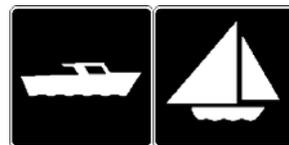


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BOATING

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR

RANGER DISTRICT

Cave Creek Ranger Station
40202 N. Cave Creek Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Phone (480) 595-3300 Fax (480) 595-3342

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, picnicking and water activities

ELEVATION

1950 feet (when full)

BOAT LAUNCHING SITES

Ocotillo

LOCATION

From Carefree: Take Cave Creek Road to Bartlett Road. Turn right and travel 6 miles to the junction with FR 205; turn left onto a maintained unpaved road. Continue for 11 miles on FR 205 to Horseshoe Reservoir.

ATTRACTIONS

Horseshoe Reservoir is one of the most remote lakes in the area and features quieter recreation opportunities.

LAKE SIZE (FULL)

2800 acres
27 miles of shoreline
142 feet maximum depth
5 miles long

CONSIDERATIONS

- Horseshoe Reservoir is the first of the Salt River Project lakes to be very low when irrigation and domestic water requirements dictate. It can even be virtually dry for long periods of times.
- The entire lake is closed to water skiing, parasailing and the use of personal watercraft (jet-skis, etc).
- No on-lake events allowed
- Direction of travel on the water is counter-clockwise
- Caution:** Flowing debris is often present at or below the water surface
- During low-water periods, Ocotillo ramp can get muddy and slippery, or be totally out of the water.
- Free-flowing portions of the Verde River are closed to motorized use

CAUTION

Water fluctuations result in rocks and other obstacles being near the water surface. Be aware that this involves a degree of risk, and that the boat operator assumes all such associated risks.

RELATED INFORMATION

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Horseshoe Lake, Desert Charts*
- For lake-level information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com