

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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## GRANITE REEF

### RANGER DISTRICT

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

### NAME OF RIVER

Salt River

### RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Water recreation, tubing, rafting and fishing

### SEASON OF USE

All year

### ELEVATION

1300 feet

### FACILITIES

12 picnic units with tables & grills  
Vault toilets  
No drinking water available

### FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is located 16 miles northeast of Mesa. From Mesa, travel 7 miles east on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to Power Road/Bush Highway/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn north. Follow Bush Highway for 9 miles to the site. This is the first site next to the river coming from the west on Bush Highway.

### ATTRACTIONS

- The Lower Salt River borders this site
- This riparian area is outstanding for bird watching for warblers, shore birds and spring and fall migratory fowl.
- Fishermen use this area year-round

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Day-use only
- This area is heavily used in spring and summer months
- Pets must be on a leash
- No glass containers** in the Lower Salt River Area.
- Please use trash receptacles

•**Caution:** Fallen trees and other materials in the river can trap swimmers and floaters.

•**BEWARE** Alcohol, sun and water are a deadly combination

### NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

**Salt River Recreation:** Tube rentals and snacks.

**Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort:** Lodging, food and stables.

**Saguaro Lake Marina:** Full-service marina, fishing supplies, ice, water, restaurant and phone.

**Mesa:** All services

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

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

•For river-flow information, contact Salt River Project (SRP) recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com)