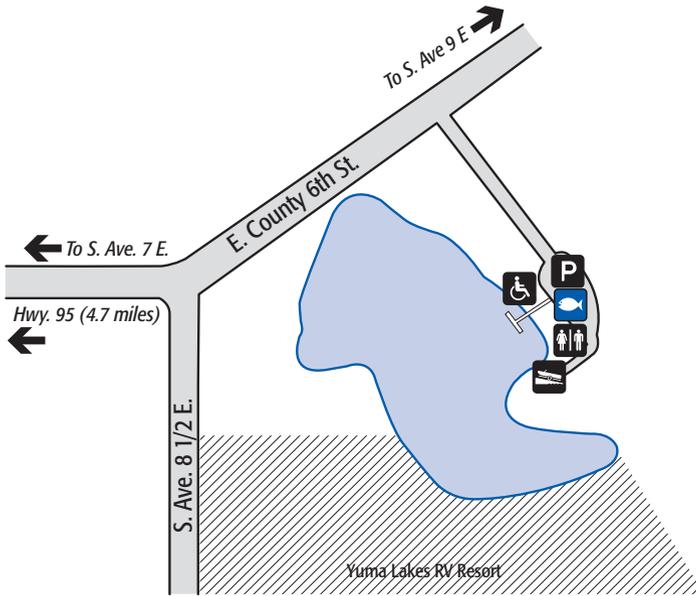
- Perimeter parking
- Primitive camping
- Large shade trees

Joined CFP in 2014



	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish		1						1		1

Redondo Lake



Location: 1.5 miles east of Laguna Dam Road (Avenue 7E) on County 6th Street.

Park Hours: Open 24 hours.

Size: 11 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: Camping limited to 14 days. No facilities on site. Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor.

For more park information, contact:

Yuma Region AZ Game and Fish Office
 (928-342-0091), Bureau of Land Management,
 Yuma Field Office (928-317-3200)

www.blm.gov (search: Redondo)

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Boat launch
- Fishing pier

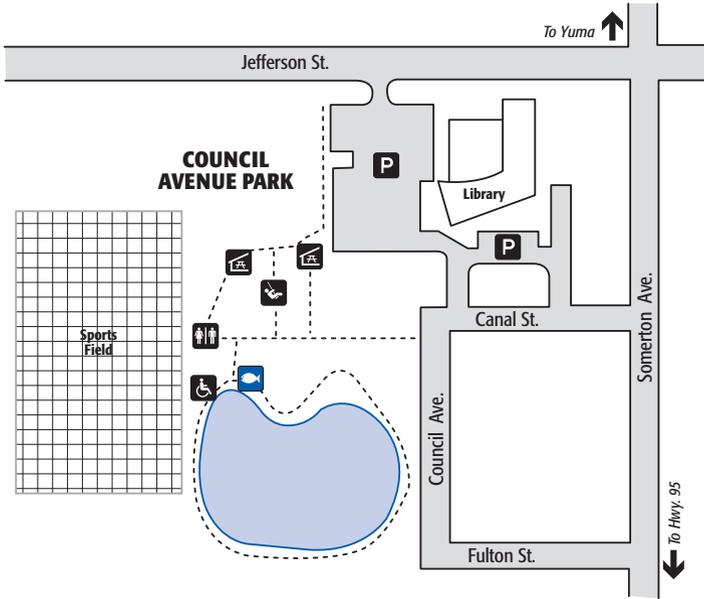
Joined CFP in 2014



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month, plus extra trout

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish		1						1		1

Council Avenue Pond



Location: Council Avenue Park
801 N. Council Avenue
Somerton, AZ 85350

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1 acre. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Leashed dogs are permitted in the park. All vehicles are prohibited from entering the park. Wheeled vehicles are prohibited from the walkway during the hours of 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Somerton Parks and Recreation Department
(928) 627-2058
www.cityofsomerton.com

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Ramadas
- Sports Fields

Joined CFP in 2014



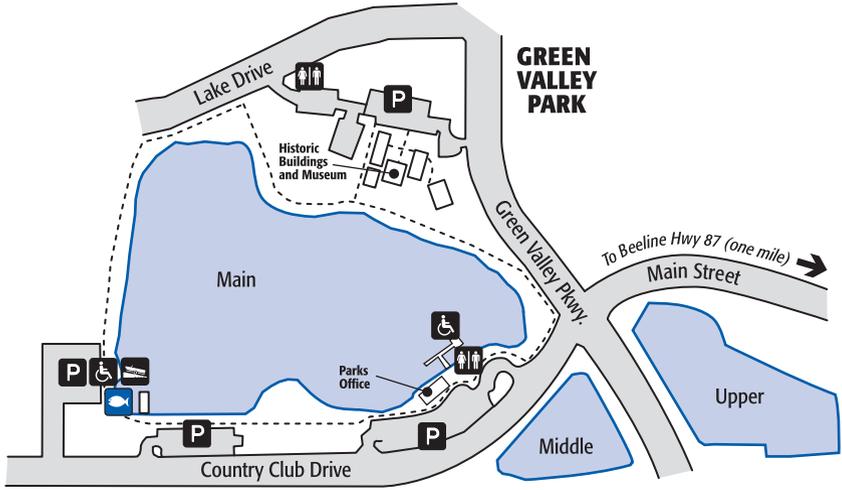


Green Valley Lake, Payson

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – trout delivered every two weeks

Green Valley Lakes

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout									15 stockings	



Special Note: Trout are stocked at two-week intervals from October to May.

Catfish, bass and sunfish are not stocked, but are present in good numbers.

Location: Green Valley Park
1000 W. Country Club Drive
Payson, AZ 85541

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: Total of 13 acres. Upper lake 2 acres, middle lake 1 acre, and main lake 10 acres. Maximum depth of main lake 21 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Gas motors prohibited. Must have proper flotation devices on board. Lake receives treated effluent, therefore full body contact is prohibited. All animals must be restrained by a leash. Other rules as posted.

Joined CFP in 1998

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more parks information, contact:

Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism
(928) 474-5242 ext. 7
www.paysonrimcountry.com

Park Amenities

- Boating
- Playground
- Walking Trails
- Accessible Fishing Docks
- Historic Buildings





Pioneer Lake, Peoria



- LAKES
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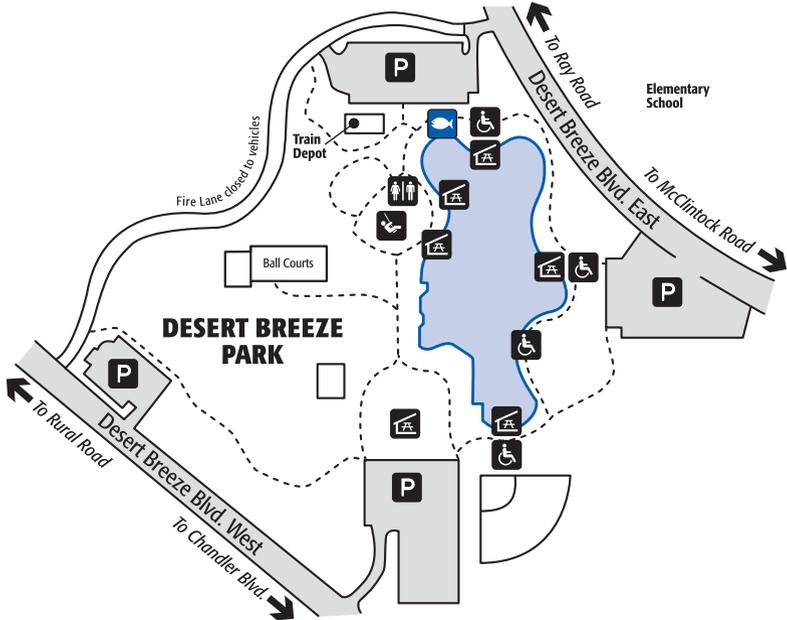
Phoenix Area Community Lakes & Ponds



Desert Breeze Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Desert Breeze Park
660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East
Chandler, AZ 85226

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Chandler Community Services
(480) 782-2727
www.chandleraz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
 - 4 trout
 - 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
 - 10 sunfish
 - 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

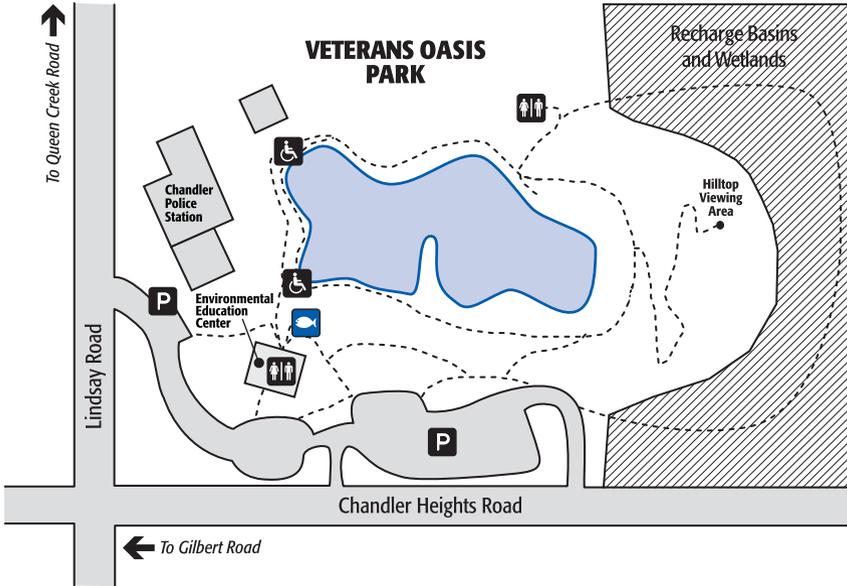
- Large Shade Trees
- Playground
- Walking Trails
- Splash Park
- Carousel/Train Rides
- Hummingbird Habitat (west of park)

Joined CFP in 1990



Veterans Oasis Lake

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Veterans Oasis Park
4050 E. Chandler Heights Road
Chandler, AZ 85249

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. No fishing in recharge basins. Dogs must remain on leash at all times. Dogs prohibited from lake and recharge basins. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

The Environmental Education Center
(480) 782-2890
www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis
or email eec@chandleraz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Walking Trails
- Environmental Education Center
- Open Play Area
- Equestrian Trail
- Excellent Bird Watching

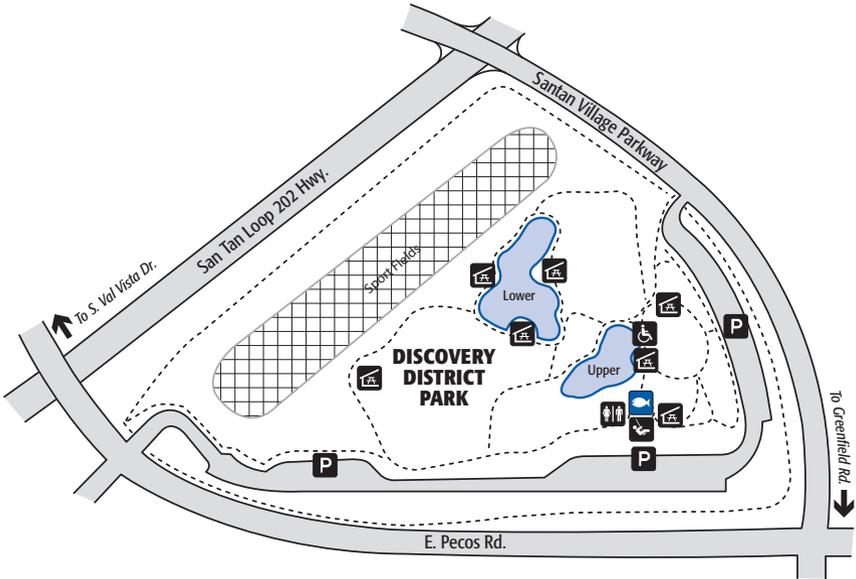
Joint CFP in 2008



Discovery Ponds

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: Discovery Park
 2214 East Pecos Road
 Gilbert, AZ 85297

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: Upper 1 acre, Lower 2 acres. Maximum depth to 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*
 Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
 Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department
 (480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields

Joined CFP in 2014

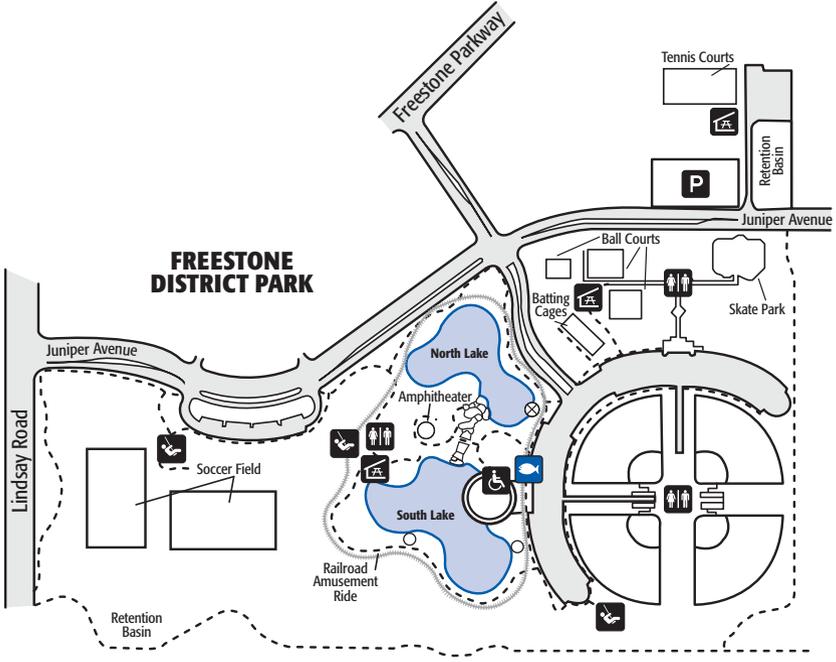


NEW

Freestone Ponds

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: Freestone Park
 1045 East Juniper Avenue
 Gilbert, AZ 85234

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth to 10 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*
 Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
 Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department
 (480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)

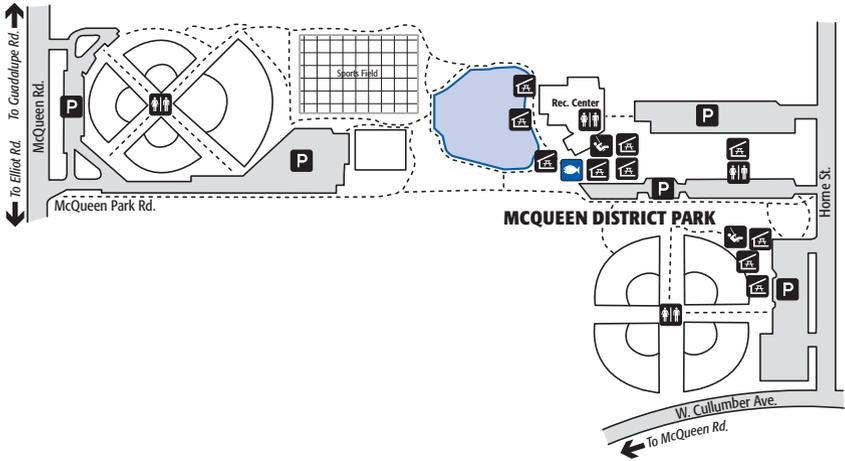
Statewide limits apply to all other species

- Park Amenities**
- Group Ramadas
 - Playground
 - Sports Courts
 - Sports Fields
 - Batting Cages
 - Skate Park
 - Carousel/Train Rides
- Joined CFP in 2014*



McQueen Pond

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: McQueen Park
 510 N. Horne Street
 525 N. McQueen Road
 Gilbert, AZ 85233

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*
 Alcoholic beverage permits required.
 Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
 McQueen Park Activity Center and District Park
 (480) 503-6294
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)

Statewide limits apply to all other species

- Park Amenities**
- Ramadas
 - Community Center
 - Sports Courts
 - Sports Fields

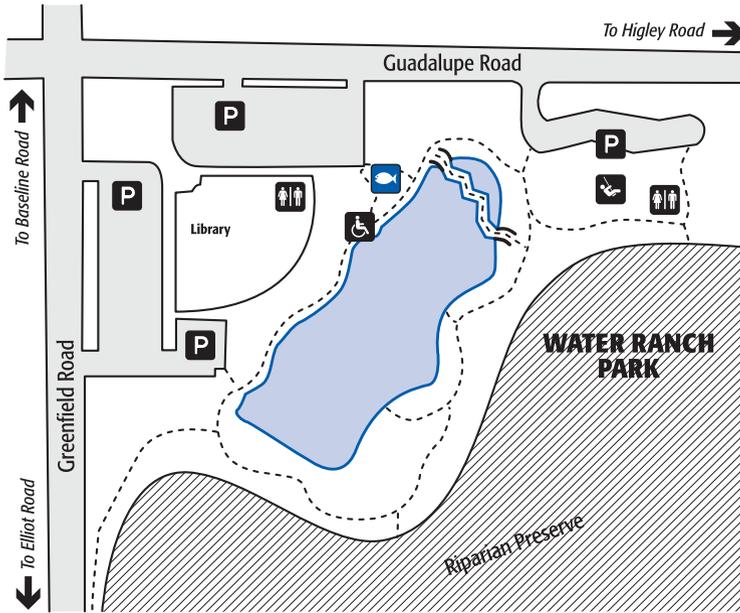
Joined CFP in 2014



• NEW SPECIAL REGULATION WATER •

Water Ranch Lake

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1				
Catfish	1	1					1	1		



Location: Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
2757 E. Guadalupe Road
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*

No fishing from bridge. Float tubes for fishing purposes are allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

Gilbert Parks and Recreation
(480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits **CUSTOM**

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 0 bass (catch-and-release only)
- 0 sunfish (catch-and-release only)
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species
- Single barbless hooks required
- Use of live bait is allowed

Park Amenities

- Ramadas
- Playground
- Riparian Preserve with Walking Trails
- Library
- Excellent Bird Watching
- Campsites

Joined CFP in 1999



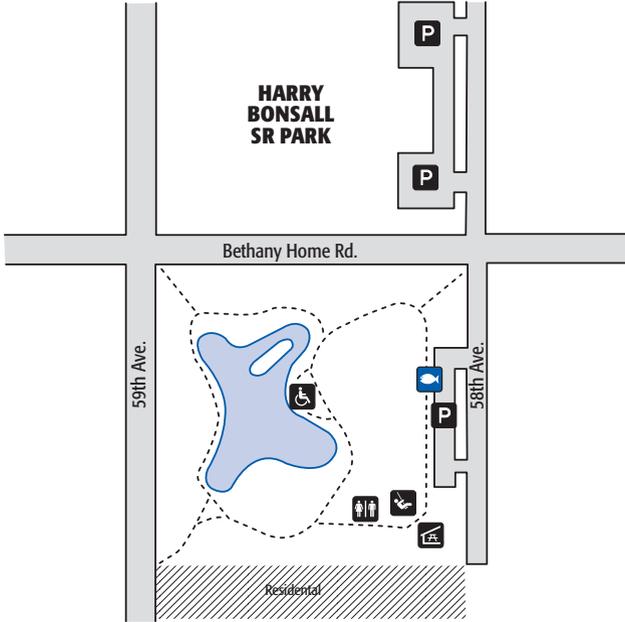
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Bonsall Pond

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: Bonsall Park
5840 W. Bethany Home Road
Glendale, AZ 85301

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Glendale Parks and Recreation
(623) 930-2000
www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Ramadas
- Large shade trees
- Playground
- Sports Courts, In-line Hockey Rink north of Bethany Home Rd

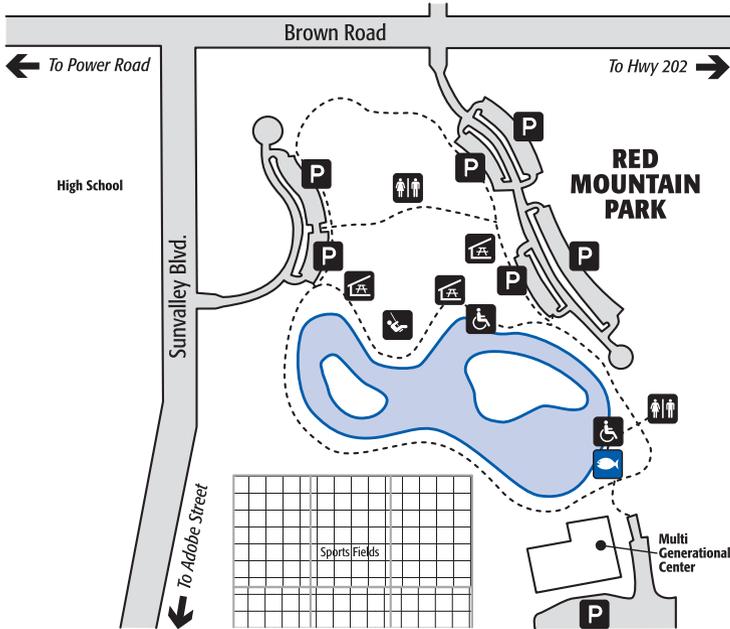
Joined CFP in 2014



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Red Mountain Lake



Location: Red Mountain Park
7745 E. Brown Road
Mesa, AZ 85207

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Size: 8 acres. Maximum depth 17 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. Boating not allowed. No pets allowed in park. Other rules as posted.

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Walking Trail
- Multi-generational Center

Joined CFP in 1995

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more park information, contact:

Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities
(480) 644-2352
www.mesaaz.gov/parksrec



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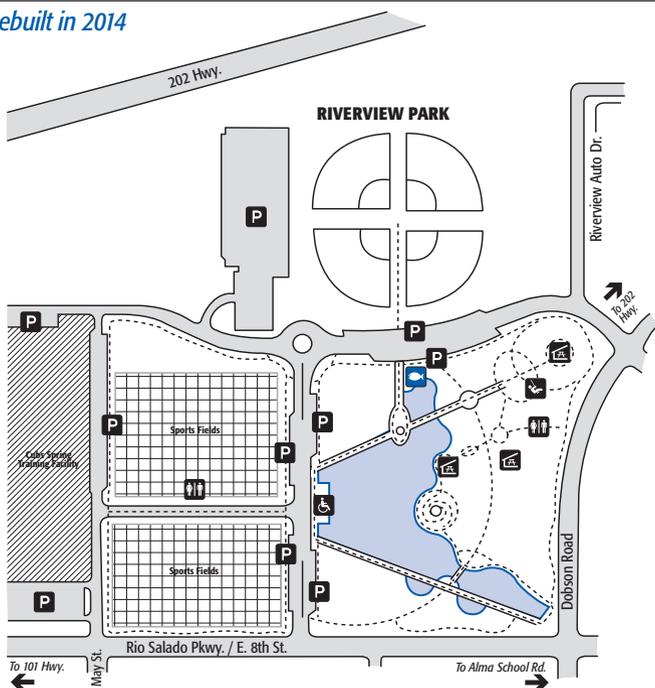


Riverview Lake

Newly Rebuilt in 2014

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Riverview Park
2100 W. 8th St.
Mesa, AZ 85201

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth 28 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. Boating not allowed. No pets allowed in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Mesa Parks, Recreation and
Commercial Facilities
(480) 644-2352
www.mesaaz.gov/parksrec

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Splash Pad
- Baseball Stadium

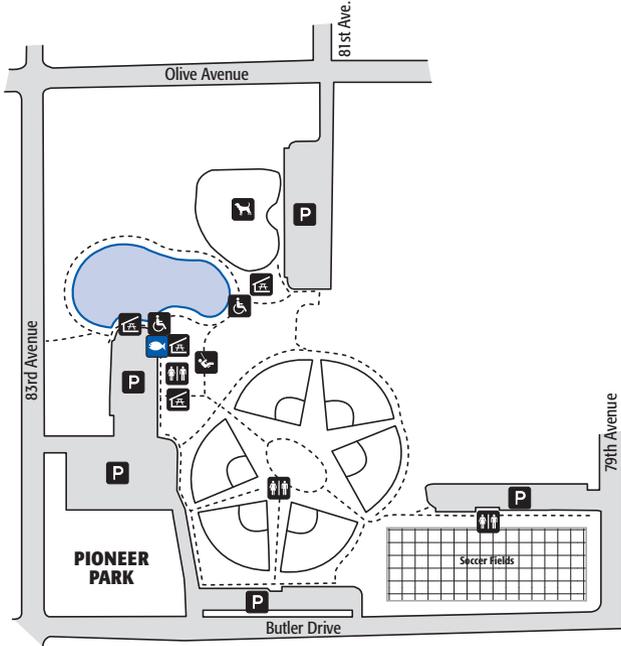
Joined CFP in 1987, lake rebuilt in 2014



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Pioneer Lake



Location: Pioneer Community Park
 8755 N. 83rd Ave.
 Peoria, AZ 85345

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Leashed dogs are permitted in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
 Peoria Community Services
 (623) 773-7137
www.peoriaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits- Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Sports Fields
- Splash Pad
- Walking Path
- Dog Park
- Heritage Court

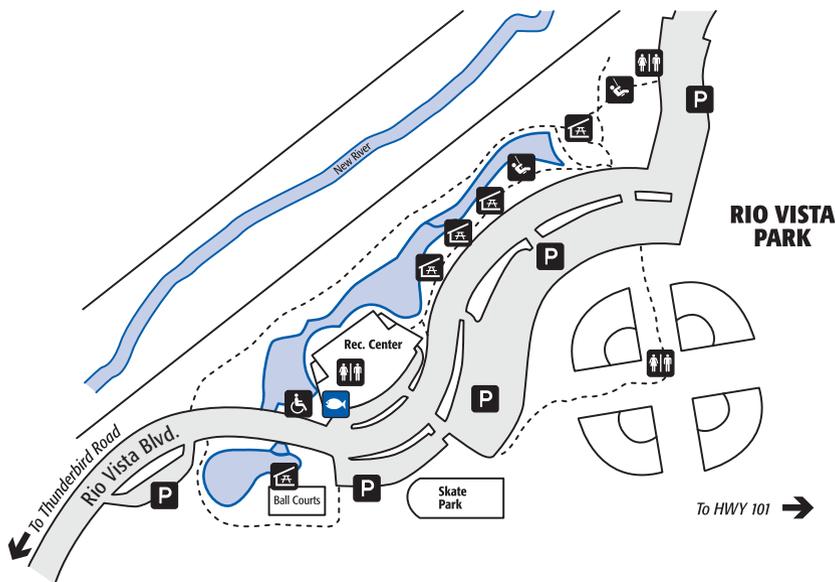
Joined CFP in 2014, constructed in 2013



Rio Vista Pond

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			



Location: Rio Vista Community Park
8866-D W. Thunderbird Road
Peoria, AZ 85381

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 2.7 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Leashed dogs are permitted in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Peoria Community Services
(623) 773-7137
www.peoriaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Sports Fields
- Splash Park
- Batting Cages
- Skate Park
- Recreation Center
- Playground and Tot Lot

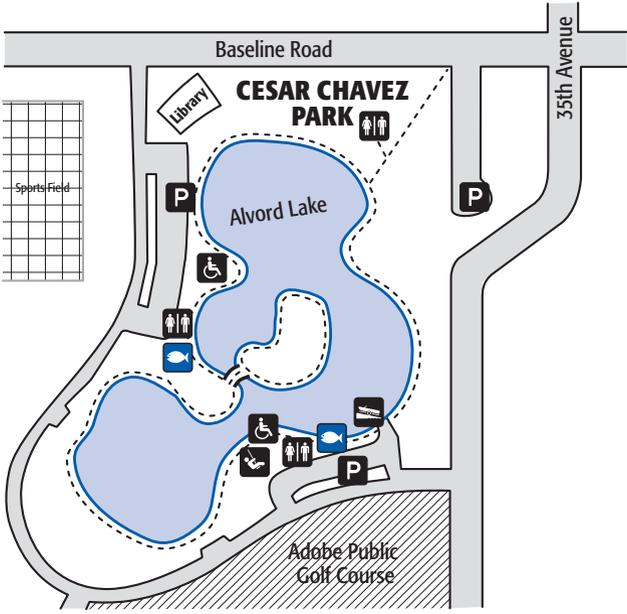
Joined CFP in 2004



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout					9 stockings					
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Alvord Lake



Location: Cesar Chavez Park
7858 S. 35th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85041

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 25 acres. Maximum depth 18 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Only canoes, rowboats and sailboats are allowed (no rafts). No motors allowed (gas or electric). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Fishing from a boat is prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6111
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)

Statewide limits apply to all other species

- Park Amenities**
- Boating
 - Large Shade Trees
 - Group Ramadas
 - Playground
 - Sports Fields
 - Library
 - Walking Trail

Joined CFP in 1987

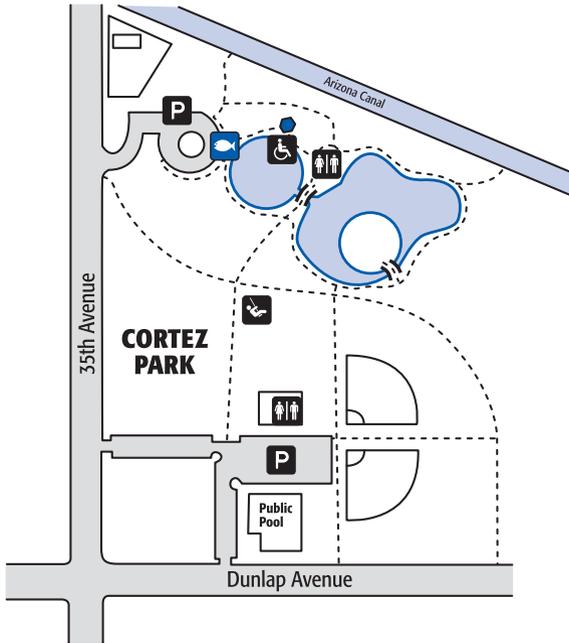
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Cortez Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			



Location: Cortez Park
3434 W. Dunlap Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6575
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Playground
- Large Shade Trees
- Sports Fields

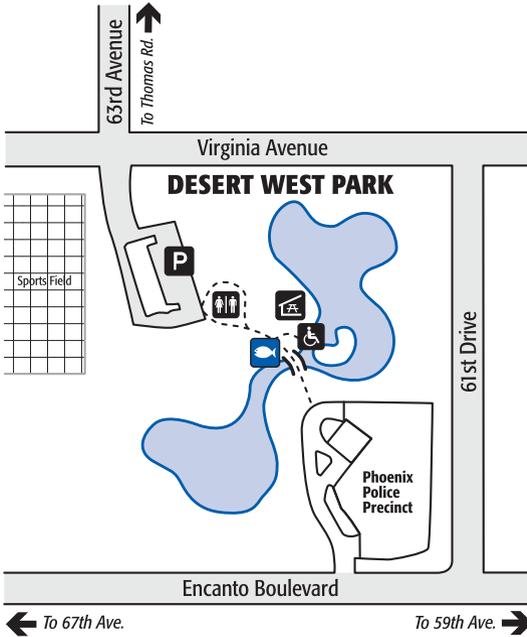
Joined CFP in 1989

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Desert West Lake

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Desert West Park and Sports Complex
6602 W. Encanto Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85035

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6575
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
 - 4 trout
 - 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
 - 10 sunfish
 - 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Community Center (west of park)

Joined CFP in 1995



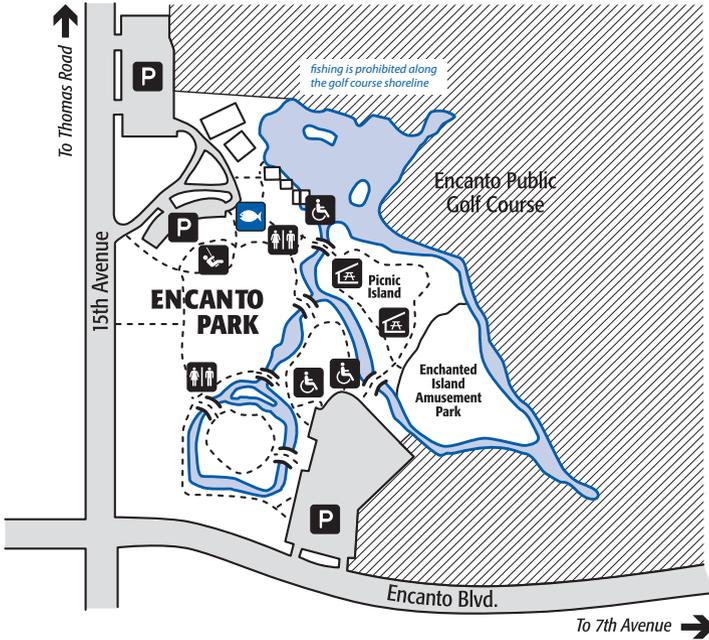
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Encanto Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout					9 stockings					
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Encanto Park
2605 N. 15th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 7.5 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Private boats not allowed. Fishing prohibited from golf course as posted. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 261-8991
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Joined CFP in 1989

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Playground
- Ball Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Enchanted Island Amusement Park
- Paddleboat Rentals

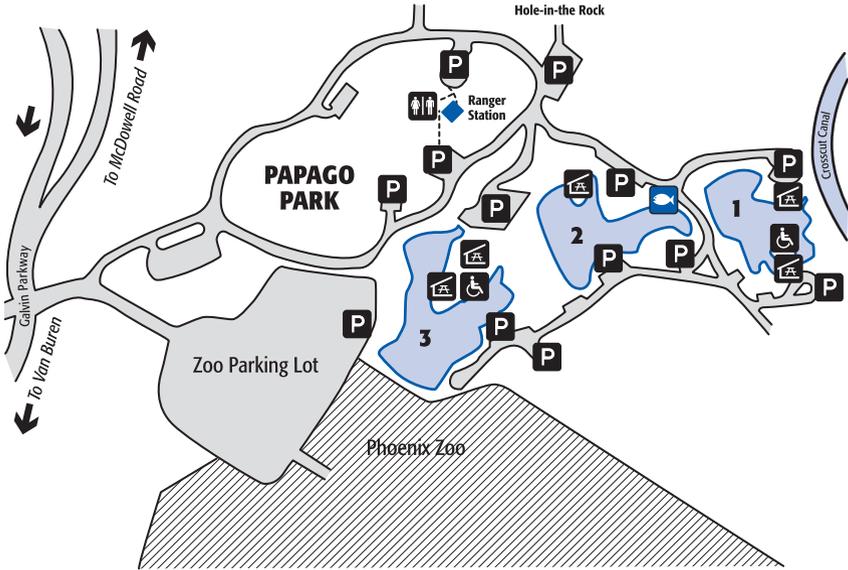


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	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Papago Ponds



Location: Papago Park
625 N. Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Size: Total of 3 ponds.
Pond #1: 1 acre, maximum depth 8 feet.
Pond #2: 2 acres, maximum depth 7 feet.
Pond #3: 3 acres, maximum depth 11 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 261-8318
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Joined CFP in 1993

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Multi-purpose Trails
- Next to Phoenix Zoo
- Hole-in-the-Rock

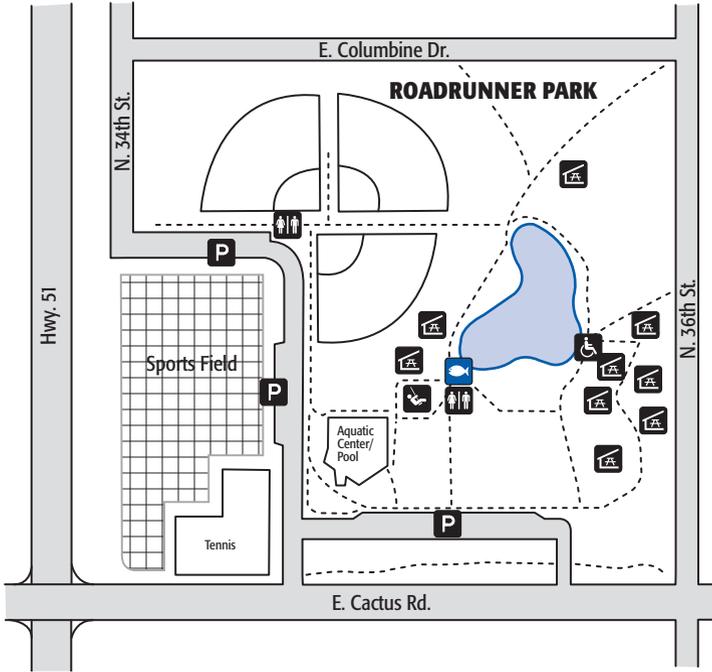
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Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every other month

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1

Roadrunner Pond



Location: Roadrunner Park
3502 E. Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

Northeast Phoenix Division Parks and Recreation
Phone: (602) 262-6696
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Large Shade Trees
- Sports Fields
- Ball Courts
- Aquatic Center/ Pool

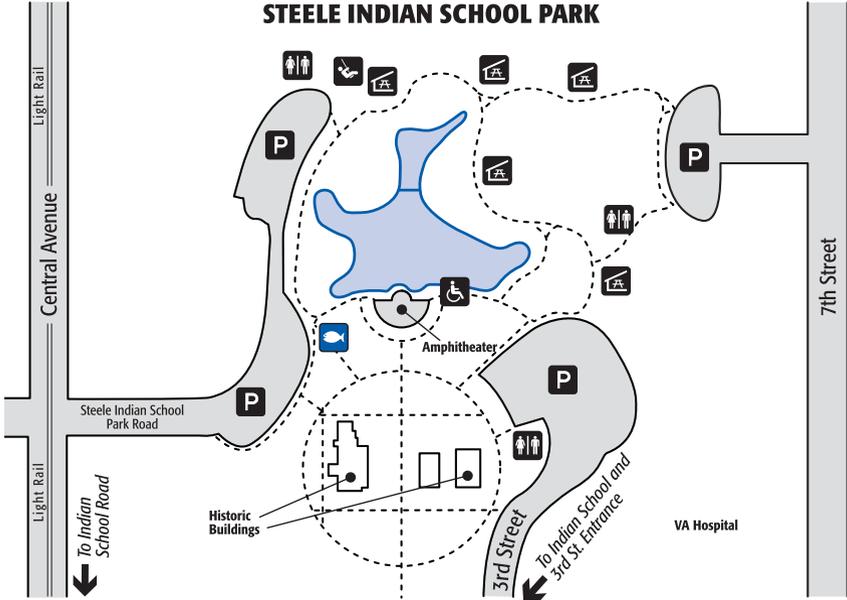
Joined CFP in 2014



Steele Indian School Pond

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		



Location: Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 495-0935
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Dog Park (north of park)
- Historic Buildings

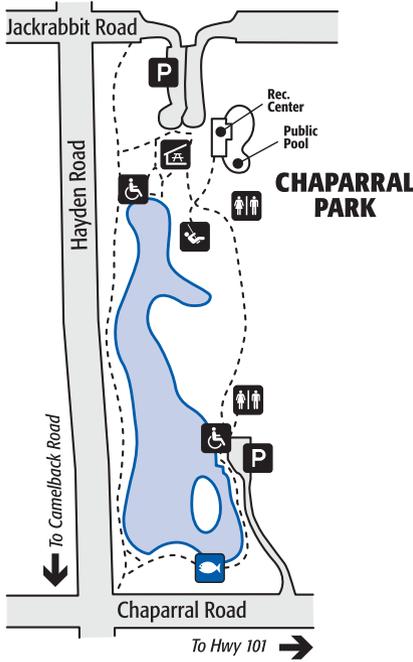
Joined CFP in 2005



Chaparral Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			



Location: Chaparral Park
5401 N. Hayden Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *New in 2012: Feeding wildlife (e.g., ducks, geese, pigeons) is unlawful. Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Must obtain a permit to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages prohibited. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Electric trolling motors may be used. Gas motors prohibited. Model boats may be operated only in areas that are designated for that purpose. Other rules as posted.

Joined CFP in 1983

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more park information, contact:

Scottsdale Community Services
(480) 312-2353
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks

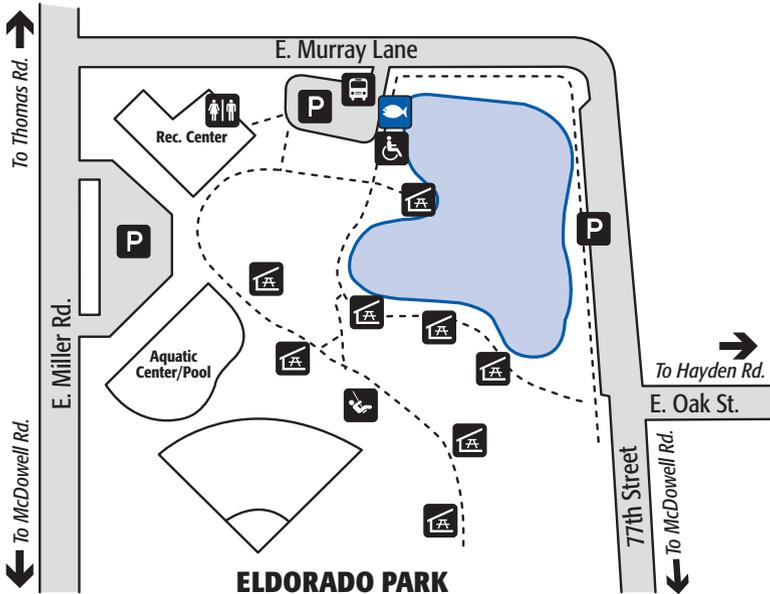
Park Amenities:

- Boating
- Large Shade Trees
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields and Dog Park (north of park)
- Exercise, Walking Course
- Swimming Pool



	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1

Eldorado Pond



ELDORADO PARK

Location: Eldorado Park
 2311 N. Miller Road
 Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 3.5 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet.

Rules: *New in 2012, feeding wildlife (e.g., ducks, geese, pigeons) is unlawful. Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
 Eldorado Park and Community Center
 (480) 312-2483
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramadas
- Ball Courts
- Playgrounds
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Picnic Areas
- Aquatic Center/ Pool
- Community Center
- Skate Park
- Sports Fields

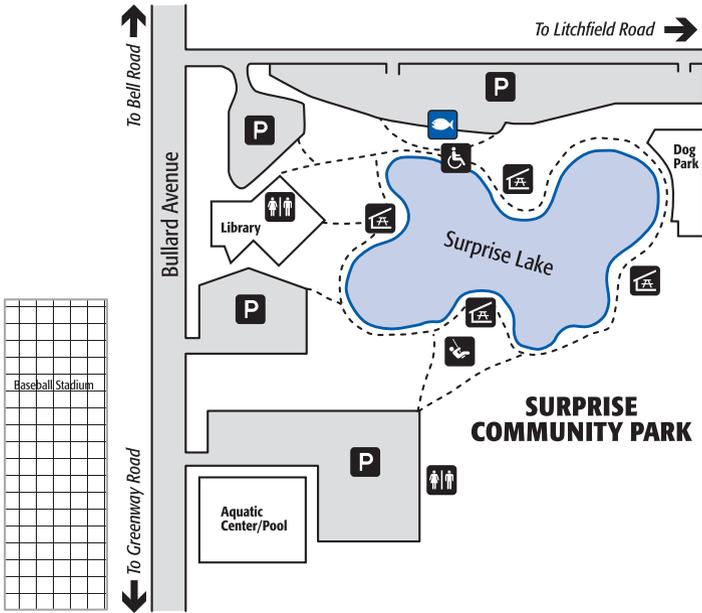
Joined CFP in 2014



Surprise Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						7 stockings		



Location: Community Park
15930 N. Bullard Ave.
Surprise, AZ 85374

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*
Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Surprise Community and
Recreation Services
(623) 222-2000
www.surpriseaz.com

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Playground
- Swimming Pool
- Sports Fields
- Library
- Dog Park
- Baseball Stadium

Joined CFP in 2003



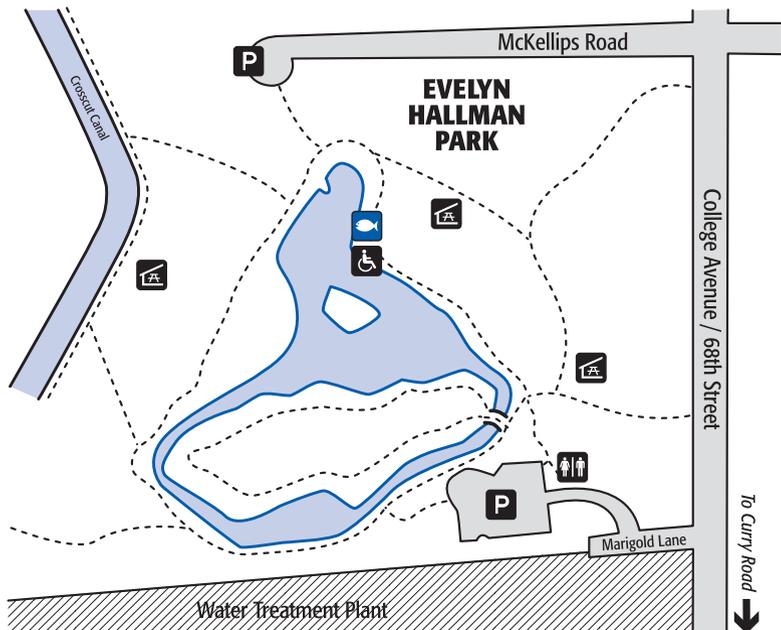
Tempe Town Lake, Tempe



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			

Evelyn Hallman Pond



Location: Evelyn Hallman Park
1900 N. College Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85281

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 7 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages prohibited. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 350-5200
www.tempe.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Walking Trails
- Group Ramadas

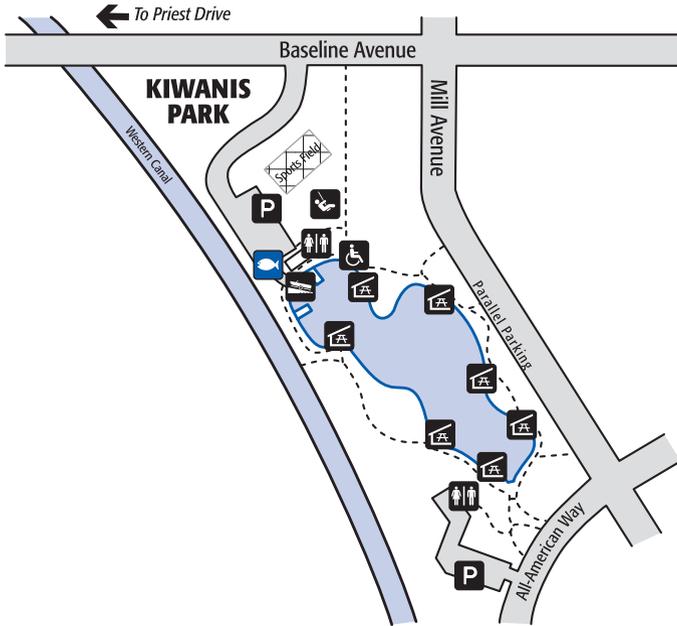
Joined CFP in 1987



Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							7 stockings		

Kiwanis Lake



Location: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages are prohibited. City of Tempe annual boating permit required (call (480) 350-5200). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gas and electric motors prohibited. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 350-5200
www.tempe.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Boating
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Recreation Center with Wave Pool
- Paddleboat Rentals (seasonal)

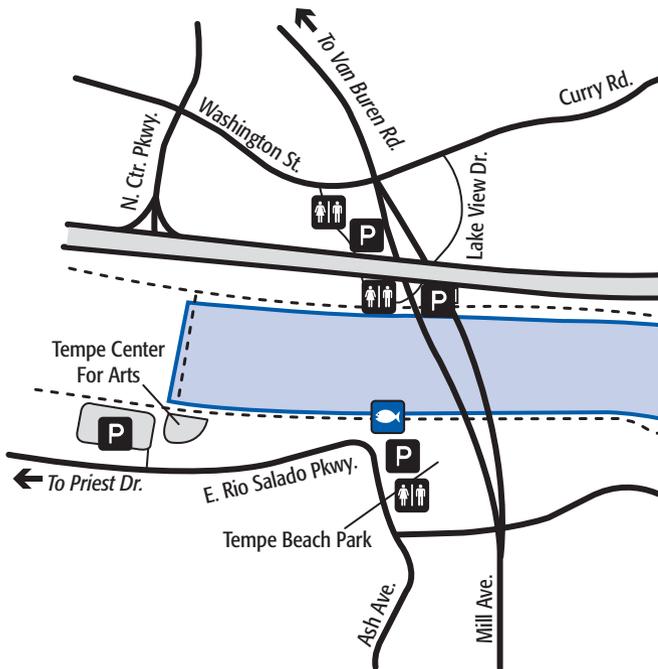
Joined CFP in 1984



Tempe Town Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – trout delivered monthly

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout			1	1	1	1	1			



Location: North Tempe
80 E. Rio Salado Pkwy
Tempe, AZ 85281

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Anglers may fish from 5 a.m. until midnight

Size: 224 acres. Maximum depth 18 feet.

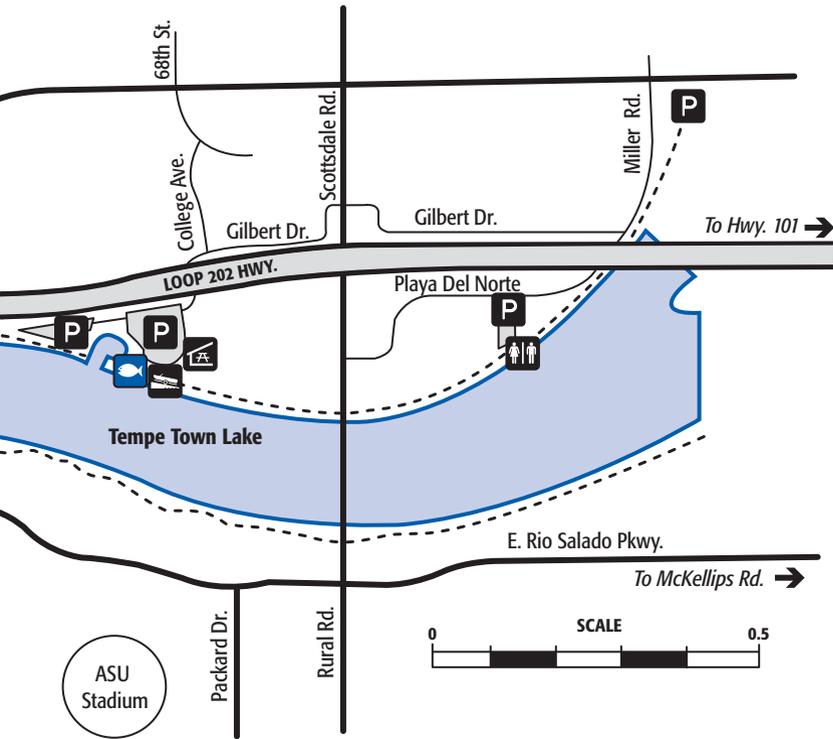
Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permit required. City of Tempe annual boating permit required (call (480) 350-5200). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Powerboats restricted to single electric motor. All boats operating after dark and before sunrise are required to have lights on. Other rules as posted.

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 350-5200
www.tempe.gov/parks





Park Amenities

- Boating & Rentals
- Marina
- Ramadas
- Picnic tables
- Multi-use Trails
- Playground
- Splash Playground
- Light Rail & Bus Stops

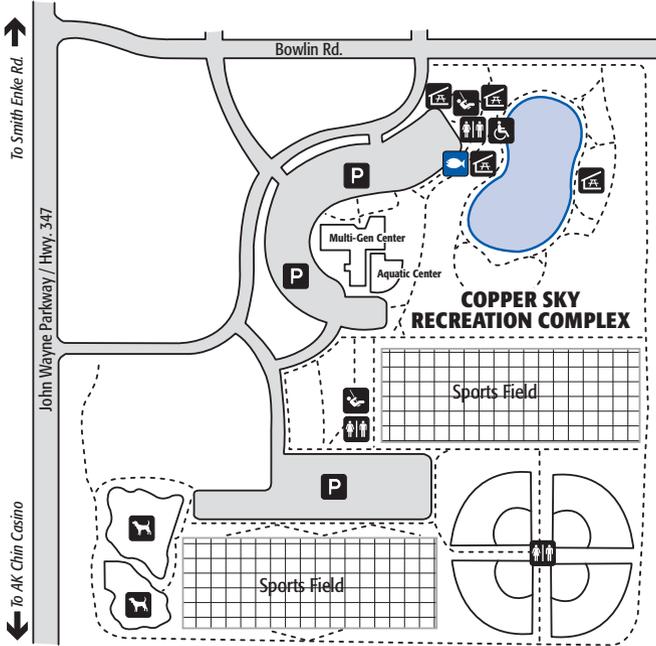
Joined CFP in 2014



Copper Sky Lake

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – fish delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout					9 stockings					
Catfish	4 stockings						7 stockings			



Location: Copper Sky Recreation Complex
45345 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 13 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

City of Maricopa Community
Services Department
(520) 316-6960
www.maricopa-az.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake

- 4 catfish
- 4 trout
- 2 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 10 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
- Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

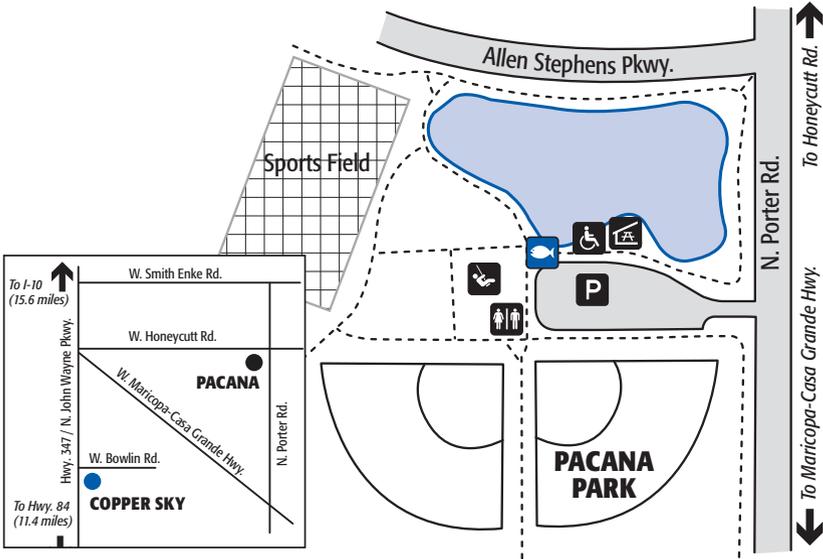
- Group Ramadas
- Play Courts
- Playgrounds
- Amphitheater
- Recreation Center
- Dog Park
- Aquatic Center
- Skate Plaza
- Sports Fields

Joined CFP in 2014, constructed in 2014



Pacana Pond

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				1		1				
Catfish		1						1		1



Location: Pacana Park
 19000 N. Porter Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 11 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:

City of Maricopa Community
 Services Department
 (520) 316-6960
www.maricopa-az.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond

- 2 catfish
- 2 trout
- 1 bass (13-inch minimum)
- 5 sunfish
- 1 white amur (30-inch minimum)

Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities

- Group Ramada
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Sports Courts

Joined CFP in 2014



Operation: GAME THIEF

A 24/7 hotline to report fish and wildlife violations

Report a violation. Rewards of \$50–\$1,000 are offered for information leading to an arrest for fishing violations. Callers can remain anonymous. Call **1-800-352-0700**.

Bag and possession limits provide everyone with a chance at a quality fishing experience and protect the fishery. Any angler that keeps or gives away more than their limit is breaking the law – they are thieves stealing fish from you and other responsible anglers.

Your help is needed to catch these violators. If you witness an angler keeping more than the daily bag and possession limit, fishing without a license, fishing with more than two poles at the same time, or not complying with other fishing rules, contact the Operation Game Thief Hotline to report the violation.

Reported violations are prioritized based on the quality of the information provided. Because the department has a limited number of wildlife officers statewide, it is not possible to have an immediate response to every call. That is why it is important that you be a good witness so that follow-up by an officer can be conducted.



Be a good witness:

- Recognize what specific activities are violations.
- Do not put yourself in danger or confront the violator.
- Write down the date, time and specific park and lake location.
- Write down a description of the person(s) (physical and clothing).
- If possible, get the vehicle description and license plate number.
- Try to take pictures or video of the violation and violator.
- Call or go online to report the violation as soon as possible.

Poaching is not fishing! Poachers are not fishermen! Do the right thing. Report a violator. Your tip can make the difference in apprehending a fish thief.



2014 Urban (Community) Fish-of-the-Year and Catch-and-Release Records

(Preliminary as of Dec. 3, 2014. Final results will be available in February 2015 at www.azgfd.gov)

Kept:

- Carp 13 lbs. 14.0 oz., 28 in.
Caught 11/1/14 at Kiwanis Lake by Kim Johnson
- Channel Catfish 9 lbs. 12.1 oz., 30 in.
Caught 5/2/14 at Cortez Park Lake by Quentin Johnson
- Largemouth Bass 8 lbs. 9.9 oz., 25 in.
Caught 3/12/14 at Redondo Lake by Steve Jarvis
- Rainbow Trout 7 lbs. 2.8 oz., 25 in.
Caught 3/3/14 at Pioneer Lake by Nancy Russell
- Talpia 3 lb. 12.8 oz., 17 in.
Caught 4/16/14 at Mckellips Pond by Mark Ellingson

Catch and Release:

- Bluegill 9 in.
Caught 3/23/14 at Desert Breeze Lake by Kagan Pfeffer
- Channel Catfish 22 in.
Caught 10/18/14 at Sahuarita Lake by Jerald W. Minnerly

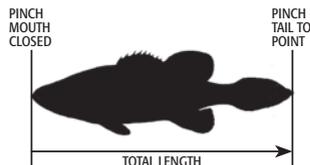
All-time Arizona Urban (Community) Fish Records (kept or released)

Black Crappie	0 lb. 15.04 oz., 11.9 in.	Kiwanis Lake, 2010
Common Carp	30 lb. 0.6 oz., 35.5 in.	Encanto Lake, 2002
Channel Catfish	26 lb. 14.4 oz., 37.5 in.	Green Valley Lake, 2009
Channel Catfish (released)	11 lb. 5.44 oz., 28 in.	Evelyn Hallman Pond, 2002
Bluegill	0 lb. 8.6 oz., 8.5 in.	Kiwanis Lake, 2009
Largemouth Bass (released)	11 lb. 10.4 oz., 24.5 in.	Papago Pond, 2000
Rainbow Trout	7 lb. 15.75 oz., 22.75 in.	Green Valley Lake, 2006
Redear Sunfish	2 lb. 9.6 oz., 13.2 in.	Cortez Lake, 2012
Tilapia	5 lb. 4.16 oz., 18.25 in.	Kiwanis Lake, 2012
White Amur ¹	47 lb. 1.6 oz., 46.5 in.	Encanto Lake, 2002

¹Arizona state record fish

How to Measure the Length of a Fish

On a flat surface, measure in a straight line the maximum length between the tip of the snout and the tip of the pinched tail.



Arizona Community Fishing Program

Fish-of-the-Year/Catch-and-Release Instructions

Over the years, some remarkable fish have been caught and officially documented from the department's Community/Urban Fishing Program waters (see page 65). The Fish-of-the-Year and Catch-and-Release programs are your opportunity to claim some fame for your trophy catches, whether you keep it or release it. Each year's winners will receive prizes. We love seeing your pictures and hearing your stories. Good Luck!

Requirements for reporting

Rule #1 Fish must be weighed on a certified fair trade scale in pounds. All Game and Fish offices have scales. The statewide Arizona Fishing Regulations includes a listing of 23 fish-weighing scale locations across the state. Scale locations, register number and expiration date of scale certification must be recorded on an entry form. The department reserves the right to cut open any fish after weighing. (*Rule #1 not required for catch and release entries*).

Rule #2 Total length of the fish must be measured in inches by a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the pinched tail (see page 65). For catch-and-release entries, a clear photograph verifying species and length must be included with the entry form; **include a tape measure, ruler or other measuring device next to the fish in the photograph.**

Rule #3 Fish must be caught in an Arizona Community Fishing Program water. Fish must be taken during the legal open season and by the legal method of take for the water where taken. Any illegal act associated with taking or handling of the fish will disqualify the record.

Rule #4 Identification of species must be verified by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. A photograph of the fish is required for the record file and for identification purposes.

Rule #5 Angler must provide their valid Arizona Fishing License number. A photocopy of the current valid license, or verification by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, is required.

Rule #6 If the weights and measurements are not witnessed by the department personnel, two witnesses must be present at the time the fish is weighed and measured.

Rule #7 The Arizona Game and Fish Department reserves the right to further check identification and/or verification of witnesses and to refuse an application that is questionable.

Rule #8 Eligible fish species for both State record and Fish-of-the-Year entries are those sportfish listed under current State records. Illegally released fish species from pet and aquarium trades are not eligible for a State record or Community Fish-of-the-Year. Fish taken from private waters that are closed to public access are not eligible.

Rule #9 In the event of any dispute regarding the authenticity of the fish record application, the fish must be made available for inspection by Arizona Game and Fish Department personnel. The determination made by department personnel shall be conclusive.



Arizona Community Fishing Program

Fish-of-the-Year/Catch-and-Release Entry Form

Check One: Kept Fish Catch-and-Release

Angler's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fish Species: _____

COMMON NAME

Date Caught: _____

Certified Weight (Rule #1): _____ lbs (example: 3.18 lbs)

Total Length (Rule #2): _____ inches (example: 17.3 inches)

Location of Catch (Rule #3): _____

Type of Lure or Bait: _____

Species Identified By (Rule #4): _____

Fishing License Number: _____

License Verified by (Rule #5): _____

Scale Location: _____

Registered Scale Number: _____

Expiration Date of Scale Certification: _____

Witnesses to Weight (except catch and release entries):

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above and attest to the weight and length as listed (Rule #1, 2, 6).

1. Name and Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

2. Name and Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Submit your completed entry form and photograph to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department Fisheries Branch
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086



Fishing Equipment Checklist

The following items are considered good, basic equipment for an enjoyable and successful community fishing experience.

Tackle Box Items

- Tackle box
- Hooks (baitholder style, 6-10 per package)
 - Sizes 8, 10 and 12 for trout and bluegill
 - Sizes 6 and 4 for catfish
- Sinkers (6-10 per package)
 - Egg type – 1/8 and 1/4 ounce sizes
 - Split shot – size 7 and 4
- Swivels (by package), sizes 7 and 12
- Bobbers – 2 each
 - Round, 1 inch and 1.25 inch diameter
 - Pencil type, balsa or plastic
- Fishing line/leader: 2-4 pound for trout & bluegill, 6-10 pound for catfish and bass
- Needle nose pliers, or hook removal tool
- Clippers
- Stringer

Fishing Rod and Reel

- 5-6 foot spincast rod (medium action) with matching push button reel
- Main fishing line, 4-6 pound for trout & bluegill, 8-12 pound for catfish and bass

Bait

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Powerbait or similar scented doughbait (jar) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stinkbait (package or container) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worms (nightcrawlers or dillys) | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn (small can) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mealworms | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon eggs (jar) |

Standard Fishing Knot

Trilene Knot (*a strong all-purpose knot*)



1. Run the ends of the line through the eye of the hook two times.



2. Loop the line around 4 or 5 times, then thread the loose end back between the two loops near the hook as shown.



3. Pull tight. Trim the loose end.



Basic Fishing Equipment



SWIVELS

SINKERS

HOOKS

SALMON EGGS

POWERBAIT

BOBBERS

STRINGER

WORMS

PLIERS & CLIPPERS

MEAL WORMS

STINK BAIT

LINE

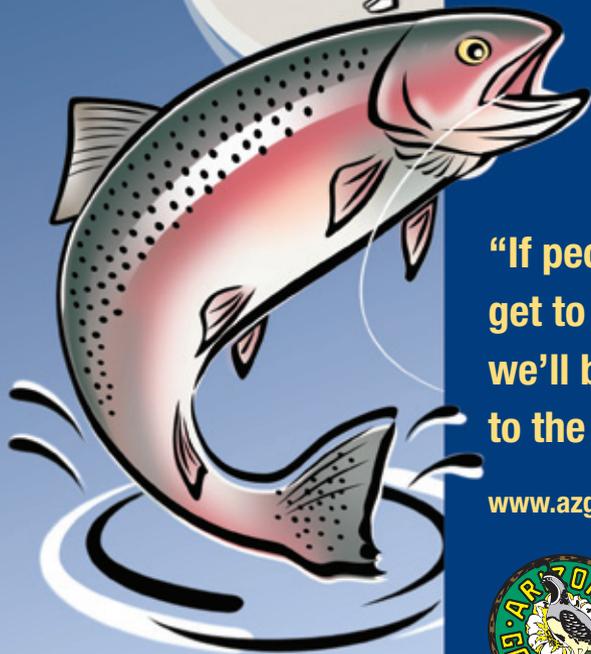
SPINCAST ROD/REEL COMBO

TROUT	●	●	●	●	●	●
CATFISH			●	●	●	●
SUNFISH			●	●		●
BASS			●	●		

← REFER TO PAGE 68 CHECKLIST

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