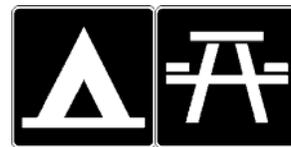


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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

UPPER CANYON CREEK

RANGER DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley Ranger Station
P.O. Box 450
Young, AZ 85554
Phone: (928) 462-4300 Fax: (928) 462-4346

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, water recreation, hiking and wildlife observation

SEASON OF USE

April - November

ELEVATION

6600 feet

FACILITIES

Vault toilets

No drinking water available

FEES

None

BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

One vault toilet is equipped with grab bars; it may require some assistance.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Access #1 (41 miles east of Payson): From Payson, travel 33 miles east on paved State Hwy. 260. Turn right on unpaved Young Road/Forest Road (FR) 512, and continue on for 3 miles to FR 33. Turn left on unpaved FR 33 and travel for 5 miles to the site.

Access #2 (28 miles north of Young): From Young, take State Hwy. 288/Forest Road (FR) 512./north for 23 miles to FR 33. Turn right onto FR 33. Taking FR 33, it's about 5 miles to the site.

ATTRACTIONS

- The campground of dispersed units is set in a mature stand of Ponderosa pine with a mix of both white and Douglas fir.
- The Arizona Game & Fish Department Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery is nearby. The hatchery is open to the public and offers a self-guided tour of the facility.
- Canyon Creek is popular among anglers fishing for rainbow trout
- Wildlife includes: Abert squirrel, black bear, mountain lion, elk, turkey and deer.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Both FR 512 and FR 33 are unpaved roads
- Four-wheel-drive or chains are advised after heavy rains or snow.
- Canyon Creek has a four-trout limit
- Not recommended for trailers **over 16 feet**
- Bear-proof your camp -- especially foodstuffs
- In the winter, temperatures can dip into the teens
- A sewage dump facility is located at Ponderosa Campground on Highway 260, 15 miles east of Payson. There is a \$5.00 dump fee.
- No trash service: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Forest Lakes: Gas and food

Payson: All services

Young: Gas and food

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks