



Fishing Oak Creek

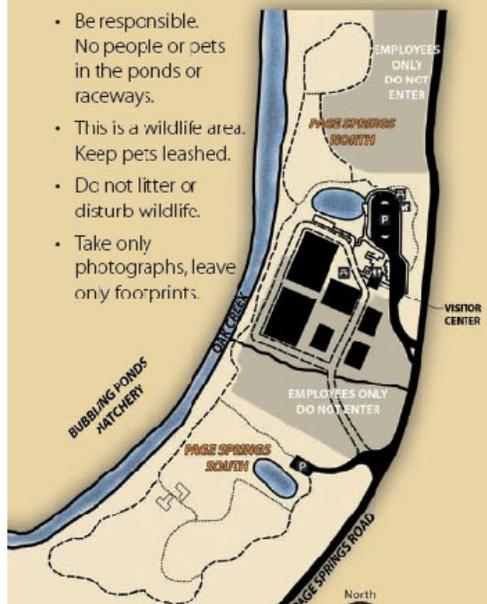
A Guide to Fishing for Trout, Bass, Catfish and Sunfish.



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You Should Know

- Watch for hazards. Enjoy Page Springs at your own risk.
- All hatcheries are closed to fishing.
- Feeding of fish is permitted only at the Feeding Pond.
- Be responsible. No people or pets in the ponds or raceways.
- This is a wildlife area. Keep pets leashed.
- Do not litter or disturb wildlife.
- Take only photographs, leave only footprints.



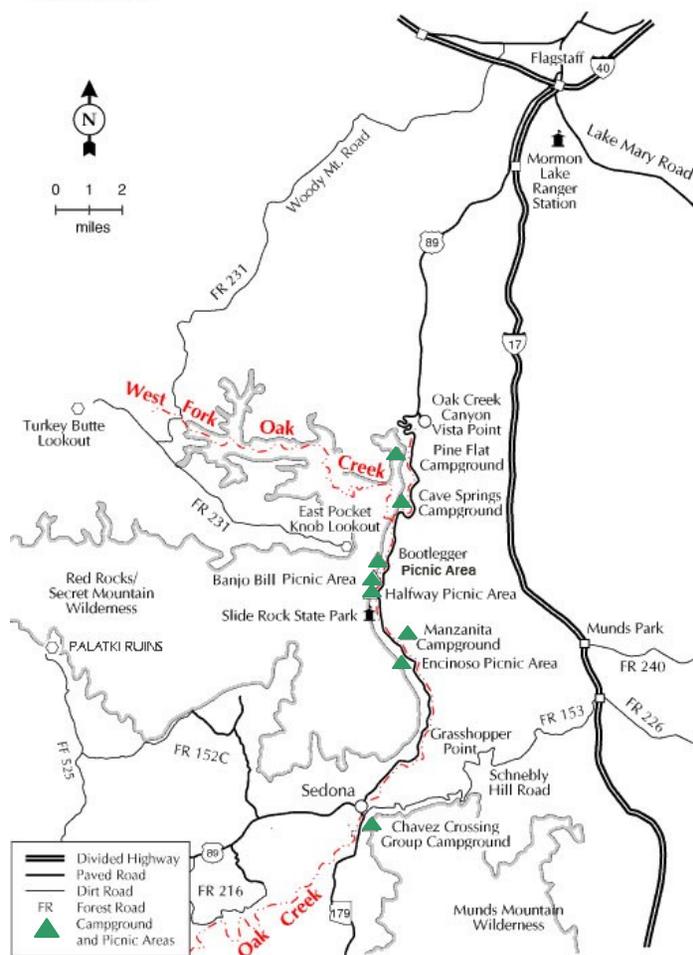
Page Springs Fish Hatchery
1600 N Page Springs Rd.
Cornville, AZ 86325

Page Springs Hatchery is located approximately 10 miles south of Sedona and 10 miles north of Cottonwood, AZ off of Highway 89A on the Page Springs Road. The best access is from Interstate 17. Take the McGuireville exit (Exit 293), turn west for approximately 10 miles to Cornville, turn north on Page Springs Road for 5 miles to hatchery entrance.

The hatchery is open 7:30am to 3:30pm daily except state holidays.

Please observe all fishing regulations, bag limits, and license requirements. For more information visit www.azgfd.gov or any of the more than 300 license dealers located throughout the state.

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Oak Creek is stocked with Rainbow Trout from the Page Springs Fish Hatchery

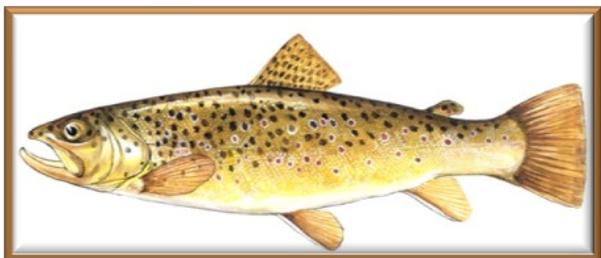


Rainbow Trout

Areas to fish: Rainbow trout are stocked in as many as 25 sites along the creek from Page Springs Fish Hatchery to the Pine Flats Campground. Some fish will disperse both up and down stream of these sites. Look for deeper riffles, runs or pools under cut banks.

Best baits: Aquatic insects, worms, grubs, salmon eggs, spinners, mepps, roostertails, panther martins, flies, small minnow plugs, power baits and cheese balls.

Best times to fish: Early morning and late afternoon are best, but fish will bite throughout the day year around.

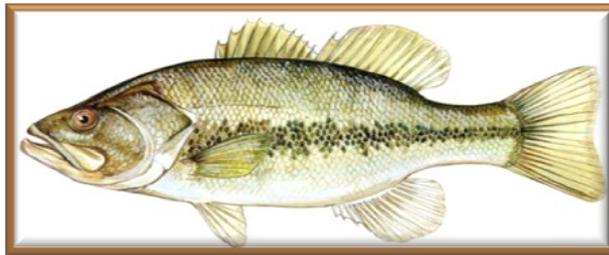


Brown Trout

Areas to fish: From Grasshopper Point to Call of the Canyon Campground and lower parts of the West Fork of Oak Creek. Look for deep pools, bigger runs, large boulders, fallen trees and undercut banks. Smaller fish are found in riffles.

Best baits: Night crawlers, medium to small minnow plugs resembling brown or rainbow trout, spinners, mepps, roostertails, panther martins, and flies. Brown trout spawn naturally in Oak Creek and are no longer stocked.

Best times to fish: Fish will bite throughout the day year around. Early morning and late afternoon are best.



Largemouth Bass

Areas to fish: Lower portions of Oak Creek from Cornville Bridge to the confluence of Verde River. Access is limited due to private lands. Look for deep long pools and deep runs. Fish orient to cover such as weeds in spring and summer, rocks and trees in the winter.

Best baits: Crayfish from the creek, minnow plugs, spinners, large flies, and top water baits.

Best times to fish: Fish are active year around but best in March and April when in pre-spawn and

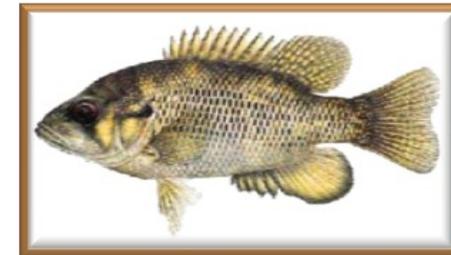


Smallmouth Bass

Areas to fish: From Red Rock State Park to confluence of the Verde River. Access is limited in some areas due to private land. Look for deep pools, runs with large boulders, large overhangs of vegetation. Smaller fish are found in shallow runs and riffles.

Best baits: Crayfish from the creek, worms, minnow plugs, rebels, small top water lures, spinners, and large flies.

Best times to fish: Throughout the day with some slow periods from late March to November when fish are less active.



Rock Bass

Areas to fish: From Deer Pass Ranch off 89A to the confluence of the Verde River. Access may be limited by private lands. Look for riffles, runs and pools.

Best baits: Worms, corn, flies, small spinners and minnow plugs.

Best times to fish: Fish are active through the day but hard to catch in winter months.



Channel Catfish

Areas to fish: From Deer Pass Ranch off 89A to the confluence of the Verde River. Access may be limited by private lands. Look for large pools and deep runs.

Best baits: Worms, chicken liver, blood baits, hot dogs, stink baits, and shrimp.

Best times to fish: Fish are active in warmer months. Fish from sunset throughout the night with best fishing from sunset to 9 or 10pm.