

Salt River (Upper), AZ

To float the Upper Salt River, you must obtain a permit from the White Mountain Apache Tribe **and** the USDA Forest Service.

USDA Forest Service: Salt River Canyon Wilderness, March 1 - May 15 Permit Season

Application process: The application period for the lottery for these permits is from December 1 through January 31 each year a <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/249275>. Results are available by February 10 and you have until February 20 to pay the \$125 permit fee to secure the permit. Continue to check this website beginning February 21st through May 15th for cancelled launch dates, which are released at a random time within 24 hours of submission.

Fees: \$16.00 non-refundable lottery application fee (\$10 of fee supports the Tonto NF Wilderness River Program and \$6.00 is the standard Recreation.gov fee.) The recreation boater permit fee is for \$125.

Cancellations: Permits cancelled 21 days or more prior to their launch date may receive a refund of the \$125 boater permit fee. Cancelled launch dates will be released at a random time within 24 hours of submission, and there will be a \$10.00 non-refundable reservation fee when a first-come, first-served permit is reserved.

Additional information: Permit transfers must be approved by the River Manager.

Contact:

River Manager
Tonto Nation Forest, Globe Ranger District
7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road
Globe, AZ 85501

Telephone: (928) 402-6236

Website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/specialplaces/?cid=fsbdev3_018757

White Mountain Apache Tribe

A Daily Rafting Permit is required for each person for each day they are rafting the portion of the Salt River flowing through the Reservation. Recreation permits can be purchased online from the White Mountain Apache Tribe at: https://wmatoutdoor.org/wp_view.html?pageid=10. **These permits are required 365 days a year.** Whitewater boating is strictly prohibited by the Tribe through those sections of the canyon upstream of Apache Falls, 1/4 mile above Salt River Canyon Bridge (Highway 60).

Fees: \$30.00 per person/day. All rafting trips going beyond the “HooDoo” camp area require a minimum 2-day rafting permit for each person, regardless of the destination. There is a self pay station for permits at the put in at the first campground near the Highway 60 bridge.

Contact:

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