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Happy 100th Birthday, National Park Service!

NPS PRESENCE IN JUST ONE STATE

Arizona Has Them All — From Monuments To Memorials, From Parks To Trails, And More

These memorable destinations are enough to fill a lifetime of 'bucket lists.'

FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

As we celebrate the centennial of the National Parks Service, many will be visiting national sites throughout the country. A good place to start is here at home as Arizona has over two dozen of these spectacular destinations within the state.

National Monuments In Arizona Canyon De Chelly Chinle, Ariz.

For nearly 5,000 years, people have lived in these canyons - longer than anyone has lived uninterrupted anywhere on the Colorado Plateau. In the place called Tseyi, their homes and images tell us their stories. Today, Navajo families make their homes, raise livestock, and farm the lands in these canyons. The National Park Service and Navajo Nation actively work together to manage park resources.

Casa Grande Ruins Coolidge, Ariz.

Explore the mystery and complexity of an extended network of communities and irrigation canals. An Ancient Sonoran Desert People's farming community and "Great House" are preserved at Casa Grande Ruins. Whether the Casa Grande was a gathering place for the Desert People or simply a way-point marker in an extensive system of canals and trading partners is but part of the mystique of the Ruins. ▼



Casa Grande Ruins



▲ Chiricahua Willcox, Ariz.

A "Wonderland of Rocks" is waiting for you to explore at Chiricahua National Monument. The 8-mile paved scenic drive and 17-miles of day-use hiking trails provide opportunities to discover the beauty, natural sounds, and inhabitants of this 11,985 acre site. Visit the Faraway Ranch Historic District to discover more about the people who have called this area home.

National Memorial In Arizona Coronado Hereford, Ariz.

It was a journey of conquest, filled with exploration, wonder - and cruelty. Inspired by tales of vast cities of gold, 339 European soldiers and over 1000 Aztec allies embarked on an epic journey through arid

deserts and rugged mountains. They brought rich traditions and new technology into the region, irrevocably changing the lives of native peoples and continuing to influence the area today.

National Historic Site Fort Bowie Willcox, Ariz.

Fort Bowie commemorates the bitter conflict between Chiricahua Apaches and the U.S. military - a lasting monument to the bravery and endurance of U.S. soldiers in paving the way for settlement and the taming of the western frontier. It provides insight into a "clash of cultures," a young nation in pursuit of "manifest destiny," and the hunter/gatherer society fighting to preserve its existence.

National Recreation Areas Glen Canyon Recreation Area, Ariz., Utah

Encompassing over 1.25 million acres, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area offers unparalleled opportunities for water-based & backcountry recreation. The recreation area stretches for hundreds of miles from Lees Ferry in Arizona to the Orange Cliffs of southern Utah, encompassing scenic vistas, geologic wonders, and a vast panorama of human history. ▼



ON THE COVER

The Falls Are A Treasure Within The Grand Canyon

Havasupai Falls Arizona is a major destination for hikers who want to visit the blue-green waterfalls. Hidden in the Grand Canyon, and difficult to get reservations for, this paradise is for those who can plan ahead and enjoy hikes of eight miles or more.

The Havasupai people live near the Havasupai Falls in the Supai Village. The Havasupai people, or "Havasuw 'Baaja", the people of the blue-green waters, are the traditional guardians of the Grand Canyon. Related to the Yuman, the Havasupai have, from the beginning, inhabited the Grand Canyon and its environs.

For information about visiting Havasupai on your own, it is necessary to call (928) 448-2180

Lake Mead Mojave Desert, Ariz., Nev.

Lake Mead NRA offers year-round recreational opportunities for boating, fishing, hiking, photography, picnicking and sight-seeing. It is also home to thousands of desert plants and animals, adapted to survive where rain is scarce and temperatures can soar.

National Parks Grand Canyon Grand Canyon, Ariz.

Unique combinations of geologic color and erosional forms decorate a canyon that is 277 river miles (446km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide, and a mile (1.6km) deep. Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size. At present, all South Rim roads are open, and the North Rim is open for the season.

Petrified Forest Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz.

Did you know that Petrified Forest is more spectacular than ever? While the park has all the wonders known for a century, there are many new adventures and discoveries to share. There are backcountry hikes

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Boating

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All of us throughout the nation, the Southwest, and our Arizona home say thank you to the National Park Service for 100 years of caring for and preserving some of the most precious of our natural outdoor wonders. We also honor one of those who had the greatest love for the outdoors: Mike Brookes

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DOWNSTREAM August 2016 Events Calendar

BOATING

11-14 BULLHEAD CITY: 10th Annual Bullhead City River Regatta - Pirates of the Colorado - kayak races, tube floaters and theme floats on the Colorado River, Friday evening the "Ye Gotta Regatta" pre-party, with live music, carnival games and food and then Saturday grab an inner tube and enjoy a lazy 8-mile float or build a creative, non-motorized float and parade down the Colorado River, post-party "Ye Hafta Afta" at Rotary Park, 928-542-8885 or http://www.bullheadregatta.com

2/29/2017 GOAT CRUISE: Sign up now for this family fun goat cruise. Kids are welcome and nannies will be provided. Call Billy for reservations: (619) 523-3091.

LEARN TO SAIL: Current - If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. - in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, www.arizonayachtclub.org

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing - To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.usailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

13 TUCSON: Cool Summer Nights at the Desert Museum: Astronomy Night - Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, join experts from National Optical Astronomy Observatory for a star-studded adventure: Solar Systems of the Universe, learn about the formation of our own solar system and discover the wonders surrounding newly discovered solar systems of distant stars, star-gaze through telescopes, presentation of Fur, Feathers and Fangs, free with admission, 5-10 pm, http://desertmuseum.org

13 WINSLOW: Star Night Party - Homolovi State Park, park staff and Homolovi's community partners in a night of community outreach and education in the field of observational astronomy, cosmology and astrophysics, telescopes from local astronomers and the Little Colorado Astronomy Club in the museum circle, picnic tables and BBQ grills, bring a flashlight, light jacket and lawn chair, \$7 day use fee per car with up to 4 adults, 7 pm, 928-289-4106 or http://www.azstateparks.com

16-18 ORACLE: Sunset and Moonlight Zipline EcoTours - Arizona Zipline Adventure, The "Sunset EcoTour" will encompass a zip on all five zip lines ranging 400'-1500' just as the Sonoran Desert sunset begins to unfold in spectacular colors. Cost is \$79. pp. The "Moonlight Zipline" will offer a ride on three zip lines including the 1500' dual line. Cost is \$65. pp. http://ziparizona.com

20 FLAGSTAFF: Parks in the Pines: Birthday Bash - Flagstaff City Hall, Help the Arizona parks celebrate the NPS Centennial! We'll have a fair in downtown Flagstaff, check out all 22 park units in Arizona, chat with partners, watch performances, and learn from demonstrators, have your picture taken at the Arizona National Park of your choice, local food truck fare, take a guided bike or hike tour around Flagstaff, It's a Parks in the Pines: Birthday Bash for the century, 10 am - 5 pm, 602-794-3810 or 520-791-6413 or <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1758/centennial-birthday-bash.htm>

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

27 BENSON: Moonlight Hikes - Kartchner Caverns State Park, rangers will offer a unique hike on the Foothills Loop Trail during the full moon on select

Saturdays through September 2016, meet at 6 pm at the front of the Discovery Center and wear suitable clothing and shoes, bring water and a flashlight. \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee. Be sure to include contact information and number of people in the group and make the required reservation at reservations@azstateparks.gov

27 SEDONA: Star Party - Red Rock State Park, come spend an evening with your family and friends at the park and observe the wonders of the night sky through astronomers' telescopes, bring a red light, sweater or jacket, enthusiasm to enjoy and conserve our beautiful night skies, <http://azstateparks.com/StarParty/>

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing - www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing - Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

EXPOS/SHOWS

13 SHOW LOW: Outdoor Sportsmen's Expo - Park Pineway Plaza, displays of outdoor products, RV's, boats, off road vehicles, etc., 928-527-2326

13-14 FLAGSTAFF: Arizona Get Outdoors Festival - Pepsi Amphitheater, in association with Arizona Game & Fish, includes the latest hunting, fishing and camping gear and technologies, outdoor education and safety clinics, demos of the newest outdoor equipment & tips from the pros, archery range, catch-and-release fishing ponds, interactive activities for kids, RV and boat exhibits, \$15, 10 am - 4 pm, <http://www.PepsiAmp.com>

FISHING

6 HEBER/OVERGAARD: 2016 Arizona Crawfish Festival - Bison Ranch, crawfish boil, crawfish eating contest, authentic Cajun food, crawfish trapping contest, bounce house for the kids, DJ and live music, festival vendors, beer garden, Taylor Family Circus, noon - 9 pm, <http://arizonacrawfishcompany.com/> or <http://heberovergaard.org/community-events/>

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing - Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

SHOOTING SPORTS/ ARCHERY

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Ongoing - Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

WATERSPORTS

Diving
SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing - Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Swimming
13 SHOW LOW: 21st Annual Tri in the Pines Triathlon - features 625 yard swim at the Family Aquatic Center, 12.3 mile bike ride on city streets and a 3.5

mile run on paved multi-use trail in the City Park, USA Triathlon sanctioned event, Youth triathlon features 175 yard swim at the Family Aquatic Center, 4 mile bike ride on city streets and finishes with a 1 mile run in City Park, 928-532-4140 or <http://www.trifind.net/n/az.html> or <http://show-lowaz.gov/departments/parks/runs&traces.htm>

13 TRIATHLON - The Cove Aquatic Center swim, run and bike for fun and prizes, Seven age divisions w/male & female in each one team competition(s): male, female & coed, <http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/eGov/apps/events/calendar.egov?view=detail;id=159584>

FLAGSTAFF: 32nd Annual Mountain Man Triathlon - Lake Mary, Spring: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 6.2 miles, spectators free, 6:30 am, 928-526-8761 or <http://www.trifind.net> or <http://www.mountainmanevents.com>

TUCSON: JCC USAT Splash and Dash - Tucson JCC, National event open to athletes ages 7-15, combines running and swimming, 7 am, http://www.tucsonjcc.org/sports/usat_splashanddash/

27 ANTHEM: Anthem Sprint Triathlon - Anthem Community Center, reverse order sprint triathlon, hosted in conjunction with Team Anthem Multisport Club, a 5km run, a fast 20km bike course and a 400m swim to the finish, 6:30 am, 623-330-0913 or http://www.active.com/anthem-az/triathlon/races/anthem-sprint-triathlon-2016?cmp=39-34-191341<cmp=254301<telcid=03_107528867_d05d4170-72b5-45d9-a833-13efab0910bd&cmp=39-34

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

1,4,8,11,13,15,18, 22, 25, 27, 29 SIERRA VISTA: Nature Walk - Ramsey Canyon Preserve, see more than 170 species of birds that migrate through and make the canyon their home, learn about the more than 400 species of flora and fauna that make up this geologically unique canyon, and learn about its colorful history, \$6, children under 16 free, 9 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

3-6 SIERRA VISTA: 25th Annual Southwest Wings Birding & Nature Festival - Cochise College, guided tours, field trips, seminars, vendors, displays, lectures, bat stalks, owl prowls, displays, arts & crafts, Joel Greenberg is the keynote speaker, <http://www.swwings.org>

5-6, 13, 17-18, 24, 28, SIERRA VISTA: Hummingbird Banding Session - San Pedro House, up to ten species of hummingbirds use the San Pedro River as a freeway between tropical winter retreats and northern nesting grounds, get a close-up look at staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of this internationally important migration route, free, donations gratefully accepted, 4-6 pm, <http://www.sabos.org>

6 CLARKDALE: Raptor on the Rails - Verde Canyon Railroad, an eagle in flight is breathtaking, a face-to-face encounter with a raptor is also an astounding event, Scottsdale's Liberty Wildlife shares the majesty of a rescued bald eagle and other rescued raptors with visitors at the depot and on the train on select days, the only train who has an Eagle riding once a month, Sonora LOVES riding the train, everyone has the opportunity for personal interaction, 1 pm, <http://verdecanyonrr.com/>

6 GLENDALE: 7th Annual Dog Days of Summer - Historic Downtown Glendale, activities include photo stations, Frosty Paw Treats; appearance by, the Glendale Fire Department's crisis response dog; watering stations; pet aura photos; fresh baked dog treats; a fashion show; pet gifts and accessories, 7-10 am, 623-930-4500 or <http://www.visitglendale.com>

6 SUPERIOR: Dragonfly Walk - Boyce Thompson Arboretum, parents and kids can learn to identify colorful dragonfly species during a one-hour

Help Me!



The Friends of the Tonto National Forest need your help to restore a Habitat for Monarch Butterflies by planting milkweed plants in Tonto National Forest, Bulldog Canyon.

When: Sept. 30, 31 and Oct. 1, 7 a.m. to 12 noon.
Where: Parking at Apache Trail (S.R. 88) Mile 204
For more info: www.friendsofthetonto.org or email friendsofthetonto@gmail.com

walk, \$5-10, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arbo-retum.ag.arizona.edu>

6 TUCSON: Cool Summer Nights at the Desert Museum: Insect Insanity - Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, celebrate incredible insects and amazing arthropods, get a bug-eye view of many of the million species of arthropods that make the Sonoran Desert their home, learn new facts and dispel old myths, lecture by the UofA's amazing "Bugman" Dr. Carl Olson, hands-on experience with arthropods, craft antennae, Arthro-Party for all ages, 5-10 pm, <http://desertmuseum.org>

11-14 TUCSON: 6th Annual The Southeast Arizona Birding Festival - Riverpark Inn, exciting monsoon birding, field trips & workshops with renowned leaders; socials and dinner programs featuring keynotes \$15, free Nature Expo, kids' activities, <http://tucsonaubon.org/festival>

13, 20, 27 SIERRA VISTA: Guided River Walk - San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, learn why the San Pedro River has been named one of the "Last Great Places" by the Nature Conservancy, one of the last free-flowing rivers in the Southwest, walks are about 1.5 to 2 miles over easy terrain, dress for hiking and weather, and bring at least one quart of water per person, free; donations gratefully accepted, 8 am, <http://SierraVistaAZ.gov>

13 SUPERIOR: Learn Your Lizards - Boyce Thompson Arboretum, educates participants how to identify common species such as Western whiptails, Tree Lizards, Side-blotched and Greater Earless, family-friendly walk, meet at the visitor center, \$5-10, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

18 PRESCOTT: Zoo by Moonlight - Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

20 PINETOP-LAKESIDE: The Pollinating "4 B's" - Birds, Bats, Bees and Butterflies - White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center, learn about the vital role pollinators play in agriculture and local ecosystems, and how to attract them to your garden and landscaping, with a local Farmer's Market on site, 10 am, 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wmature.org>

27 SUPERIOR: Butterfly Walk - Boyce Thompson Arboretum, with Adriane Grimaldi, a walking tour to see, photograph and learn about colorful species ranging from Empress Leilia to Queen, Spring Azure and more, this relaxed and slow-moving walk explores the Hummingbird-Butterfly Garden, Demonstration Garden and Children's Garden collections, \$5-10, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: <http://animalbenefitclub.com/index2.html>

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing - Heather L. Weaver: www.azanimalassistance.com



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

August 2016

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	August 13 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	August 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	August 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 374-7312
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Know the Rules: Learn to identify “Navi-Aids”



Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for “failure to obey navigation laws.” You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.



Information
Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.

Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or “slow, no wake.”



Exclusion

Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



Danger

Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or stumps. Always proceed with caution.

Other Non-Lateral Markers

Safe Water Markers are white with red vertical stripes and mark mid-channels or fairways. They may be passed on either side.



Inland Water Obstruction Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

Mooring Buoy

Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

Note, the following actions are illegal:

- ◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
- ◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

Online Registration Renewal

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: <https://www.azgfd.com/Boating/Registration>. You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.

Preparing for Boating Emergencies

A safe boater knows how to prevent and respond to boating emergencies.

To prevent from falling overboard:

- Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seatbacks, motor cover or any other area not designed for seating.
- Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
- Don't stand up in or lean out from a boat.
- Don't move about the boat when underway.

If someone on your boat falls overboard:

- Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable personal flotation device (PFD).
- Have other passengers watch the victim.
- Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
- Turn off the engine. Pull the victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET.



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Pokémon Go And Boating: Three Tips From BoatUS

The reality-game-meets-exercise app currently taking the nation by storm, "Pokémon Go," now has 21 million users every day – reportedly the most successful mobile game ever in the US.

The game features characters called Pokémon that players capture in the real world using a combination of GPS and augmented reality. That also means that Pokémon-mania has also come to the water and with it, BoatUS, the national boating advocacy, services and safety group, has three tips for playing Pokémon Go while boating:

1. Be aware: The US Coast Guard reports "Operator Inattention" as one of the five main primary contributing factors in accidents. When searching for a "water type" Pokémon such as "Magikarp" on a waterway, let the first mate or friend handle the cell phone while the captain keeps a safe lookout.

2. Watch cell phone battery use: Users report the game eats up a smartphone's battery charge. With many recreational boaters today relying on their cell phones for communication, it would be wise to bring along a spare charger, or use battery

saving mode. BoatUS also reminds boaters that only a VHF radio can summon emergency help from the closest rescuers, ensuring the fastest response.

3. Have fun: The BoatUS National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., offers a Pokémon "gym" located next to the iconic BoatUS Buoy at 880 S. Pickett Street. At lunch, some BoatUS employees can be seen playing the game.

GO FOR IT — A Pokémon Go "gym" is located next to the iconic BoatUS Buoy at the recreational boating association's national headquarters in Alexandria, Va.



Life Jackets Are Prerequisite To Safety And 'Just Wear It' Is Vital Advice

FROM AZGFD

Summer in the Southwest means fun on the water for many Arizona families, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages everyone heading to area lakes to ensure they are wearing a life jacket while on the water.

"Putting on a life jacket is the first and often easiest step anyone can take to keep themselves safe when on the water," said Josh Hoffman, AZGFD Boating Safety Education coordinator. "There are comfortable options for all activities and all weather conditions. Set an example this weekend for your boat crew by wearing your life jacket and making sure you have a designated skipper to get everyone back to shore safe and sound."

New life jackets are much more comfortable, lightweight and stylish than the



ALSO WATERCRAFT — Those heading out on paddle boards, kayaks and canoes are also reminded that each is legally considered watercraft. Users are required to have a wearable PFD on board while on the water and must follow the same navigation laws pertaining to all watercraft.

bulky orange-style most boaters know. There are innovative options, such as inflatable life jackets, allowing mobility

and flexibility for activities like boating, fishing, paddling or hunting and are much cooler in the warmer weather.

Too Many Tragedies

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in approximately 68 percent of recreational boating fatalities in 2014, and that approximately 84 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

"Every year families have to come to terms with a fun outing that turned into a tragedy, simply because someone isn't wearing a life jacket," Hoffman said. "It's really quite simple: make sure everyone aboard is wearing a life jacket – regardless of how old they are."

Know The Rules

Having life jackets not only provides

immediate protection for the boater, but may save a boater from receiving a citation for not having his or her children in a life jacket. State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while on board and each passenger must have a properly fitting, Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

Anyone being towed by a boat or on a personal watercraft such as a Sea Doo or Jet Ski also must wear a life jacket.

Those heading out on paddle boards, kayaks and canoes are also reminded that each is legally considered watercraft. Users are required to have a wearable PFD on board while on the water and must follow the same navigation laws pertaining to all watercraft.

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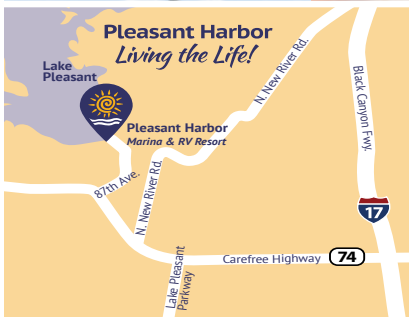
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STOP! — Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) President Margaret Podlich (L) and Government Affairs Manager David Kennedy (R), delivered over 24,000 comments from recreational boaters to EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC, to urge the agency to stop adding more ethanol to the nation's gasoline supply, as planned for 2017. Most marine engines are built to only work with up to 10 percent ethanol, and it is illegal to use gas containing more than 10 percent ethanol in any marine engine.



LEARN TO SAIL — Two Adult Beginning Sailing students are shown sailing with instructor Emory Heisler. Initially, all students in the class sail with an instructor, with two students to each instructor. Later, the students will sail two in a boat with the instructor's watching from a safety boat.

Register Now For Sailing Classes

BY MIKE FERRING

Registration is open now for the fall Arizona Sailing Foundation sailing classes. Click on Arizona Sailing Foundation Education in the navigation bar at the top of any AYC Web page and then select the type of class you'd like to take.

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For more information, visit <http://arizonayachtclub.org/2016/06/register-now-for-sailing-classes/>

IN MEMORY

Michael (Mike) Brookes

Truly A Man's Man - He Will Be Missed

Mike Brookes was every bit a man's man. Growing up in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, he was an avid hunter and fisherman. His talents included football, track and ice hockey. Mike's interests went beyond the outdoors. He excelled in his high school classes as well as his college classes at Washington State University where he was president of the Independent Students.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of our dear friend Mike Brookes (Feb. 10, 1937-July 22, 2016). He will be dearly missed by his wife Maxine, his daughters Christi and Chelle, (Mike's eldest daughter Lisa predeceased her dad in 2013), his brother Terry, granddaughter Kelsee and grandson Misha as well as by many of us who were fortunate to have him in our lives.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mike for many years. The truth is I am now married to his first wife Carol. As so many people realize not all marriages last forever. Mike and Carol were married for 31 years. Carol and I have now been married for 23 years. When Carol and I were married Mike, their children and Mike's new wife Maxine welcomed me into the family. Maxine and I consider ourselves the very loved "outlaws". Neither Mike or I fell into the perfect husband category. However, we were very lucky when it came to wives. Mike and I became close over the years. I will miss him. - Jim Allen



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LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

Stripers, Bass, Walleye, Panfish Are All Ready To Be Caught

'Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing.'

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

Stripers have moved out of the main channel and toward the backs of canyons. The move indicates that the shad food source has been well used in open water of the channel and bays. Slurping stripers have been relentless in pursuit of small newly-hatched shad.

Those shad that have survived are seeking a sanctuary in the brush that now lines the shoreline. Shad have a better chance of avoiding predation if there is some kind of brushy cover available. Shad are clever but stripers are hungry. Stripers keep searching and moving until more shad are found.

Check Coves

The prime shad striper battleground is now found in short U-shaped coves near the main channel or main bay. Shad move into coves to look for brush while stripers



EXCELLENT FISHING — The Russ Muir family girls really caught the stripers on their last trip to Lake Powell. Despite the hot weather fishing still remains excellent at the picturesque lake.

guard the mouth of these coves to prevent shad from escaping. Search for striper surface activity at first light in the morning. Top water lures are working well when any surface action is seen. Shallow running crankbaits and Kastmaster type spoons work well when cast into active boiling fish.

If surface feeding stripers are going down quickly try to locate the retreating school on the graph. These flighty fish are hungry and will eat a shad-like offering while they are down at 30 feet under the boat. One sure fire technique is to drop a rattletail type lure into the deep school

and then reel it up through the school as the fish reorganize and get ready for the next surface burst.

Striper boil fishing is best from the San Juan north, but a slurping boil can be seen anywhere. In the southern lake bait fishing is king. Huge catches are still being reported along main channel walls particularly where these walls meet a rockslide, rock pile or shallow boulder field. Hungry main channel stripers stay deep to stay cool but periodically come shallower (20 feet) to look for crayfish on rocky structure.

Bass Go Deep

Bass fishing is slower in the heat of summer. Largemouth bass are tucked in the comforting arms of abundant submerged brush. Smallmouth bass have gone deeper than most anglers prefer to fish. It is much better to get the bait down to 30-50 feet now than to fish along the shallow shoreline.

Walleye Surprise

The surprise fish right now is the walleye. They are still hungry despite the abundant shad spawn. Walleye are found in the U-shaped canyons where stripers and shad are competing. They are in shallow shoreline habitat where one or two

trees attract sunfish. Walleye really like to eat small sunfish.

Slow rolling spinnerbaits, worm-tipped plastic grubs or tubes, and slow trolled bottom bouncers with worm harnesses are all working right now. More walleye have recently been tagged from Wahweap Bay to Duneon Canyon in the southern lake. The greatest numbers of tagged walleye are found near Bullfrog Bay. Remember the tagged walleye contest is still going on and we are looking forward to awarding our second prize to the next lucky angler to catch a tagged walleye.

Panfish Await

There are many coves now that contain tumbleweed piles, tamarisk trees and other brush. In each of these coves a school of panfish can be found and caught. Bluegill, and green sunfish are abundant and getting larger than in recent years. Perhaps the sunfish in the southern lake are increasing in size due to the opportunity to eat quagga mussels. Our food habits investigations have determined that panfish are eating mussels. These larger sunfish can be caught well on a live worm by a small child.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,620 and water temperature was 77-83F.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM LAKE POWELL

Fishing Success Will Even Improve As Summer Wanes

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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When a tagged walleye is caught, take a picture of the fish and then a closeup of the tag number. Contact me with the tag number at 928 645 2392. Send a fishing report indicating how and where the fish was caught. You will then receive a prize donated by Sportsmans Warehouse, Fish Tech Outfitters, Stix Market, or Berkley.

Other Fish Biting As Well

Other fish are biting as well. Bait fishing continues to provide lots of stripers for anglers using anchovies along steep canyon walls. One consistent habitat type is a steep main channel canyon wall that ends in a shallow rocky flat or point.

Stripers hold in the deep water and then move up to shallower rocky areas to search for crayfish. Recent hotspots include Antelope Canyon, Warm Creek Wall, Navajo Canyon and shady east walls in Padre Bay and Last Chance canyon. Look for the same steep walled habitat in the northern lake for fast bait fishing.

From Rock Creek to Hite, stripers are feeding on the surface and easy to find as slurping boils are often seen anytime during the day. Larger stripers have joined smaller fish in chasing small shad to the top. Surface activity is still found in the main channel but surface action is increasing along the shoreline.

We found stripers chasing shad into 2 feet of water on our sampling trip this week. Shad were trying to find a hiding place in the brush ring that now surrounds the lake. Hopefully, some of those shad will survive to grow to a larger size and provide more forage in the fall.

Bass Fishing Excels

Bass fishing continues to excel along the rocky shoreline. Plastic grubs, swim baits, spinner baits, and surface lures are working well. The best topwater fishing is found at dusk and dawn while the best

daytime fishing action is at 25 feet with plastic baits fished close to the bottom. A striper school chasing shad into the shallows activates the bass and increases opportunities to catch a wide variety of species. I was surprised to catch a walleye on a rattletail while fishing the shoreline after surface feeding stripers evacuated the area.

Panfish Increasing In Size

Bluegill and green sunfish are seen much more often and their size is increasing. Look for a canyon or cove with lots of weeds. Large schools of bluegill can be seen in shallow water hanging out in the newly submerged brush. They can be caught on tiny crappie jigs or on live worms on small hooks. Bluegill are excellent eating fish and a lot of fun for kids to catch off the back of the boat.

Catfish Constant Visitors

Catfish are a constant visitor to sandy shore areas where houseboats can park on a sandy beach. Catfish are best caught in the evening on hotdogs or other leftover dinner food. My favorite catfish bait is found in a striper stomach. Just open the stomach cavity of a freshly caught striper and remove the liver. Catfish just cannot get enough striper liver! Try it.

This has been a great year for catching fish at the lake and it looks like fishing success will only improve as summer wanes.




GUSTAVESON

BIG NEWS — The big news this week is that the first tagged walleye has been captured in Bullfrog Bay. It is not only possible to catch a walleye in the heat of the summer but also to capture one of the select few fish that have been tagged with red Floy tags. The attached picture shows where to look for the tag when a walleye is caught. Jared Beckman was awarded a gift card from Sportsmans Warehouse as his prize. If you would like to enter the contest before the next trip to Lake Powell you may do so at this Web site. <http://wildlife.utah.gov/lake-powell-tagged-fish-contest.html>



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Retired Fire Chief Brings Renewed Life To Old Guns

BY MIKE BERGER

Editor's Note: Although Part 1 of this incredible restoration story appeared in the July issue, it is included here again so that the whole story of the old Winchester is not lost. Berger continues below with Part 2 and, thankfully, will follow that with a Part 3 in future.

It sat quietly in the corner of the shop, behind a group of other rifles. This was the corner where trade-in rifles that were not in the best shape were placed. This particular rifle had begun its life back in 1906, at the Savage Arms factory. It was a Model 1899, with a 24-inch-long barrel in 30-30.

This was a very popular combination for a deer rifle in its day.

I don't know why it attracted attention that day, yet it came out of its corner for examination. The condition could best be described as neglected, and I don't mean

short term. The stock had sections missing on both sides from the top tang, back over an inch. The finish was almost non-existent on the receiver, and very poor on the barrel, and yet still, there was something there.

I am sure that there are similar rifles in the corners of any gunsmith's shop. Trade-ins, broken-parts guns, guns too expensive to repair, and thus unwanted. Every now and then comes a time when a project seems like the thing to do. So it was destined to be with the Savage.

So, what to do? How to resurrect this old hunting companion of a time long ago? Its original iteration did not seem like the way to go. As we talked about the project, some pieces seemed to come together.

Criteria included compact, fast handling medium big bore, powerful and a mix of old and new seemed to blend well.

Caliber was the first component we explored. What would work in that action



Pat Knight Threading Barrel At The Lathe

without a large amount of work (this idea would later present challenges). The medium large bores contained a mix of old and new, and during the perusal of the loading manuals, Gunsmith Pat Knight found a very interesting anomaly.

The dimensions of the old (1876) .38-55 Winchester were amazingly close to

those of the much more recent (1978) and more powerful .375 Winchester. Power levels precluded mixing them in old Winchesters as the design would not handle the pressure (except for the heavily reinforced "Big Bore 94" which was introduced with the .375 Winchester cartridge).



The Century-Old Winchester

PART 2

Knight And Berger Continue Restoration Of Century-Old Gun

BY MIKE BERGER

Daniel "Pat" Knight retired as a Sergeant from the Pinal County Sheriff Department, with experience as a firearms instructor, and a member of the SWAT Team. He is also a retired gunsmith, who has attended factory-sponsored armorer schools, as well as gunsmith classes as close as Yavapai College, and as far away as Oklahoma.

The first phase of the project was the disassembly and inspection phase. Prior to disassembly, it is important to have a good understanding of the particular firearm. It had been a couple of years since we had worked on a much-more-recent vintage Savage Model

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EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD REPORT

It's Prime Time For Cats And Crayfish

Tip Of The Week

For those athletic anglers looking for lots of exercise, good fishing, and no crowds, try Chevelon Lake. This steep-sided canyon lake is *not* shore-angler friendly, so float tubes, canoes or kayaks

are almost a must.

The hike-in is knee-challenging on the way down and the long hike back up the steep trail will take your breath away in more ways than one. For aging anglers who are out of shape, avoid this lake; it's a cardiac special.

New fishing regulations on Chevelon Creek upstream of the lake and downstream of the lake (to Chevelon Crossing) now match the lake regulations, which is artificial fly and lure only with a two-trout-daily bag limit.



Crayfish

The Reel Deal

This is prime time for high-country crayfish and "low-country" catfish.

When the trout bite slows down, grab a bucket, some string, a stick and some meat (bacon, hot dogs or even fish guts will work) and go harvest some mud bugs. In fact, you'll be helping the environment — crayfish are not native to Arizona and cause immense problems in our trout waters.

It's also prime flathead catfish season. Arizona has proved to be a destination for these monster flatheads.

Consider 'Crayin'

Back to crayin'. Some anglers' favorite lakes include Woods Canyon, Willow Springs, Knoll, Ashurst and Kaibab (water level is very low at Kaibab). But, you'll find crayfish in most of our high country lakes. The damage crayfish do to some of our trout streams can be staggering — these voracious crustaceans eat everything from frogs and vegetation to fish and insects.

Crayfish hunting is great for kids and young-at-heart adults. Children especially can get bored if the fish aren't biting. Crayfish can sometimes provide non-stop action. And, they make some fine-dining by a camp fire.

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Meanwhile, the department will post an announcement on its Web site, www.azgfd.gov, when results officially are released. All permit-tags are scheduled to be mailed by Aug. 5; all refund warrants by Aug. 15.

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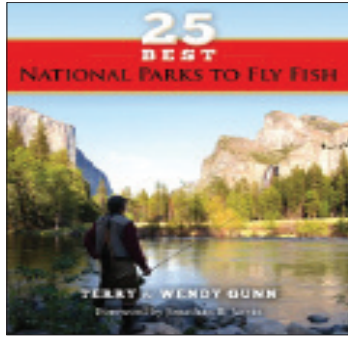
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The free, downloadable, PDF publication includes draw, survey and harvest statistics for a five-year period, as well as information on distribution, life history and behavior of big game, small game

and other wildlife.

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A WINNING COMBINATION

New Book Guides Anglers To Best Fly Fishing In The National Parks

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for protecting existing national parks and monuments and those yet to be established. By doing so, he not only preserved America's most remarkable natural wonders, but he also created protections for some of the most idyllic fly-fishing locations in North America.

25 Best National Parks to Fly Fish celebrates the phenomenal fly-fishing opportunities in the National Park System, and the centennial of the National Park Service stewardship. Authors Terry and Wendy Gunn tap into the collective knowledge of some of the most accomplished guides and anglers working the waters both inside and adjoining the nation's most accessible national parks.

From jumping tarpon in the Everglades, high-sticking for brook trout in the small creeks of the Great Smoky Mountains, and throwing line in the high-alpine lakes of the Rocky Mountains, these authors and contributors share their deep knowledge of each park and the many species that inhabit their waters.

In addition to the detailed GIS maps, recommended flies, hatches, hot spots, and suggestions for gear, lodging, and dining for each location, this book contains more than 150 stunning, 4-color location photos that will make you want to pack up your gear and hit the road for a world-class experience in America's national parks!

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Edward 'Pat' Madden Assumes Role Of Game And Fish Commission Chairman

Former vice-chair brings extensive community service and law enforcement experience.



Madden

Edward "Pat" Madden of Flagstaff has become the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's newest chair. He will lead the five-member commission for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Madden replaces Kurt R. Davis, who will continue to serve on the commission until his successor is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate. Each commissioner serves a five-year term that is staggered and customarily serves as chairman during their final year.

Madden, who joined the commission in 2013, has an extensive law enforcement background. He spent more than three decades working for the Flagstaff Police Department — beginning his career in 1966 as a patrolman and retiring as chief of police in 1999 — and also worked for the Arizona Department of Gaming before fully retiring in 2015.

Chairman Madden has been an active member of the Flagstaff community and has served on multiple boards and committees, including Flagstaff Big Brothers; Flagstaff Route 66 Rotary Club; Northern Arizona Fallen Officers Memorial Committee; Flagstaff Leadership; and Citizens Against Substance Abuse.

He has received numerous awards and commendations for his work and community service, including the Officer of the Year award from the Flagstaff Police Department, Outstanding Service Award from Big Brothers Flagstaff, and the Paul Harris Foundation Award from Rotary International.

"I look forward to my chairmanship and a continued productive working relationship between the commission, department and public to ensure that Arizona's wildlife is protected, preserved, enhanced and managed," said Madden.

He received his Master of Science degree in criminal justice and his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University. He is also a graduate of the

Northwestern Traffic Institute in Evanston, Ill., and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

The commission oversees the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The commission establishes rules and regulations for the managing and conserving of wildlife

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 Op/Ed

Sportsmen To Lose Again!

'And we will all be much worse off for it.'

BY JOHN (JK) KOLESZAR
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While the sportsmen and women of Arizona have been patiently waiting for draw results, certain organizations have been using their political clout to remove another massive chunk of real estate from the hunting communities' places to recreate. The following has been in process for a couple of years now, and it appears to be the proverbial train coming down the tracks with not much hope in sight.

Save It From What?

"Do You Want To Save The Grand Canyon?" That banner has been banded about by such groups as The Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society and others. The sound of possible destruction of one of our most valued treasures brings out the protectionist in all of us. Save the Grand Canyon? Hell yes! But save it from what?

Therein lies the problem. For the past two years there has been a concerted effort by our not-so-friendly environmental groups to have current President Obama sign off 1.7 million acres of land around the Grand Canyon as "National Monument". What does that mean to all of us?

The Big Question: Why?

National Monument designation means a whole lot of things. It means road closures, it means massive reductions in any form of multi use by the public, it means cattle ranching on current grazing allotments could be eliminated. It means that conservation groups will become subject to massive amounts of paperwork filings within the Federal Government for approvals of worthwhile projects for wildlife. The big question is "Why"?



Agenda Before Truth

If you follow the trail of deceit by the environmental community, you will see that their agenda always comes before the truth. A couple of years ago the Sierra Club continuously harped about how over 70 percent of Arizonans wanted wolves on the landscape.

It did not take long to figure out that the survey that was performed was totally biased, that they only interviewed a few hundred voters in Arizona out of over 6.5 million residents and that the survey was performed by a California group with ties to the leftist groups of the world. Some-



how that "survey" became their battle cry. Even the *Arizona Republic* used it in support of the Mexican gray wolf program.

Enter 2014 and the environmental community has stated on many occasions that we need to protect out natural resources from the evil villains such as bloodthirsty hunters, welfare ranchers, timber barons who scalp the forests to nubs and the dreaded off-road vehicles that created thousands of miles of trails on our public lands. How do they stop what they perceive as wanton use of our natural resources?

Publish A Scare Tactic

Publish a scare tactic about wanting to protect the Grand Canyon from mining and how it will destroy our water supply. Guess what? There is currently a *twenty-year* moratorium on mining around the Grand Canyon. We are in year four of that moratorium. But hey, throw in the terms "pollution", "damage to our natural resources" and presto, we have concerns.

Then, hire another firm from California. This time it was the company Fairbanks, Maslin, Maullin and Metz. They are "specialists in public policy opinion research". Care to guess who some of their clients are? The Sierra Club, Tree People, The Wilderness Society. Are you catching the drift here?

With A Brief Stroke Of His Pen

The survey they did found that over 80 percent of Arizonans wanted to have the Grand Canyon National Monument designation attached to 1.7 million acres of land. How do they get that designation? Enter the King... sorry, President Obama. As his second term winds down, before he leaves office, he can designate certain areas of land as "National Monument" for the protection of areas that he deems necessary under the "Antiquities Act".

The President does not have to get any



approval from anyone to do so. With a brief use of his pen, he can sign off whatever he wants to for this basic closure of large chunks of land. In fairness, there is supposed to be local support for this move. Enter the "survey" which states that 80 percent of Arizonans want it. Really? How can 500 people being interviewed with unknown questions that are typically misleading make a fair and accurate assessment?

They Can't; They Didn't

They can't — and they didn't. So folks, some 500 residents of Arizona now totally represent you to the President as he prepares to leave office. Coincidentally, citizens in Utah are also facing the same situation with over 1.9 million acres being designated as "National Monument" in the area known as "Bears Ears".

Does this seem like a movement to you? It should. 1.7 million acres here, 1.9 million acres there and sooner or later you are starting to talk some serious land grabs by the Federal government with Draconian rules regarding land use.

Game And Fish, Conservationists Fight

The Arizona Game and Fish Commissioners have been fighting against this designation. The conservationists com-

munity has been fighting against this designation. The ranching communities have been fighting this designation. The champions of this move are the environmental groups who have made a fortune off the American taxpayers through the Equal Access to Justice Act.

They have the money, the zealots who want humans off the land, and the dreams of having a contiguous corridor from Mexico to the Yukon where nature is lived without human intervention.

Be Prepared For The Consequences

If this is your idea of how the country should be, then by all means encourage the President to sign off on both "National Monuments" — but be prepared for the consequences and restrictions that will ultimately follow.

For myself, I would like to know what Arizona residents really think. I would like to let them have *all* of the facts and then make a decision. I want an unbiased survey to take place.

Sadly, the train is upon us with little hope. Mark my words, early next year there will be a little ceremony at the El Tovar Lodge where former President Obama will sign off 1.7 million acres of land to Monument Designation. And we will all be *much* worse off for it.



BUG-OUT BAG

We All Need To Be Ready For Emergencies

BY JOHN ANDERSON

You may have heard the term “bug-out bag” — for sure you’ve heard or read about it if you ever visit any tactical shooting sites. What is a bug out bag? It’s simply an easy-to-grab bag that contains everything you’ll need for about three days in case of emergency.

The emergency can be a forest fire, weather, terrorism, natural disaster — it doesn’t matter what it is; a bug out bag should enable you to survive for a few days until things simmer down or until help comes or whatever.

At Home And Away

Since we hunt, fish, and hike a lot, our car trunks are basically bug-out bags. You never know when you’ll break down in the middle of nowhere or even just get stuck in some mud or rocks. We are often in places with no cell service, so hiking until we get a signal, then waiting for help is a definite possibility.

The stuff we keep in our cars is a bit different from the bug-out bag we have in the house, though, because if we have to leave our house, we need more than just food and water. Here are some ideas for stuff you might want to throw in your trunk (ours are in small backpacks) or stow in a closet at home (ours is a big duffel bag).

Home Bug-Out Bag

Odds are, if you have to leave your home because of a disaster or something like that, you won’t really have to worry much about food and shelter. Fortunately for us, the United States has plenty of organizations that can help you.

But remember those people after Katrina? Stuffed in those huge buildings, crowded like sardines, standing in line for water and food? No thanks.

So you may want to put some food and water in there after all, and maybe even a quick and light shelter of some kind. You definitely need a few days’ worth of your medications — for everyone in the family. You should also have your personal papers (or copies of them), plus some cash. We keep the papers together in the safe, ready to grab and go.

State Parks Recommend These Top Five

Cozy camping cabins are a great choice for escaping the heat.

Looking for a summer adventure filled with fun the whole family can enjoy? Spend the weekend or plan a day trip to one of our beautiful Arizona State Parks. We’ve got you covered whether you’re a first-time camper, amateur cave explorer, looking for a watersport haven or prefer to discover Arizona’s history. Here are some of our favorite things to get you out of the house and into an adventure:

Watersport Havens — The lake and river parks offer something for everyone to enjoy from beaches, boat ramps, fish-



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Nowadays you can buy water filters really inexpensively, and they will filter even really nasty water and make it drinkable. They are small, too, and you can get one for around twenty bucks at any outdoors store. So get one of those, or even one for each family member.

Don’t forget your cell phone, and a solar charger or one that is good for several charges. Get some tasty protein or energy bars and put them in there, but don’t make the mistake I made: I got protein bars that melted in the heat. Yuck.

Taking Care Of Sanitation

You’re going to want to take care of sanitation, so include toilet paper, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, soap, and a small towel, as well as feminine-hygiene needs. If you have a pet, don’t forget his papers (proof of shots), any medications he needs, and a few days’ food for him. Don’t forget a bowl! Another very important thing to include is some good socks. It’s amazing how uncomfortable wet socks are.

Important Additions

In our home bag we also have a hand-crank radio, LED flashlights (they make the batteries last longer), batteries, a fixed blade knife (we carry folding knives all the time anyway) maps, a compass, emergency whistles, and pencil and paper. We stuff odd leftover corners with resealable plastic bags and trash bags. We also added a couple of those little emergency ponchos and emergency blankets, sunglasses, and some duct tape as well. A first aid kit is a must. Get the best one you can afford.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you have more than one person in your family who is able to carry a load, you may want



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to use two bags or backpacks — then you can take more. I’m going to end up switching to a couple of backpacks myself, just because a backpack leaves both your hands free and doesn’t unbalance you. There are tons of Web sites online that will give you advice on what to put in your bug-out bag — read several of them and winnow out the things you think you will use.

And, If You Have Kids

If you have kids, bring some toys and small games with you, and don’t forget to grab any special blankets or stuffed animals that they are particularly attached to before you hit the door. Some sites advocate bringing weapons, but that is a highly personal choice and very much dependent on the circumstances.

Make sure you include some way to make a fire and include some waterproof bags of tinder or some fire starting sticks. When I was a kid, my dad and I made our own windproof, waterproof matches by dipping wooden ones into melted paraffin. We also dipped short pieces of cotton rope into the paraffin. Once they dry, they are awesome fire starters — they burn a long time, even in the wind, which makes it much easier to get the wood going.

Bug-Out On The Go Or At Home

You can get as elaborate with your bug out bag as you want. Remember that you have to carry it though. In big cities after earthquakes and such, roads are al-



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most impassable and utilities are usually out for days. Having food and water and shelter for those few days is imperative. You may not even have to “bug out” with your bag — but having it in your home and knowing you’ll be fine for a few days without fighting the crowds stripping the store shelves is a great feeling.

Trunk Bug-Out Bag

Obviously, what I have in my trunk is more elaborate than the one I would grab if I had to go on foot. For one thing, when we’re out on our adventures, we already have a lot of survival gear with us as a matter of course. But in the car you can carry a case of water pouches, for example.

Tools Too

We basically have a bug-out bag *plus* a bunch of other stuff, including tools like shovels that are a bit heavy to carry otherwise. Margie has a little 72-hour emergency back pack that came already packed. She got it for a Christmas present from one of the kids. They know their mom! You can get those kinds of things on Amazon.

A Good First-Aid Kit

A car gives you the opportunity to carry things like tents, stoves, cooking supplies, etc. One of those locking tool chests in the bed of a pickup would hold a *lot* of survival gear. One essential item that we always carry is a good first aid kit. Margie even has a fairly big one that she carries on every single hike we ever do, no matter how short.

She has doctored up many a scraped kid, some of them not even ours! The best one I’ve found is the Grizzly by Adventure Medical Kits. With this kit, you’ll be ready for almost anything. Adventure Medical Kits also has a bunch of other great survival and first-aid gear. We actu-

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ing, and campsites.

Find beautiful beaches at Buckskin Mountain State Park, Cattail Cove State Park, Lake Havasu State Park, Patagonia Lake State Park, River Island State Park, and Roper Lake State Park.

Find great boating and watersports at Alamo Lake State Park, Buckskin Mountain State Park, Cattail Cove State Park, Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area, Lake Havasu State Park, Lyman Lake State Park, Patagonia Lake State Park and River Island State Park.

(There is even a dog beach at Cattail Cove State Park for our four-legged friends.)

Camp Out! — Escape the summer

heat by getting out of the house and into a camping cabin. Available at Alamo Lake, Lyman Lake, Roper Lake, and Dead Horse Ranch state parks, these cozy cabins provide a variety of amenities to make your camping experience unforgettable.

Prefer to tent or RV camp? Reserve a campsite complete with electric and water hook-ups as well as showers and picnic areas.

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formations.

Night Life — Get out of the house and under the stars this summer. Enjoy the outdoors after sunset with moonlight hikes and stargazing parties.

Museum Tours — Discover the cultural, archaeological and historical artifacts that make Arizona unique through one of our historic museums. Did we mention they’re air-conditioned?

This summer get out of the house and into the parks. Find more information on the top five summer adventures and get your Arizona State Parks Pass at AZ-StateParks.com to keep the fun going all year-long.

FIVE REASONS TO VISIT SOUTHERN ARIZONA

For A Change, Try A Little

'Southern Comfort'

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

In summer, we always seem to think of going to the high country — Flagstaff, Payson, the White Mountains — but Southern Arizona has some absolutely gorgeous places to visit, and the weather is great. We head south often because there are plenty of things to do and places to see. Here are five of our favorites.

Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve

This summer was the first time we've visited this amazing place, but it definitely



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ly won't be the last time we come here. We took our teenaged granddaughters with us, and they loved it. It's home to one of the few permanently flowing streams in Arizona and it has amazingly beautiful shady trails, many that follow the creek.

We walked along the trail that follows the creek, then crossed a meadow and returned along a path that was almost completely shaded by trees. We saw lots of birds (summer is actually the best time for birding here), as well as squirrels, turkeys, and even a cute little snail.

Bring water and wear your hiking shoes — and don't forget your camera. There are benches sprinkled around the trails and those are wonderful spots for a little bird watching or just to sit and listen to the peaceful sound of water and nature.

A Nature Conservancy Site

This is a Nature Conservancy site, so there is a fee to enter, but it's only \$6 per person — \$3 if you're a Nature Conservancy member. It's well worth the tiny fee. You can get a two-fer that will admit you to this preserve and Ramsey Canyon which is nearby, for just \$10. Ages 16 and under are free. Pets are not allowed.

They are open from 6:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday from April through September. When you pay your entry, check out the shirts and hats and other souvenirs in the little information room.

To get there: from I-10, take Highway 83 south. At Sonoita, turn west on Highway 82. In Patagonia, turn right on 4th Avenue, then left onto Pennsylvania, which turns into Blue Heaven Road. Cross the creek and go about one mile to the entrance. My phone had no trouble guiding me there. Address: 150 Blue Heaven Rd., Patagonia, AZ 85624.

After your hike, check out some of the



TOMBSTONE

I know it's kitschy, but we all loved Tombstone. I had a Groupon for tickets to a gunfight and a trolley ride for all four of us, and before we did that, we wandered up and down the streets and shopped for souvenirs. There are lots of great places to eat and drink, and even more stores.

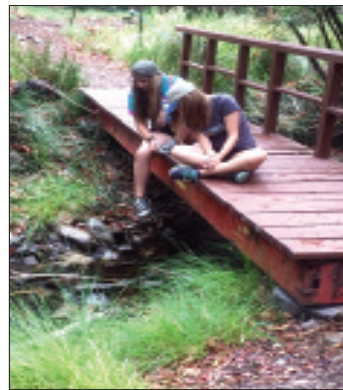
Rides And Gunfights

There are rides in horse-drawn stages and the streets in the touristy part of town preserve that Old West image. The gunfight we saw was at the Helldorado Gunfight Theater and Restaurant, and the area around the gunfight set has a jail you can take photos of yourself in, a shooting gallery, a cantina, and even a mini golf course. Lots and lots of photo opps. The gunfight show was great, and the actors had us all laughing and hollering. Even our teenaged granddaughters ignored their phones and enjoyed the show.

A Trolley Ride

The trolley ride was another of their favorite things on the trip. Our guide was incredibly knowledgeable about Tombstone, and he took us all over the town and showed us things we never would have found or seen on our own. It was well worth the money. The girls loved the tour, too — mostly because the guy who was our guide was witty and fun. Tombstone is a definite "go" in our book!

great shopping in town of Patagonia, and stop by the Ovens of Patagonia for some homemade pastries and freshly-brewed coffee or tea. Delicious!



Ramsey Canyon

Another Nature Conservancy site, Ramsey Canyon is a birding destination known all over the world. Even if you're not into birding, you will love this place. John and I have been here before, but it was the girls' first time. We knew they'd love it, and they did.

The trail here follows Ramsey Creek and it's a very easy and gently uphill stroll, then of course downhill on the way back. There are bridges to cross, abandoned houses and ruins to investigate, and the sound of the creek serenading you the whole time. In the summer it's a bit low, but it was still running when we went at the end of June. It rained on us (gently) the entire time, but we enjoyed it.

We saw at least ten Coues deer, which are little Arizona whitetail deer, as well as squirrels, lots of birds, and butterflies. The teenagers loved this trail because of all the cool stuff to look at — remains of where people lived before it was a preserve.



Hamburg Trail

On days with better weather, you can climb the hill on the Hamburg Trail, which takes off where the Ramsey Canyon trail ends. This day we didn't do that because of the rain. But honestly, the creek is the main attraction here, and it waters the gigantic trees that provide shade for hikers and shelter for the many birds.

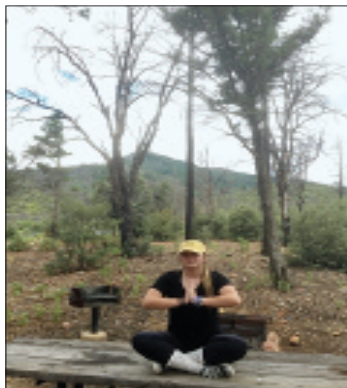
There is a welcome center here as well, with lots of great shirts, hats, etc. They also have hummingbird feeders which give you an opportunity to see some really pretty little hummers. Pets are not allowed.

The fees are the same as Sonoita — \$6 for non-members, \$3 for members. There are guided walks on a regular basis. Parking is limited, so your best bet is to be there early. They open at 8 a.m. March through October. They are closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Huachuca Mountains

If you want to be up in the forest and you're okay for hikes with a lot of elevation changes, head to Ramsey Vista Campground and/or Reef Townsite

RV/Land Cruising



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Campground. Take Carr Canyon road and you'll get to an elevation of about 7,200 feet. The first mile of the road is paved, but after that it's gravel and a lot of twists, turns, and precipitous drops.

But the scenery! There are a number of places where you can pull off to the side and enjoy spectacular views. And it isn't a bad road as far as graveled roads go — we even saw regular passenger cars on the first half. Once you get up to the campgrounds (pit toilets and picnic tables are the only amenities), you can picnic, camp, or just hit the trail.

There are several trailheads at the



campgrounds, and as you can imagine, all the trails are hilly. Reef Townsite campground got its name because it actually was a town at one time — a mining town. Hard to imagine making that drive day after day, especially loaded down with ore!

Limitations

There is a fee for day use as well as camping — \$10 per night and the same for day use. You fill out an envelope and put it in the post, so bring cash. Camping is 12 feet and under because of the road. There is no way you're getting a big trailer up that mountain with those switchbacks. There is no drinking water available so bring plenty.

Heading south on 92 from Sierra Vista, watch for Carr Canyon Road on your right. There will be a small brown sign with binoculars on it.



Coronado National Memorial

I had our week in Sierra Vista all planned out, but as it turned out, we had time for a few side adventures that were unplanned but ended up being favorites with the teenagers.

Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve

One was the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve, and the other was the Coronado National Memorial. This huge nature preserve marks the route of Coronado's quest for the fabled cities of gold. There is a Forest Ranger station on the road, and inside you can try on Spanish armor or buy a souvenir or some maps. Across the road is a really pretty picnic and day-use area with some short trails.



Coronado Cave

Further down the highway you can park at the trailhead and take a short (but completely uphill) hike to Coronado Cave. If you opt for the cave, be sure to wear very sturdy shoes, bring flashlights, and a bit of rope wouldn't hurt either. The entrance is a clamber down over rocks — you don't just walk in.

Montezuma Pass

What surprised me was how much my granddaughters loved the next stop on the road here — Montezuma Pass. The road turns to gravel before you get here, and it's a bit of a climb on a good gravel road. Once you get up there, you'll find a parking lot with nice bathrooms and informational signs, plus a couple of trails. The views from both sides of this parking lot are amazing, and it's always windy up there.

The day we were there it was cloudy and windy, and we took a little hike up the trail to Coronado Peak. It's a short trail but uphill, and there are benches here

and there. We had a hard time getting the girls to leave this place. They absolutely loved the views, the wind, the gorgeous grasslands, the boulders to scramble over — everything. It's absolutely free, too. Go figure.

To get there, take 92 south from Sierra Vista, turn south on Coronado Memorial Road, then go west on Montezuma Canyon Road.

And, So Much More

Trying to pare down to five places was hard. We loved so many other places we saw — Karchner Caverns, The San Pedro House, Bisbee and the Queen Mine. I'll have to save those for another issue. Next time you're thinking about a vacation, don't neglect southern Arizona. There are so many things to do down there, including sightseeing, birding, fishing, wine country tours, ghost towns, hiking, camping — you name it!

So don't get into a rut of always heading to the north country. Next time, try a little southern comfort.

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Tonto National Forest Remains in Fire Restrictions Hot Weather Continues

PHOENIX, July 14, 2016 – For Immediate Release. The Tonto National Forest remains in fire restrictions. The hot, dry weather has dried out plants, causing fire danger to remain high. The Tonto National Forest will remain in fire restrictions until the monsoon rains make a comeback, which is not predicted in the immediate future.

Campfires are only permitted at developed campgrounds listed on the fire restrictions order. If you are at a campground where fires are permitted, never leave your campfire unattended, have enough water and a shovel to put your fire dead-out and cold to the touch before you leave. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heating devices are allowed.

Restrictions also apply to operating internal combustion power tools, using welding equipment or torches with open flames, operating combustion engines without spark-arresting devices in effective working order and meeting either USDA or SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) standards.

Discharging a firearm is prohibited, except for taking game in accordance with Arizona hunting laws. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site. Please deposit the remains in an ashtray or inside a building. Do not toss or discard on the ground. The use of fireworks, explosives and exploding targets are always prohibited on national forest lands even if permitted by state law.

Details about restrictions on the Tonto National Forest, including where you can have a campfire can be found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd504863.pdf.

During the period of hot, dry weather, make sure your vehicle is in good working condition, and safety chains and other trailer equipment are not dragging. Chains dragging on the road creates sparks and can start fires. Do not park or stop in tall grass or over small shrubs, where a spark or hot engine can start a fire. Taking the extra time to prepare, may prevent a spark from starting a wildfire.

Celebrate 'Suvoyuki Day' At Homolovi State Park

At the "Suvoyuki Day" Festival, gain insight into the lifestyle, language, celebrations, history of the Hopi Tribe and learn about etiquette on Hopi lands at Homolovi State Park.

"Suvoyuki" translated in the Hopi language means to accomplish work through a "joint effort" and the day celebrates the partners who have helped to protect and save the Homolovi area archaeological and cultural sites from destruction.

On Aug. 6, there will be activities throughout the day including special archaeological site tours of ancestral pueblo villages. Learn from carvers, jewelers,

Funding Opportunities For OHV Projects Deadline Approaches

Arizona State Parks is offering funding from the State Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund (OHV) for motorized trail projects. Grant application manuals and forms are available to download from the State Parks website at AZStateParks.com/grants.

Eligible Projects

Funding can be used for projects such

as trail development and trail maintenance for off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles.

Deadlines

Project sponsors must complete an application package and submit it to State Parks by the deadline on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. Applicants **MUST** contact



the Grants Coordinator, Mickey Rogers, email mrogers@azstateparks.gov

or call 602-542-6942 as soon as possible but no later than Aug. 10 to discuss their proposed project and to receive a fill-able application packet.

Catalina State Park Popular Outdoor Concerts Continue Through September

Catalina State Park's popular concert series on the first Saturday of the month are held continuously throughout the year but artists have been announced through September 2016. Visitors will enjoy an evening concert amid the beautiful landscapes of Catalina State Park.

The concerts are held at the main trailhead at Catalina State Park. Guests should bring a chair, food and water. The Friends of Catalina State Park will provide *free* popcorn during the concerts. The concerts could be canceled if severe weather oc-

curs. Check the Web site at AZStateParks.com/parks/CATA for updates on concerts through the end of the year.



WHAT: First Saturdays Concert Series

WHERE: Catalina State Park - Located on State Highway 77 (Oracle Road) at mile marker 81, just nine miles north of Tucson and six miles north of Ina Road.

WHEN: Two remaining Saturdays: August 6 at 6 p.m. featuring Michael P. and Jen Rinio (Voice, Guitar and Harmonies of Timeless Classics); September 3 at 6 p.m. featuring Saguaro Sunset Trio (Easy listening bluegrass, country and folk music)

Desert Botanical Garden Flashlight Tours Continue



Dates: Through Sept. 3

Time: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Location: Desert Botanical Garden 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix, AZ 85008

Phone: 480-941-1225

Website: <https://www.dbg.org/events/flashlight-tours>

Details:

Experience the desert in a whole new light at the popular summer Flashlight Tours at Desert Botanical Garden, Thursday and Saturday evenings through Sept. 3.

Take a stroll along the Garden's Desert Discovery Trail and visit educational stations along the way where you can experience the plants, animals, sights and sounds of the desert night. Bring a flashlight and wear comfortable shoes.

This event is perfect for families or a date night. Flashlight tour activities are included with Garden admission or Garden membership.

Please bring your own flashlight. Flashlights will also be available for purchase in the Garden Shop until 9 p.m.

Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park Receives \$229,000 Donation

Earlier this summer, Arizona Public Service (APS) generously donated \$229,000 to open Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park.

The donation by APS completes the amount needed to open the park. The funds will cover construction of the trail to the deployment site, biography plaques for each of the 19 hotshots, benches along the main trail and completion of the observation deck over looking the deployment site.

"The Granite Mountain Hotshots made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the community, and we will never forget their ser-

vice," said Governor Doug Ducey. "The memorial park is an effort to develop a lasting legacy for the brave hotshots who gave their lives and will provide Arizonans a place to honor these heroes."

APS CEO Don Brant said, "With full hearts, we are humbled to play a small part in the completion of this memorial. I believe this site will serve as a reminder for current and future generations of the ultimate sacrifice made by these 19 brave hotshots. Our association with the Yarnell community will live on in the minds and hearts of APS employees, and it's one reason we will continue to honor



those who put their lives on the line to help others."

For information about all 30 Arizona State Parks and Natural Areas, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call 1-877-MY-PARKS or visit AZStateParks.com.



pottery, and basket weavers while hearing Hopi history through storytelling, music and dancing. The corn roasting pit will be opened at 8 a.m. and will start the day's activities.



WHAT: Suvoyuki Day

WHERE: Homolovi State Park - Located five miles northeast of the city of Winslow in northeastern Arizona.

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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plays the ergonomic and easy-to-navigate menu, and real-time data. Auto diagnostics make it simple to use and program, including fully or light loaded selection functions.

The unit is NMEA 2000 certified. No extra cables or wiring is required. It connects easily to an NMEA network and can be installed in a boat without advanced

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networks. It's also NMEA 0183 compatible and functions with an active or passive GPS antenna. A video of the unit is at bit.ly/1opVDix.

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99, and through the approximately one hundred years (over 100 if you include the Model 1895, its predecessor) of production, there were some minor changes made. I needed to review some diagrams to be sure I was ready to keep up with Pat.

Clear Signs Of Use

This rifle does not appear to have been apart in probably a half century or more. With many rifles, they are carried much more than fired, but not this one. The mechanism showed some very clear signs of use. Of the ravages of time inflicted on this 100-year-old specimen were the

forementioned breaks in the upper tang area of the stock. This opened a way for dirt and debris to get into the mechanism. Fortunately, there was no serious rust and corrosion as a result.

As the rifle was disassembled, each part was cleaned and inspected. Any part that showed excessive wear was slated for replacement. A major part of the plan was the caliber change, which necessitated the locating and obtaining those caliber-specific parts. The Internet is an amazing tool for these searches, mostly replacing those weighty tomes of parts catalogs.

Modify The New Or The Old?

Locating parts was fairly simple with the exception of the cartridge spool of

the internal rotary magazine. The part had undergone a couple of minor dimension revisions, and the newer parts for a Model 99 would not fit the earlier Model 1899. The only choices were to modify new parts to fit the gun or old parts to fit the cartridge.

After careful measurements, we decided to modify the original spool. This had the advantage of mixing the old with the new. In that the new cartridges were larger in diameter in the areas to be modified, careful removal of metal and several trial fits were completed before the new rounds would fit inside the confines of the receiver, and function properly.

Removal of the old barrel revealed a flat-topped thread, which was something unusual in modern rifles. Fortunately,

CRAYFISH

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Cook 'Em Up

Typically, those folks who don't like crayfish have overcooked them.

Here's a simple cooking process: Boil water in a pot, then take the pot off the fire and put in the crayfish (do not put the pot back on the fire). In just a few minutes, the crayfish will turn bright red, which means they are done. Easy.

You can also get a packet of seasonings called a "crab boil" at most supermarkets and add the spices to the boiling water. Look up some recipes for crayfish and take your pick.

Note: Did you know the purchase of fishing license help conserve wildlife? (Probably — we talk about it all the time.) Get yours.

it presented no problems for Pat, who would do some extensive re-contour work on the new barrel. A fairly heavy .375 bore was selected. These days, barrels of this caliber are mostly fitted to either .375 Holland & Holland or .375 Ruger caliber rifles, but not this one.

In addition to sights and a barrel band sling swivel, it would also be fitted with a mount for a scout-type scope. For those readers not familiar with the term, this provides a mounting area on the barrel, in front of the receiver for either a long-eye-relief scope or a variety of red-dot-type sighting systems. A primary advantage of these systems is the ability to keep both eyes open and maintain superior peripheral vision.

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into areas never open before such as Red Basin and little known areas like the Martha's Butte. There are new exhibits that bring the stories to life. Come rediscover Petrified Forest!

Saguaro



Tucson, Ariz.

Tucson, Ariz., is home to the nation's largest cacti. The giant saguaro is the universal symbol of the American west. These majestic plants, found only in a small portion of the United States, are protected by Saguaro National Park, to the east and west of the modern city of Tucson. Here you have a chance to see these enormous cacti, silhouetted by the beauty of a magnificent desert sunset.

National Monuments

Hohokam Pima

Coolidge, Ariz.

The "Monument" is located on the Gila River Indian Reservation and is under tribal ownership. The Gila River Indian Community has decided not to open the extremely sensitive area to the public. There is no park brochure, passport stamp, picture stamp or other free literature available.

Montezuma Castle

Camp Verde, Ariz.

Today we gaze through the windows of the past into one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America. This 20 room high-rise apartment, nestled into a towering limestone cliff, tells a story of ingenuity, survival and ultimately, prosperity in an unforgiving desert landscape. Come marvel at this enduring legacy of the Sinagua culture and reveal a people surprisingly similar to ourselves.

Navajo

Black Mesa, Ariz.

The prehistoric Puebloan Ancestors built Tsegi Phase villages within the natural sandstone alcoves of our canyons. The resilient Ancestral Puebloans paved the way for current Native American groups in the Southwest region. These villages, which date from AD 1250 to 1300, thrill all who visit with original architectural elements such as roof beams, masonry walls, rock art, and hand and foot holds.

Organ Pipe Cactus

Ajo, Ariz.

Look closely. Look again. The sights and sounds of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, an International Biosphere Reserve, reveal a thriving community of plants and animals. Human stories echo throughout this desert preserve, chronicling thousands of years of desert living. A scenic drive, wilderness hike or a night of camping will expose you to a living desert that thrives.

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

Parashant

Northern Arizona, Ariz.

Parashant provides a sense of solitude to those who venture into its isolated domain. The Monument's expansive landscape encompasses a chronicle of natural and cultural history that is just waiting to be discovered. For those prepared and equipped to explore the largely undeveloped landscape, a trip into the Parashant is a journey into the wild.

Pipe Spring

Fredonia, Ariz.

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Sunset Crater Volcano

Flagstaff, Ariz.

Sunset Crater Volcano! Roughly 900 years ago, the eruption of this volcano

reshaped the surrounding landscape, forever changing the lives of people, plants and animals. Hike the trail through the lava flow and cinders and you'll likely discover colorful, ruggedly dramatic geological features coexisting with twisted Ponderosa Pines and an amazing array of wildlife.

Tonto

Roosevelt, Ariz.

The Salado Phenomena, 700 years ago, blended ideas of neighboring Native American cultures to emerge a unique and vibrant society. Tonto National Monument showcases two Salado-style cliff dwellings. Colorful pottery, woven cotton cloth, and other artifacts tell a story of people living and using resources from the northern Sonoran Desert from 1250 to 1450 CE.

Tuzigoot

Clarkdale, Ariz.

Crowning a desert hilltop is an ancient pueblo. A child scans the desert landscape for the arrival of traders. What riches will they bring? What stories will they tell? From the rooftop of the Tuzigoot pueblo it is easy to imagine such a moment. The pueblo shows us this ancient village built by the Sinagua people. They were farmers and artists with trade connections that spanned hundreds of miles.

Walnut Canyon

Flagstaff, Ariz.

Come gaze across curved canyon walls! Among the remarkable geological formations of the canyon itself, the former homes of ancient inhabitants are easily evident. Along the trails you can imagine life within Walnut Canyon, while visiting actual pueblos and walking in the steps of those who came before.

Wupatki

Flagstaff, Ariz.

Nestled between the Painted Desert and ponderosa highlands of northern Arizona, Wupatki is a landscape of legacies. Ancient pueblos dot red-rock outcroppings across miles of prairie. Where food and water seem impossible to find, people built pueblos, raised families, farmed, traded, and thrived. Today, if you linger and listen, earth and artifacts whisper

their stories to us still.

National Historic Site

Hubbell Trading Post

Canado, Ariz.

The squeaky wooden floor greets your entry into the oldest operating trading post on the Navajo Nation. When your eyes adjust to the dim light in the "bullpen" you find you've just entered a mercantile. Hubbell's has been serving Ganado selling groceries, grain, hardware, horse tack, coffee and Native American Art since 1878. Discover Hubbell Trading Post NHS, where history is made every day.

National Historic Trails

Juan Bautista de Anza

Nogales, Ariz., to San Francisco, Calif.

"Everyone mount up!" was the rousing call from Juan Bautista de Anza. In 1775-76, Anza led some 240 men, women, and children on an epic journey to establish the first non-Native settlement at San Francisco Bay. Today, the 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail connects history, culture, and outdoor recreation from Nogales, Arizona, to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Old Spanish

Ariz., Calif., Nev., N.M., Utah

Follow the routes of mule pack trains across the Southwest on the Old Spanish National Historic Trail between Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California. New Mexican traders moved locally produced merchandise across what are now six states to exchange for mules and horses.

National Historical Park

Tumacácori

Tumacácori, Ariz.

Tumacácori sits at a cultural crossroads in the Santa Cruz River valley. Here O'odham, Yaqui, and Apache people met and mingled with European Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries, settlers, and soldiers, sometimes in conflict and sometimes in cooperation. Follow the time-worn paths and discover stories that connect us to enduring relationships, vibrant cultures, and traditions of long ago.



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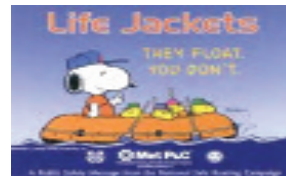
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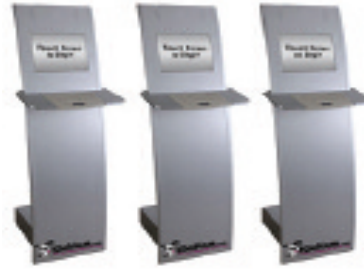
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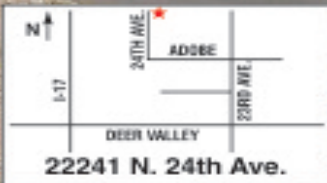
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The summer months are fully upon us, and pet travel is at its height. We have all heard a lot in the news lately about the dangers of leaving children in hot cars, and the same goes for leaving your pets behind. Whether you're parking in the shade, just running into the store, or leaving the windows cracked, it is still NOT okay to leave your pet in a parked car.

The temperature inside a car can skyrocket after just a few minutes. Parking in the shade or leaving the windows cracked does very little to alleviate this pressure cooker.

Try This

On a warm, sunny day try turning your car off, cracking your windows and sitting there. It will only be a few short minutes before it becomes unbearable. Imagine how helpless your pet will feel. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows cracked can reach 102 degrees within only 10 minutes.

After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. At 110 degrees, pets are in danger of heatstroke. On hot and humid days, the temperature in a car parked in direct sunlight can rise more than 30 degrees per minute, and quickly become lethal.

Life-Threatening Temperatures

Stanford University School of Medicine conducted a study to measure the temperature rise inside a parked car on sunny days with highs ranging from 72 to 96 degrees F. Their results showed that a car's interior can heat up by an average of 40 degrees F within an hour, regardless of



ambient temperature.

Ambient temperature doesn't matter — it's whether it's sunny out. Eighty percent of the temperature rise occurred within the first half-hour. Even on a relatively cool day, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly spike to life-threatening levels if the sun is out.

Further, the researchers noted that much like the sun warms a greenhouse in winter, it also warms a parked car on cool days. In both cases, the sun heats up a mass of air trapped under glass. Precautions such as cracking a window or running the air conditioner prior to parking the car were found to be inadequate.

Dogs 'Conserve' Heat

Dogs are designed to conserve heat. Their sweat glands, which exist on their nose and the pads of their feet, are inadequate for cooling during hot days. Panting and drinking water helps cool them, but if they only have hot air to breathe, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage after just 15 minutes.

Short-nosed breeds, young pets, seniors or pets with weight, respiratory, cardiovascular or other health problems are especially susceptible to heat-related stress.

Signs Of Heat Stress/Action

• Signs of heat stress include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue. If a pet becomes overheated, immediately lowering their body temperature is a must.

• Move the pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over their body to gradually lower their temperature.

• Apply ice packs or cool towels to the pet's head, neck and chest only.

• Allow the pet to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.

• Then take the pet to the nearest vet.

• Get involved. If you see a pet in a parked car during a warm sunny day, go to the nearest store and have the owner paged. Enlist the help of a local police officer or security guard or call the local police department or animal control office.

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Bottom Line

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