

White Mountain Apache Tribe's Recreation Permits Year-long

Recreation permits issued by the White Mountain Apache Tribe are required for whitewater boaters utilizing that portion of river flowing through the Reservation. Tribal jurisdiction applies to the approximately 30-mile stretch of river downstream from First Campground and the Highway 60 bridge. **Whitewater boating is strictly prohibited by the Tribe through those sections of the canyon upstream of Apache Falls (1/4 mile above Highway 60 bridge).** For more information on permit costs and regulations call tribal officials at (928) 338-4385.

SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS

Tonto National Forest
Visitor Permit Information
March 1 through May 15, 2004

Visitor Permits are required by the USDA Forest Service for private boaters taking river trips through the **Salt River Canyon Wilderness** during the winter/spring runoff. The 2004 permit application is enclosed with this information packet. Please read the information carefully to ensure you send the application to us in a timely and complete manner. Feel free to photocopy this packet and pass it on to other interested boaters. **Permit applications from past years will not be accepted.**

PERMIT SEASON

The Salt River Canyon Wilderness begins at Gleason Flat, which is 20 miles downstream of the traditional river put-in at First Campground on the reservation. The river flows through the Wilderness for approximately 32 miles to the take-out immediately downstream of the Highway 288 bridge. The Forest Service does not require a Visitor Permit for the stretch of river upstream of Gleason Flat.

A Visitor Permit is required by the Forest Service for all private boating groups utilizing the Wilderness river segment from **March 1st through May 15th**. A Visitor Permit is not required during the remainder of the year.

REMINDER: When you apply for a reserved entry date, it is important to remember that the date you are requesting will generally be 1 or 2 days after your launch date if your trip launches at the **First Campground put-in**.

WHO MAY APPLY

Only one application per person will be accepted during the initial application period of **November 15, 2003 through January 15, 2004**. A Trip Leader must be at least 18 years of age and qualified to lead a non-commercial, multiple day trip down a technical class III-IV whitewater river.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

1. We will accept your completed application no earlier than **November 15, 2003**, and no later than close-of-business on **January 15, 2004**. Applications outside of this time period will be rejected. **Don't wait until the last minute. The date received determines acceptance, not the postmark.**
2. A letter of notification will be sent to each successful applicant in late January. The notification letter will explain what is needed to complete the process. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by postcard.
3. The confirmation requested in the letter of notification **must be returned at least 21 days prior to the reserved entry date**. Your reserved date will automatically be forfeited if you miss the deadline.
4. The approved Visitor Permit and boat tags will be mailed to the Trip Leader shortly after the confirmation and fees are received.

FEES

The **non-refundable** application fee is **\$10 per applicant**. If you are not selected for a reserved date in the random drawing, the initial application and fee will still be good for any cancellations, forfeitures, or open dates during the 2004 river season.

A personal check, cashier's check, or money order for \$10 must accompany the application. Make checks payable to: **USDA - Forest Service**. Do not send cash. If a check is returned for insufficient funding, the application and/or reserved date will be voided.

To secure the Visitor Permit after being awarded a reserved date, all requested information must be sent to us by the established deadline (at least 21 days prior to the reserved entry date). An additional **\$5 fee** is required for **each person** on the trip covered by the Visitor Permit. After the \$5 per person fee is received, no additional people will be authorized to join the trip; so you may wish to pay in advance for extra people if the size of your group is uncertain.

CANCELLATIONS

1. The request for a reserved entry date may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time. This should be done **as soon as possible**, so that your date can be passed on to another group.
2. If the cancellation request is received at least 15 days prior to the entry date, any fees paid will be credited to that Trip Leader if a new wilderness entry date for the 2004 season is acquired through the waiting list procedure described below.
3. "No-shows" may lose the privilege of being granted a Visitor Permit for the following season.

WAITING LIST

Beginning February 1st, persons who applied for a Visitor Permit, but were unsuccessful in being drawn for a reserved date, may inquire about open dates, and place their name on a Waiting List for **one date**. Should that date become available to people on the Waiting List, they will be called in the order in which their names have been placed on the list. If we are unable to contact a person on the Waiting List, we will drop to the next name until the date is assigned or the list exhausted. To participate(beginning February 1st), contact the River Permit Coordinator at the Globe Ranger District Office, (928) 402-6236.

Persons who did not apply for a Visitor Permit during the period of November 15, 2003 - January 15, 2004 may call to place their name on a Waiting List **after February 15th**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15th - January 15th	Visitor Permit Applications Accepted
January 16th - January 31st	Random Drawing Conducted and Trip Leaders Notified
February 1st - February 15th	Waiting List Requests Taken - Unsuccessful Applicants
February 16th - May 15th	Waiting List Requests Taken - General Public
March 1st - May 15th	Visitor Permit Required in Salt River Wilderness

NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

The Trip Leader must ensure that trip participants do not participate in commercial use or activity as defined by **36 CFR 251.51**: any use or activity (a) where an entry or participation fee is charged, or (b) where the primary purpose is the sale of a good or service, and in either case, regardless of whether the use or activity is intended to produce a profit. Normally, a trip is not considered commercial if all participants share costs. If you prefer a commercial trip, we will be pleased to provide you with a list of names and phone numbers of outfitters authorized to operate on this river.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Every person intending to run the Upper Salt River is personally responsible for assessing river and weather conditions, and their ability to cope with these conditions. All river running involves a significant degree of risk (e.g. falls, broken bones, trauma, hypothermia, and drowning). It is the Trip Leader's responsibility to ensure that the group has the proper skills and equipment to safely navigate the river.

THE UPPER SALT RIVER

The Salt River Canyon is a very remote and potentially dangerous place. Above Horseshoe Bend the river is a solid Class III-IV run, and is not recommended for novices and beginners.

A Recreation Opportunity Guide containing a map of and current information about the river is available at the Globe Ranger District Office or the Forest Supervisor's Office.

WILDERNESS RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions apply to boaters floating through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness:

1. Group size is limited to no more than fifteen (15) people.
2. Overnight raft trips must have a firepan in their possession. Self-supporting kayak trips must have a fireblanket or firepan in their possession. Any open fires must be contained within one of the above items.
3. Wood collection is limited to dead and down material only. Cutting or stripping limbs from trees is strictly prohibited.
4. All solid human waste must be removed and disposed off of National Forest System lands at an approved site for human waste disposal.
5. Motorized boats and equipment are prohibited within the Salt River Canyon Wilderness.

2004 RIVER PERMIT / SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS
Application for Visitor's Permit
Tonto National Forest
Globe Ranger District

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Requests for a reserved date will be accepted by mail or in person, at the Globe Ranger Station. The application period begins November 15, 2003; **all requests must be received by close of business on January 15, 2004.**

Provide all information requested when completing this application. Type or print legibly. Be sure to include your first, second, and third choice **WILDERNESS ENTRY DATES.**

Enclose a personal check, cashier's check, or money order in the amount of \$10 dollars. This application fee is **non-refundable**. Checks must be made payable to: **USDA - FOREST SERVICE.** Do not send cash.

When you receive notification that your application is selected, instructions will be sent concerning additional required information; including a fee of \$5 per person. If your application is not selected, you may contact us about any unselected dates, forfeitures or cancellations, beginning February 1st.

Name of Applicant: FIRST	LAST
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Address:

City, State:	Zip Code:
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Telephone:	Date of Birth:
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Driver's License Number: STATE	NUMBER
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PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE (month/day):

1st Choice Entry Date: _____ / _____	Exit Date: _____ / _____
2nd Choice Entry Date: _____ / _____	Exit Date: _____ / _____
3rd Choice Entry Date: _____ / _____	Exit Date: _____ / _____

I understand the restrictions pertinent to this area, and I am qualified to lead a river trip through this Wilderness. This trip will meet all criteria of non-commercial use per 36 CFR 251.51.

Signature: _____
Qualified Trip Leader

Mail or bring this application and the \$10 fee to:

River Permit Coordinator
Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District,
7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd.
Globe, AZ 85501

Administrative Use Only	
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