

SAGUARO LAKE RECREATION AREA

Formed by
STEWART MOUNTAIN DAM



Saguaro Lake is easily accessible from the Bush Highway; north from Mesa or south from State Highway 87.

Stewart Mountain Dam (constructed in 1930) impounds the water which creates Saguaro Lake. The dam is operated by Salt River Project (under contract from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) which controls the water levels.

The Forest Service U.S.D.A. provides a variety of recreational opportunities. Saguaro del Norte Recreation Site is the place where boaters begin their trip. This site is also very popular with picnickers. Butcher Jones Picnic Site has a popular beach, picnic facilities and hiking opportunities. Bagley Flat Recreation Site is unique in that it is only accessible by watercraft. Saguaro Lake Marina provides services of all types, including an excursion boat.

Enjoy your visit, but leave it so that those who follow you will also be able to enjoy this special area.

UNIFORM WATERWAY MARKERS



CONTROLLED AREA DANGER BOATS KEEP OUT INFORMATION OBSTRUCTION (DO NOT PASS BETWEEN SHORE AND BUOY)

REMEMBER THESE RULES

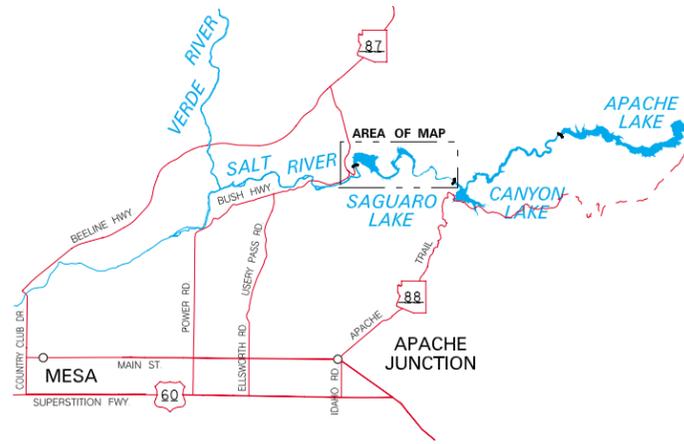
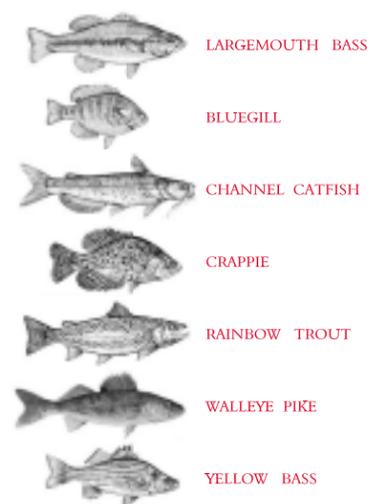
- OVERTAKING-PASSING: Boat being passed has the right-of-way. KEEP CLEAR.
- MEETING HEAD ON: Keep to the right.
- CROSSING: Boat on right has the right-of-way. Slow down and permit it to pass.
- Lake level subject to fluctuation. Be alert to hazards which may appear with changing water levels.
- Observe buoys and markers - BUT - do not rely on markers alone, always maintain a sharp lookout.
- Lake traffic pattern is counterclockwise - Drive to your right!

IDENTIFICATION MAP ONLY
NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

Useful Phone Numbers

<u>Forest Service</u>	
Mesa Ranger Station	(602) 379-6446
Supervisor's Office	(602) 225-5200
<u>Maricopa County Sheriff's Department</u>	
Arizona Game and Fish Department	1-800-352-4553
<u>Salt River Project</u>	
General Information	(602) 236-5900
Water Level Recording	(602) 236-5929

GAME FISH IN LAKE



NEEDED INFORMATION

The spillways for the Stewart Mountain Dam are at elevations of 1496 and 1506 ft. above sea level. The spillway gates can increase the water level up to 1529 ft., which results in a maximum depth of 119 ft. The contour lines depicted on this map are based on this maximum depth. However, the actual water level fluctuates constantly depending on the needs of Salt River Project. Water is also pumped into Canyon lake which can result in Saguaro Lake dropping as much as 6-8 ft. in a relatively short period of time.

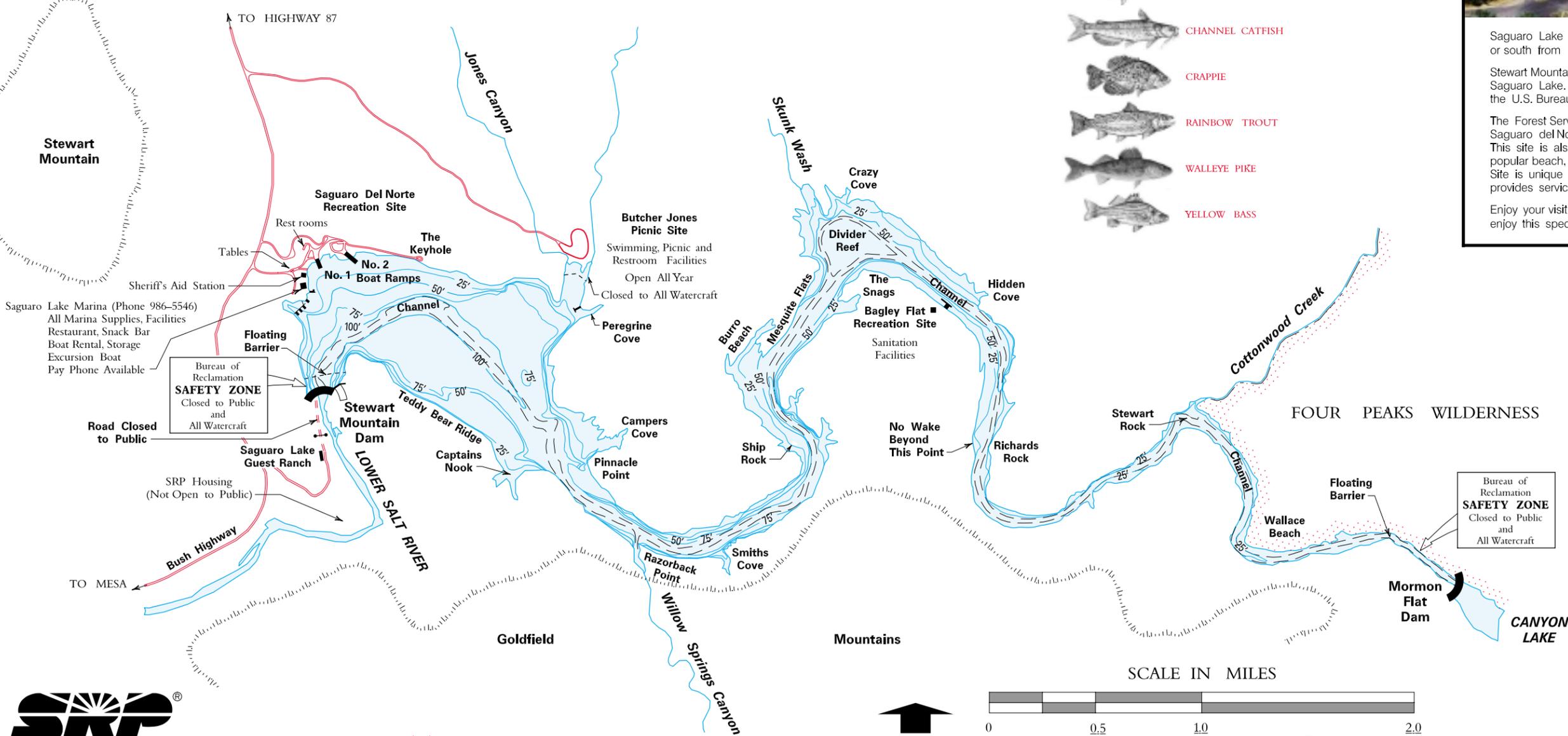
As with other lakes, Saguaro is subject to flash floods. Different hazards may be present at different water levels. Floating debris and rocks become suddenly dangerous as water levels drop.

Boat with care at all times.

Many accidents are associated with drinking. Alcohol Can Kill!

Water Safety Is No Accident!

THE LAKE	THE DAM
Length 10 miles	Location 41 miles northeast of Phoenix
Shoreline 22.2 miles	Construction dates 1928-1930
Capacity 69,765 acre-feet*	Cost of dam \$2,839,000
Surface acreage when full 1280 ac.	Size 1260 ft. long - 210 ft. high
Maximum depth 119 feet	*an acre-foot is equal to one acre covered one foot deep
High elevation 1529 ft. above sea level	
West Spillway 1496 ft. above sea level	
East Spillway 1506 ft. above sea level	



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- Wilderness Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads

