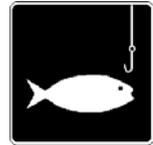


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FISHING

UPPER VERDE RIVER

RANGER DISTRICT

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

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Camping, picnicking, water-activities and boating

SEASON OF USE

All year

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Childs River Access Point: (Elevation 2695 feet)
From the "Y" in Camp Verde, follow the Gen. Crook Highway east for 7.3 miles. Turn right on Forest Road (FR) 708. Follow this road 13.8 miles to the turn-off onto Childs Road/Forest Road (FR) 502. Follow this road to the turn-off to the River Access Point just before you reach Childs. High-clearance vehicles are needed; four-wheel drive recommended if roads are muddy.

Facilities: Primitive campground

Sheep Bridge River Access Point: (Elevation 2000 feet) This site is 45 miles north of Carefree and requires a high-clearance vehicle; four-wheel-drive is recommended if roads are muddy. From Carefree, take Cave Creek Road/FR 24 for approximately 33 miles to the Bloody Basin Tangle Creek area. At the junction of FR 24 and 269, turn right. Follow FR 269 for approximately 12 miles to the Sheep Bridge at the Verde River.

Facilities: Primitive campground

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Small-mouth bass, Channel Catfish, and Carp

TRAIL ACCESS

Verde River Trail 11

CONSIDERATIONS

- If you: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Caution:** Water levels fluctuate seasonally and the river can run with great velocity.
- Do not cross-flooded roadways
- Practice minimum impact by bringing a portable potty and disposing of the wastes properly.
- Remember:** This is a long way from all services, so be sure your vehicle is in shape, and has plenty of fuel.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

- From Sheep Bridge:
Carefree and Cave Creek: All services
- From Childs:
Camp Verde: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- Verde River Recreation Guide*, Jim Slingluff
- Upper Verde River Recreation Opportunity Guide*, USDA Forest Service

