



## ARIZONA STATE PARKS

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### Thirteen Arizona State Parks Campgrounds OPEN and Ten Historic/Environmental State Parks OPEN

(Phoenix, AZ - [May 27, 2010](#)) - Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of rural communities, thirteen of Arizona's State "camping" Parks in Arizona will be OPEN this summer and will provide many opportunities for Memorial Day 2010 campers. Ten historic and environmental parks will also be open. State Parks such as Lyman Lake near Springerville, Roper Lake in Safford and Alamo Lake State Park will probably have campgrounds that will not fill to capacity.

Day use parks such as Red Rock and Slide Rock in Sedona, Tonto Natural Bridge in Payson, Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Globe, Riordan Mansion in Flagstaff, Tubac Presidio, Tombstone (Wyatt Earp Days), Yuma Prison and Yuma Crossing will all be open for daytrippers looking for places to explore. Kartchner Caverns State Park will have some cave tours available, but you should always call in advance. (Only 5 State Parks are now closed.)

There are some fire restrictions around the State, so if you are planning to build a campfire anywhere, be sure to check for fire restrictions at [AZfireinfo.com](http://AZfireinfo.com). Remember if you cause a fire under fire restrictions it may result in substantial fines and jail time. To keep your family and public lands safe while camping please follow these precautionary tips:

- Bring a propane stove for cooking/heating rather than using a campfire.
- Carry a shovel in your car and use dirt and FIVE gallons of water for putting out campfires.
  - Always make tiny campfires that can be quickly extinguished.
- Only smoke in vehicles or designed campsites and never while hiking.

Northern Arizona State Parks Campgrounds - Call ahead.

\* Dead Horse Ranch State Park - (928) 634-5283 - Cottonwood - 150 campsites - fishing, boating (non-motorized), hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, guided trail rides, campfires in designated fire rings.

\* Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area - (928) 537-3680 - 92 hookup sites, 31 campsites, great fishing and swimming. Fire restrictions during windy days. Call ahead regarding campfires.

\* Lyman Lake State Park - (928) 337-4441 - 61 campsites & 4 yurts / 4 cabins, fishing, waterskiing . Campfires in cement fire rings and smoking in vehicles. No smoking while hiking.

#### **Southern Arizona State Parks Campgrounds - Call ahead.**

\* Catalina State Park (520) 628-5798 - 125 campsites, hiking, corrals for horses. Charcoal and propane fires only, wood campfires not allowed.

\* Kartchner Caverns State Park (520) 586-2283 - 60 campsites - cave tours. Propane only. Smoking in camp area or vehicle, no smoking while hiking.

\* Lost Dutchman State Park (480) 982-4485 - 70 campsites, hiking into Superstitions. Charcoal and propane fires only, wood campfires not allowed, no smoking while hiking.

\* Patagonia Lake State Park (520) 287-6965 - 107 campsites, boats to rent, fishing, beach. Campfires ok in designated grills, must provide own firewood, no gathering or cutting on park property. Smoking in camp areas only, no smoking while hiking.

\* Picacho Peak State Park (520) 466-3183 - 85 campsites - fantastic walking trails. No restrictions at this time, no smoking while hiking.

\* Roper Lake State Park (928) 428-6760 - 71 campsites - hot tub, fishing. Campfires and smoking restricted to developed areas only, no smoking while hiking.

#### **Western Arizona State Parks Campgrounds - Call Ahead.**

\* Alamo Lake State Park (928) 669-2088 - 250 campsites, excellent bass fishing, waterskiing, swimming. Campfires and smoking in designed areas only.

\* Buckskin Mountain State Park & River Island (928) 667-3231 - 126 campsites, water sports, cabanas, beach. Campfires in designated grills, no smoking while hiking.

\* Cattail Cove State Park (928) 855-1223 - 61 campsites. No wood fires, charcoal for cooking within a campsite or on a grill on the beach. Smoking - campsites and beach only.

\* Lake Havasu State Park (928) 855-2784 - 47 campsites - boat launches, great park areas and swimming beach. Campfires in fire-rings call for details, smoking in camp areas, no smoking while hiking.

For more information about the 23 State Parks that are open (2 Natural Areas passively managed and 5 parks closed) statewide hiking opportunities, off-highway vehicle trails, and other outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities in Arizona, call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com). Follow us on [twitter.com/AZStateParks](https://twitter.com/AZStateParks).

