

# Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area

Imagine camping among 100-foot pine trees beside a quiet lake watching majestic great blue herons at a cool 6,300 feet in elevation. Year-round camping, fishing, picnicking, boating and wildlife viewing opportunities make **Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area** a popular place. This 800-acre, cool, country recreation area with a 150-acre lake offers history, too. The tiny town of Adair has long since been covered by the lake, but it was Thomas Jefferson Adair who was responsible for the name Fool Hollow. In 1885, Adair moved into the area with the intention of farming. The locals joked that only a fool would try and farm the place. The name stuck! This state-of-the-art recreation area, located in the Apache - Sitgreaves National Forest, opened in 1994 as a result of an innovative partnership between Arizona State Parks, the U.S. Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish, the City of Show Low, and corporate sponsors Arizona Public Service and McCarty Construction Company.

[Link to Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area](#)

**2006-2007  
Site Facts  
Visitation:  
95,495  
Economic  
Impact:  
\$5,824,440  
Local Jobs  
Supported:  
73**



Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area attracted 95,495 visitors in fiscal year 2007. The total economic impact of expenditures made by these guests, directly and indirectly, is estimated to be \$5.8 million, making the park a critical component of the local economy. In addition, tourism spending at this level supports an estimated 73 jobs in Navajo 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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