

Trails

Five miles of trails in the park let you stretch vour muscles and view the wildlife. The Mariah Mesa Trail is a .75 mile loop trail traversing the top of the mesa. The rest of the trails in the park are paths that connect the campgrounds and day use areas together.

Group Day Use Areas

Island Group Ramada: Large group ramada with 6 picnic tables, BBQ grills and water spigots (no electricity), all near a grassy area and swimming beach. Maximum Group Size: 50 people. Vehicles and glass containers of any type are prohibited on the Island. Bring wagon or other device to haul picnic items. The walk to the Ramada is approximately 150 yards. Group Use reservation fee applies, in addition to per vehicle entrance fees.

East Mesa Group Ramada: Large group ramada with 6 picnic tables, BBQ grill, water spigots, electric outlets, and close to restroom building. Maximum group size is 50. Overlooks the lake. Group Use reservation fee applies, in addition to per vehicle entrance fees.

West Hill Group Ramada: Large group ramada with 6 picnic tables, BBQ grill, water spigots, fire ring and vault toilets. No electricity. Maximum group size is 50. Access to the lake. Group Use reservation fee applies, in addition to per vehicle entrance fees.

Group Camping Sites

Gila Group Area Campground: Gila Group Area Campground: 14 campsites with picnic tables and fire rings surrounding a large group ramada with 6 picnic tables, BBQ grills, and group fire ring. Non electric area. Water and vault toilets are available, with access to restroom shower building. There is a 10-vehicle minimum to reserve the group area. Group Use reservation fee applies, in addition to standard per vehicle per night camping fees.

Camping Cabins

Eight camping cabins line the lake at Roper Lake offering a plethora of recreational opportunities. Cabins at Roper Lake are variably furnished with bunk beds with mattresses and/or full size beds with mattress. The cabins are outfitted with electricity and airconditioning/heating. Open flame as produced by candles and stove burners are not permitted in the cabins. Picnic tables and charcoal grills make for a well-equipped outdoor setting. Restrooms and showers are within walking distance. Cabins are available year-round.

The rental party must be comprised of at least 1 person 18 years of age or older. Occupancy is a maximum of 4 adults not to exceed 6 persons total, including children. Pets are only allowed at select cabins. There is an additional charge per night/per pet with a maximum of 2 pets per cabin. A campsite (with or without water and electric) is available for use near the cabins for an additional charge. Tents are prohibited at the cabin sites. Cabin Check-in time: **3 pm**. Cabin Checkout time: 10 am.

Reservations

Campsite or cabin reservations are available by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. You can call 7 days a week, from 8 am to 5 pm, or reserve online at AZStateParks.com. Group Day Use or Group Camping Areas may be reserved by calling the park at (928) 428-6760.

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Roper Lake State Park



101 E. Roper Lake Road Safford, AZ 85546

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After a long day of driving or hiking, the natural hot springs at **Roper Lake State Park** are inviting and invigorating. Enjoy desert vegetation, an accessible fishing dock, stunning views of Mount Graham, and birdwatching. At the park you can fish for Largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, and Rainbow trout; it's a great place for kids to catch their first fish!

Roper Lake has 30 lake surface acres, a boat ramp, a swimming beach, a day use island with picnic tables and grills, camping cabins, and campgrounds. Reservations are available for campsites, camping cabins, group campground, and group ramadas. Boats are limited to small electric motors, creating ideal conditions for a sail board, kayak, or canoe.

Dankworth Pond, three miles south, is a sub-unit of Roper Lake. Dankworth Pond is compromised of 150 acres of land surrounding a 15-acre pond and was once a fish hatchery for rearing catfish. It has picnic ramadas, trails, and a playground. The pond is home to bass, bluegill, catfish, and trout. Waterfowl, migratory birds and other wildlife can be found near the pond.

Park Rules

Help us protect this special park:

- Day Use entrance fee is valid for both Roper Lake SP and Dankworth Pond for the same day.
- Park is open daily from 6 am to 10 pm. Entrance gate is closed after hours.
- Damaging or removing the natural rocks, vegetation, or public property is prohibited.
- Pets must be leashed, and cleaned up after. Pets are not allowed at the swimming beach or Hot Tub area.
- Glass containers are prohibited on the Day-Use Island and Hot-Tub area.
- Camping permitted in designated sites ٠ only.
- Maximum stay length in a state park is 14 nights within a 30 day period.
- Quiet hours are **10 pm** to **6 am**, including generators.
- Camping Cabin checkout is **10 am**. Check-in is **3 pm**.
- Campsite checkout is **12 Noon**. Checkin is **2 pm**.
- Please note: campers occupying an electric campsite will be charged the electric campsite fee.
- Gathering of firewood of any type is prohibited.
- Vehicles must remain on paved surfaces at all times.
- Sewage dump-station is available to ٠ registered campers only.
- Gas-powered boats are prohibited.
- The use of minnows as bait is prohibited.

Birdwatching

Roper Lake is an excellent place for bird watching. Species commonly seen are Gamble's Quail, Redwing Blackbird, Yellow headed Blackbird, Great horned owl, Cardinal, flycatchers, Kingfisher, Mallard duck, Ruddy duck, Grebes, Egrets, Herons, and Mergansers.