

Nearby Parks

If you’re having a great time here, don’t forget to visit one of the other four nearby state parks!

River Island State Park (14 miles) This park is ideal for tent campers and provides a scenic respite, a desert escape, or a fun-filled water adventure. It offers campsites, ramadas, a sandy beach, cove, and boat launch area. The park has a trail for hiking and access to off-highway vehicle back-country roads. (928) 667-3386

Buckskin Mountain State Park (15 miles) Mountains line the river on both the Arizona and California sides, and the wildlife is as varied as the recreational opportunities along the river. This picturesque park provides a scenic respite and a fun-filled escape from the desert heat. (928) 667-3231

Lake Havasu State Park (17 miles) The scenic shoreline is an ideal place to enjoy beautiful beaches, nature trails, boat ramps, cabins, and convenient campsites. This spot is truly a watersport haven located near the famous London Bridge of Lake Havasu City. (928) 855-2784



Established 1957

Cattail Cove State Park

15 mi. S of Lake Havasu City, Hwy 95
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Enjoy the beach, boat ramp, and campsites at **Cattail Cove State Park**. Whether you’re interested in swimming, fishing, lounging, or relaxing, you can get away and enjoy tranquility on the Colorado River.

Lake Havasu was formed when the Colorado River was dammed near Parker. The 45-mile long lake creates a haven for all kinds of water sports. Fish, boat, sail into quiet coves, or water or jet ski out on the open lake.

If you have your own boat, you can motor out to one of the 32 campsites along the water’s edge.

Thank you for visiting!



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Hiking Trails

McKinney Loop: This 0.8 mile trail follows the Lake Havasu shoreline from the trailhead near the park’s boat launch ramp. The loop returns back to the park’s boat launch parking lot through low desert hills and a shallow gorge with bluffs on both sides.

Whyte’s Retreat Trail: Hiking trail with an easy rating. The trail is accessed via the McKinney Loop Trail or by boat via the BLM shoreline campsites at Whytes Retreat and follows the Lake Havasu shoreline, providing an excellent view of the lower portion of the Colorado River, the Whitsett pumping station and Parker Dam.

Combined, the shoreline portion of the McKinney Trail and Whytes Retreat equal about a 1.5 mile out and back hike.

Ted’s Trail: A 0.5-mile moderately difficult hiking trail.

Wayne’s Way Trail: This 1 mile looping trail, which incorporates a 0.2 mile section of McKinney Loop, is rated moderate to difficult.

Ripley’s Run: A 1.5-mile moderately difficult hiking trail.



Fishing

Catch the limit of bass, catfish, and crappie. A valid Arizona fishing license is required for anglers 10 years and older. We also offer a fish cleaning station at the park.

Boat-In Camping Sites

There are boat-in campsites with picnic tables and access to pit toilets. All boat-in camping sites are first-come, first-served. You can also use boat camping sites for day use!

Wildlife Viewing

Birds include loons, ducks, Gambel’s quail, hummingbirds, and vultures. You may also see rabbits, coyotes, bighorn sheep, raccoons, bobcats, and snakes.

Park Rules

General Rules

- Do not litter! Recreate responsibly and pack out what you bring in, or use the trash receptacles provided in the park.
- Drive your vehicle only on designated paved surfaces. Park only in designated parking areas. Do not park on the side of the road.
- Stay on designated trails. Cutting trails degrades habitat and harms the landscape.
- Do not use glass containers in the park.
- All of our parks adhere to firearm and hunting regulations. Please familiarize yourself with this information.

Fires

- Keep fires in grills or designated state parks fire rings. Never leave fires unattended!
- **Do not gather firewood in the parks.** Firewood is for sale in most park stores.
- Fireworks are not permitted in state parks.
- Be “fire smart” and check fire restrictions at **AZStateParks.com/fire-safety**.

Camping

- Campsites are limited to up to six adults and up to 10 people total.
- There are designated dump facilities at the park for your convenience.

Swimming

- There is a designated area for swimming.
- Please obey all posted signs.

Boating

- Review boating regulations before heading out on the water.

Pets

- Keep your pets on a maximum six-foot leash at all times. Pets must be attended at all times.
- **Pick up after your pet.**
- For additional information related to pets, visit our website or ask park staff.

The rules of this park are not limited to the rules listed above. Additional park rules may be found at **AZStateParks.com**.

