2020 COMMUNITY FISHING GUIDEBOOK

Arizona's Community Fishing Program motto is:

"If people can't get to the fish, we'll bring fish to the people."

We take great pride in providing a fun, family-friendly fishing opportunity at city park lakes and ponds across Arizona. For 35 years, we've been providing excellent customer value through the consistent, reliable delivery of quality fish throughout the year. We will continue to work with new communities to bring more fish to more waters for more people.

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46 waters to fish!

As of 2020, we have established fishing waters in 22 Arizona communities.

For more detailed information on specific locations of the Community Fishing Waters see the lake and park maps within this Guidebook.
You can also find additional information at www.azgfd.gov or pick up a copy of the 2019-2020 Arizona Fishing Regulation booklet at your local license dealer.

Fish Stocked in Community Fishing Waters

(see specific waters for delivery schedules)

Channel Catfish 13-18 inches
(stocked in the spring and fall)

Bluegill 5-7 inches
(stocked once in spring)

Rainbow Trout 10-13 inches
(stocked in the winter)

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is the state agency charged with conserving and managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resources. Its money comes from the sale of licenses, permits, fees and federal excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment and boats. Policies are decided by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor.

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Welcome to Arizona's Community Fishing Program

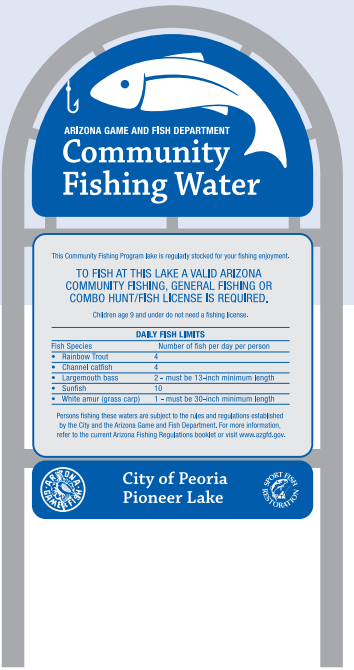
Whether you are an experienced, occasional or new angler, the Arizona Community Fishing Program offers fishing opportunities that you are sure to enjoy. There are currently 46 city park lakes participating in the Program, a partnership between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and 22 cities across the state. Detailed maps and park-specific information on all Community Fishing waters are found on pages 18–72. To ensure fishermen have a good chance of catching fish, plenty of ready-to-catch fish are stocked during the fall, winter and spring seasons.

More than 4 million Arizona residents live within a 20-minute drive of a stocked Community Fishing Program lake. Close by and convenient, all the parks offer parking and other amenities to make your fishing trip and park visit enjoyable.

Why fish community lakes?

- All lakes are regularly stocked
- Lakes and parks are well maintained
- Fishing is a fun and rewarding sport
- Anyone can fish
- Fishing is relaxing and peaceful
- Parks are pleasant and safe environments
- Fish are safe to eat and good for you

Distinctive Community Fishing Program signs are posted at key locations at all participating waters, uniquely identifying these fisheries from other city waters. The signs also highlight the fishing license requirements and special bag limit regulations that apply to Community Fishing waters.

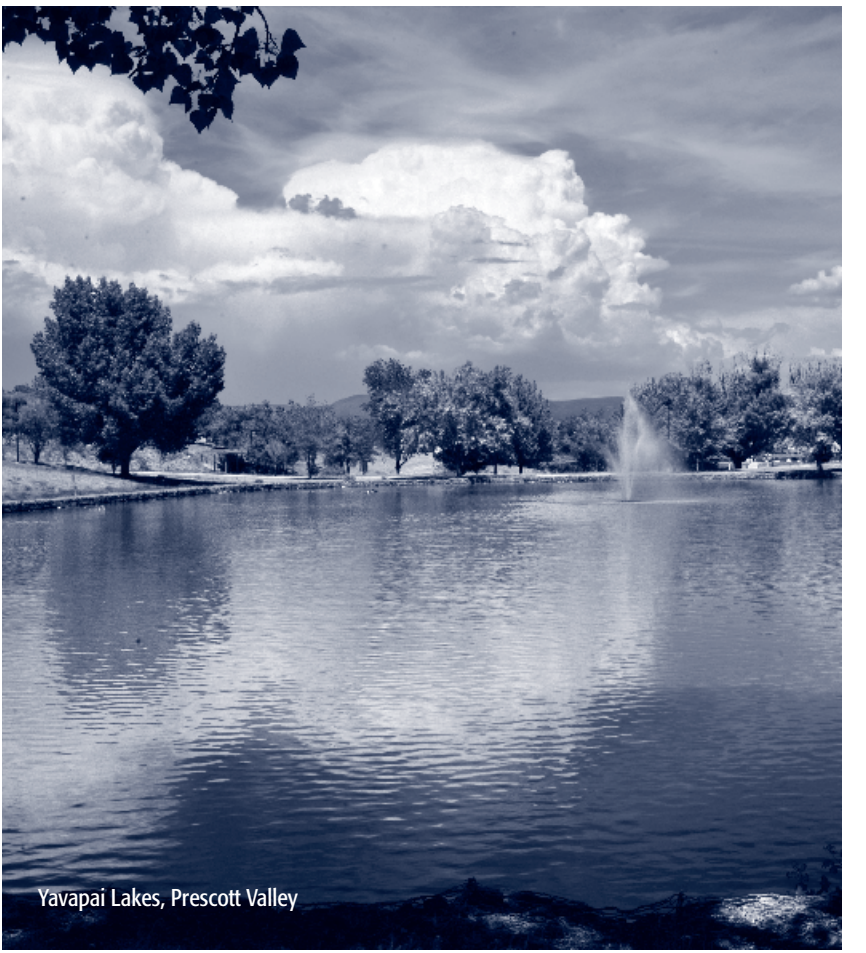


2020 Changes & Highlights

One more water was added to the Community Fishing Program in 2019:

- FESTIVAL FIELDS POND in Avondale

Two newly constructed waters are expected in 2020 and include a new lake in Paloma Park in Peoria (on Lake Pleasant Road), and Regional Park in Gilbert (East Queen Creek Road). We're still in discussions with Graham County to potentially add the Fairgrounds Pond in Safford to the Community Fishing Program. Several rural communities have expressed a desire to construct ponds and are actively trying to find funding to implement construction (Eager, Holbrook, Mammoth, Cordes Lakes, Amado, Douglas, etc). We hope to see you out fishing a nearby water soon.



Yavapai Lakes, Prescott Valley

Community Fishing Regulations at a Glance

The Game and Fish Commission specially designates certain municipal lakes and ponds as Community Fishing Program waters. These waters have their own special rules and regulations. Here are some key Community Fishing regulations anglers should be aware of.

License Requirements: All persons 10 years or older, while fishing any public fishing water in Arizona, must have on their person a current Arizona fishing or combination (combo) hunt and fish license. Community Fishing Program waters require any of the following license types.[1]

AGE	LICENSE TYPE	FEE	
		RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Under age 10	No license required		
Ages 10 – 17	Youth Combo Hunt/Fish	$5	$5
Age 18 and over	Community Fishing	$24	$24
	General Fishing	$37	$55
	Combo Hunt/Fish	$57	$160
	Short Term Combo Hunt/Fish *Valid one day only*	$15/day	$20/day
Age 70 and over and AZ resident past 25 years	Pioneer – Combo Hunt/Fish *Available only from Game and Fish offices*	Complimentary	N/A

[1]Other valid licenses include blind and disabled veteran complimentary licenses, and youth-group two-day fishing license.

ALL Arizona fishing and combo hunt/fish licenses:

- Are valid for one year (365 days) from date of purchase.
- Include Community Fishing privileges, valid at any of the waters found in this guidebook.
- Include the two pole privilege, allowing for the simultaneous fishing with two poles (lines) in the water at once. This privilege applies to Community Fishing licenses also.
- Are valid for ALL fish species including trout.

Licenses can be purchased at any one of 320 convenient sporting goods or retail dealers statewide, any Game and Fish office, or online at www.azgfd.gov.

Operation: GAME THIEF
Report Violators
Call 24/7, 1-800-352-0700

Bag and Size Limits

Most Community Fishing waters are designated either as a lake or a pond and have different daily bag limits. Lake or pond status is specified throughout this guidebook and on signs posted at each park.

FISH SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMITS		MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
	Lakes	Ponds	
Catfish	4	2	None
Trout	4	2	None
Bass	2	1	13 inches or more
Sunfish: *various species including bluegill, redear, green and hybrid*	10	5	None
White Amur (grass carp)	1	1	30 inches or more
Other	None	None	None

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of fish that may be legally caught and reduced to possession in one day. Once you catch a fish and do not release it, it now counts toward your daily bag limit. This includes any fish you catch and give away to someone else. Daily bag limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight). **Once your daily limit is reached, you must stop fishing for that species.**

Method of Take, Use of Bait

Angling:

- All fishing and combo licenses allow the angler to fish with two poles or lines simultaneously. In no case are more than two poles allowed to be used at the same time.
- Anglers may have no more than two hooks, or one artificial lure with more than one hook attached, or two artificial flies or lures, attached to the same line or pole.
- No snagging or use of seine nets, cast nets or dip nets to capture sport fish.

Other:

- Park rules and regulations vary by city and are identified on signage at each park. Posted open park hours are also the times that anglers may fish.
- When fishing, Game and Fish laws require you to attend your line, that is, stay near your fishing pole at all times.
- When fishing, the hook, fly or lure must be used in such a manner that the fish voluntarily attempt to take it in their mouths.
- It is a violation to fail to keep all edible portions of fish in an edible condition or to leave fish to die. This is wasting "game" meat.
- It is illegal to transport live fish from a lake or to transfer live fish from one body of water to another. Unauthorized stocking of fish, minnows and crayfish is illegal.
- **The use of live bait fish (such as minnows) is illegal at all Tucson area lakes (Silverbell, Kennedy, Lakeside and Sahuarita), and also at Green Valley Lakes in Payson.**
- It is a violation to litter. This includes hooks, fishing line, bait containers, wrappers, etc.

All About Fish Stockings

Stocked Fish

Catfish – Ready-to-catch channel catfish averaging 1.5-2 pounds (14-18 inches) are stocked during the warmer seasons in the spring and the fall. Farm-raised catfish are delivered by contracted fish suppliers based in Arkansas.

Trout – Catchable rainbow trout from 10-13 inches are stocked during the winter season from three sources. Two Colorado-based trout farms are contracted to supply most of the trout. Game and Fish state trout hatcheries will continue to stock fish into Prescott Valley and five Yuma area waters.

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish and Largemouth Bass – These fish are brought in from Arkansas farm ponds once per year in the spring.

Annual Stocking Schedules – Primary Fish Delivery Strategies

With new Community Fishing locations come more adaptable and customized fish stocking strategies. These distinct strategies will be applied to the Community Fishing waters.

"Traditional" strategy: 18 waters in the Phoenix area and 4 waters in the Tucson area will be stocked with catchable catfish or trout from September to June, at roughly 2-week intervals. Catfish shall be stocked 4 times in the fall and 6 times in the spring. We plan for 9 stockings of trout in the winter months, and one sunfish and/or bass stocking in the spring.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout				9 STOCKINGS						
Catfish		4 STOCKINGS						6 STOCKINGS		
Bass and/or Sunfish									1	

"Expansion" strategy: 13 waters in the Phoenix area and 5 waters in the Yuma area will be routinely stocked with catfish or trout from October to June. Catfish shall be stocked once in the fall and 3 times in the spring. We plan for 4 stockings of trout in the winter months, and one sunfish and/or bass stocking in the spring.

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Trout			4 STOCKINGS							
Catfish	1 STOCKING							3 STOCKINGS		
Bass and/or Sunfish									1	

We have additional (custom) strategies such as Payson's Green Valley Lakes (Trout only), Stone Dam (Catfish only), and Show low Creek meadow (custom), and an "Upper Elevation Strategy" for waters in Prescott Valley as well as Patterson Ponds in Saint Johns.

Where to Get More Information

Current information on Program activities and a stocking schedule is prepared every two weeks in the Community Fishing Program Bulletin. Bulletins are posted at Fishing Information Stations at your nearest Community Program lake or they can be downloaded from the Web at www.azgfd.gov. To receive your free copy of the bi-weekly Community Fishing Program Bulletin or the weekly Fishing Report, subscribe under AZGFD e-News.

Game and Fish Online Fishing Information

www.azgfd.gov/fishing

Community Fishing Program (CFP):

- **CFP Bulletin** . . . . . Bi-weekly newsletter, what's happening
- **CFP Stocking Schedule** . . . . . Current fish stocking schedules
- **CFP Lake Locations** . . . . . Find nearest lake, see lake maps

Arizona Game & Fish Department's
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150 TOP FISHING LOCATIONS

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT OFFICES

PHOENIX HEADQUARTERS, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086 • (602) 942-3000

REGIONAL OFFICES

PINETOP	2878 E. White Mountain Blvd., Pinetop 85935	(928) 367-4281
FLAGSTAFF	3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff 86001	(928) 774-5045
KINGMAN	5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman 86409	(928) 692-7700
YUMA	9140 E. 28th St., Yuma 85365	(928) 342-0091
TUCSON	555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson 85745	(520) 628-5376
MESA	7200 E. University Drive, Mesa 85207	(480) 981-9400

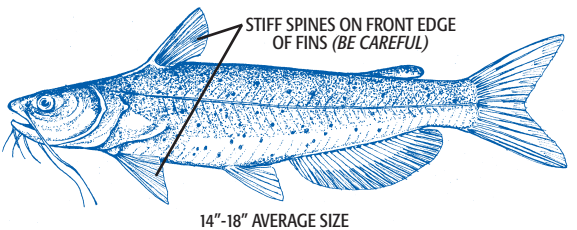
Basic Fishing Setups

Proper rigging of your hooks, weights and baits is a fundamental part of your fishing success. The following methods have proven to work well for trout, catfish and sunfish in urban waters. Use lighter line and smaller hooks and weights for trout and bluegill. Some baits such as worms are effective for all fish; however, most other baits are species-specific.

NOTE: See the inside back cover for illustrations and a complete checklist of the essential fishing equipment and baits that are recommended for community fishing.

Channel Catfish

Line: 8 to 12 lb. test
Hook Size: 2 to 6 baitholder
Bait: Worms, stink baits, hotdogs, liver, shrimp



Catfish are best caught using a hook and sinker setup **(fig. 1 and fig. 2)**. Catfish bite best in darker environments. Fish the deepest spots during the daytime and shallower areas after dark.

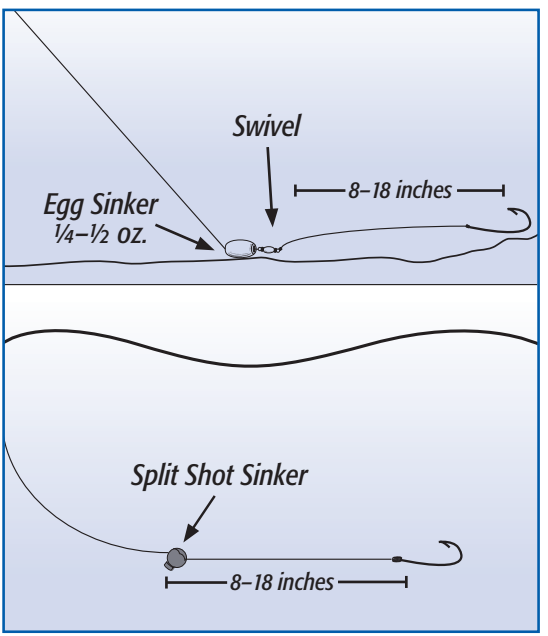
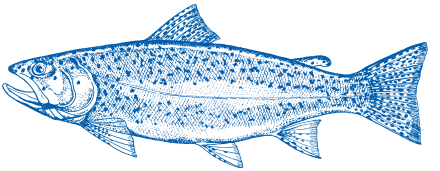


Figure 1: Egg Sinker Setup

Figure 2: Split Shot Sinker Setup

Rainbow Trout

Line: 4 to 6 lb. test
Hook Size: 8 to 12 baitholder
Bait: Worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait

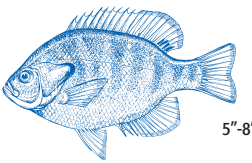


10"-12" AVERAGE SIZE

When using prepared floating baits, the bottom fishing set up with an egg sinker is most effective **(fig. 1)**. When fishing for trout, use the egg sinker set-up with 2- or 4-pound line tied below the swivel to the hook. Fishing with a bobber **(fig.3)** can work well for trout when using non-floating baits such as worms or salmon eggs. For trout lures, small in-line spinners such as Panther Martins or Mepps, or spoons such as KastMasters or Super Dupers, can be effective.

Sunfish

Line: 2 to 6 lb. test
Hook Size: 8 to 12 baitholder
Bait: Worms, mealworms, corn



5"-8" AVERAGE SIZE

Sunfish or bluegill can be caught using the bobber setup **(fig. 3).** Use a small pencil or round bobber and fish along the lake edges in 4-8 feet of water. Use enough weight below the bobber so that it can be pulled underwater easily. Try to cover up the hook with the bait.

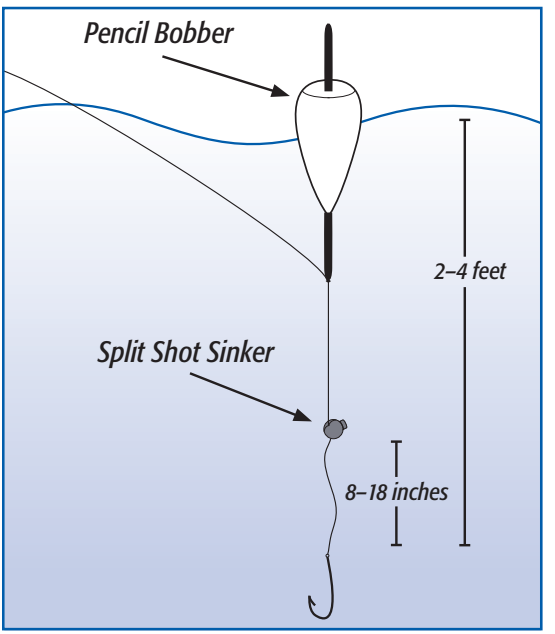
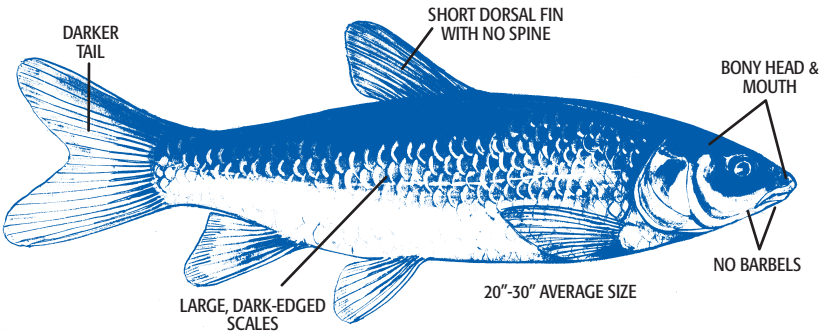


Figure 3: Bobber Setup

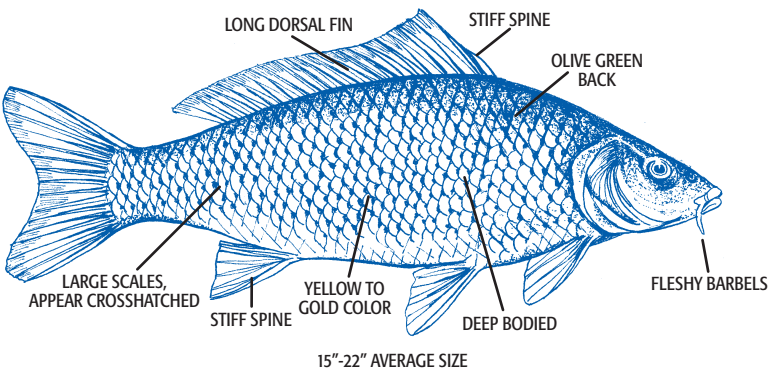
Know the difference between these two carp species!

Keep white amur in our lakes. They are helping to keep our waters clean and free of weeds. If caught, please consider releasing them unharmed.



White Amur (also called Grass Carp - Limit 1 fish 30" minimum length)

White Amur (also called grass carp) are weed eating fish specially stocked by lake managers to control aquatic weed problems. They are an important biological tool used to rid lakes of nuisance weeds and algae, helping to reduce or eliminate the need to apply chemicals in the water. Stocked white amur are expensive, certified as sterile, and will not reproduce. These "underwater lawnmowers" are vital to keeping lakes clean, healthy and fishable.



Common Carp (Unlimited harvest)

Common Carp are found in some lakes. They are not stocked, but can reproduce in some of the larger lakes. A variation of the common carp, the Israeli or mirror carp, is found in Tempe Town Lake and is very unique with irregular sized and spaced scales along the sides.

Proper Release Methods

Fish are a valuable resource, and fishing for them is a fun and exciting recreational experience. Fresh fish are also a great source of nutrition. Keeping only what you plan to eat and releasing the rest is good stewardship of this precious resource. By limiting your harvest, and practicing good catch-and-release techniques, you can help preserve the fishery and ensure that fish remain for another day.

Fish can easily die when subjected to excessive handling and poor release techniques. The fish may swim away at first, but likely dies in a matter of minutes or days if it is left out of the water too long, covered in dirt, squeezed too hard, or injured from forced removal of a deeply impaled hook. **The following catch-and-release tips will greatly improve the fish's chance of survival.**

Do's:

Quick hook sets: Avoid letting fish swallow hooks by paying attention to your line.

Quick retrieve: Exhaustion stress can be fatal, the longer you play a fish, the more stress it endures.

Wet hands and a gentle touch: Handling fish with wet hands will help keep their protective slime from coming off.

Keep the fish in the water as much as possible: It is best to unhook the fish while it is still in the water. If you want a picture, have your camera ready to go and limit holding the fish out of the water for too long.

Carefully remove the hook: Grasp the hook firmly and back it out the same direction it went in. Use pliers, a hook removal tool, or grasp the hook at the eyelet.

Quick Release: Gently place the fish back into the water. If it doesn't swim away, you may need to move the fish forward and back under water so oxygen flows over the gills and it can recover.

Don'ts:

Avoid forcefully removing swallowed hooks: If the hook is embedded down the throat, clip the line as close to the eye of the hook as possible. Hooks will dissolve over time. A fish that has a hook pulled out from its throat has less than a 50% chance of survival. A fish with the hook left in its throat has a 90% chance.

Avoid touching the gills or eyes: Holding a fish by the gills can be lethal; these are extremely sensitive and easily damaged organs.

Avoid letting the fish flop around on the ground: A fish can easily harm itself on land and lose some of its protective slime coating. It is best to minimize the amount of time it spends out of the water.

Avoid a firm grip: Fish are slippery and wiggly. Instinct will lead an angler to tighten their grip on the fish, and potentially crush its internal organs with force.

Other helpful techniques may include using barbless hooks, circle hooks, hook removal tools, and rubberized nets for handling fish.

Caring For and Preparing Your Catch

If you're going to eat your catch, you should know how to care for it from the hook to the frying pan. Nothing tastes better than a freshly caught fish. Our urban lakes offer high quality fish that are delicious, nutritious, and an affordable alternative to buying fish from a store.

Responsible anglers catch only what they plan to eat – making sure the fish does not go to waste before it is eaten. Here are some tips to keep your catch fresh and tasty, and avoid having to throw a fish away.

- **A cool, moist place to put your catch.** One of the quickest ways a fish can go bad is by being left in a warm area (on land or in the water). A good solution is to bring an ice chest with enough ice for the trip and immediately place the catch on ice. You can also keep the fish on a stringer if the water is cool.

- **Keep the fish alive until you are ready to leave.** The longer you can keep a fish alive and fresh, the better it will taste when you eat it. Using a wire basket or a stringer is a typical tactic used by most anglers. If using a stringer, thread the stringer through the fish's lower jaw instead of the gills. This keeps the fish alive a lot longer. Once you are ready to leave the lake, place the fish in a cooler or container. When you leave, remember it is against the law to transport your fish alive in water.

- **Clean the fish as soon as you get home, and store it properly:** The sooner you get home and gut and clean your fish, the better it will taste. Once properly cleaned, the fish will keep for up to 2–3 days in the refrigerator sealed in a container. If you need to store it for longer, you can freeze it in water or a ziplock bag and it will keep for 2–4 months.

For tips and instructions on preparing your catch, including gutting, filleting and cleaning your fish, go to **www.takemefishing.org**. Click on the Fishopedia tab and go to Preparing Your Catch.

Hundreds of recipes for cooking and preparing delicious trout and catfish can be found at **www.foodnetwork.com**. Enter "trout" or "catfish" in the search box.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic invasive species in Arizona are defined as "any aquatic species that is not native, and whose introduction may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health." Typically they are moved from lake to lake by common recreational activities such as boating and fishing. When these invaders come into contact with our native, resident species, they often out-compete them for food and territory because there are no natural predators to stop them.

What you can do

- To prevent spreading aquatic invasive species, at the end of every fishing trip make sure to **remove any visible mud, plants or fish** from your equipment.
- **Clean, drain and dry** all equipment before using it again.
- **Don't transport or stock live fish** (or aquatic plants). It's illegal.
- Find out more at **http://www.azgfd.gov/invasivespecies**

Do not move fish between waters or introduce fish to waters from which they did not come. Doing so can have far-reaching consequences, posing threats to resident fish and perhaps infecting waters and spreading disease.

Arizona's Community Fishing Program Most Unwanted Invasive Species:

1. **Golden Alga** is a one-celled microscopic alga that produces a toxin that can kill fish and clams. It is already found in numerous Arizona waters including some Community Fishing waters in the Phoenix area. The algal toxins are harmless to humans, pets and birds.
2. **Quagga mussel** is a shelled bivalve that attaches to many different surfaces, natural and man-made. It filters the water through a siphon and eats large amounts of microscopic algae, the base of the food web. A single adult can produce four million larvae (called "veligers") a year, quickly clogging pipes and blanketing large areas of the lake bottom. Quagga mussels were discovered in Red Mountain Lake in 2012.
3. **Crayfish** are sometimes used as bait. They consume large quantities of aquatic plants, fish, and even each other. They annoy anglers by stealing their bait.
4. **Tropical fish** such as *Plecostomus* (alga eaters), goldfish, pacu and even piranhas have been illegally released from fish tanks and ponds. They carry diseases, prey on food items important to sport fish, and may create fear and panic when found.
5. **Hydrilla and other tropical/aquarium plants** can rapidly infest ponds, becoming a nuisance as they cover the surface or the bottom. Expensive to control, they can be a persistent pest.

Operation: GAME THIEF

A 24/7 hotline to report fish and wildlife violations

Call to report a violation or visit www.azgfd.gov/thief

Report a violation. Rewards of $50–$1,000 are offered for information leading to an arrest for fishing violations. Callers can remain anonymous. Call **1-800-352-0700.**

Bag and possession limits provide everyone with a chance at a quality fishing experience and protect the fishery. Any angler that keeps or gives away more than their limit is breaking the law – they are thieves stealing fish from you and other responsible anglers.

Your help is needed to catch these violators. If you witness an angler keeping more than the daily bag and possession limit, fishing without a license, fishing with more than two poles at the same time, or not complying with other fishing rules, contact the Operation Game Thief Hotline to report the violation.

Reported violations are prioritized based on the quality of the information provided. Because the department has a limited number of wildlife officers statewide, it is not possible to have an immediate response to every call. That is why it is important that you be a good witness so that follow-up by an officer can be conducted.

Be a good witness:

- Recognize what specific activities are violations.
- Do not put yourself in danger or confront the violator.
- Write down the date, time and specific park and lake location.
- Write down a description of the person(s) (physical and clothing).
- If possible, get the vehicle description and license plate number.
- Try to take pictures or video of the violation and violator.
- Call or go online to report the violation as soon as possible.

Poaching is not fishing! Poachers are not fishermen! Do the right thing. Report a violator. Your tip can make the difference in apprehending a fish thief.

Fain Lake, Prescott Valley

Rainbow Trout stocking at Rio Vista Pond, Peoria

Community Fishing Program Waters

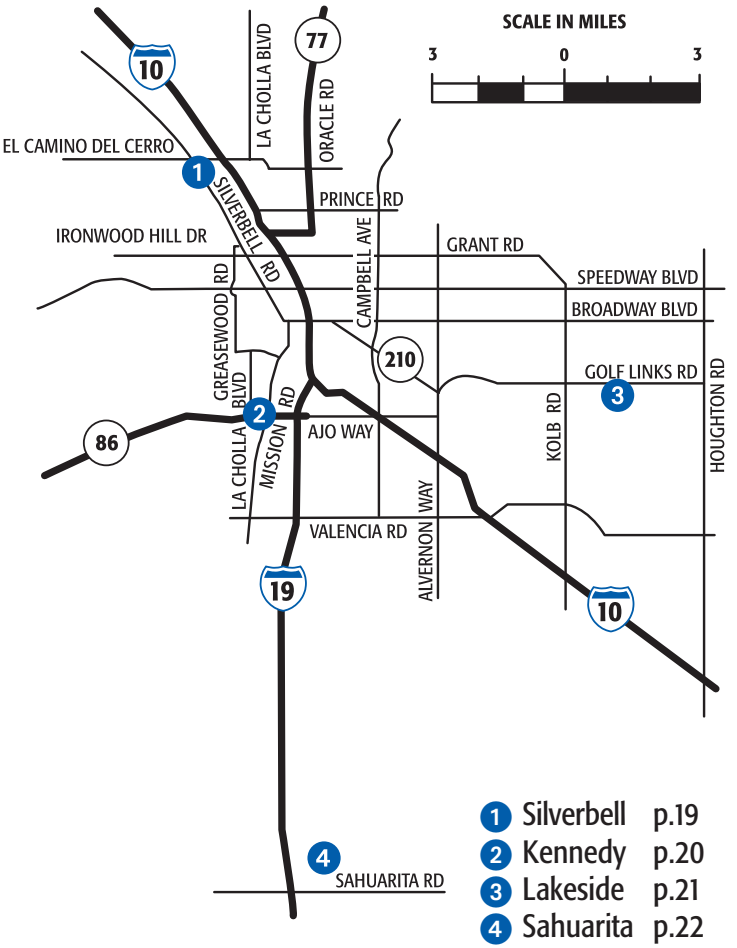
This section includes maps and specific information on each of the 46 Community Fishing Program waters located in 22 cities across Arizona.

- Lakes are grouped by city, and key lake and city park information is listed to ensure you have a pleasant and enjoyable fishing experience when you visit.
- Most parks have parking, restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, handicap access, and much more. Facilities, landscaping and lakes are well maintained by parks staff.
- Community Fishing Program bulletin boards and regulation signs are posted at all lakes to keep you informed of the current fishing regulations and license requirements.
- Enjoy fishing the park lakes. Please help keep your community parks clean and follow the rules and regulations.

Key to map symbols

Parking	Boat Ramps	Covered Ramadas
Restrooms	Handicap Access	Playgrounds
Information Stations		Dog Parks

Tucson Area Community Lakes



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Silverbell Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

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Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	

Location: Christopher Columbus Park
4600 N. Silverbell Road
Tucson, AZ 85745

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 7 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. No fishing allowed in Archer Lake. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

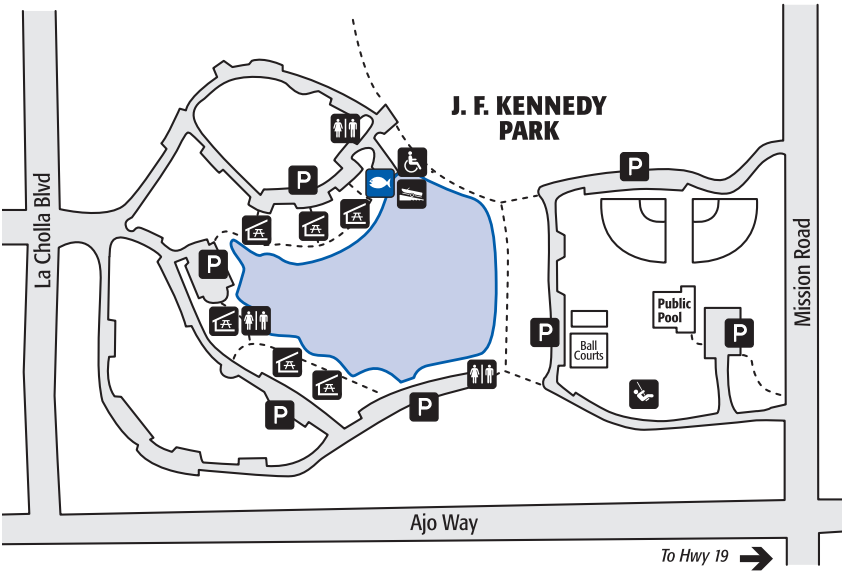
Park Amenities
- Boating
- Large Shade Trees
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Dog Park
- Model Airplane Area
- Model Boat Lake (Archer Lake)

Joined CFP in 1984

Kennedy Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: J. F. Kennedy Park
3600 S. La Cholla Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85713

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

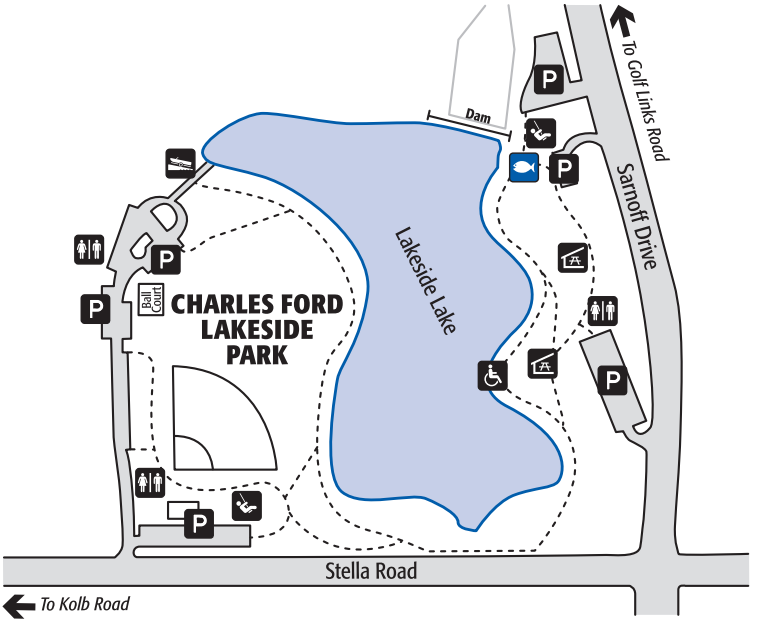
Park Amenities
- Boating
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Swimming Pool

Joined CFP in 1984

Lakeside Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Chuck Ford Lakeside Park
8300 E. Stella Road
Tucson, AZ 85730

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 14 acres at full capacity.
Maximum depth 35 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No live baitfish allowed. Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under must be properly licensed and permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited. Feeding of ducks and geese prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tucson Parks and Recreation
(520) 791-4873
www.tucsonaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

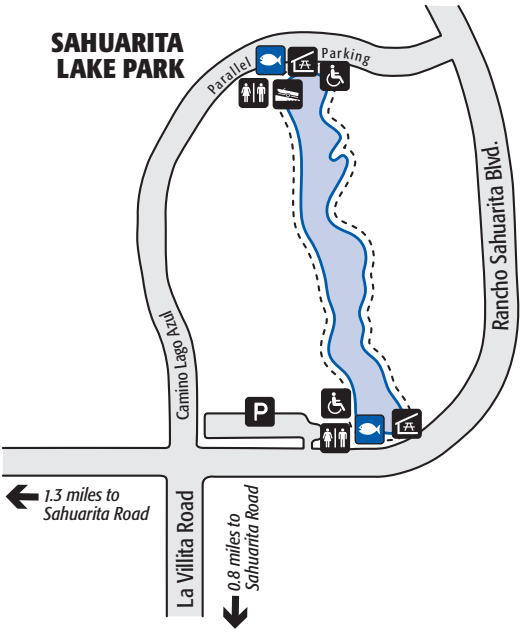
Park Amenities
- Boating
- Playgrounds
- Sports Fields
- Walking Trail

Joined CFP in 1986

Sahuarita Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Sahuarita Lake Park
15466 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers, littering, cleaning of fish on premises, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. No live baitfish allowed*. Boating permitted: electric motor only. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Animals must be leashed at all times; pets not allowed on watercraft or in water. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Sahuarita Parks and Recreation
(520) 822-8896
www.sahuaritaaz.gov

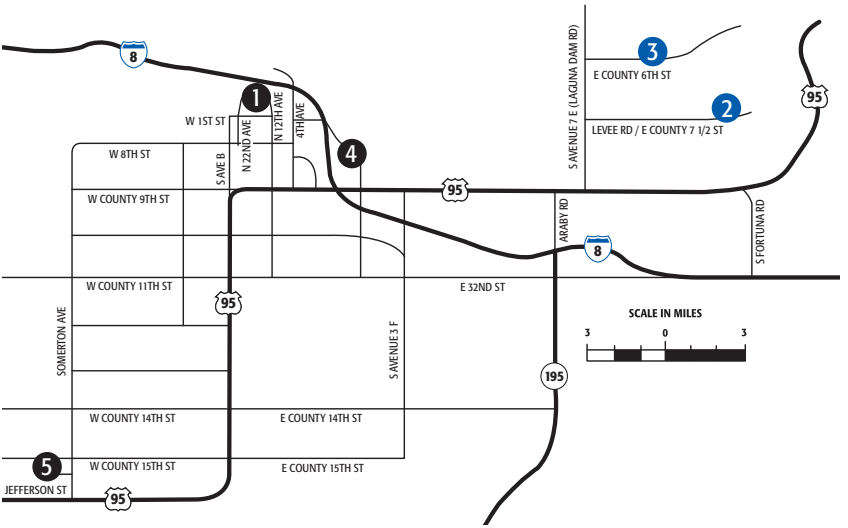
Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Gazebos
- Perimeter Pathway
- Exercise Stations

Joined CFP in 2002

Sahuarita Lake, Sahuarita

Yuma Area Community Lakes & Ponds



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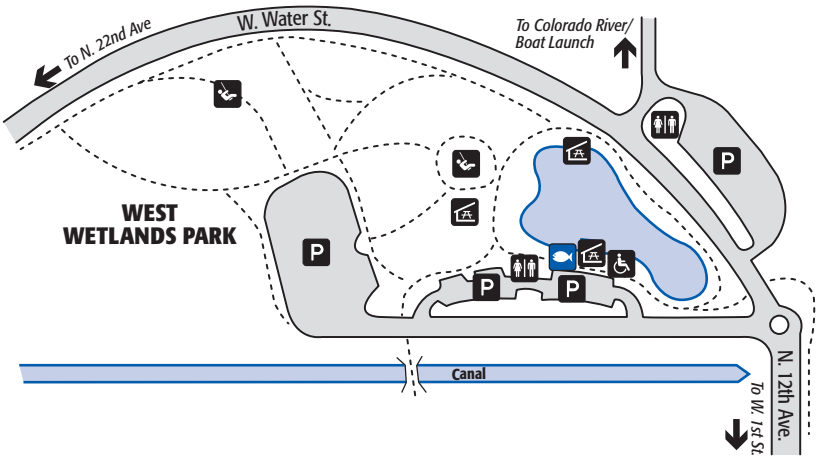
West Wetlands Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: West Wetlands Park
282 North 12th Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1.3 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** Alcoholic beverage permits required. Leashed dogs are permitted in the park. Motorized vehicles are not permitted off roadways and are to be parked in designated areas only. No open fires are permitted. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Yuma Parks and Recreation - (928) 373-5243
www.yumaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Walking Trails
- Playgrounds

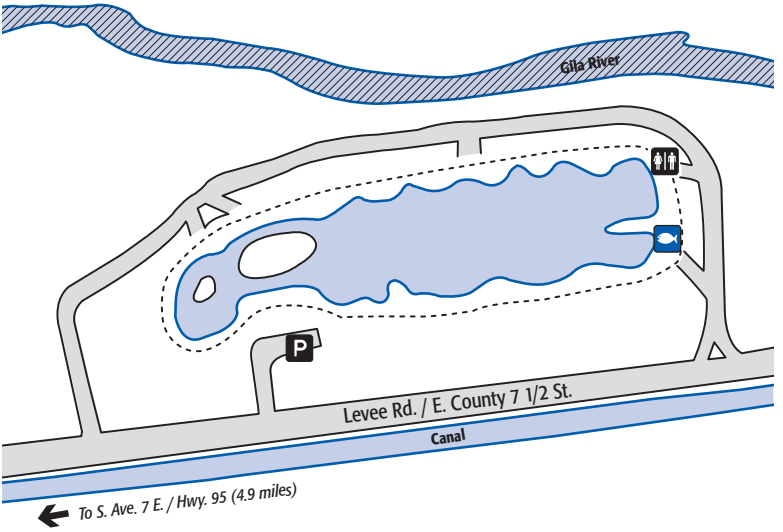
Joined CFP in 2014

West Wetlands Pond, Yuma

Fortuna Lake

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: From I-8, turn north on Araby Road and travel 1.5 miles to Highway 95. Turn east on Highway 95 and travel ½ mile to Ave. 7 E. Turn north on Ave. 7 E and travel 1.5 miles to the levee. The levee is on the north side of the Main Outlet Drain. Turn east on the levee road and travel approximately 3.4 miles, Fortuna Pond will be on your left.

Park Hours: Open 24 hours.

Size: 9 acres.

Rules: Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor. Camping limited to 14 days. No facilities on site.

For more park information, contact:
Yuma Region AZ Game and Fish Office (928-342-0091), Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (928-317-3200)

www.blm.gov (search: Fortuna)

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

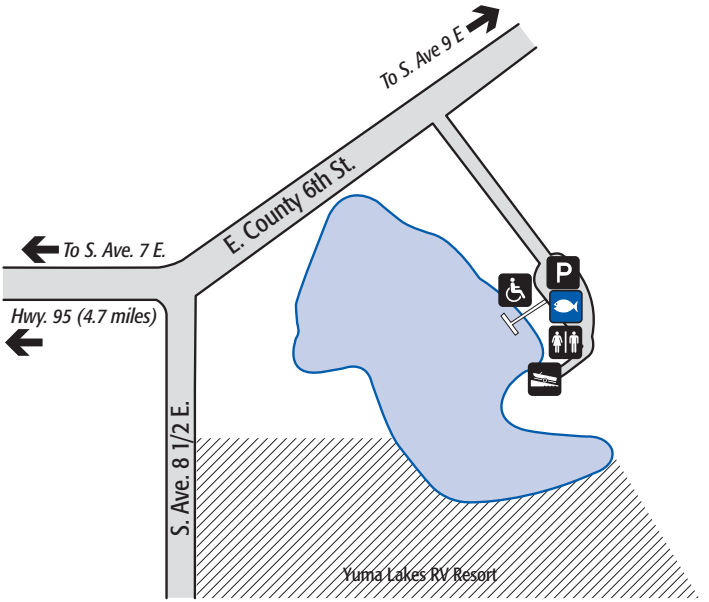
Park Amenities
- Perimeter parking
- Primitive camping
- Large shade trees

Joined CFP in 2014

Redondo Lake

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: 1.5 miles east of Laguna Dam Road (Avenue 7E) on County 6th Street.

Park Hours: Open 24 hours.

Size: 11 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: Day use only. No facilities on site. Powerboats restricted to a single electric motor.

For more park information, contact:
Yuma Region AZ Game and Fish Office (928-342-0091), Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (928-317-3200)

www.blm.gov (search: Redondo)

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

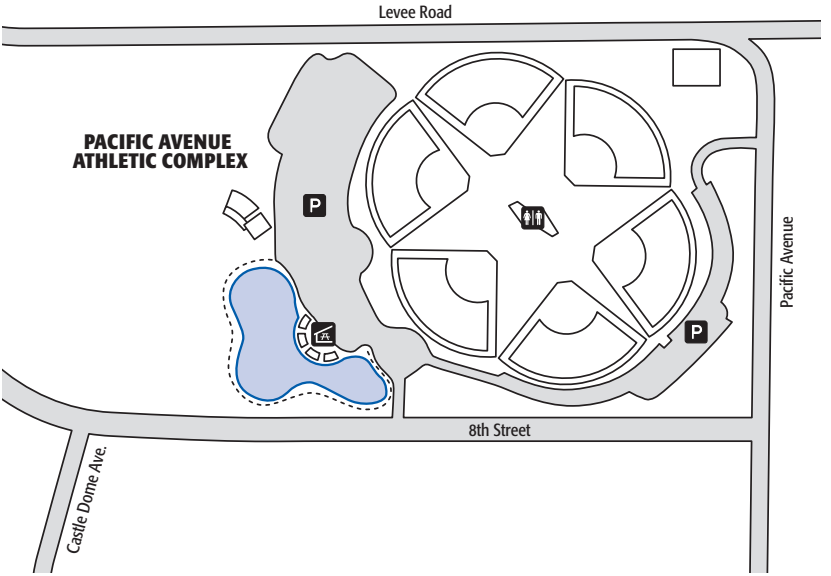
Park Amenities
- Boat launch
- Fishing pier

Joined CFP in 2014

Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: From Interstate 8 and Hwy 95 go East 0.4 miles to Pacific Avenue. Go North 1 mile to 8th street. Go West 0.2 miles to park entrance.

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1.5 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Leashed dogs are permitted in the park. Motorized vehicles are not permitted off roadways and are to be parked in designated areas only. No open fires are permitted. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Yuma Parks and Recreation - (928) 373-5243
www.yumaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

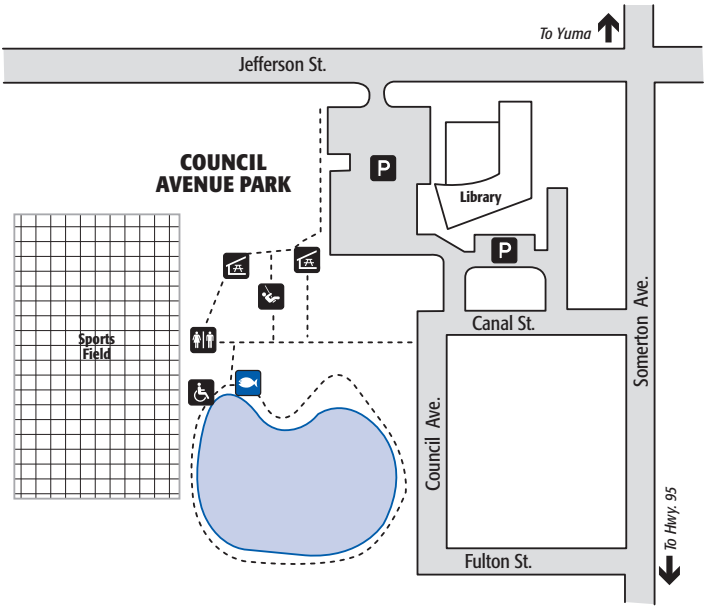
Park Amenities
- Tournament Style Softball Fields
- Shaded Ramadas
- Perimeter Parking

Joined CFP in 2018

Council Avenue Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Council Avenue Park
801 N. Council Avenue
Somerton, AZ 85350

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1 acre. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Leashed dogs are permitted in the park. All vehicles are prohibited from entering the park. Wheeled vehicles are prohibited from the walkway during the hours of 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Somerton Parks and Recreation Department
(928) 627-2058
www.cityofsomerton.com

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Ramadas
- Sports Fields

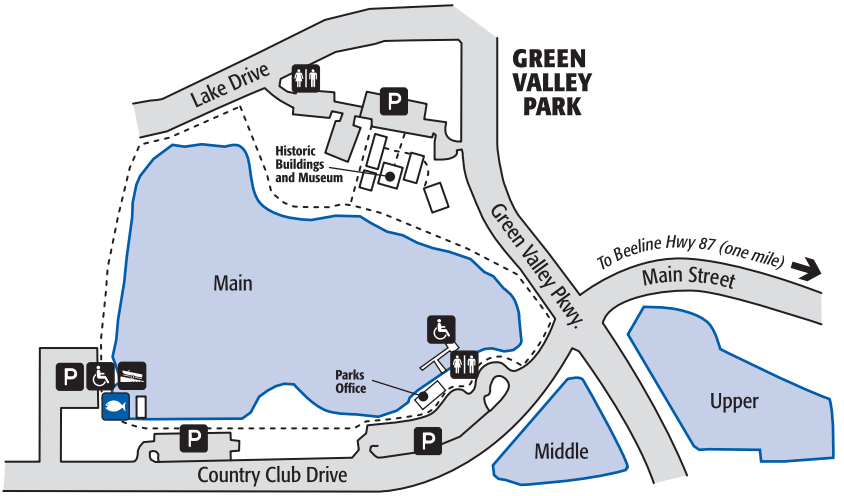
Joined CFP in 2014

Green Valley Lake, Payson

Green Valley Lakes

Annual Fish Stocking Schedule – trout delivered every two weeks

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Trout		15 stockings								



Special Note: Trout are stocked at two-week intervals from October to May.

Catfish, bass and sunfish are not stocked, but are present in good numbers.

Location: Green Valley Park
1000 W. Country Club Drive
Payson, AZ 85541

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: Total of 13 acres. Upper lake 2 acres, middle lake 1 acre, and main lake 10 acres. Maximum depth of main lake 21 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** No live baitfish allowed. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Gas motors prohibited. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Lake receives treated effluent, therefore full body contact is prohibited. All animals must be restrained by a leash. Other rules as posted.

Joined CFP in 1998

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

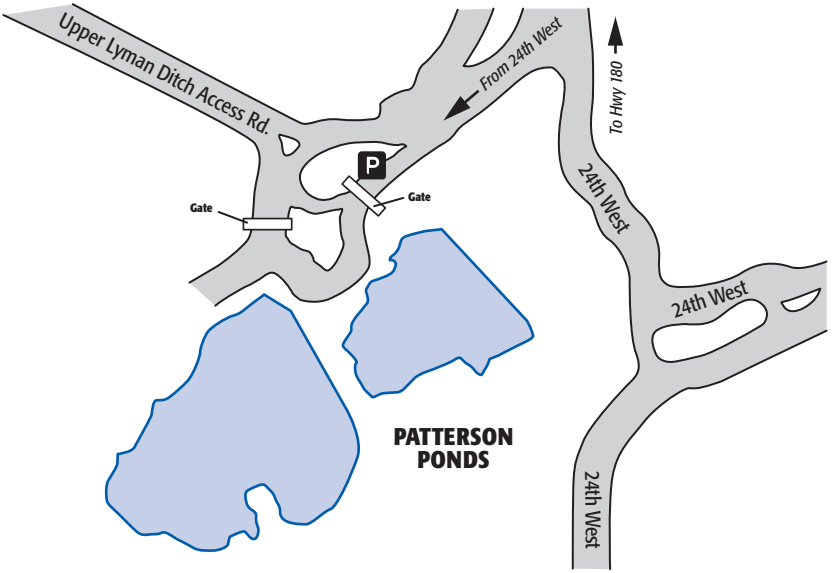
For more parks information, contact:
Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism
(928) 474-5242 ext. 7
www.paysonrimcountry.com

Park Amenities
- Boating
- Playground (north of Lake Drive)
- Walking Trails
- Accessible Fishing Docks
- Historic Buildings

Patterson Ponds

Upper Elevation Stocking Strategy

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Trout	2 stockings					2 stockings						
Catfish								4 stockings				
Bass and / or Sunfish								1				



Location: South 24th West

Park Hours: Open 24 hours

Size: Lower Pond, 3 acres
Upper Pond, 5 acres

Rules: Currently being developed

For more park information contact:
St. Johns Parks and Recreation
(928) 337-4517, Ext. 221

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13 inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30 inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

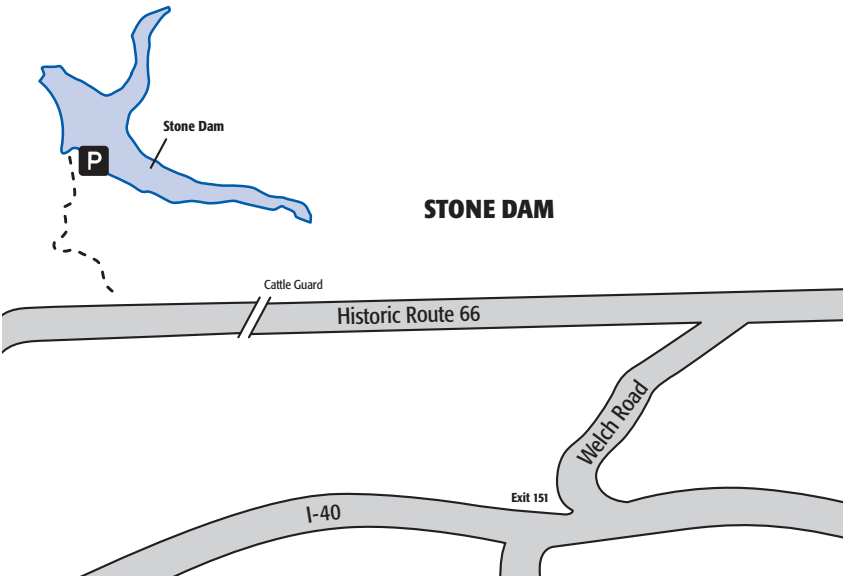
Park Amenities
- Wildlife Watching
- Hiking Trails

Joined CFP in 2016

Stone Dam

Catfish only strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Catfish									2 stockings			



Location: Old Route 66 West of Welch Road

Park Hours: Open 24 hours

Size: 10 acres

Rules: No off-road use. No littering. Respect private property rights.

For more park information contact:
Ash Fork Development Association
518 Lewis Avenue
Ash Fork, Arizona 86320
(928) 637-2774

Daily Bag Limits
4 catfish
6 trout
2 bass (13 inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

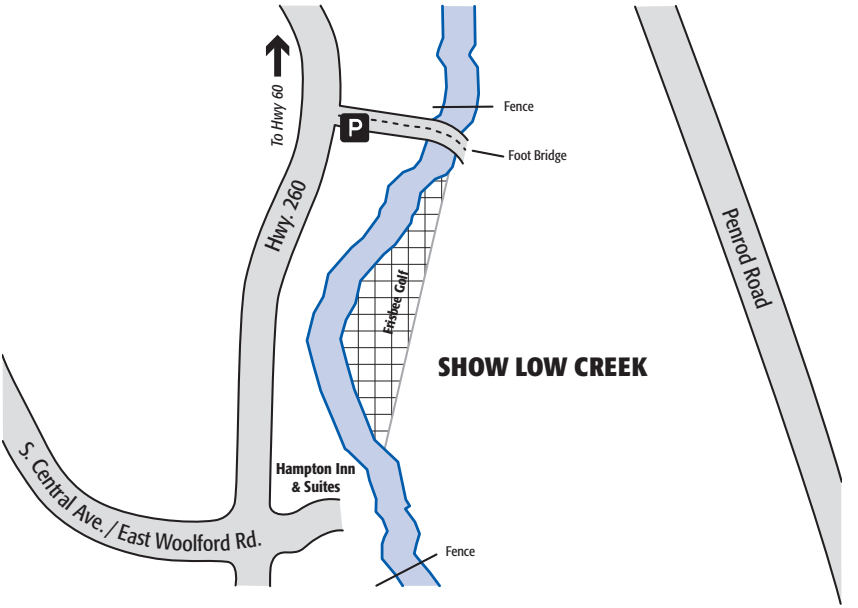
Park Amenities
- Wildlife Watching
- Hiking Trails

Joined CFP in 2016

Show Low Creek Meadow

Custom stocking strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Trout	3 stockings						3 stockings					
Catfish									2 stockings			
Bass and / or Sunfish									1			



Location: 769 S. White Mountain Road
Show Low 85901

Park Hours: Open 24 hours

Size: 0.7 miles long.

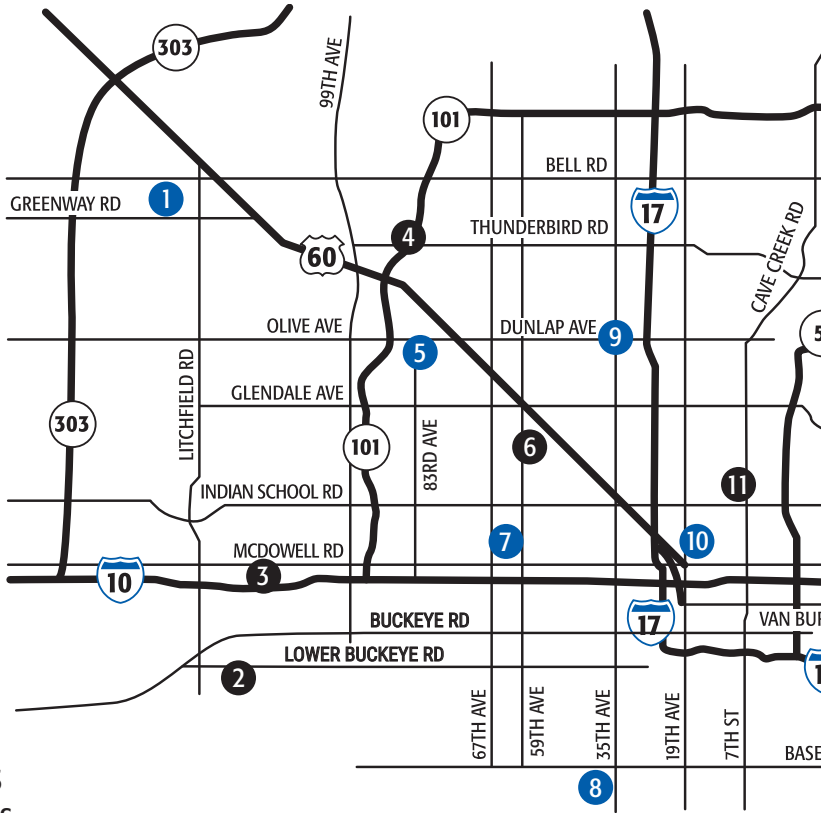
Rules: Being developed.

For more park information contact:
Show Low Parks and Recreation
180 N. 9th Street
Show Low, Arizona 85901
(928) 532-4000

Daily Bag and Possession Limit:
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13 inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30 inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Frisbee Golf
- Hiking Trails

Joined UFP in 2017



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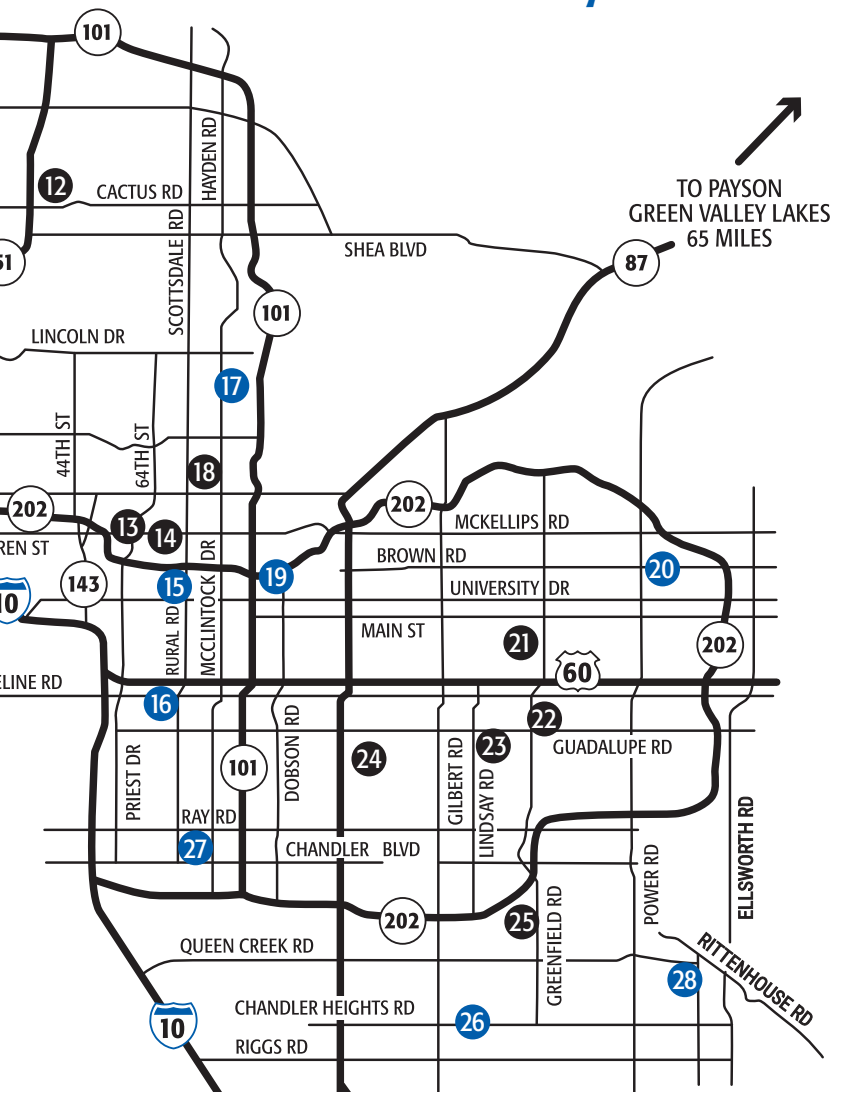


Festival Fields Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	

Location: Festival Fields Park
101 E. Lower Buckeye Road
Avondale, AZ 85323

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth to 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Avondale Parks, Recreation and Libraries
(623) 333-2400
www.avondale.org

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

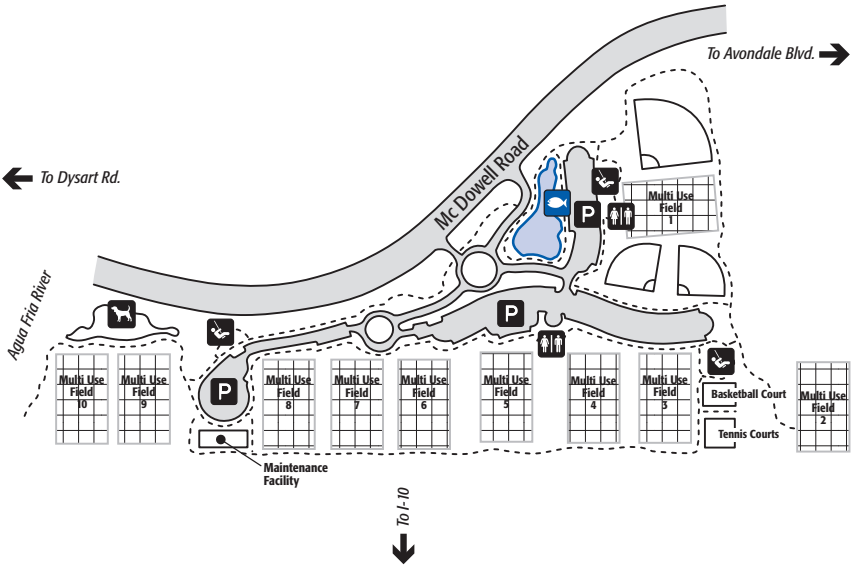
Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields
- Dog Park
- Walking Trails

Joined CFP in 2019

Friendship Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Friendship Park
12325 W. McDowell Road
Avondale, AZ 85323

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1 acre. Maximum depth to 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*
Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Avondale Parks, Recreation and Libraries
(623) 333-2400
www.avondale.org

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

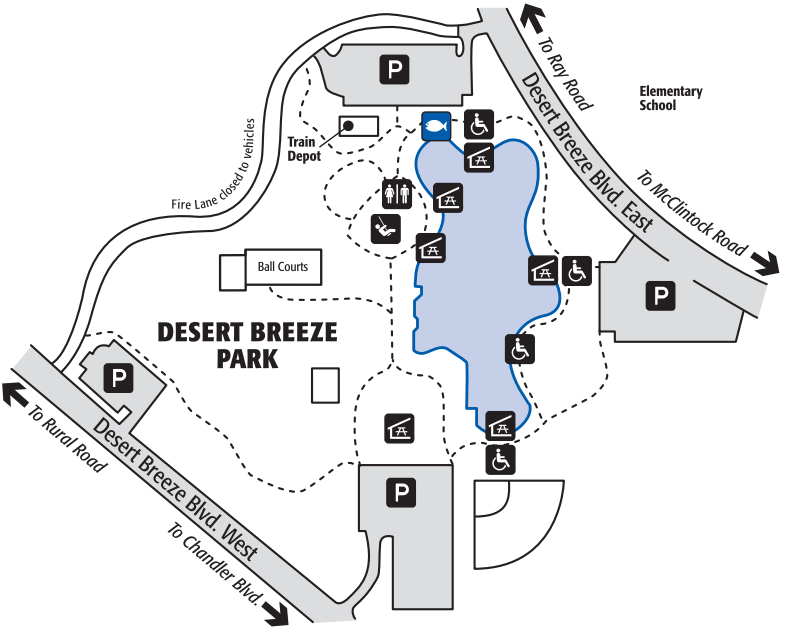
Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields
- Dog Park
- Walking Trails

Joined CFP in 2015

Desert Breeze Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Desert Breeze Park
660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East
Chandler, AZ 85226

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Chandler Community Services
(480) 782-2727
www.chandleraz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

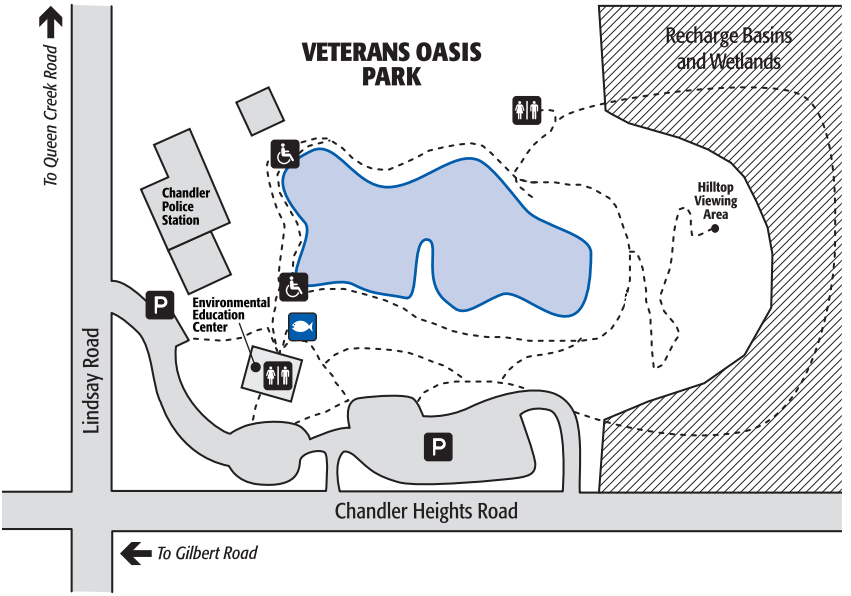
Park Amenities
- Large Shade Trees
- Playground
- Walking Trails
- Splash Park
- Carousel/Train Rides
- Hummingbird Habitat (west of park)

Joined CFP in 1990

Veterans Oasis Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Veterans Oasis Park
4050 E. Chandler Heights Road
Chandler, AZ 85249

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited*. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. No fishing in recharge basins. Dogs must remain on leash at all times. Dogs prohibited from lake and recharge basins. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
The Environmental Education Center
(480) 782-2890
www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis
or email eec@chandleraz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Walking Trails
- Environmental Education Center
- Open Play Area
- Equestrian Trail
- Excellent Bird Watching

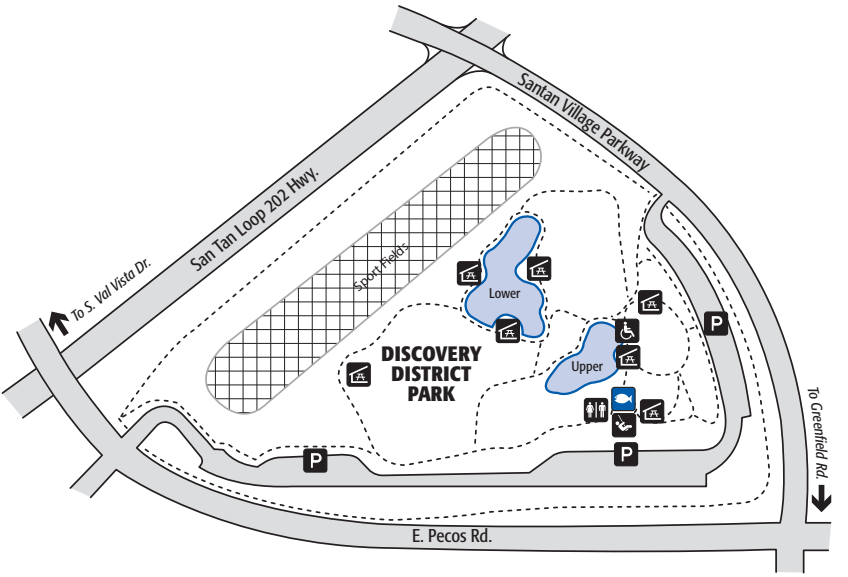
Joined CFP in 2008

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Discovery Ponds

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Discovery Park
2214 East Pecos Road
Gilbert, AZ 85297

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: Upper 1 acre, Lower 2 acres. Maximum depth to 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields

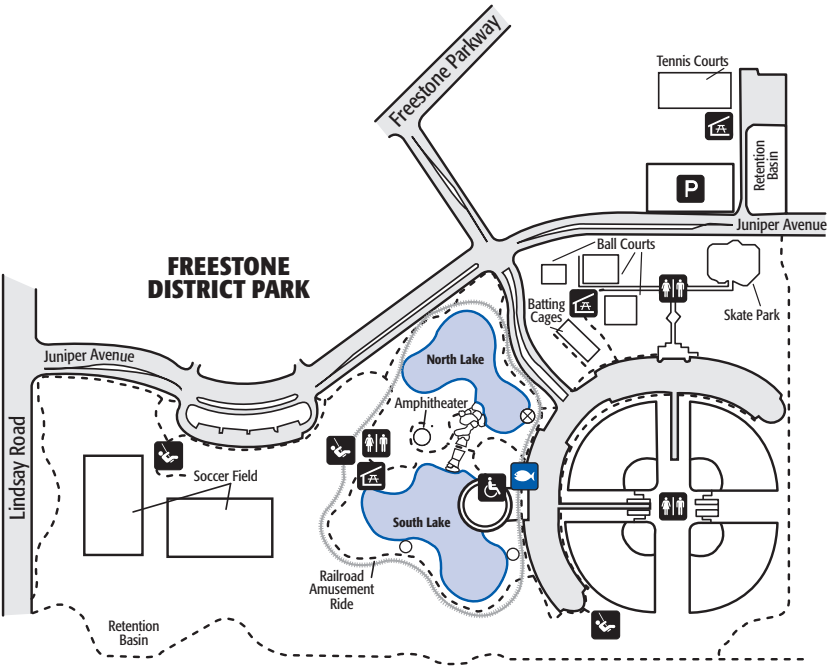
Joined CFP in 2014

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Freestone Ponds

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Freestone Park
1045 East Juniper Avenue
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth to 10 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

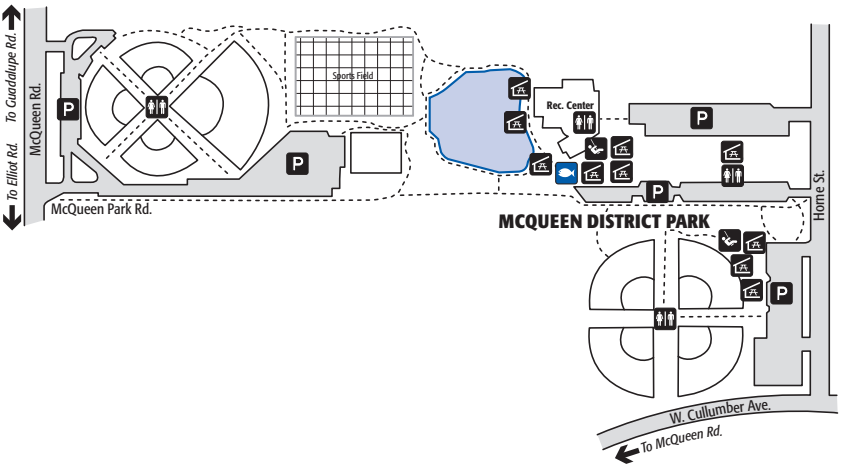
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields
- Batting Cages
- Skate Park
- Carousel/Train Rides

Joined CFP in 2014

McQueen Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: McQueen Park
510 N. Horne Street
525 N. McQueen Road
Gilbert, AZ 85233

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited*.
Alcoholic beverage permits required.
Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
McQueen Park Activity Center and District Park
(480) 503-6294
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Community Center
- Sports Courts
- Sports Fields

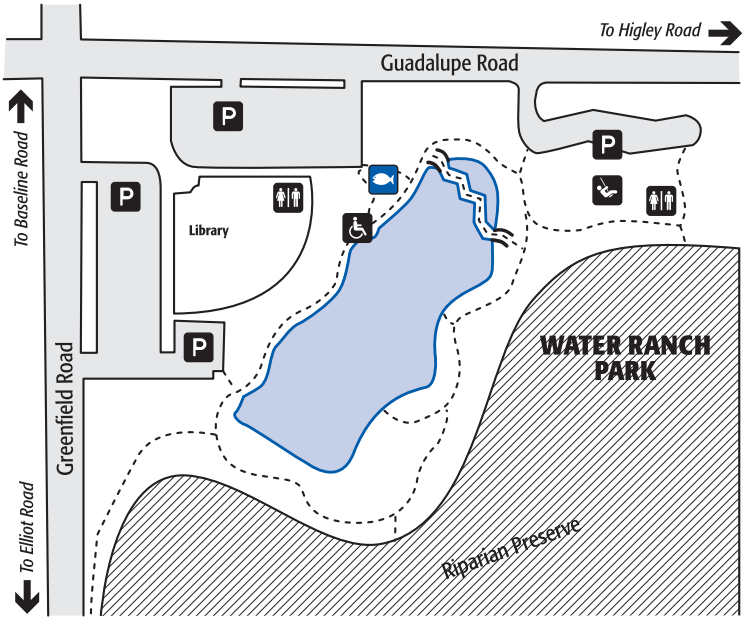
Joined CFP in 2014

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Water Ranch Lake

Expansion Stocking Strategy • SPECIAL REGULATION WATER •

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
2757 E. Guadalupe Road
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No fishing from bridge. Float tubes for fishing purposes are allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Gilbert Parks and Recreation
(480) 503-6200
www.gilbertaz.gov/parks

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Daily Bag Limits CUSTOM
2 catfish
2 trout
0 bass (catch-and-release only)
0 sunfish (catch-and-release only)
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species
Single barbless hooks required
Use of live bait is allowed

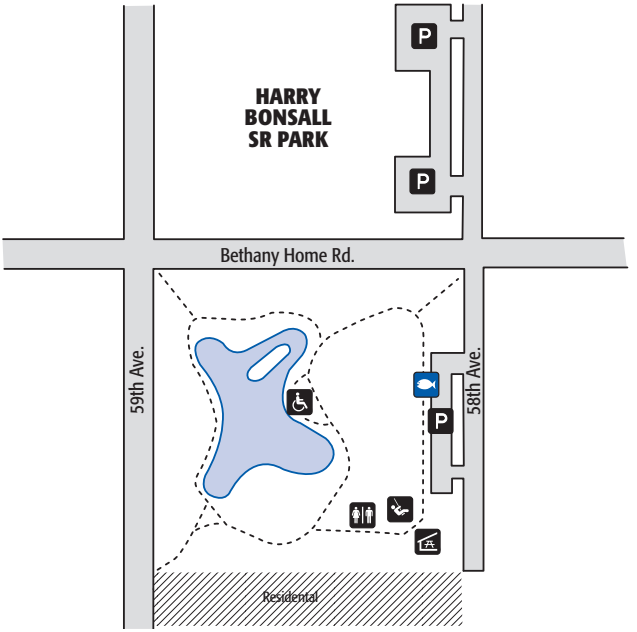
Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Playground
- Riparian Preserve with Walking Trails
- Library
- Excellent Bird Watching
- Campsites

Joined CFP in 1999

Bonsall Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Bonsall Park
5840 W. Bethany Home Road
Glendale, AZ 85301

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited*. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Glendale Parks and Recreation
(623) 930-2000
www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

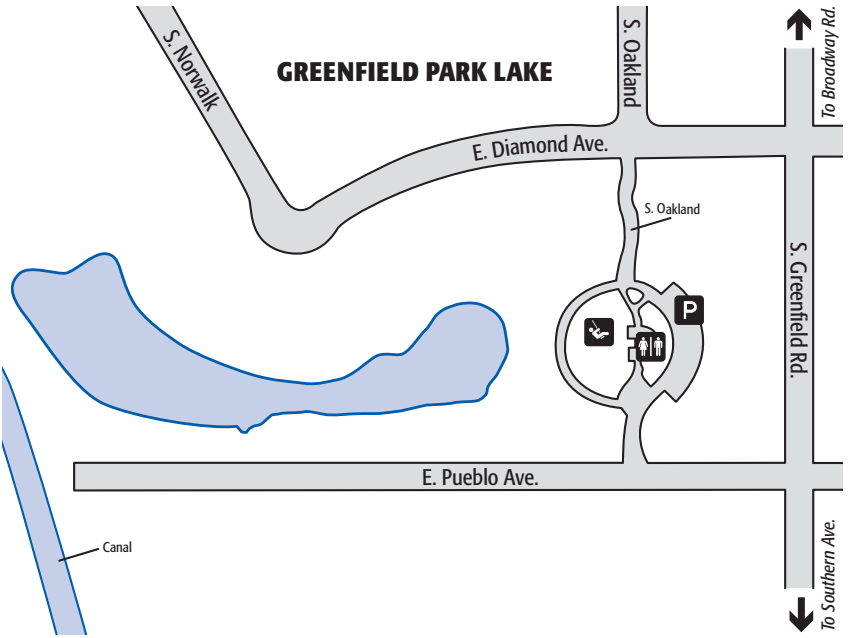
Park Amenities
- Ramadas
- Large shade trees
- Playground
- Sports Courts, In-line Hockey Rink north of Bethany Home Rd

Joined CFP in 2014

Greenfield Park Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: 4105 E. Diamond Ave
Mesa, AZ 85206

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Size: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth 17 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. Boating not allowed. No pets allowed in park. Other rules as posted.

Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- ADA Fishing Pier

Joined CFP in 2017

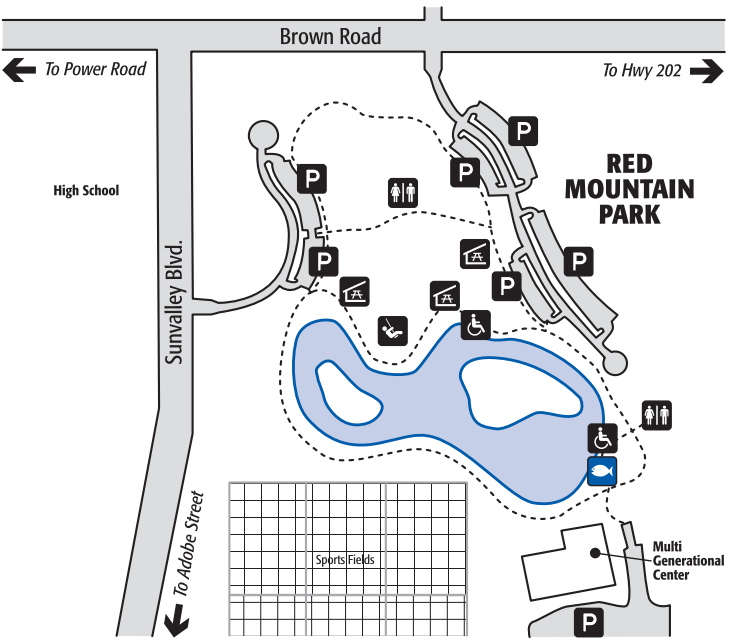
Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more park information, contact:
Mesa Parks, Recreation and
Community Facilities
(480) 644-7529
www.mesaparks.com

Red Mountain Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Red Mountain Park
7745 E. Brown Road
Mesa, AZ 85207

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Size: 8 acres. Maximum depth 17 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. Boating not allowed. No pets allowed in park. Other rules as posted.

Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Walking Trail
- Multi-generational Center

Joined CFP in 1995

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

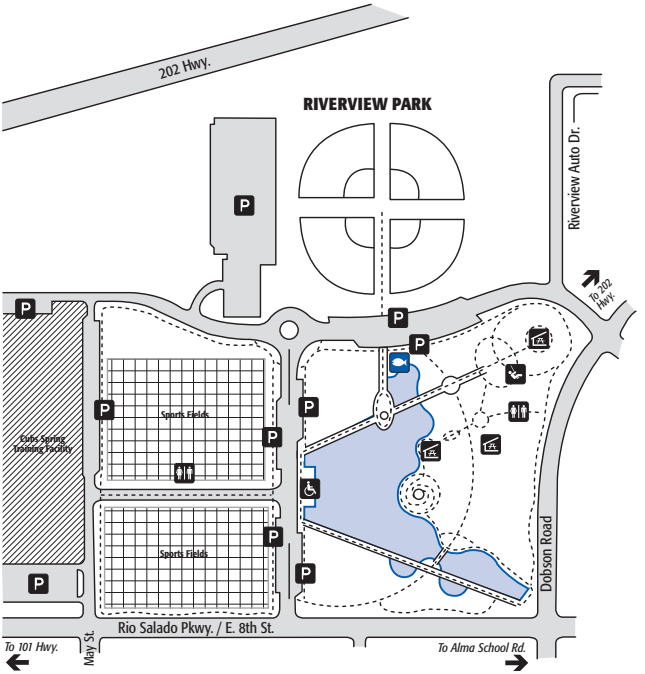
For more park information, contact:
Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities
(480) 644-7529
www.mesaparks.com

QM Quagga mussels occur here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Riverview Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Riverview Park
2100 W. 8th St.
Mesa, AZ 85201

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth 28 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. Boating not allowed. No pets allowed in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities
(480) 644-7529
www.mesaparks.com

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Splash Pad
- Baseball Stadium

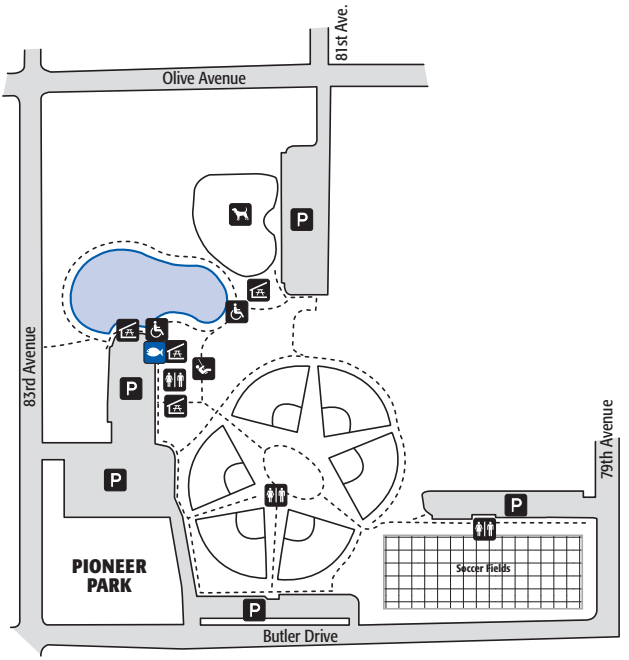
Joined CFP in 1987, lake rebuilt in 2014

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Pioneer Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Pioneer Community Park
8755 N. 83rd Ave.
Peoria, AZ 85345

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Leashed dogs are permitted in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Peoria Community Services
(623) 773-7137
www.peoriaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits- Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

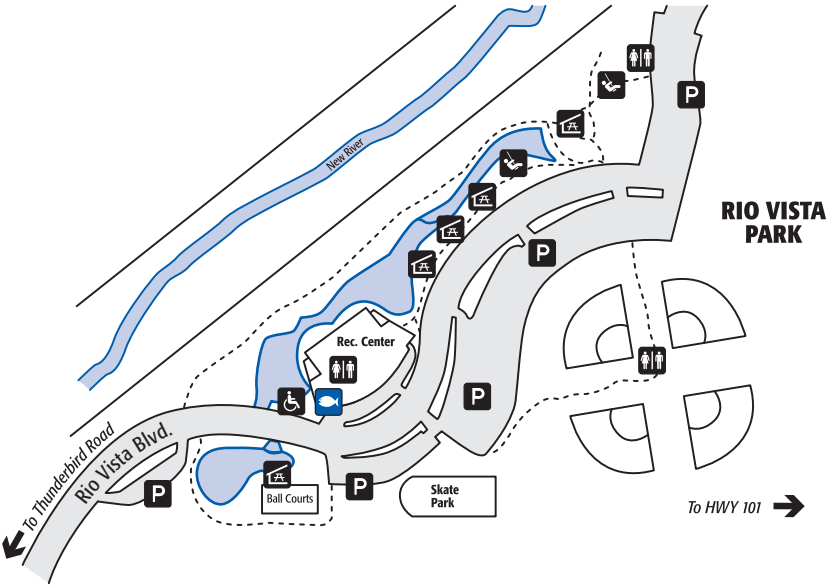
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Sports Fields
- Splash Pad
- Walking Path
- Dog Park
- Heritage Court

Joined CFP in 2014

Rio Vista Pond

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Rio Vista Community Park
8866-D W. Thunderbird Road
Peoria, AZ 85381

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 2.7 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Leashed dogs are permitted in park. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Peoria Community Services
(623) 773-7137
www.peoriaaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

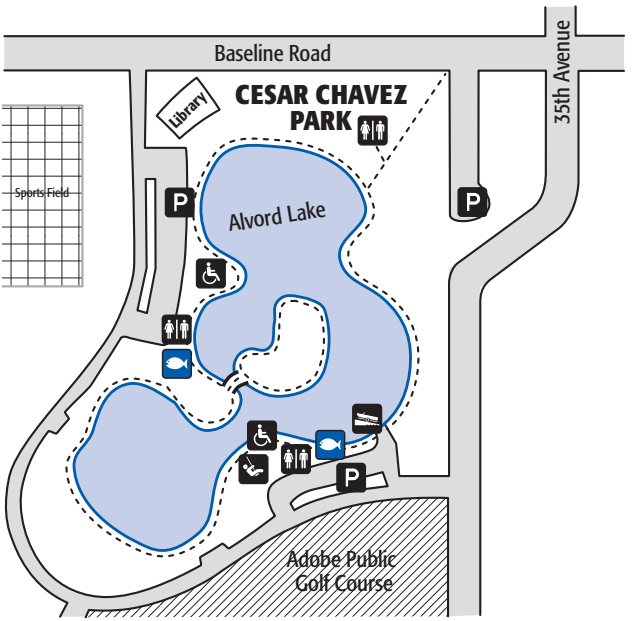
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Sports Fields
- Splash Park
- Batting Cages
- Skate Park
- Recreation Center
- Playground and Tot Lot

Joined CFP in 2004

Alvord Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Cesar Chavez Park
7858 S. 35th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85041

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 25 acres. Maximum depth 18 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Only canoes, rowboats and sailboats are allowed (no rafts). No motors allowed (gas or electric). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Fishing from a boat is prohibited. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6111
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Boating
- Large Shade Trees
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Library
- Walking Trail

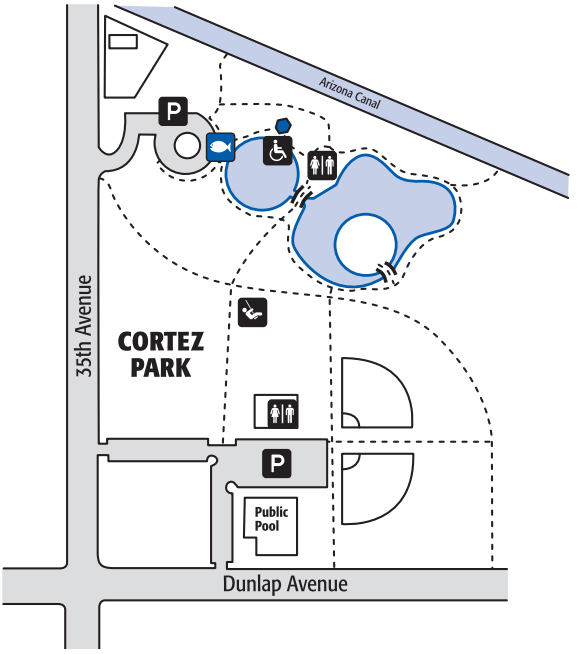
Joined CFP in 1987

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Cortez Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Cortez Park
3434 W. Dunlap Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6575
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Playground
- Large Shade Trees
- Sports Fields

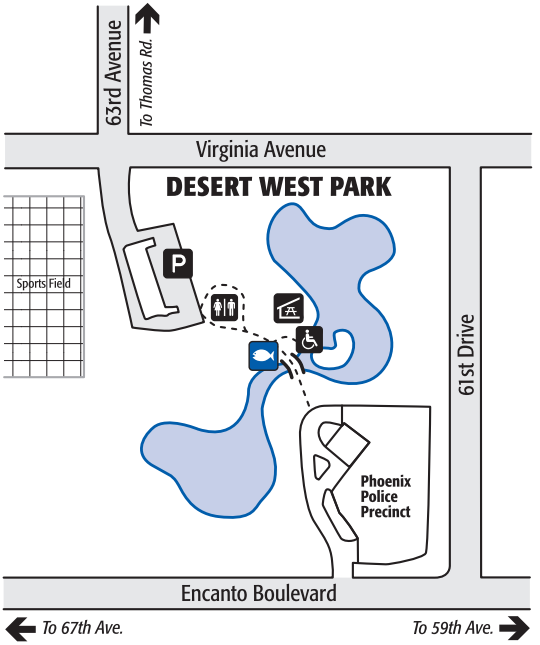
Joined CFP in 1989

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Desert West Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Desert West Park and Sports Complex
6602 W. Encanto Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85035

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 262-6575
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Community Center (west of park)

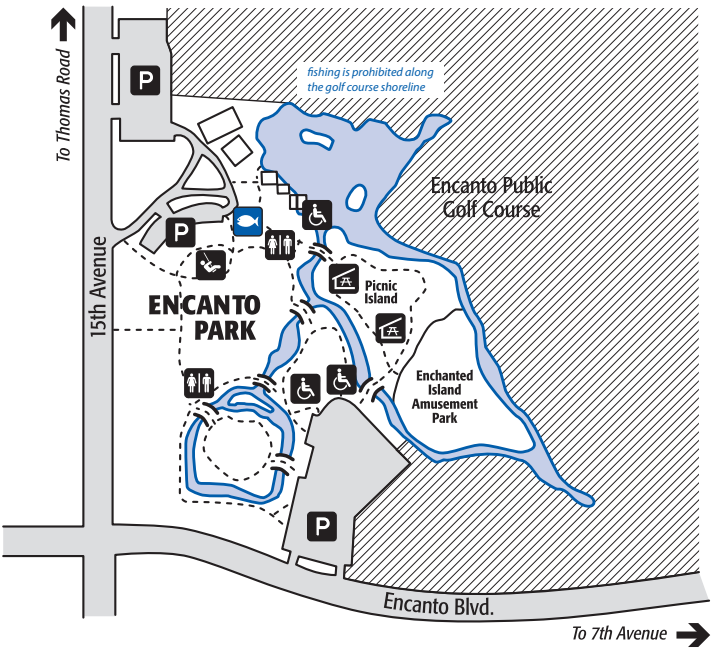
Joined CFP in 1995

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Encanto Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Encanto Park
2605 N. 15th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 7.5 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** Alcoholic beverage permits required. Private boats not allowed. Fishing prohibited from golf course as posted. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 261-8991
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Joined CFP in 1989

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

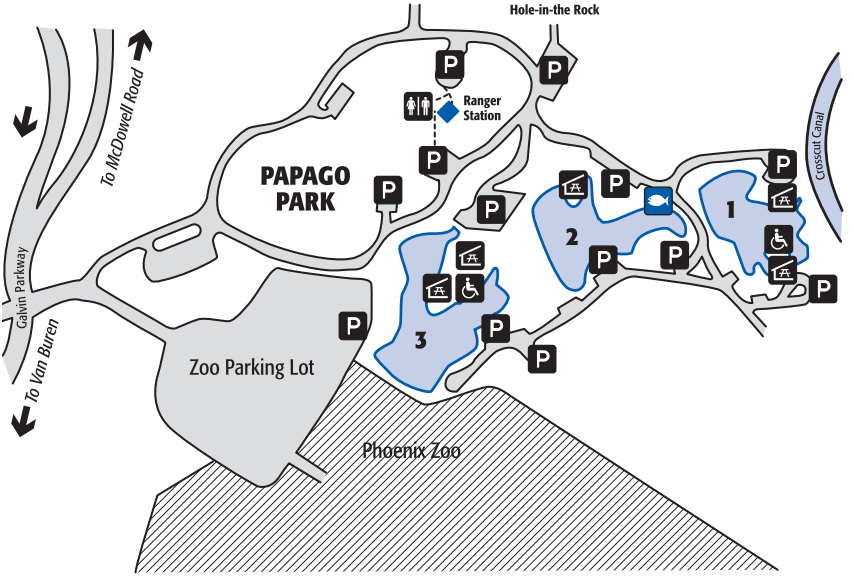
Park Amenities
- Playground
- Ball Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Enchanted Island Amusement Park
- Paddleboat Rentals

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Papago Ponds

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Papago Park
625 N. Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Size: Total of 3 ponds.
Pond #1: 1 acre, maximum depth 8 feet.
Pond #2: 2 acres, maximum depth 7 feet.
Pond #3: 3 acres, maximum depth 11 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 261-8318
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Joined CFP in 1993

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

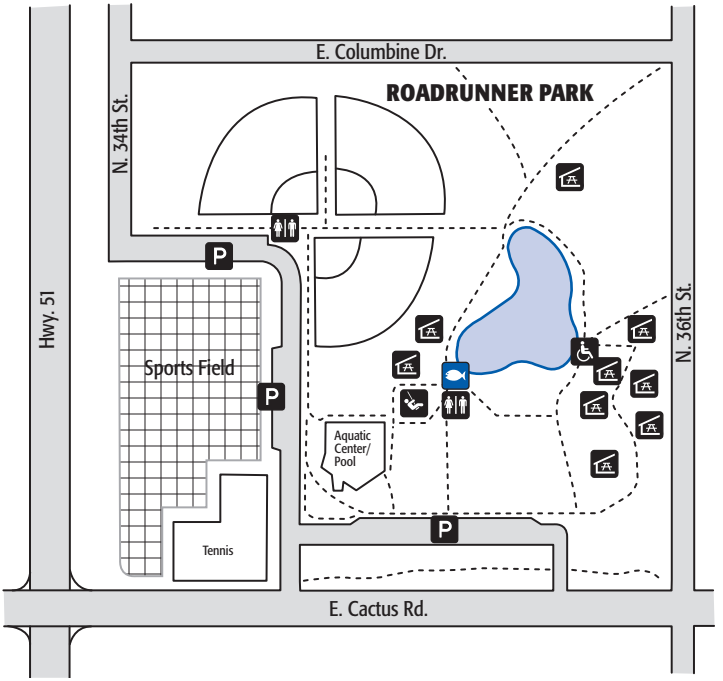
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Next to Phoenix Zoo
- Multi-purpose Trails
- Hole-in-the-Rock

GA Golden alga occurs here. Please clean and dry all equipment before using at another location. See page 13 for more information.

Roadrunner Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Roadrunner Park
3502 E. Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Northeast Phoenix Division Parks and Recreation
Phone: (602) 262-6696
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

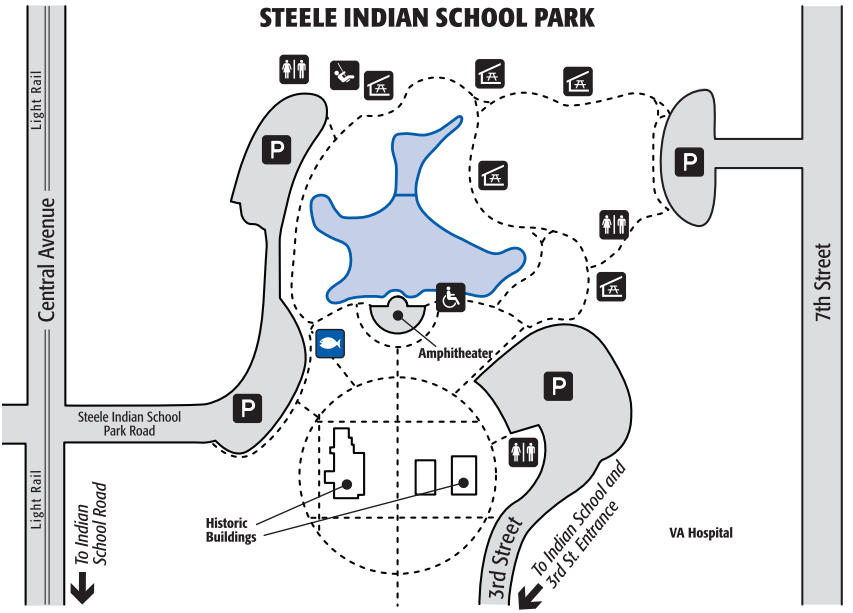
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Large Shade Trees
- Sports Fields
- Ball Courts
- Aquatic Center/ Pool

Joined CFP in 2014

Steele Indian School Pond

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
(602) 495-0935
www.phoenix.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

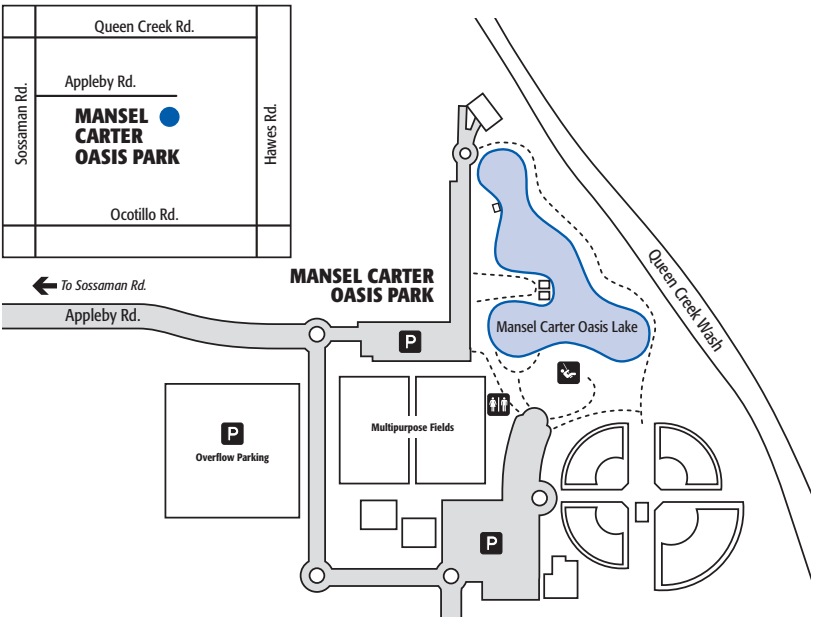
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Dog Park (north of park)
- Historic Buildings

Joined CFP in 2005

Mansel Carter Oasis Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Mansel Carter Oasis
19535 E. Appleby Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Park Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 13 feet

Rules: *Swimming, wading, boating, glass containers, littering, and remote control watercrafts are prohibited.* Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Queen Creek Parks and Recreation
Phone: (480) 358-3700
www.queencreek.org/departments/parks-recreation
Or email at parks.recreation@queencreek.org

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

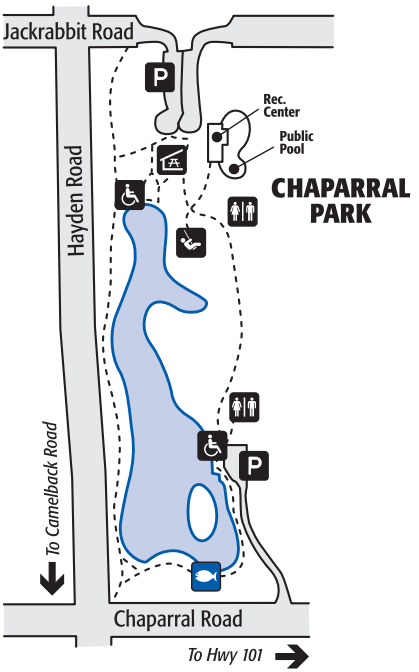
Park Amenities
- Playground
- Splashpad
- Sand discovery dig zone
- Sports Fields
- Ball Courts
- Sport fields – volleyball, basketball, baseball

Joined CFP in 2018

Chaparral Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Chaparral Park
5401 N. Hayden Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet.

Rules: *New in 2012: Feeding wildlife (e.g., ducks, geese, pigeons) is unlawful. Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Must obtain a permit to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages prohibited. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Electric trolling motors may be used. Gas motors prohibited. Model boats may be operated only in areas that are designated for that purpose. Other rules as posted.

Joined CFP in 1983

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

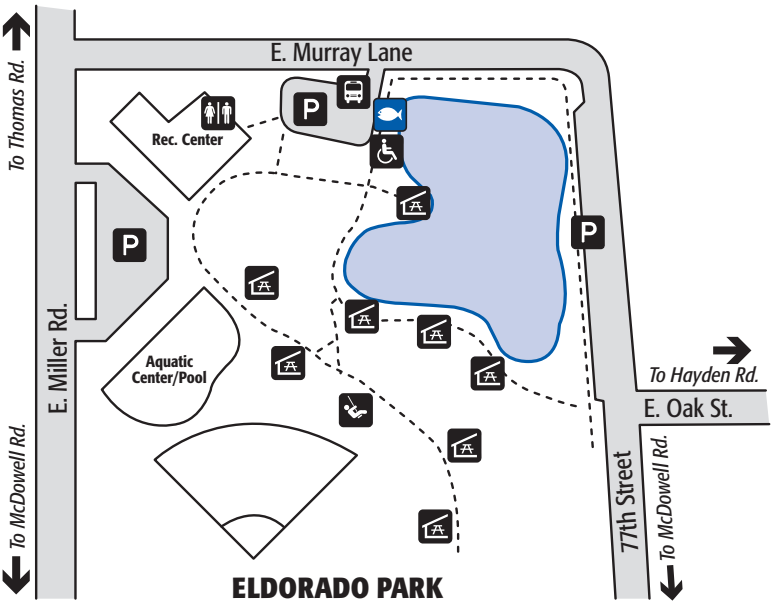
For more park information, contact:
Scottsdale Community Services
(480) 312-2353
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks

Park Amenities:
- Boating
- Large Shade Trees
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields and Dog Park (north of park)
- Exercise, Walking Course
- Swimming Pool

Eldorado Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Eldorado Park
2311 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

Size: 3.5 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet.

Rules: *New in 2012, feeding wildlife (e.g., ducks, geese, pigeons) is unlawful. Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Eldorado Park and Community Center
(480) 312-2483
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

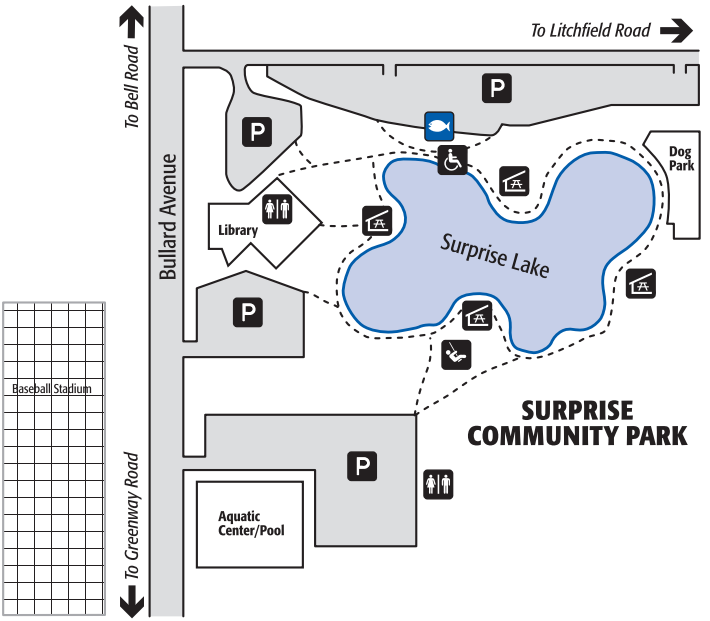
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Picnic Areas
- Community Center
- Sports Fields
- Ball Courts
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Aquatic Center/ Pool
- Skate Park

Joined CFP in 2014

Surprise Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Community Park
15930 N. Bullard Ave.
Surprise, AZ 85374

Park Hours: Sunrise to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Surprise Community and Recreation Services
(623) 222-2000
www.surpriseaz.com

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

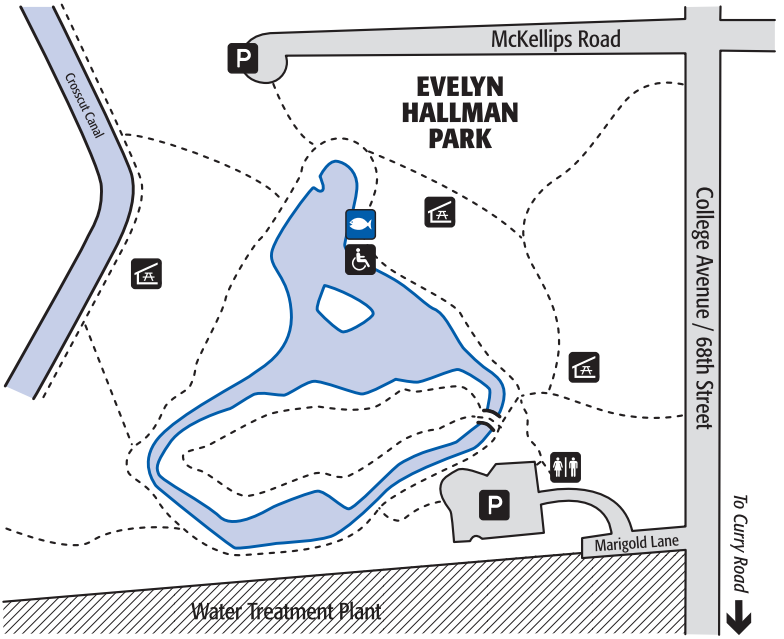
Park Amenities
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Dog Park
- Swimming Pool
- Library
- Baseball Stadium

Joined CFP in 2003

Evelyn Hallman Pond

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish	4 stockings							6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Evelyn Hallman Park
1900 N. College Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85281

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 7 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages prohibited. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 350-5200
www.tempe.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

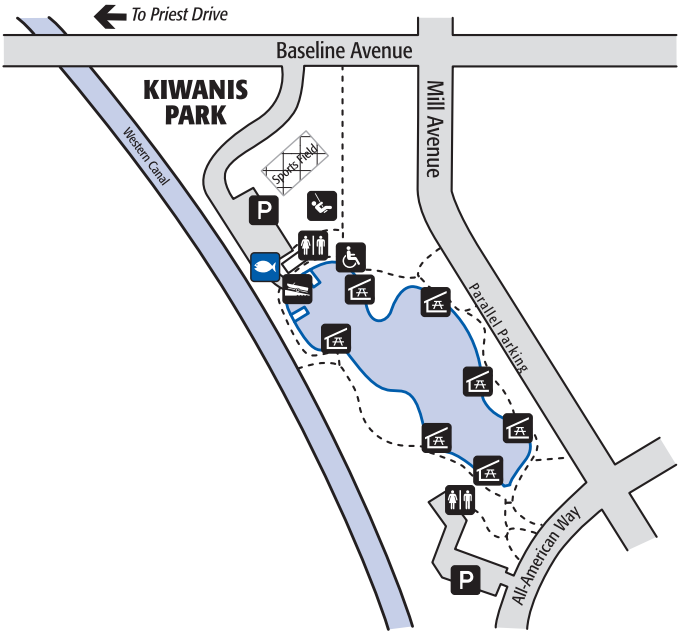
Park Amenities
- Walking Trails
- Group Ramadas

Joined CFP in 1987

Kiwanis Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages are prohibited. City of Tempe annual boating permit required (call (480) 350-5200). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gas and electric motors prohibited. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
(480) 350-5200
www.tempe.gov/parks

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Boating
- Group Ramadas
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Recreation Center with Wave Pool
- Paddleboat Rentals (seasonal)

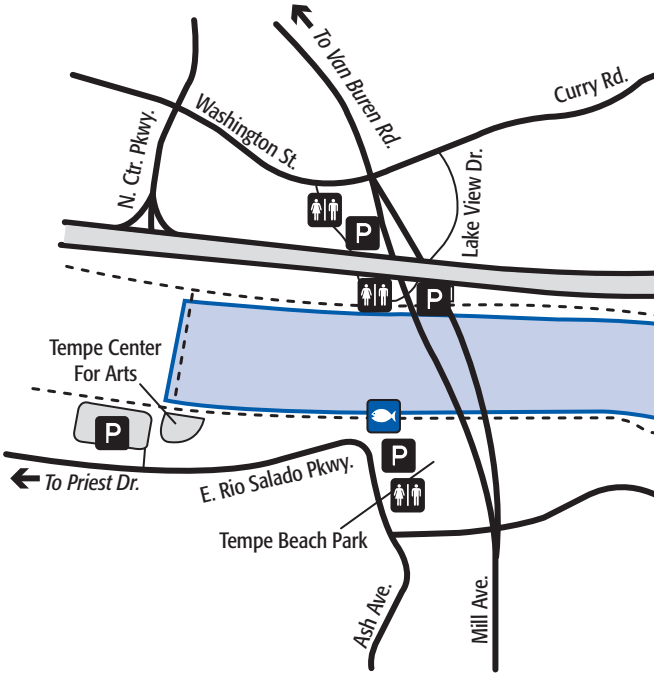
Joined CFP in 1984

Tempe Town Lake, Tempe

Tempe Town Lake

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: North Tempe
80 E. Rio Salado Pkwy
Tempe, AZ 85281

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Anglers may fish from 5 a.m. until midnight

Size: 224 acres. Maximum depth 18 feet.

Rules: ***Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.*** Alcoholic beverage permit required. City of Tempe annual boating permit required (call (480) 350-5200). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Powerboats restricted to single electric motor. All boats operating after dark and before sunrise are required to have lights on. Other rules as posted.

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

For more park information, contact:
Tempe Parks and Recreation Department
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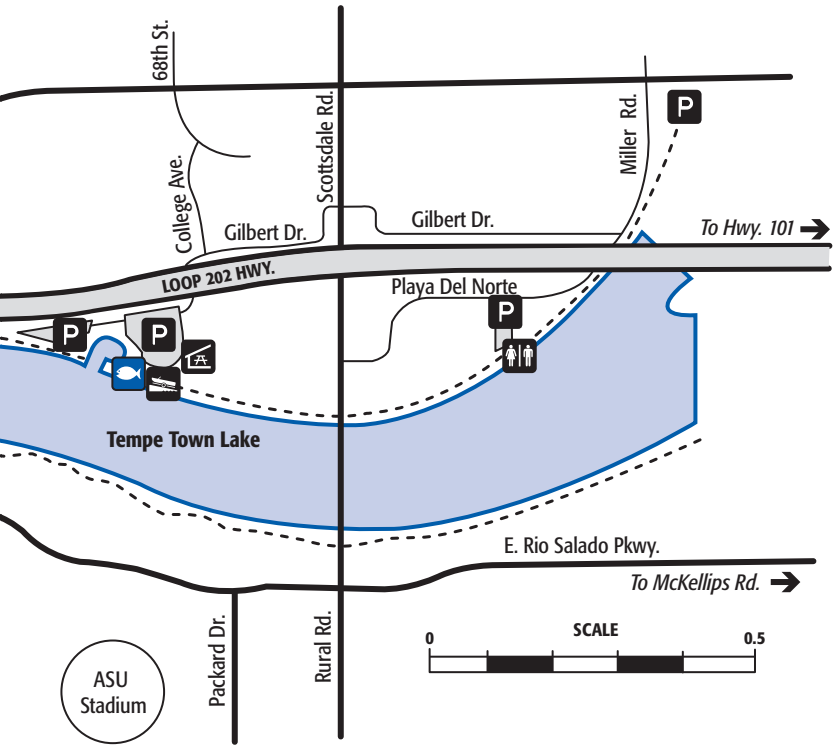
www.tempe.gov/parks



Park Amenities

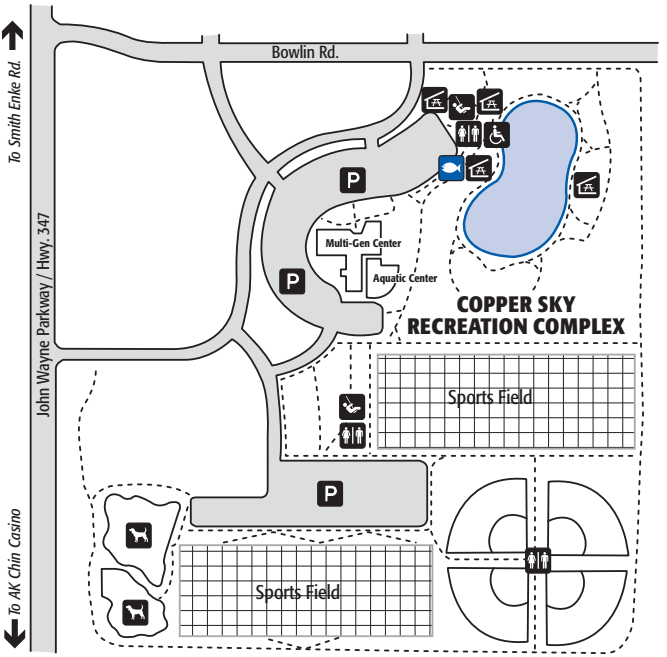
- Boating & Rentals
- Marina
- Ramadas
- Picnic tables
- Multi-use Trails
- Playground
- Splash Playground
- Light Rail & Bus Stops

Joined CFP in 2014

Copper Sky Lake

Traditional Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout				9 stockings						
Catfish		4 stockings						6 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Copper Sky Recreation Complex
45345 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 13 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
City of Maricopa Community
Services Department
(520) 316-6960
www.maricopa-az.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

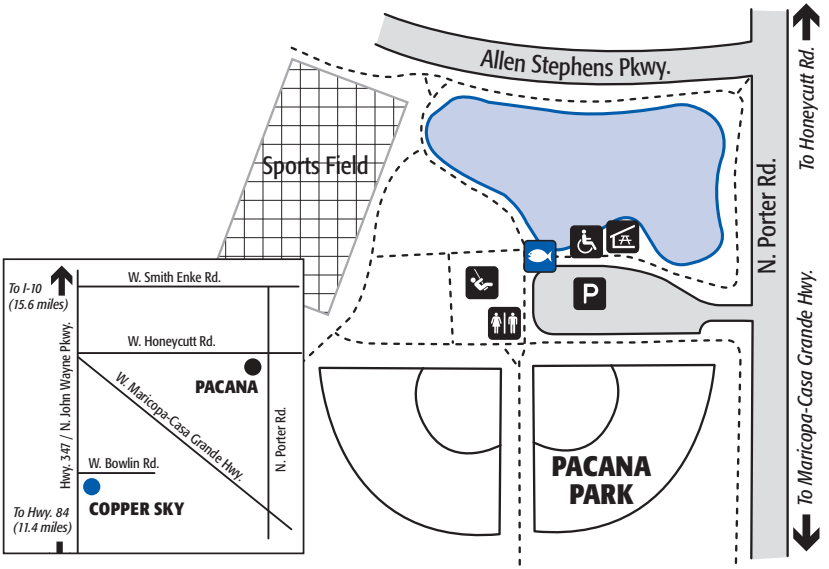
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Recreation Center
- Aquatic Center
- Sports Fields
- Play Courts
- Amphitheater
- Dog Park
- Skate Plaza

Joined CFP in 2014, constructed in 2014

Pacana Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Pacana Park
19000 N. Porter Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 2 acres. Maximum depth 11 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Alcoholic beverage permits required. Boating not allowed. Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
City of Maricopa Community Services Department
(520) 316-6960
www.maricopa-az.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

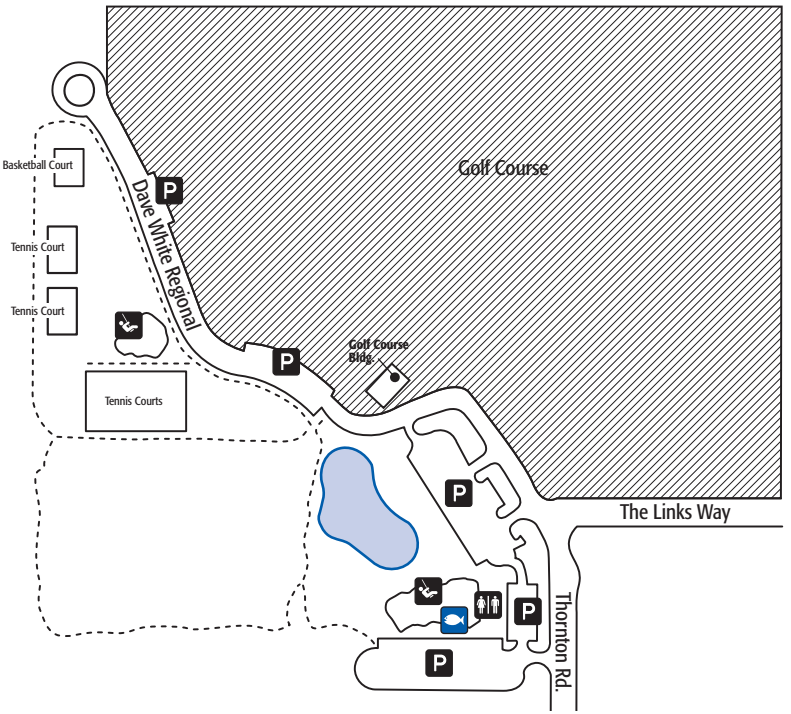
Park Amenities
- Group Ramada
- Playground
- Sports Fields
- Sports Courts

Joined CFP in 2014

Dave White Regional Park Pond

Expansion Stocking Strategy

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Trout			4 stockings							
Catfish	1 stocking							3 stockings		
Bass and / or Sunfish									1	



Location: Dave White Regional Park
2121 N. Thornton Road
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Park Hours: Sunrise to 11:00 p.m.

Size: 1 acre. Maximum depth to 12 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, wading, glass containers and littering are prohibited.* Other rules as posted.

For more park information, contact:
City of Casa Grande Community Services Department
(520) 421-8677
www.casagrandeaz.gov

Daily Bag Limits - Pond
2 catfish
2 trout
1 bass (13-inch minimum)
5 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

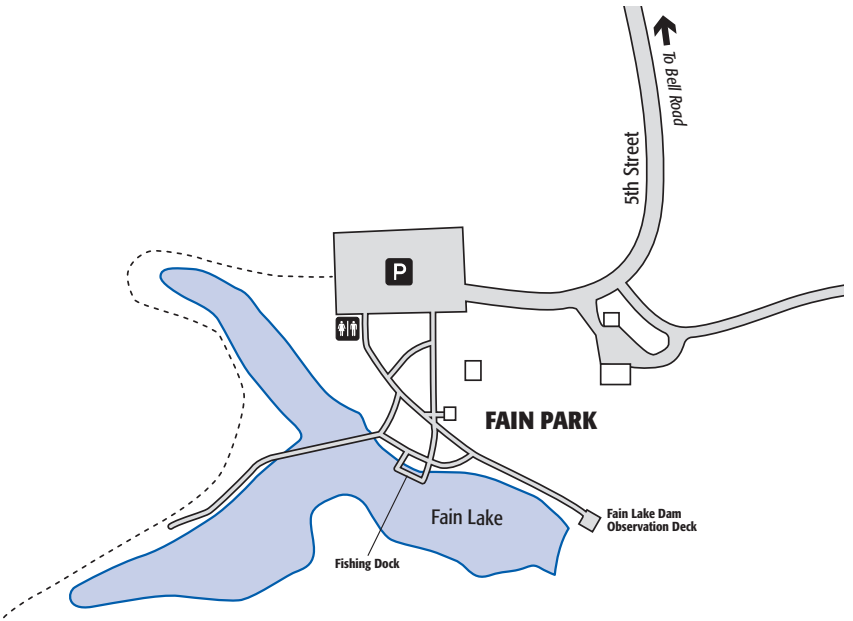
Park Amenities
- Group Ramadas
- Playgrounds
- Exercise, Walking Course
- Sport Courts
- Golf Course
- Play Courts

Joined CFP in 2015

Fain Lake

Upper Elevation Stocking Strategy

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Trout	2 stockings					2 stockings						
Catfish								4 stockings				
Bass and / or Sunfish								1				



Location: Fain Lake
2215 N 5th St
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Size: 3 acres. Average depth 8 feet
Maximum depth 25 feet

Rules: *Swimming, boating, camping, and fires prohibited.* No vehicle traffic outside of roadways and parking lots. Alcohol by permit only.

For more park information, contact:
Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Department
(928) 759-3090
http://pvaz.net/292/Parks-Recreation
Or email at parks@pvaz.net

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

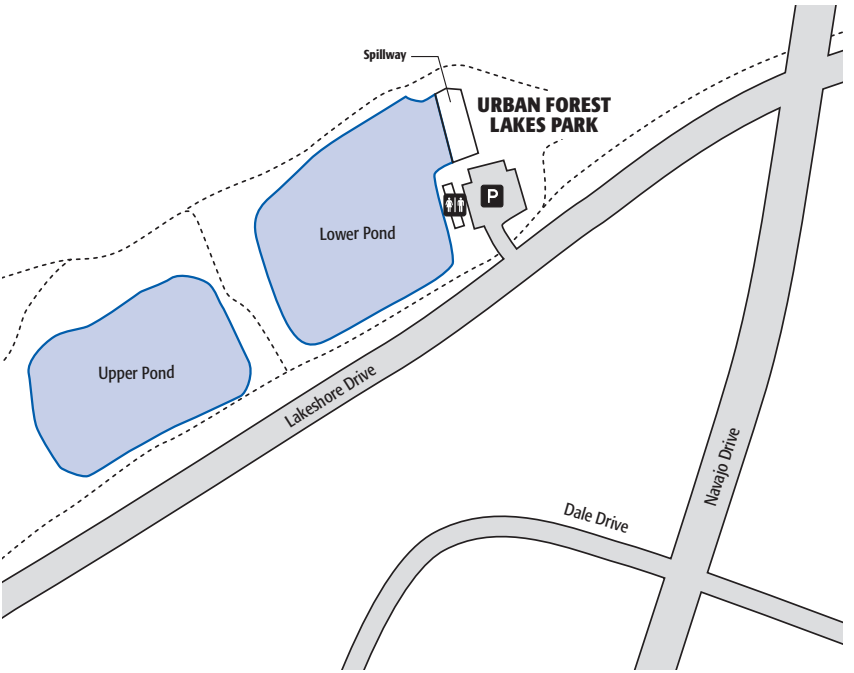
Park Amenities
- Multiple hiking trails at various difficulty levels
- Historic buildings and ruins
- Gold panning

Joined CFP in 2018

Yavapai Lakes

Upper Elevation Stocking Strategy

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Trout	2 stockings					2 stockings						
Catfish								4 stockings				
Bass and / or Sunfish								1				



Location: Yavapai Lake - Urban Forest Lakes Park
8700 E Lakeshore Dr
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Park Hours:

Size: 4.3 acres. Maximum depth 9 feet.

Rules: *Swimming, campfires and overnight camping are not allowed.*

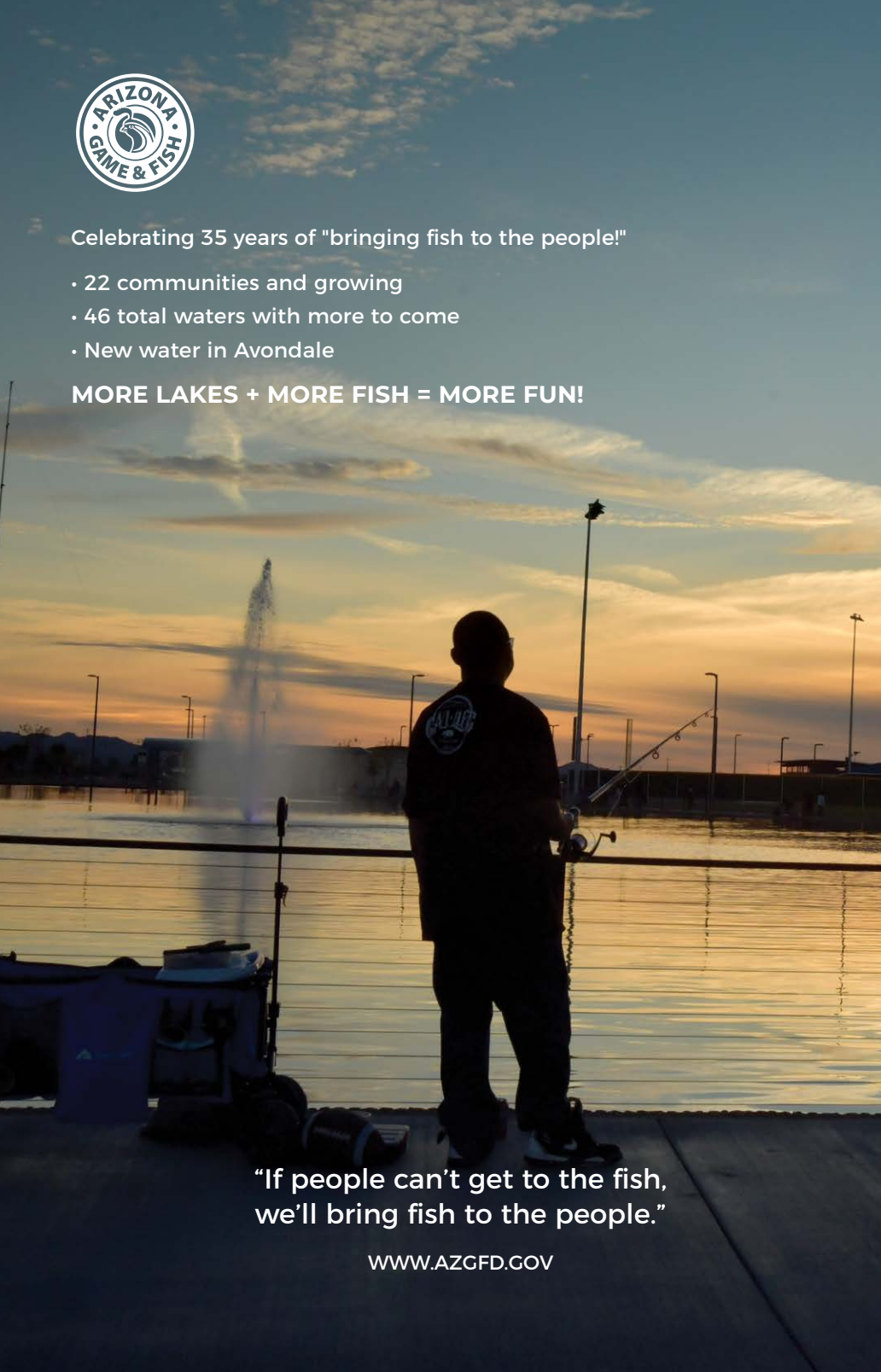
For more park information, contact:
Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Department
(928) 759-3090
http://pvaz.net/292/Parks-Recreation
Or email at parks@pvaz.net

Daily Bag Limits - Lake
4 catfish
4 trout
2 bass (13-inch minimum)
10 sunfish
1 white amur (30-inch minimum)
Statewide limits apply to all other species

Park Amenities
- Walking path
- Memorial trees and commemorative plaques

Joined CFP in 2018

Basic Fishing Equipment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