

PERSONAL COMFORT DURING YOUR VISIT

On the average, Prescott has a mild, four-season climate. We also enjoy active weather that brings with it a variety of conditions, so check the local forecast before your excursion. Always carry drinking water.



GETTING THERE

From Prescott take Highway 89 North for 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Prescott Lakes Parkway. Turn left at Sundog Ranch Rd. and then left again into the parking area shared with the Prescott Peavine Trail.

From Chino Valley take Highway 89 South for 10.8 miles (from Outer Loop Rd.), turn left onto Prescott Lakes Parkway. Turn left at Sundog Ranch Rd. and then left again into the parking area shared with the Prescott Peavine Trail.

From Prescott Valley take Highway 69 West for 5 miles (from Glassford Hill Rd.). Turn right at Prescott Lakes Parkway and continue down the hill for 1.9 miles. Turn right at Sundog Ranch Rd. and then left into the parking area shared with the Prescott Peavine Trail.

Follow the Peavine Trail for about 100 meters and turn left at the Preserve walk-in gate and kiosk.

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WATSON WOODS RIPARIAN PRESERVE



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Watson Woods is becoming an oasis for wildlife and humans alike as the City of Prescott's development creeps to the north and east. As a result, the 125-acre Watson Woods Riparian Preserve was established in 1995 to protect this area, its wildlife, and its rare cottonwood/willow forest-type.

A quiet visitor might encounter a green-backed heron fishing the pond, a Mexican vole scurrying along grass lined runways, or a common kingsnake winding its way through the branches of a toppled cottonwood next to Granite Creek.

The forest here is a remnant of the 1,000-acre riparian (streamside) forest that once reached four miles upstream into what is now downtown Prescott. Historically, the cottonwoods and willows created a cathedral-like atmosphere with Arizona walnut, netleaf hackberry, Southwest chokecherry, velvet ash, and box-elder in the understory.



*"Boundaries don't
protect rivers,
people do."*

Aristotle

During the 1900s, about 90% of this forest was lost to sand and gravel mining, stock grazing and wood cutting. Incredibly, the area is bouncing back.

Thousands of volunteers, local business partners, the City of Prescott and Prescott Creeks are giving Watson Woods a helping-hand. Through on-going restoration and research projects, volunteers like you plant trees each year, survey wildlife, and help us understand how the area is changing. They take care of the Preserve.



PRESERVE RULES

The Preserve is open for public use during all day-light hours.

- Your \$2 donation is appreciated for each Preserve visit.
- Groups of 10 or more must make prior arrangements with the Preserve Manager.
- You are visiting the wildlife's home, so please respect their need to stay wild. Keep a discreet distance and do not feed any animals.
- Even though riparian areas are moist in comparison to the surrounding uplands, fire is still a significant danger. Smoking and other fires are forbidden.
- Bicycles and motor vehicle traffic are prohibited. Plan on human-power as your primary transport while at the Preserve.
- Hunting, fishing, and the use (or possession) of weapons are not permitted.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Equestrian use is not acceptable within the Preserve. It is available on the Prescott Peavine Trail, however.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prescott Creeks Preservation Association is a community-based non-profit organization supported by a passionate membership and community volunteers. To participate in the preservation, restoration, and celebration of Prescott's creeks you can join Prescott Creeks as a dues-paying member.

MISSION STATEMENT

Prescott Creeks is a non-profit organization striving to protect the ecological integrity of Central Arizona's riparian (streamside) systems and their associated wetlands through preservation, conservation, and education.

Simply put, Prescott Creeks protects, restores, and celebrates riparian ecosystems by providing people meaningful interactions with the creeks.

Detach and Return

Prescott Creeks Preservation Association Membership Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

- Forest (\$1000+) Lifetime Member Seed (\$25)
 Tree (\$100) Soil (Volunteer 24 hrs./year)
 Root (\$50) Other

In addition to my membership dues, I am making a tax deductible donation of \$_____ to PCPA.

Make checks payable to PCPA. Detach and return with payment to:



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