

### Park Rules

- When leaving your campsite unattended, please do something to demonstrate occupancy.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and may not be left unattended. Clean up after your pet. Pets are not permitted in park buildings.
- Firewood gathering is prohibited on park grounds.
- To extend your camping stay register by 11:00 a.m. Checkout time is 2:00 p.m. Please check out at the Ranger Station when vacating your campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- Generators are prohibited.
- Park stay is limited to 15 days in a 30 day period.
- Vehicles must be parked on the paved surfaces within the park (including campsites).
- Grey water must be contained.
- R.V. and vehicle washing is prohibited in the park.
- Swimming is prohibited in the lagoons.
- Oar-powered boats only are permitted in the lower lagoons.
- Loaded firearms are prohibited in developed areas within the park (including BB & pellet guns, bows, and slingshots).

### Emergencies

In the event of an emergency after hours, contact the campground host, a park ranger in the ranger residence area, or dial 911 from the pay phone.

### Park Fees

Daily entrance and camping fees apply. Fees are charged per vehicle. Please call the park for current fee information.

### Park Hours

The park is open 365 days a year. The Ranger Station opens daily at 8:00 a.m. except on Christmas Day.



### Park Facilities

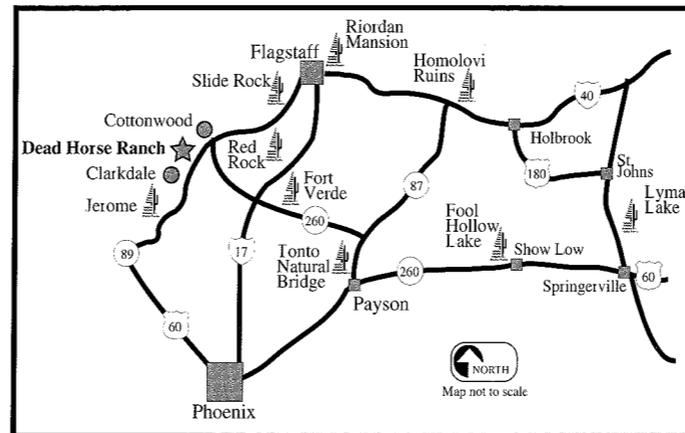
- Camping with electricity, water, picnic tables, and grills.
- Tent sites with tables and grills.
- Modern restroom facilities with hot water showers.
- A group campground is available by reservation.
- Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Ramadas are available by reservation.
- The Verde River, as well as a 20 acres of lagoons, both are stocked periodically.
- Canoeing and oar-powered boating opportunities are available.
- Developed trails provide opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use.
- Horse corrals may be available for overnight use with advance arrangements.

### Dead Horse Ranch State Park

675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326  
Phone: 928.634.5283

### Directions

From I-17 take Hwy. 260 to Cottonwood. Hwy. 260 intersects with Main Street/89A. Turn left on Main Street and proceed to North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn north (right) on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on North 10<sup>th</sup> across the Verde River Bridge to the park entrance.



### Arizona State Parks Mission

“Managing and conserving Arizona’s natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our Parks and through our Partners”

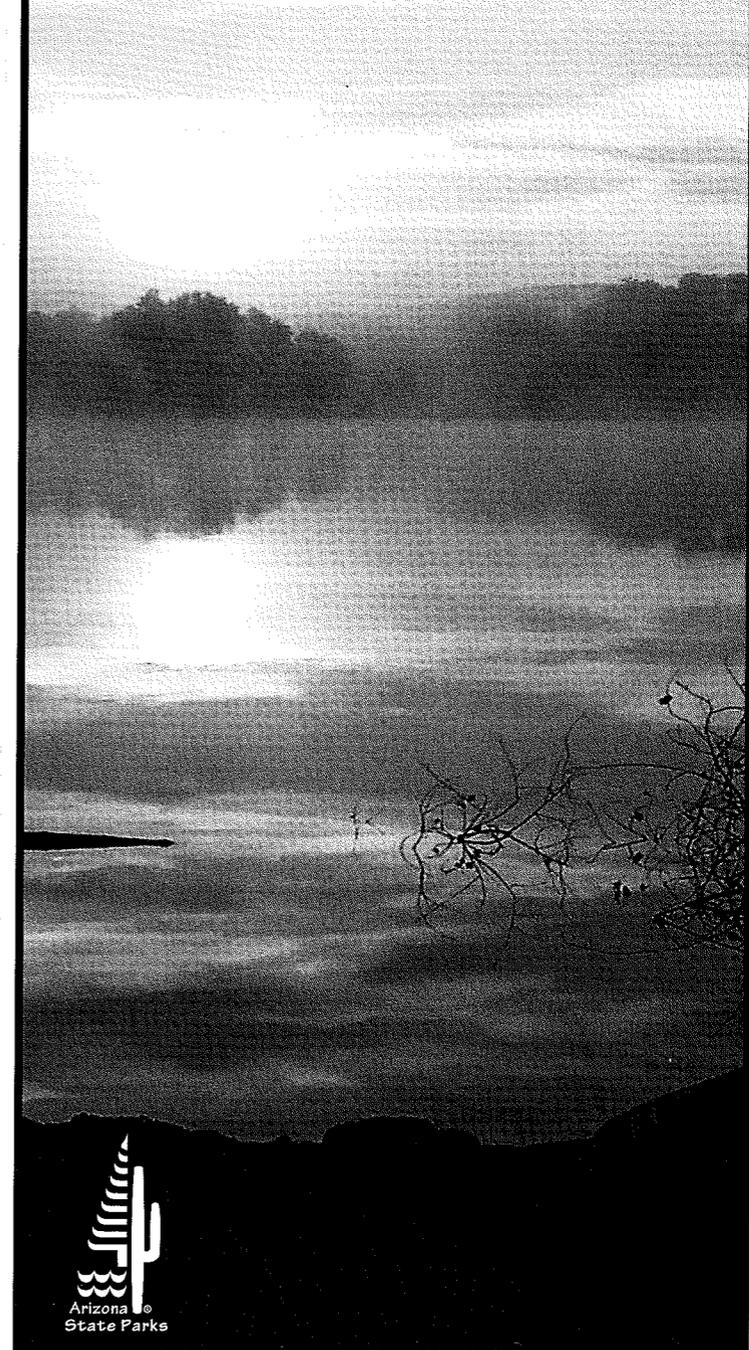


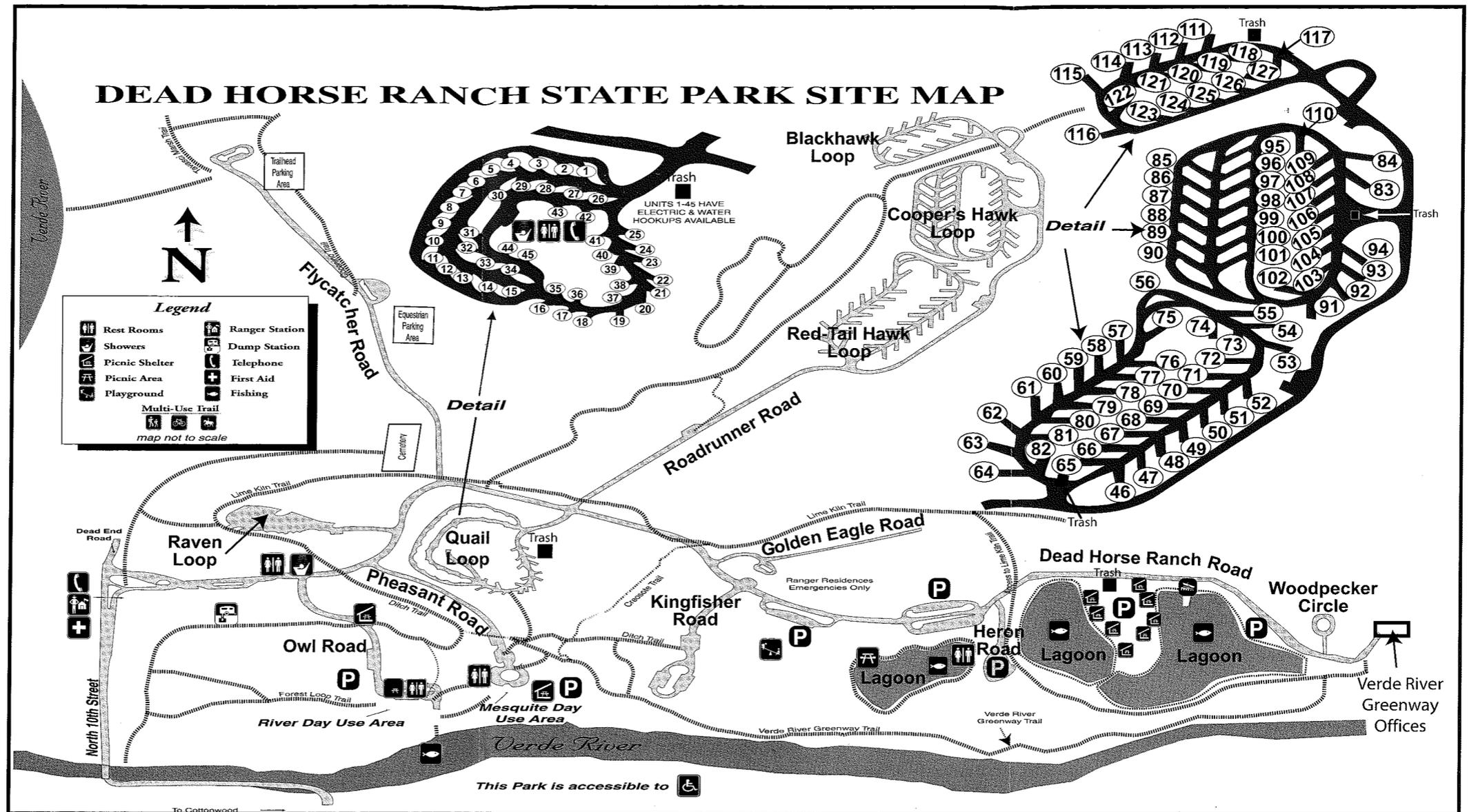
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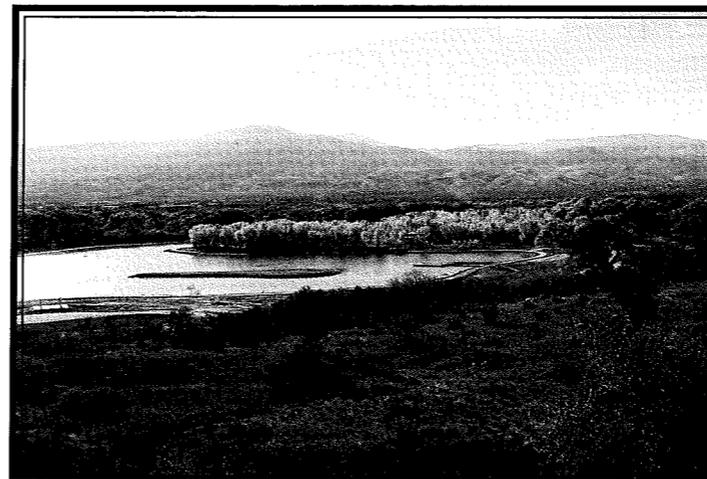


### How The Park Got Its Name

The story of the park's name begins with the Ireys family, who came to Arizona from Minnesota in the late 1940s looking for a ranch to buy. At one of the ranches, they discovered a large dead horse lying by the road. After two days of viewing ranches, Dad Ireys asked the kids which ranch they liked the best. The kids said, "The one with the dead horse, Dad!" The Ireys family bought the ranch and chose the name Dead Horse Ranch. When Arizona State Parks acquired the park in 1973, the Ireys made retaining the name a condition of sale.

### About The Park

Despite its distinctive name, Dead Horse Ranch is situated amidst an abundance of life along the Verde River. A six-mile reach of the river is known as the *Verde River Greenway*. Its unique ecosystem, the Cottonwood / 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, neotropical migrants, resident songbirds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish.

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.

### Area Scenic Attractions

The Verde River Greenway Natural Area, Jerome State Historic Park, Fort Verde State Historic Park, Red Rock State Park (a nature center), Slide Rock State Park, Tuzigoot National Monument, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area and Mingus Mountain in the Prescott National Forest, and the Red Rock formations of Sedona.