

SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS

Tonto National Forest

Special Recreation Permit Information

Visitor Permits are required by the USDA Forest Service for private boaters taking river trips through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness, **March 1 - May 15**. The 2009 permit application form is enclosed with an information packet. Please feel free to photocopy the packet and pass it on to other interested boaters. **Permit applications from past years will not be accepted.**

White Mountain Apache Tribe Permits

Recreation permits issued by the White Mountain Apache Tribe are required for whitewater boating utilizing that portion of river flowing through the reservation. Tribal jurisdiction applies to the approximately 30-mile stretch of river downstream from First Campground and the Highway 60 bridge. **Whitewater boating is strictly prohibited by the Tribe through those sections of the canyon upstream of Apache Falls (1/4 mile above Highway 60 bridge).** For more information on permit costs and regulations call **tribal officials at (928) 338-4385**.

Permitted Section

The Salt River Canyon Wilderness begins at Gleason Flat, which is 20 miles downstream of the traditional river put-in at First Campground on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. The river flows through the Wilderness for approximately 32 miles to the take-out immediately downstream of the Highway 288 bridge. The Forest Service does not require a Visitor Permit for the stretch of river upstream of Gleason Flat.

Reminder: The date you are requesting is your actual launch date.

Who May Apply

Only one application per person will be accepted during the application period of **November 15, 2008 - January 15, 2009**. A Trip Leader must be at least 18 years of age and qualified to lead a non-commercial, multiple-day trip down a technical class III-IV whitewater river.

Application Deadline And Fee

We will accept your completed application no earlier than **November 15, 2008**, and no later than close of business on **January 15, 2009**. **The date the application is received determines acceptance, not the postmark.**

A personal check, cashier's check, or money order for \$10 must accompany the application. Make check payable to: **USDA - Forest Service**. Do not send cash. **The \$10 application fee is non-refundable.** Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by e-mail.

Following the January random drawing for visitor permits, a letter of notification will be sent to each successful applicant. To secure the visitor permit, all requested information, along with an additional **non-refundable fee of \$125**, must be sent to this office at least 21 days prior to the reserved entry date.

Cancellation Waiting List

Beginning February 1, 2009, you may inquire about open dates, and place your name on a waiting list for **one date**. Should that date become available, you may be called depending on the order your name appears on the waiting list. If we are unable to contact you, we will call the next name on the waiting list until the date is assigned or the list is exhausted.

Acknowledgement Of Risk

Every person intending to run the Upper Salt River is personally responsible for assessing river and weather conditions, and their ability to cope with these conditions. All river running involves a significant degree of risk. It is the Trip Leader's responsibility to ensure that the group has the proper skills and equipment to safely navigate the river.

The Upper Salt River

The Salt River Canyon is a very remote and potentially dangerous place. The river is a solid Class III-IV run, and is not recommended for novices and beginners.

A Recreation Opportunity Guide containing a map and current information about the river is available at the Globe Ranger District Office, located at 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, Arizona, or the Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

Non-Commercial Activity

The Trip Leader must ensure that trip participants do not participate in commercial use or activity as defined by **36 CFR 251.51**: any use or activity (a) where an entry or participation fee is charged, or (b) where the primary purpose is the sale of a good or service, and in either case, regardless of whether the use or activity is intended to produce a profit. A trip is not considered commercial if all participants share costs equally. If you prefer a commercial trip, we will be pleased to provide you with a list of names and phone numbers of outfitters authorized to operate on this river.

WILDERNESS RESTRICTIONS

1. **Visitor Permits are required** by the USDA Forest Service for private boaters taking river trips through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness, **March 1 - May 15**. A boat tag should be attached to every watercraft used.
2. Group size is limited to no more than **fifteen people**.

3. Overnight rafters must have a **firepan** in their possession. Self-supporting kayak trips must have a fireblanket or firepan in their possession: all open fires must be contained within these items.
4. Wood collection is limited to **dead and down material only**. Cutting or stripping limbs from trees is strictly prohibited.
5. **All trips must possess a portable toilet system** to collect all solid human waste for proper disposal at an appropriate waste facility. All solid human waste **must be carried out** of the river corridor (including toilet paper and personal hygiene items).
6. Motorized boats and equipment are prohibited within the Salt River Canyon Wilderness.
7. Possession or transportation of any part of native plants is prohibited.
8. **Littering is strictly prohibited**. Pack out all food remains, and trash (litter examples: orange peels, seed shells, cigarette butts, etc.).
9. The U.S. Coast Guard recommends use of Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device by each person, on all watercraft.

INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the Salt River Canyon Wilderness or the permit process, please contact the **River Permit Coordinator at (928) 402-6236**, or visit the Tonto National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/home.shtml>

Information regarding current stream flows, and snow pack, relevant to the Salt River may be accessed by calling the Salt River Project at (602) 236-5929, or logging on to the following websites:

US Geological Survey: <http://az.waterdata.usgs.gov/az/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Scroll down to Salt River Basin - look up figures for Salt River Near Chrysotile (Put-in) and Salt River Near Roosevelt (Take-out).

National Water and Climate Center (snow): <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/>

Select the state of Arizona, and then select the red dot for Hannagan Meadows, or the blue dot for Baldy.

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2009 Application for Special Recreation Permit
Tonto National Forest**

This application will be accepted by mail or in person, at the Globe Ranger Station. **All requests must be received by close of business on January 15, 2009.**

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This \$10 application fee is non-refundable.

Name: _____
 First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
 Please Write Legibly

Driver's License: _____
 Number State

Reminder: The date you are requesting is your actual launch date.

1st Choice Date: _____
 (Month/Day)

2nd Choice Date: _____
 (Month/Day)

3rd Choice Date: _____
 (Month/Day)

Signature: _____
 Qualified Trip Leader

Mail or bring this application and the \$10 fee to:

River Permit Coordinator
Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District,
7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd.
Globe, AZ 85501

Administrative Use Only	A #:	_____
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