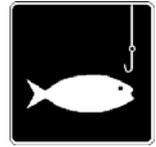


# TONTO National Forest



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## SAGUARO LAKE

### RANGER DISTRICT

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

### RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Camping, picnicking and water activities

### SEASON OF USE

All year

### ELEVATION

1506 feet (spillway)  
1529 feet (full reservoir)

### SURFACE ACRES

1,100

### FACILITIES

For more information please see the following  
Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs):

- Saguaro Del Norte
- Butcher Jones
- Bagley Flat

Sheriff Aid Station

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The lake is located 31 miles east of Mesa. From Mesa, travel 27 miles northeast on State Hwy. 87 to Bush Highway/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn right (southwest). Follow FR 204 for 4 miles to FR 206; turn left and travel ¼ mile to the lake.

### FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Carp, Bluegill, and Green Sunfish.

### ATTRACTIONS

- Over 2200 fish-habitat structures were installed to enhance fishing on the lake.
- According to Bass Master Magazine, the best time for trophy bass is October to December and February to mid April.
- There are large bass in the lake; fish census show that 12+ lb. bass and 30-lb. Carp exist in the depths. Bluegill comes in a variety of sizes, from small to hand size.
- Occasional species caught: Walleye, Black Crappie, Small-mouth Bass, Bigmouth Buffalo and Yellow Bass.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Glass containers are prohibited on this lake
- April - October, on most weekends and holidays, Saguaro Lake reaches its maximum boating capacity early in the day and additional boats are not allowed.

### NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

**Saguaro Lake Marina:** Full-service, boat rental, slips, fuel dock, bait & tackle, boat sewage tank dump, excursion boat, restaurant, and ice

**Mesa:** All services

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Saguaro Lake, Desert Charts*
- For lake-level information, contact Salt River Project recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com)

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