

Land-locked Arizona might not be known for its bodies of water. However, we do have a few refreshing lakes that offer the perfect place to cool down as summer approaches.



Lake Havasu If you enjoy outdoor sports and activities, clear blue water and sunny skies, Lake Havasu is the destination for you. Lake Havasu is a destination for many people around the country; it has so much to offer for everyone in the family. With 400 miles of spectacular coastline and 300 days of sunshine, this vacation hotspot offers everything from parasailing to hiking and everything in between. Enjoy a wildlife safari tour one day and have a relaxing day shopping the next. Feel free to bring your dogs along too! www.golakehavasu.com/.

Lake Pleasant Looking for a beautiful, scenic place to relax with friends or family? Lake Pleasant offers just that, with countless shoreline picnic spots and numerous coves for your favorite water sports. The water is clear and beautiful and delivered directly from the Colorado River. Located in Peoria as part of Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, the lake is very well-kept and is a great place for the family. Enjoy the many different camping sites, located next to the boat docks. Additionally, there is an information center to learn about the history of Lake Pleasant and desert wildlife. www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/.

Canyon Lake Perfect for a day at the lake or overnight trips, Canyon Lake offers spaces available for rent for events, a swimming-only area and plenty of water room for boats and water sports. Scenic tours are available on the Dolly Steamboat, which takes you around the lake. Canyon Lake is surrounded by magnificent canyons and provides coves perfect for bass, trout or any other kind of fishing. For those who enjoy wildlife you can spot numerous species of birds, Big Horn sheep, deer and javelina all around the lake. Finish off the day at the lake with a beautiful view of an Arizona sunset through the canyons. www.canyonlakemarina.com/.

Lake Powell Lake Powell provides the perfect resort area in Phoenix. The lake has nearly 2,000 miles of shoreline, endless sunshine and is among the best for scenery in the west. Feel free to rent a boat from the resort—no experience necessary—or take a ride on the guided expedition through the canyons. Take a boat ride to Rainbow Bridge National Monument or the favorite Cathedral in the Desert made of limestone walls towering over your head. At night curl up by the fire and gaze at the array of stunning stars. www.lakepowell.com/.