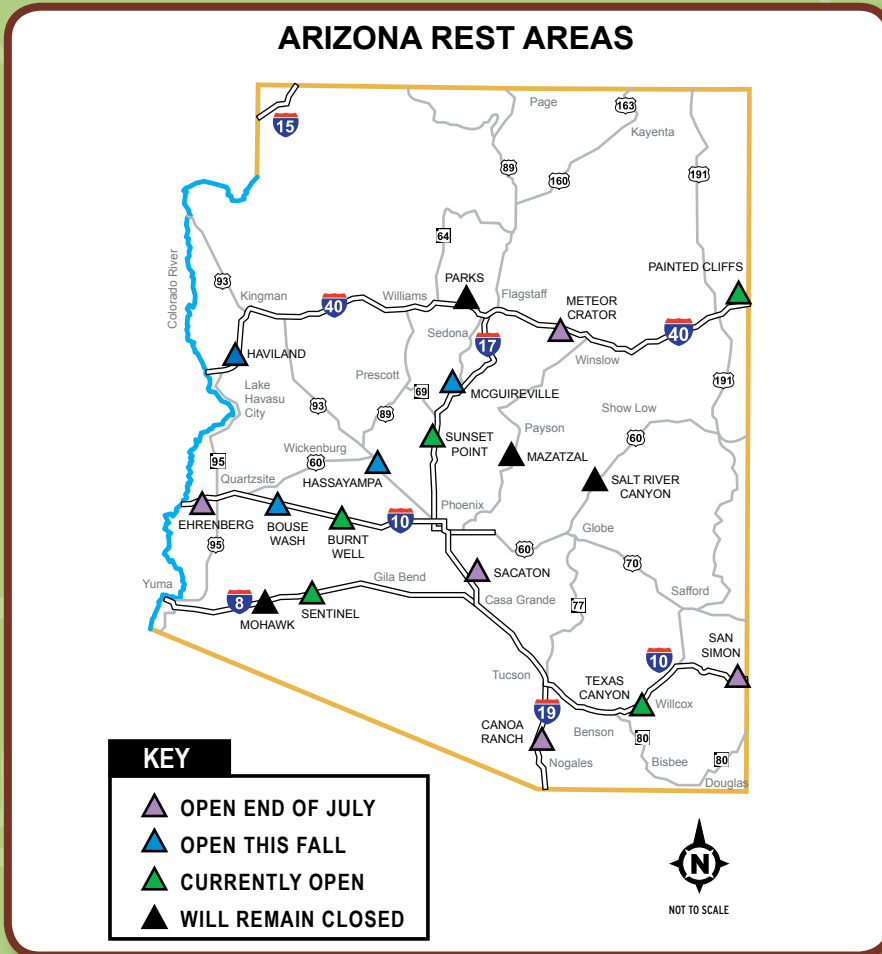


Some Rest Areas Statewide to Reopen

Good news summer travelers. Five of the state's highway rest areas, closed since last fall, will reopen by the end of this July. In addition, crews will begin repairing four other closed rest areas with the goal of reopening these facilities this fall. Four rest areas will remain closed due to serious repair issues, and the five rest areas not previously closed by budget cuts will remain open.



When ADOT temporarily closed 13 of its 18 rest areas last October as a cost-savings measure, it pledged to reevaluate the closures before this July, the start of the 2011 fiscal year. Each year, Arizona spends about \$320,000 per rest area for maintenance, electricity and water services.

Using careful planning and budgeting, coupled with a slightly improved revenue picture, ADOT officials are confident that reopening up to nine rest areas is not only financially feasible but also the right thing to do.

OPEN REST AREAS

Rest Area	Location
Burnt Well	I-10 between Buckeye and Tonopah
Painted Cliffs	I-40 near the border with New Mexico
Texas Canyon	I-10 between Benson and Willcox
Sunset Point	I-17 between Phoenix and Camp Verde
Sentinel	I-8 between Gila Bend and Dateland

TO REOPEN BY END OF JULY

Rest Area	Location	Closest Facilities
Ehrenberg	I-10	4 miles to Blythe; 13 miles to Quartzsite
Canoa Ranch	I-19	8 miles to Green Valley
Meteor Crater	I-40	17 miles to Winslow; 34 miles to Flagstaff
Sacaton	I-10	12 miles to Casa Grande
San Simon	I-10	20 miles eastbound to rest area near Lordsburg; 9 miles from westbound rest area to San Simon

TO REOPEN BY FALL

Rest Area	Location	Closest Facilities
Bouse Wash	I-10	7 miles to Vicksburg; 34 miles to Burnt Well Rest Area
Wickenburg/Hassayampa	US 60	6 miles to Wickenburg
Haviland	I-40	16 miles to Lake Havasu Traffic Interchange; 23 miles to west Kingman Traffic Interchange
McGuireville	I-17	10 miles to Camp Verde; 43 miles to Flagstaff

TO REMAIN CLOSED

Rest Area	Location	Closest Facilities
Mazatzal	SR 87	17 miles to Payson
Mohawk	I-8	12 miles to Dateland; 26 miles to Wellton
Parks	I-40	3 miles to Belmont Truck Stop
Salt River Canyon	US 60	35 miles to Globe

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