

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

## UPPER TONTO CREEK CAMPGROUND

### RANGER DISTRICT

Payson Ranger Station  
1009 E. Highway 260  
Payson, AZ 85541  
Phone: (928) 474-7900 Fax: (928) 474-7999

### CONCESSIONAIRE-OPERATED

Recreation Resource Management  
2100 North Houston Mesa Road  
Payson, AZ 85541  
Phone: (928) 468-7135

### SEASON OF USE

April - October

### ELEVATION

5,500 feet

### FACILITIES

9 camp units  
Picnic tables  
Campfire rings  
Cooking grills  
Drinking water  
Vault toilets  
Trash service

### FEES

\$10.00 per night per unit  
\$5.00 for second vehicle

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is 17 miles northeast of Payson. From Payson, travel 16 miles east on State Hwy. 260. Just east of Mile Marker # 269 at Kohl's Ranch, turn left (north) on Forest Road (FR) 289. Travel one mile and turn right into the site.

### ATTRACTIONS

- The confluence of Tonto and Horton Creeks is at the north end of the campground.
- Fishing in both creeks is a popular sport
- The trailheads for Horton Creek Trail 285 and Derrick Trail 33 are located in the campground; both of these trails access the Highline National Recreation Trail
- Tonto Hatchery is four miles north of Highway 260 on Forest Road 289. The Arizona Game & Fish Department welcomes visitors, and has a self-guided tour of the hatchery.

### NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

**Kohl's Ranch:** Food and lodging  
**Christopher Creek:** Food/lodging. No gas.  
**Payson:** All services

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

A wide variety of literature is available and can be purchased through the Arizona Natural History Association (ANHA) at the Payson Ranger Station

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- Arizona Mogollon Rim*, Arizona Highways
- Visitors Guide to Mogollon Rim*, Southwest Natural & Cultural Heritage

### CONSIDERATIONS

- 14-day stay limit**
- Trailers **over 14 feet** are not recommended

