

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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PICNICKING

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD CROSSINGS WATER WHEEL, VERDE GLEN

RANGER DISTRICT

Payson Ranger Station
1009 E. Highway 260
Payson, AZ 85541
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LOCATION AND ACCESS

All sites are accessed from the paved Houston Mesa Road/Forest Road (FR) 199. FR 199 junctions with State Highway 87 at the north end of the town of Payson.

FIRST CROSSING

Travel on Houston Mesa Road/FR 199 for 7 miles

WATER WHEEL

Travel on Houston Mesa Road/FR 199 for 7 ½ miles

SECOND CROSSING

Travel on Houston Mesa Road/FR 199 for 8 miles

THIRD CROSSING

Travel on Houston Mesa Road/FR 199 for 8 ½ miles

VERDE GLEN

Travel on the Houston Mesa Road for 10 miles to the end of the pavement to the junction of FR 64. Make a right (east) and travel ½ mile to the site located on the north side of the road.

SEASON OF USE

April through November

ELEVATION

4800 feet

FEES

None

ATTRACTIONS

Trout fishing and water activities

SITE INFORMATION

No Toilets or Trash Service

CONSIDERATIONS

Overnight camping at these sites is **NOT** recommended. Campers who do choose to camp overnight they need to be equipped with

a portable toilet or use a self-contained vehicle.

- Not recommended for trailers **over 16 feet**
- Limited parking
- No trash service: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- 14-day Limit

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Payson: All services

