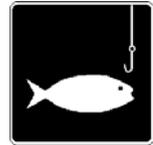


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FISHING

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR

RANGER DISTRICT

Cave Creek Ranger Station
40202 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Phone (480) 595-3300 Fax (480) 595- 3342

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Camping, picnicking and boating

SEASON OF USE

All year

ELEVATION

1,999 ft. (spillway)
2,026 ft. (full reservoir)

FACILITIES

Ocotillo Boating Site:

Boat launch
Vault toilet

No drinking water available

LOCATION AND ACCESS

From Carefree, take Cave Creek Road to the junction of Bartlett Road/Forest Road (FR) 19. Turn right and travel 6 miles to the junction of FR 205. Turn left onto a paved road for 2 miles which turns to an unpaved, un-maintained road for another 9 miles to the lake.

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Crappie, Large and Smallmouth Bass, Channel and Flathead Catfish, Carp, and Bluegill.

ATTRACTIONS

- Horseshoe Reservoir is one of the most remote lakes in the area -- ideal for anglers looking for a quiet lake.
- Horseshoe is one of the best fish nurseries in Arizona, with the refilling of the reservoir.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Horseshoe Reservoir is the first of the Salt River Project lakes to be drawn when irrigation and domestic water requirements dictate. Often only a small pond is left.
- Free-flowing portions of the Verde River are closed to motorized use.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Carefree and Cave Creek: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Horseshoe Lake*, Desert Charts
- For water-level information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com