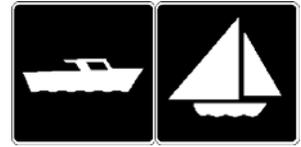


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LAKE BOATING

CANYON LAKE

RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger Station
5140 E. Ingram Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
Phone (480) 610-3300 FAX (480) 610-3346

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, water activities, wildlife observation, camping and picnicking

ELEVATION

1,660 feet

BOAT-LAUNCHING SITES ON LAKE

Laguna and Palo Verde

FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle, \$2.00 per watercraft/per day
Golden Age/Golden Access: 1/2 off

LOCATION AND ACCESS

From Mesa, take U.S. 60 to the Idaho Exit #196. Go north on State Hwy. 88. The entire route is paved, but heavy traffic is common.

ATTRACTIONS

- Canyon Lake is known for wonderful shorelines along the red rock cliffs
- Boaters wanting scenery and seclusion should try the east end of the lake, where it winds through steep canyon walls.
- There are occasional sightings of Big Horn sheep, as well as other wildlife
- Lake tour boat trips call (480) 827-9144
- Boat-access camping at The Point
- November - March, Arizona Game and Fish stock the lake monthly with rainbow trout

LAKE SIZE FULL

950 acres
28 miles of shoreline
141 feet maximum depth
10 miles long

CONSIDERATIONS

- On most weekends and holidays April – October, Canyon Lake reaches its maximum boating capacity early in the day, and no additional boats are allowed in.
- Be prepared for delays in boat access during summer weekends. Many of the Valley's radio stations carry advisories concerning crowding conditions.
- LaBarge Cove (south of the second Hwy. 88 bridge) is closed to motorized watercraft, including electric motors.
- The upper neck of the Lake is **closed** to water-skiing (please observe buoys)
- Group events (including fishing tournaments) require a permit. Contact the Mesa Ranger Station
- Direction of travel on the lake is counter-clockwise (keep your right shoulder closest to the shore)
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Game and Fish Department and Forest Service personnel enforce Lake regulations.
- If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Glass containers are **not permitted**
- CAUTION:** Lake-levels fluctuate daily, based on irrigation demand and power generation. Rocks and other obstacles may be near the water surface. Be aware that motor boating involves a degree of risk, and persons engaging in this activity assume the associated risks.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Canyon Lake Marina: Full-service marina, boat storage, boat rental, slips, fuel dock, bait & tackle, boat sewage tank dump, emergency phone, excursion boat, restaurant, snack bar, picnic supplies, ice, beach, picnicking and camping

Apache Junction: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

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