

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

NEEDLE ROCK

RANGER DISTRICT

Cave Creek Ranger Station
40202 N. Cave Creek Road.
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Phone: (480) 595-3300
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RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Boating, water recreation, fishing and wildlife viewing

SEASON OF USE

All year

ELEVATION

1,600 feet

FACILITIES

10 campsites
Picnic tables and grills
Vault toilets
Trash service
No drinking water available

ACCESSIBILITY

Vault toilets are equipped with grab bars.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

The site is 14 miles east of Scottsdale. From Pima Road, turn east on Dynamite Road and travel 3 miles to where it merges with Rio Verde Drive. Follow Rio Verde Drive for another 9 ½ miles to Forest Road (FR) 20 and turn left. Follow FR 20 for 3 miles to Needle Rock at the river. FR 20 is an unpaved road with narrow blind curves.

ATTRACTIONS

- The beach on the Verde River is generally rocky, but attracts many people during the hot summer months.
- The area is noted for its unusual rock formations.
- Nearby is a protected riparian area, the Mesquite Bosque.
- Bald eagles and great blue herons are frequently seen in this vicinity.

FEES

\$6.00 per vehicle per day
\$4.00 per watercraft per day

CONSIDERATIONS

- Trailers **not recommended**

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Rio Verde: (3 miles) Groceries and fuel
Scottsdale: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Rivers and Stream Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- Verde River Recreation Guide*, Jim Slingluff
- For river-flow information, contact Salt River Project's (SRP) recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com