

CLUB RIVER TRIPS

For new and non-members



The club sponsors river trips to the Colorado River from April until November. Approximately ten trips each run in the spring and the fall with a special trip in the summer (affectionately known as the “GILA MONSTER” trip). Trip dates, along with the trip leader’s name and address are published in the monthly newsletter. To sign up for a trip, mail a check (made payable to Convair Water-ski Club) for the appropriate amount and send to the trip leader for the particular river trip. Mail it as soon as possible since only a maximum of 25 skiers per trip is eligible to go. The trip cancellation policy consists of a \$5.00 charge for cancellation of your reservation and the entire fee is

nonrefundable if you cancel within two weeks of the trip date and there is no one to take your place. The trip fees are determined by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter.

It is a good idea to call the trip leader to confirm your place on the trip. If you would like to carpool or need a ride, let the trip leader know. They will be able to give you telephone numbers for people in your relative area.

DIRECTIONS TO PICACHO STATE PARK (map attached)

Take Interstate 8 East, go past El Centro (a great rest stop) and continue east until you reach the Winterhaven/4th Avenue exit (do not get off at the first Winterhaven exit). Make a left and go about 3/4 mile (sign says Picacho State Park). Make a right and then a left under the railroad trestle. Follow the two-way road approximately five miles. The paved road will end and the dirt road begins. It is now 19 miles until you reach the campground. The road can be rough traveling and speeds are usually between 15 and 35 miles per hour. At the entrance to Picacho pick up an envelope, fill it out, put in your camping fee and place in receptacle where posted. Place the stub on your dashboard. Find a campsite and either listen for club members and find the party or go to bed. Be at the dock bright and early for dawn run.



SKIING AT PICACHO

The ski boats will either arrive Friday evening or early Saturday morning. If you’re at the dock when they arrive please help to empty the boats of gas cans and club equipment asap so you can get to skiing immediately.

Skiing begins at sunup and continues until dark. When you wake up, pack your vehicle w/ your coolers, skis, chairs, etc. and go to the dock for the day. Skiing is on a rotational basis; a sign-up sheet and waiver will be posted at the dock. Write in your name for the next available boat. These trips are designed for maximum skiing, fun and relaxation. River floats are a highlite (bring floating toys or just a ski vest will do). Saturday night the ski group gets together for dinner at a prearranged group campsite. Skiers provide their own meat and beverage (not necessarily in that order). The club provides a delicious salad, bread, baked potatoes w/ barbecue grills to cook on. Be prepared for a fun evening, this is the party night!!



On Sunday the rangers request that you have your campsite dismantled by Noon. If you choose to stay at the dock after 2 p.m. for skiing the rangers will collect \$5.00 for day camp use.

WHAT TO PACK

Picacho is a great campground with great campsites. However, the campground features only portable potties and solar showers. If you're used to the Hilton-type accommodations, you'd better consider Las Vegas instead. From the list below you can pick and choose what meets your needs. Remember, pack to fit your comfort level.

1. **Tent** - if you can't (or don't want to) sleep in a van or truck, and you really want to keep from being bit by mosquitoes.
2. **Sleeping Bag** - it can get cold at night and there may be mosquitoes waiting for dinner.
3. **Air Mattress or Hiking Pad** - the ground is pretty hard.
4. **Mosquito repellent** – a must.
5. **Clothes and Bathing Suits/ Trunks** - sufficient for three days and two nights. Bring a warm jacket and long pants or sweats for evening as it may get cold.
6. **Personal Hygiene Items**- no electricity.
7. **Chapstick and Sunblock** – 4,6,8,15,30,45 or Bullfrog. Whatever you prefer.
8. **Beach Chair and Towel**
9. **Flashlight** – Great for a midnight stroll to the outhouse.
10. **Hat or Visor and Sunglasses**

11. **Skis, Vest, Wetsuit (if necessary), Float Toys** - unless you want to ski barefoot and naked. If you bring small children you may want to consider bringing a vest for them.
12. **Lite Bed Sheet**- It can be very hot, too. It will keep you cool on a hot night.
13. **Cooler** - to keep things cold. Don't forget the ice!!
14. **Food** - Bring lunch, snacks and meat for dinner Saturday night.
15. **Drinks** - bring anything you wish to drink for the weekend. Orange juice is usually served in the mornings along with coffee and hot chocolate. Lots of water recommended.