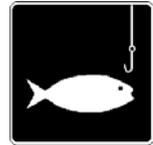


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FISHING

CANYON LAKE

RANGER DISTRICT

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

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Camping, picnicking and water activities

SEASON OF USE

All Year

ELEVATION

1700 feet

SURFACE ACRES

950

FACILITIES

For more information, please see the following Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs):

- Canyon Lake Marina
- Boulder-Fishing
- Acacia
- Palo Verde
- Laguna
- The Point

LOCATION AND ACCESS

This lake is 15 miles northeast of Apache Junction on Arizona State Hwy. 88. The entire route is narrow has sharp curves and heavy traffic.

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Carp, Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Rainbow Trout.

ATTRACTIONS

- A barrier-free fishing dock is located at Boulder Recreation Site (see Boulder ROG-Fishing-F-03-02)
- Largemouth Bass (some as heavy as 10 lbs.) are caught in Canyon Lake every year.
- Arizona Game and Fish Dept. annually stocks with Rainbow Trout the lake on a monthly basis, November to March.
- A 15 lb. state-record Largemouth Bass was taken from the shoreline of Canyon Lake. A world record 1 lb., 11 oz. Yellow Bass was caught in 1985.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Arizona State Fishing License is required to fish
- Know the creel limits for the fish you take
- Glass containers are prohibited in Canyon Lake area.
- As a consideration to others: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Keep detergents and soaps out of the lake
- Lake levels fluctuate daily, based on irrigation demand and power generation.

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Canyon Lake Marina: Ice, food, beverages, restaurant, fuel dock, boating supplies, full-service marina, bait & tackle, boat rental, store and excursion boat

Tortilla Flat: Restaurant, store and post office

Apache Junction: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Canyon Lake, Desert Charts*
- Outdoors In Arizona: A guide to Fishing and Hunting, Arizona Highways*
- For lake-level information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com