WELCOME TO HORSETHIEF BASIN

Access
Horsethief Basin is located in the Bradshaw Mountains, six miles from the small town of Crown King. High-clearance vehicles are recommended.

Camping
Hazlett Hollow is a first come, first served campground. Turney Gulch Group site has tables, a ramada with a grill and vault toilet. Reservations can be made through Recreation.gov at http://www.recreation.gov

Cabin
Horsethief Cabin is a self-catering cabin with full amenities. It can be reserved through Recreation.gov at http://www.recreation.gov

Boating
Horsethief Basin Lake is a small lake open to non-motorized boating and fishing.

Fishing
Horsethief Basin Lake offers patient anglers a chance to catch bass, catfish, channel catfish, and sunfish.

Wilderness
Castle Creek Wilderness offers spectacular hiking and horseback riding on maintained trails with rugged and diverse terrain.

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)
Lane Mountain and designated Forest Service roads are open to OHVs. For additional opportunities, check the current forest MVUM. All off-highway vehicles need to stay on designated system roads and trails.

For More Information, Contact
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Prescott, AZ 86303
Phone: (928) 443-8000
Fax: (928) 443-8008
Fire Information: (928) 777-5799
https://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/
Facility Type | Water | Toilet | Trash | Power | Rate | Sites | 1st Come | 1st Serve | Reservations
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Hazlett Hallow | Family | - | X | X | | | | | 05/01-10/31
Turney Gulch | Group | - | X | X | | | | | 05/01-10/31
100 people max | Combination lock on gate | | | | | | | | ≤50 pp @ $75/Night; 51-100 pp @ $150/Night
Horsethief Lake | Day Use | | | | | | | | 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Cost
Horsethief | Cabin | X | X | X | | | | | 2 BR, Propane | ≤ 6 pp => $100 | 05/01-11/29

For reservations call Rec.gov at 1-877-444-6777 or visit www.Recreation.gov
• Campsite fee covers one vehicle per campsite.
• Maximum of 1 extra vehicle per site.
• Extra Vehicle Fees: $5/night. Paid upon arrival at campground.
• Some campsites will not accommodate extra vehicles.
• 14-Day Stay Limit on the Prescott National Forest.
• Water for campers is available at a roadside spigot near the cabin.

Please visit the Prescott National Forest web site for current trail and road restrictions, https://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/

### Trails
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Heritage
Horsethief Basin gets its name from the rustlers who stole horses and cattle and drove them to holding corrals along the old Horse Thief Trail. There they would alter the stock's brands and sell the animals. Horsethief Basin provided perfect conditions for such activities. The seclusion was guarded by lookouts and the lake provided free grass and water for the livestock. The first cabin in the area was built by a rustler named Horse Thief Davis.

In 1924, the City of Phoenix made plans to develop the area into a summer resort. The construction depended on building a new “fast” road leading over the mountains from Phoenix into the basin, an expensive and challenging feat at the time. There was no funding for the road, and plans were pushed back. Ironically, the Great Depression saved the City's dream of a resort. The New Deal provided money and labor to begin developing the resort in 1936, starting with the Horsethief Dam. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built the campgrounds, cabins, a general store, and a dance pavilion. The resort opened in 1937 and was a popular summer retreat, but interest waned by the 1950s. The land was sold back to the Forest Service in the 1960s. Most resort facilities were removed in the 1990s. Hazlett Hollow campground, Turney Gulch group campground, and Horsethief Cabin remain, serving as a lasting legacy. The group site and cabin are available for overnight reservations via www.Recreation.gov.

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Camping and Cabin Use
• Horsethief Cabin has running water. However, water is not available in the campgrounds. Water for campers is available at a roadside spigot located near the cabin.
• Horsethief Basin is a remote area. Cell phone coverage may be spotty.
• Please keep fires within provided fire rings. Check for potential fire restrictions before you go.
• Don’t leave fires unattended. Put fires out by pouring water over them and stirring; repeat until cool to the touch. Do not bury fires.
• Please use trash receptacles orpack out trash when you leave.

Hiking
Horsethief Basin contains several trails for visitors to enjoy. Here are a few tips to ensure your hike is safe and pleasant.
• Before you go, check the difficulty level and terrain of the trail you plan to hike.
• Drink plenty of water both before and during your hike.
• Sturdy footwear is essential.
• Bring a small first aid kit.
• Check the weather forecast before you go.

OHV Use
The Prescott National Forest has many roads that are open to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. These can be found on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which can be obtained from a Forest Service office or online at the Forest’s website. One trail within Horsethief Basin is designated for OHV use.
• Please stay on designated roads and trails while riding. This helps prevent damage to natural resources.
• Avoid wet or muddy areas.
• Avoid vegetation to prevent possible wildfires.

Wilderness
Castle Creek Wilderness surrounds Horsethief Basin on three sides. Designated wilderness areas show minimal evidence of human presence. They are places where the natural processes dominate and human management is nominal. By using good wilderness practices, you can help keep these areas wild for present and future generations.
• Leave no Trace – “Take only photographs, leave only footprints” is a good phrase for a wilderness visit. Stay on trails and leave flowers, leaves, and rocks for future visitors to enjoy.
• Pack it in, Pack it out – If you bring it in, bring it out. This includes food, trash, and human waste. An alternative is to bury waste in catholes 6” deep and at least 200’ from water, camps, and trails.
• Motorized and mechanized equipment is prohibited in wilderness. This includes drones and mountain bikes.

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