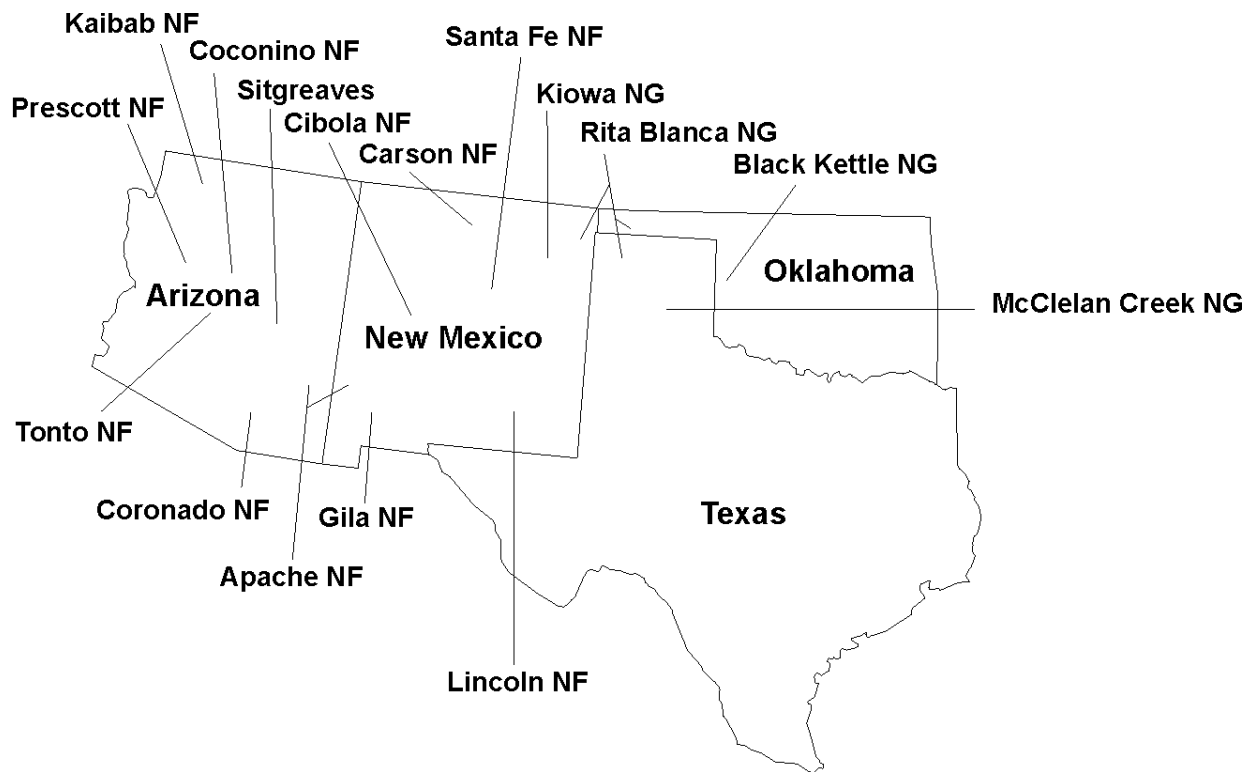


# U.S. National Forest Campground Guide

## Southwestern Region

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

### National Forests and Grasslands in the Southwestern Region



NF = National Forest  
NG = National Grassland

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## Tonto National Forest

### Quick Look-Up Table - Campground Locations and Descriptions

STATE	NEAREST CITY/TOWN	CAMPGROUND	TOTAL SITES							PAGE NO.
Arizona	Apache Junction	Tortilla	73	●	●	1		1		350
	Carefree	CCC	10	●	●	●				328
	Carefree	Riverside	12	●	●					342
	Carefree	Seven Springs	21		●					346
	Globe	Burnt Corral	77	●	●	●				326
	Globe	Cholla	200	●	●	●	●			329
	Globe	Indian Point	51	●	●	●				334
	Globe	Jones Water	12		●					336
	Globe	Pinal	14		●	●				338
	Globe	Pioneer Pass	20	●	●	●				339
	Globe	Schoolhouse	156	●	●	●			2	344
	Globe	Sulphide Del Ray	10	●	●					347
	Globe	Timber Camp Rec. Site	13	●	●	●				348
	Globe	Windy Hill	339	●	●	●	●		2	352
	Payson	Christopher Creek	42	●	●	●				331
	Payson	Houston Mesa	105	●	●	●	●		●	332
	Payson	Ponderosa	60	●	●	●			●	341
	Superior	Oak Flat	16	●	●					337

1 - Each camp site has water and sewer hookups - no electric.

2 - There is Forest Service RV waste station nearby on State Rt. 88.

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Flush Toilets:</b> No <b>Vaults:</b> Yes  <b>Public Phone:</b> No <b>No. Water Spigots (non-site):</b> 1 <b>No. Threaded:</b> 0  <b>Comments:</b> Potable water is available through a solar-powered water pump during daylight hours only.	<b>Hot Showers:</b> No <b>Wheelchair Friendly Toilets:</b> No  <b>Playground:</b> No
<b>Water Sports</b>	Wading is possible in Seven Springs Wash.	
<b>Hiking:</b>	The Cave Creek Trail System, with its 31.5 miles of trails, is located 0.1 miles north of campground.  The trails are open to foot, horse and mountain bike. They are considered "technically challenging" for mountain bikers.	
<b>Fishing:</b>	No	
<b>Campground Name</b>	<b>Cholla</b>	
<b>Ranger District</b>	Tonto Basin	
<b>Nearest City/Town</b>	Globe	
<b>State</b>	Arizona	
<b>Reservations</b>	No	
<b>Directions</b>	In Globe, AZ, take State Rt. 188 (formerly 88) north 35.3 miles to campground on right.  GPS Coordinates: N33 43.484; W111 12.302	
<b>General Comments</b>	The elevation is 2,200 ft.  The campground is the largest all-solar powered campground in the United States and is comprised of six loops. Although the campground has little overhead vegetation, the picnic tables are shaded by ramadas (roof) and most sites are well separated and spacious. Some sites overlook Roosevelt Lake and all tent sites are walk-ins. There are a variety of birds for viewing. Besides the water sports, there are some interesting things to do from this campground. They are:  (1) Tonto National Monument - here one can view the 700-year-old pueblo-style cave dwellings of the prehistoric Salado people.  (2) Apache Trail - the trail (which can be driven in a family sedan) had its beginnings centuries ago as an aboriginal highway through the Superstition Mountains. The drive along this road (State Rt. 88) has some spectacular views and is about 78 miles. It is an excellent one-day trip, some of which	

should NOT be driven with an RV. In the authors' view, the best part of the drive is between Tortilla Flat and the Roosevelt Dam - about 25 miles. Consider stopping at the restaurant in Tortilla Flat. In other interesting items, almost every wall is lined with one dollar bills.

(3) Roosevelt Dam - Dedicated in 1911, the 357-ft. high dam forms the Roosevelt and Apache Lakes.

(4) Besh-Ba-Gowa Archaeological Park in Globe, AZ is a site where the Hohokam first established a pit-house settlement around A.D. 900 and abandoned it about 1100 A.D. Later, around 1225, Salado Indians began constructing the pueblo seen today.

<b>Seasons</b>	<p><b>Open Seasonal:</b> No  <b>Open All Year:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Seasonal Comment:</b>  Longer stays (more than 14 days) are permitted from mid_October through mid-March. Call 928-467-3200 to make arrangements.</p>																								
<b>Rate and Maximum Stay Permitted</b>	<p><b>Rate:</b> *Tonto Pass</p> <p>*At \$6 per day, per vehicle, purchase a Tonto Pass BEFORE arriving at this campground. Go to the Tonto National Forest website (<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/48oay6r">www.tinyurl.com/48oay6r</a>) for purchasing/more information. Or, visit/call the ranger district office.</p> <p><b>Maximum Stay Permitted (days):</b> 14</p>																								
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<b>RV Information</b>	<p><b>Hookups:</b> No  <b>No. RV Pull Throughs:</b> 47  <b>Waste Station:</b> Yes  <b>Potable Water at Waste Station:</b> No  <b>Average Parking Apron Size:</b> 15' X 58'</p> <p><b>Comments:</b>  The parking aprons are gravel. Two RV waste stations, with no potable water and no fee, are located at the entrance to this campground and in the campground. Check fee board for waste station hours of operation.</p>																								
<b>Facilities</b>	<p><b>Flush Toilets:</b> Yes      <b>Hot Showers:</b> Yes  <b>Vaults:</b> No      <b>Wheelchair Friendly Toilets:</b> Yes</p>																								

**Public Phone:** No                      **Playground:** Yes  
**No. Water Spigots (non-site):** 26  
**No. Threaded:** 1

**Comments:**  
 The showers are wheelchair friendly.

**Water Sports**

<b>Lake:</b>	Yes	<b>Water Skiing:</b>	Yes
<b>Swimming (provided):</b>	No	<b>Rafting:</b> (whitewater)	No
<b>Sailing:</b>	Yes	<b>Kayaking:</b> (whitewater)	No
<b>Power Boating:</b>	Yes	<b>Boat Ramp:</b>	Yes
<b>Boating (no power):</b>	Yes		
<b>Boat Carry-Down Access:</b>	No		

**Comments:**  
 Roosevelt Lake is 19,200 acres.

**Hiking:**

There are informal trails scattered throughout the campground.

**Fishing:**

Crappie, Large and Smallmouth bass, catfish and Walleye

**Campground Name**

**Christopher Creek**

**Ranger District**

Payson

**Nearest City/Town**

Payson

**State**

Arizona

**Reservations**

No

**Directions**

From Payson, AZ, take State Rt. 260 east 17.6 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign and go 0.3 miles to campground.

Gps coordinates: N34 18.555; W111 02.232

**General Comments**

The elevation is 5,600 ft.

The campground is located next to State Rt. 260 in a Lower Rim Transition forest of Ponderosa pine mixed with junipers, oaks and Manzanita. There are two loops - A and B. Christopher Creek, separating the two loops, meanders through the campground. A program called Discovery Walk is available during the summer. Firewood is available for a fee.

Perhaps one of the most awesome geological sights in the southwest is the Mogollon Rim. The Highline National Recreation Trail Area allows hikers and horseback riders to explore this most amazing portion of the forest.