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Roper Lake offers activities for any interest

Safford, AZ – If you didn't know what was hidden behind the trees lining Hwy. 191, it would be easy to miss one of the most inclusive recreational areas in the state.

Just a few short miles from Safford is Roper Lake State Park, which offers everything from cabins and fishing to heart-healthy walks and hot tubs.

Outdoor enthusiasts and seekers of a healthy experience can find several activities to suit their nature at the tree-lined lake.

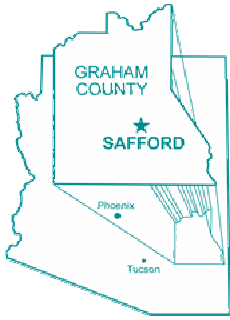
The park covers four hundred acres with two sections: Roper Lake itself and, three miles south, Dankworth Pond.

Roper is a stocked lake, making it a great place for kids to catch their first fish. Those who want to learn how to sail board will find an ideal environment at Roper. Boats are limited to only small electric motors, which creates good conditions for sail boards.

Five miles of trails throughout the park let you stretch your muscles and view the wildlife. Arizona

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State Parks began managing Roper Lake in December 1974 through a cooperative management agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Four cabins line the lake at Roper Lake State Park and are variably furnished with bunk beds with mattresses and/or full size beds with mattresses. Currently, the cabins are not electrified, hence, upon arrival, visitors will be provided with a lantern. Open flame as produced by candles and stove burners are not permitted in the cabins. Picnic tables and charcoal grills make for a well-equipped outdoor setting. Restrooms and showers are within walking distance. Cabins are available year-round for a small fee.

Roper Lake is open 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and it hosts an average of two thousand visitors weekly. The Island Day Use Area is a popular spot with picnic tables and ramadas on a large lawn. It is surrounded on three-sides by Roper Lake. Another picnic area is located near a string of small endangered-species ponds.

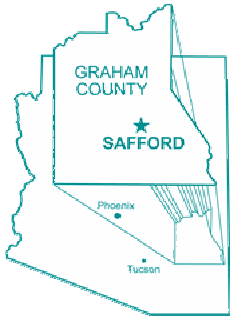
Safford is a short two hours from Tucson or three hours from Phoenix and offers plenty of accommodations for weekend visitors, including primitive campgrounds, state-of-the-art RV parks, major hotel and motel chains, conference facilities, a bed and breakfast, a guest ranch and more.

Travelers can also enjoy the best Sonoran-style Mexican food in the state and visit a number of historical sites around the county.

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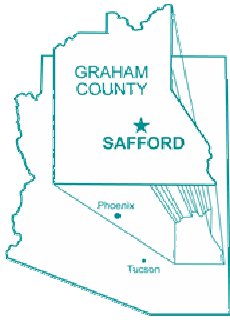
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