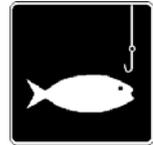


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FISHING

LOWER SALT RIVER

RANGER DISTRICT

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

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Boating, picnicking and water activities

SEASON OF USE

Late April - late September (approximate) During the winter, the river is sometimes almost dry.

FACILITIES

Vault toilets, **NO drinking water** available
Etiquette: Please use restrooms at sites

RIVER-ACCESS POINTS (RAP) LOCATIONS

Access to all of the Lower Salt River Recreation Area: from Mesa, travel east for 7 miles on the Superstition Freeway/U.S. 60 to the Power Road Exit; turn north. This becomes Bush Hwy/Forest Road (FR) 204: Continue north and northeast to the river.

Saguaro Lake Ranch RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy for 15.5 miles to the resort.

Water-Users RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy. for 15 miles to the site.

Blue Point RAP: Follow Power Rd. /Bush Hwy. for 13 miles to the site.

Foxtail RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy. for 12 miles to the R.A.P. (not signed).

Goldfield RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy. for 11 miles to FR 204A and turn left. Follow FR 204 A for mile to the site.

Coon Bluff RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy. for 10 miles. Turn north (left). Follow FR 204E and follow it for mile to the site.

Phon D Sutton RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy. for 9 miles to FR 169. Turn north (left), follow FR 169 for mile to the site.

Tubers Landing RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy for 7 miles (past Granite Reef Recreation Site) to the RAP (not signed).

Granite Reef RAP: Follow Power Rd./Bush Hwy for 7 miles to the site. This is the first site next to the river coming from the west on Bush Hwy.

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Small-mouth and Largemouth Bass, Channel and Flathead Catfish, Carp, Rainbow Trout. Trout are stocked on a regular basis.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Glass containers are not allowed in the Lower Salt River Area.
- Motorized watercraft are not allowed
- During summer, avoid crowds of tubers by fishing early in the morning.
- NO drinking water** is available at any of the River Access Points (RAPs), except at Saguaro Lake Ranch.
- Please use trash receptacles.
- CAUTION:** To avoid injury, wear shoes when wading in the river.
- The Lower River is "shut off" during the winter months, but is one of the few flowing desert rivers in the summer.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

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

Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort: Lodging, food and stables

Mesa: All services

Salt River Tubing: Tube rentals and snacks

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

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