

Dead Horse Ranch State Park

The developed portion of **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** covers 423 acres. The 3,300 foot elevation accounts for the mild temperatures that are ideal for camping, mountain biking in the Coconino National Forest, hiking along the Verde River, canoeing, picnicking, fishing, or just wading in the cool water.

A six-mile reach of the river is known as the **Verde River Greenway State Natural Area**. Its unique ecosystem, the Cottonwood and Willow riparian gallery forest, is one of less than 20 such riparian zones in the world. Life along the river changes with the seasons, giving visitors a glimpse of the numerous species of raptors, neo-tropical migrants, resident songbirds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish.

[Link to Dead Horse Ranch SP](#)



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2006-2007 Site Facts

Visitation: 120,686

Economic Impact: \$10,135,704

Local Jobs Supported: 143

Dead Horse Ranch State Park attracted 120,686 visitors in fiscal year 2007. The total economic impact of expenditures made by these guests, directly and indirectly, is estimated to be \$10.1 million, making the park a critical component of the local economy. In addition, tourism spending at this level supports an estimated 143 jobs in Yavapai County.

Arizona State Parks and historic sites make up a significant portion of Arizona's tourism industry. Over 2 million people visited Arizona's diverse state parks in fiscal year 2007 generating \$266 million in economic impact, \$22.7 million in state and local taxes and supporting more than 3,300 Arizona jobs.



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