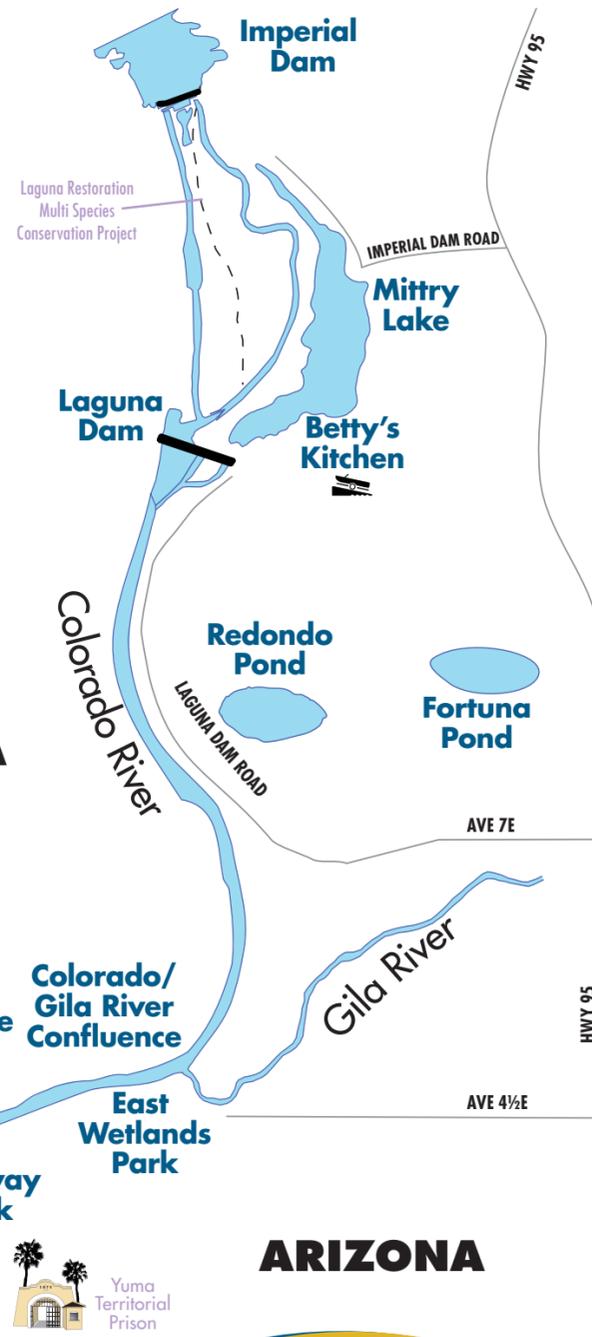


Lower Colorado River

Known as America's 'Nile', the Colorado River is the most important river in the Southwest. Yuma was the only practical crossing point on the lower Colorado River which made Yuma a strategic transportation hub. For many years, ferries provided a way to safely cross the River and riverboats operated out of Yuma bringing supplies and travelers to Yuma.

Today, the Lower Colorado River area is a mecca for water enthusiasts. Fishing, swimming, canoeing, tubing, kayaking, are some of the ways to enjoy this stretch of the river. Birdwatching is abundant and the beaches and parks are great for family fun.

Please enjoy your time on the river and leave it clean for the next person!



Imperial Dam
From intersection of Interstate 8 and 4th Ave, head NorthEast on Imperial Co. Hwy S-24 to Senator Wash Road or East on Hwy 95, 20 miles to Yuma Proving Grounds turnoff, left at large cannons, 7.3 miles to Senator Wash Road

Mittry Lake Wildlife Area
Boating, camping, fishing, hunting, boat launch ramp, pit toilet
Highway 95 to Ave 7E North to end of pavement, 1/2 mile

Betty's Kitchen Interpretive Area
Scenic 1/2 mile trail describes natural and human history of the Colorado River Corridor
Hwy 95 to Ave 7E North 9 miles, follow signs

Laguna Dam
Fishing
Hwy 95 to Ave 7E. Travel North to gravel road

Redondo Pond
Fishing, camping, pier, boat launch ramp
Hwy 95 to Ave 7E, North 3.4 miles, right on CO 6 RD, 1.5 miles.

Fortuna Pond
Fishing, overnight camping.
Hwy 95 to Ave 7E, N 3.4 miles. Right on gravel Levee Road, 3.3 miles.

Colorado/Gila River Confluence
Where the Colorado and Gila Rivers meet
Hwy 95 to Ave 4 1/2 E or Pacific Ave. North - East on Levee Road

Yuma East Wetlands
3 mile hiking trail begins at Gateway Park

Gateway Park
Parking, bathrooms, showers playground, beaches, grills

West Wetlands Park
Restored wetlands, boat launch ramp, parking, restrooms, park, fishing pond, ramadas, grills, walking and equestrian trails
4th Ave to 1st St., North on 12th Ave.

Morelos Dam
Borders California and Mexico Primitive boat launch, fishing
I-8 Westbound to Alogones Road (exit 166) - South on overpass

Hunter's Hole
Environmental restoration is in development
Fishing boat and ramps Hwy 95 to Gadsden, West on W. Co. 21st Street to Canal Road

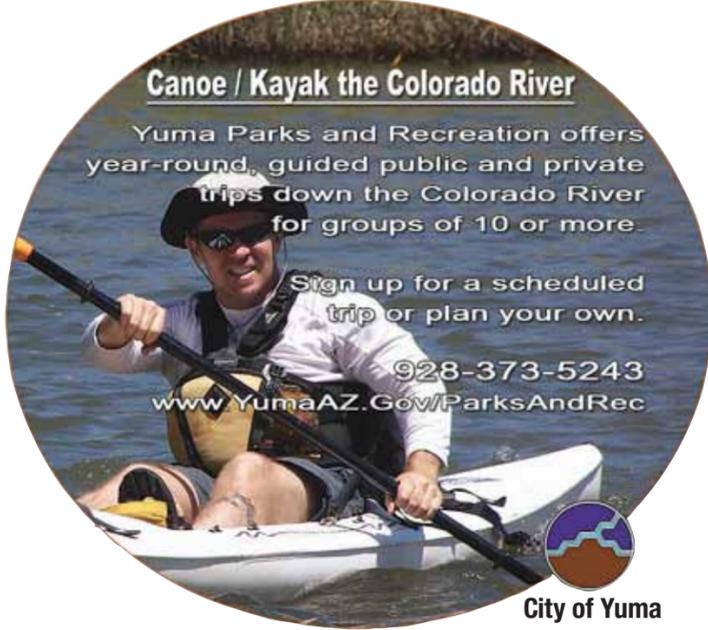


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Hunter's Hole



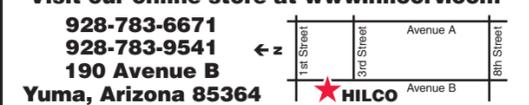
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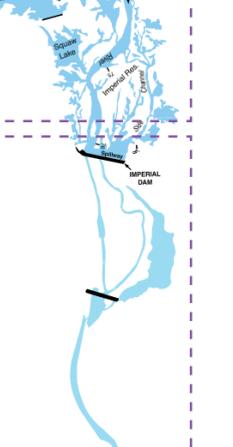
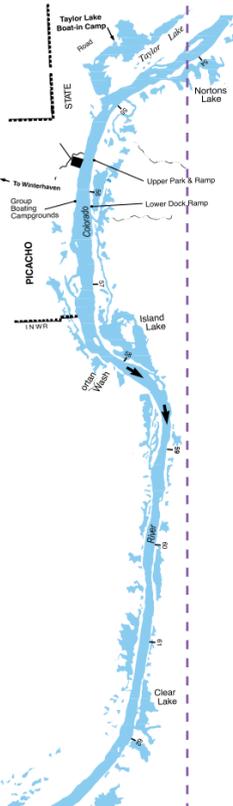
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Colorado River

From Picacho State Recreation Area to Yuma



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Senator Wash Recreation Area

A hidden treasure in the Yuma Area, Senator Wash Dam & Reservoir is a favorite of jet skiers and small boat owners. This water storage reservoir provides recreational opportunities such as fishing and camping. Whether you take a day trip to cool off with some swimming and a picnic or stay longer to fish, ski and camp, you are sure to enjoy your time here. Just up the road is another popular camping area; Squaw Lake; which offers camping as well as access to the main channel of the Colorado River.



Maps available online at



1- Squaw Lake

Day use campground restrooms, showers, fire rings, boat launch ramps. Camping limited to 14 days in 28 day period
Follow directions to Senator Wash, then travel 4 miles

2- Senator Wash Dam and Reservoir

Water skiing, sailing, fishing boat launch ramp, camping. Camping limited to 14 days in 28 day period
I-8 to Winterhaven exit to Imperial County S-24. North 20 miles to Fergusson Lake Road. Left on Senator Wash Road 3/4 mile east of Hwy 78.

= boat launch ramp
Maps are not to scale.

3- Hidden Shores

Privately owned RV park and vacation home concession on public land. store, boat docks, boat launch ramp.
East on Hwy 95, 20 miles to Imperial Dam Road. Turn West, 8 Miles.

4- Arizona Backwaters

Many backwater lakes good for fishing, swimming and kyaking/canoeing.

5- California Channel

Many channels good for fishing, swimming and kyaking/canoeing.

6- Lekans Lakes

3 backwater lakes. Boat-in only. Fishing, canoeing, kayaking.



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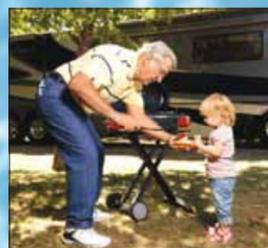
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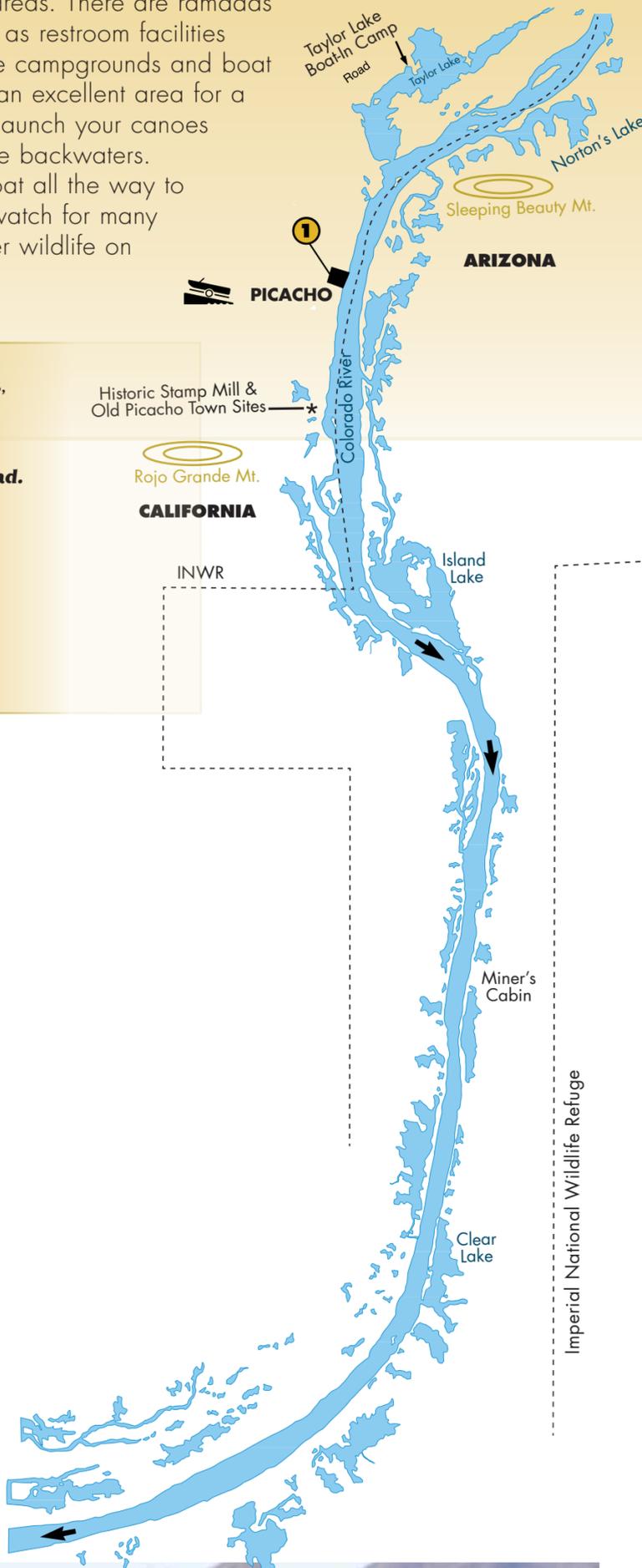
What on earth could possibly be better than this?

Picacho State Recreation Area

Once a gold mining town with over 100 citizens, the town of Picacho is now Picacho State Recreation Area, a popular area for camping, fishing, desert exploring and river running. Picacho SRA has a group camping area, a group boat-in area, and three individual boat-in camp areas. There are ramadas and large picnic areas as well as restroom facilities which include showers, multiple campgrounds and boat launch ramps. Picacho SRA is an excellent area for a weekend with the family or to launch your canoes for a long paddle through large backwaters. From Picacho SRA, you can boat all the way to Imperial Dam. Don't forget to watch for many birds, big horn sheep and other wildlife on the way!

1- Picacho State Recreation Area
camping, fishing, boat ramps, ramadas, restrooms, showers.
S-24 to Picacho Road, turn left. Follow Picacho Road approximately 15 miles, stay right at the fork in road. Turn left toward Inter-Park Road, 5 miles
or
I-8W to exit 159 (Olgiby Road) 13 mi - right on Indian Pass Road 15 mi - right on Inter-Park Road

= boat launch ramp
Maps are not to scale.



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Wildlife on the River

Big Horn Sheep
Burros
Coyotes
Bobcats
Beavers
Muskrats
Raccoons
Kit Fox

Bird Watching
Migratory Flyway & Local Birds
Bald Eagles
White Pelican
Geese & Ducks
Sandhill Cranes
Great Blue Herons
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Martinez Lake Recreation Area

Often described as an Oasis in the Desert, the Martinez Lake Recreation Area is one of the best getaways right outside of Yuma. Boaters can launch from Fishers's Landing or Martinez Lake and head up river to Blythe or down river to Imperial Dam. Water enthusiasts will enjoy 87 miles of river, many backwater lakes, desert scenery and abundant waterfowl and wildlife. Fishing is plentiful and the views are breathtaking. Make great family memories by skiing, tubing, floating down the river with your boat or kayak or just spend a day hanging out on a sandbar.

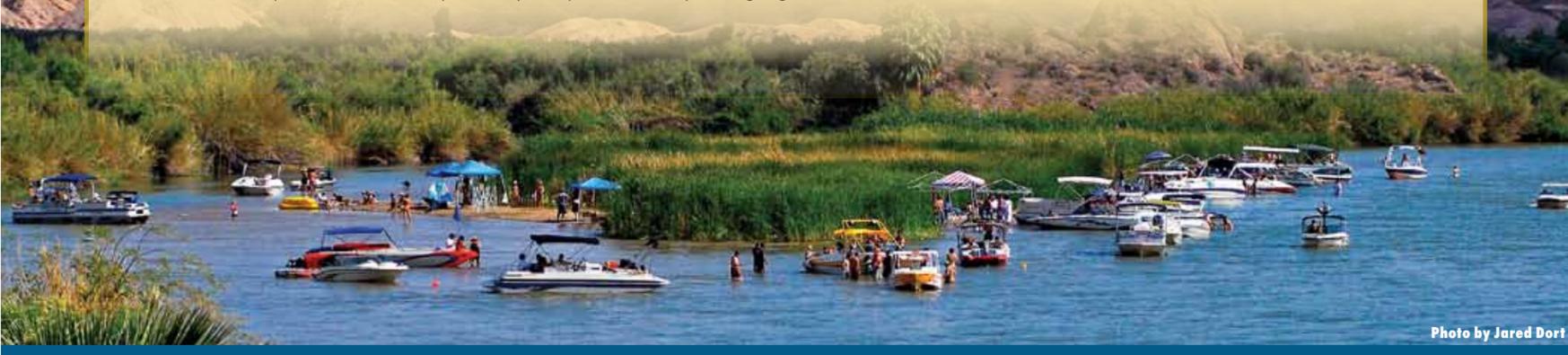


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1-Imperial National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing, hiking, bird watching, photography
No waterskiing or camping permitted

2-Ferguson Lake

Day use area, fishing, skiing
Tent camping

3-Boat In Campsite

4-Martinez Lake Resort

Boat launch, cantina, restaurant,
restrooms, cabin rentals, bait shop, fishing
guide services, boat and canoe rentals
Hwy 95 to Martinez Lake Road

5-Fisher's Landing

Boat launch, restrooms, bar, restaurant, fuel
dock, store, RV spaces, campground, boat
repair shop

6-Arizona Channel

Backwaters, small lakes, no wake zone,
popular for canoeists

7-Lake Martinez Military Recreation Facility

Active and retired military use area
Electrical hookups, no dump, showers,
playground, picnic pavilion, bbq's, boat/
canoe/kayak rental, boat launch
**Hwy 95, left on Martinez Lake Rd.
Right on Red Cloud Mine road for 2.5 Miles
Left onto Egret Road to campground**

8-Meers Point

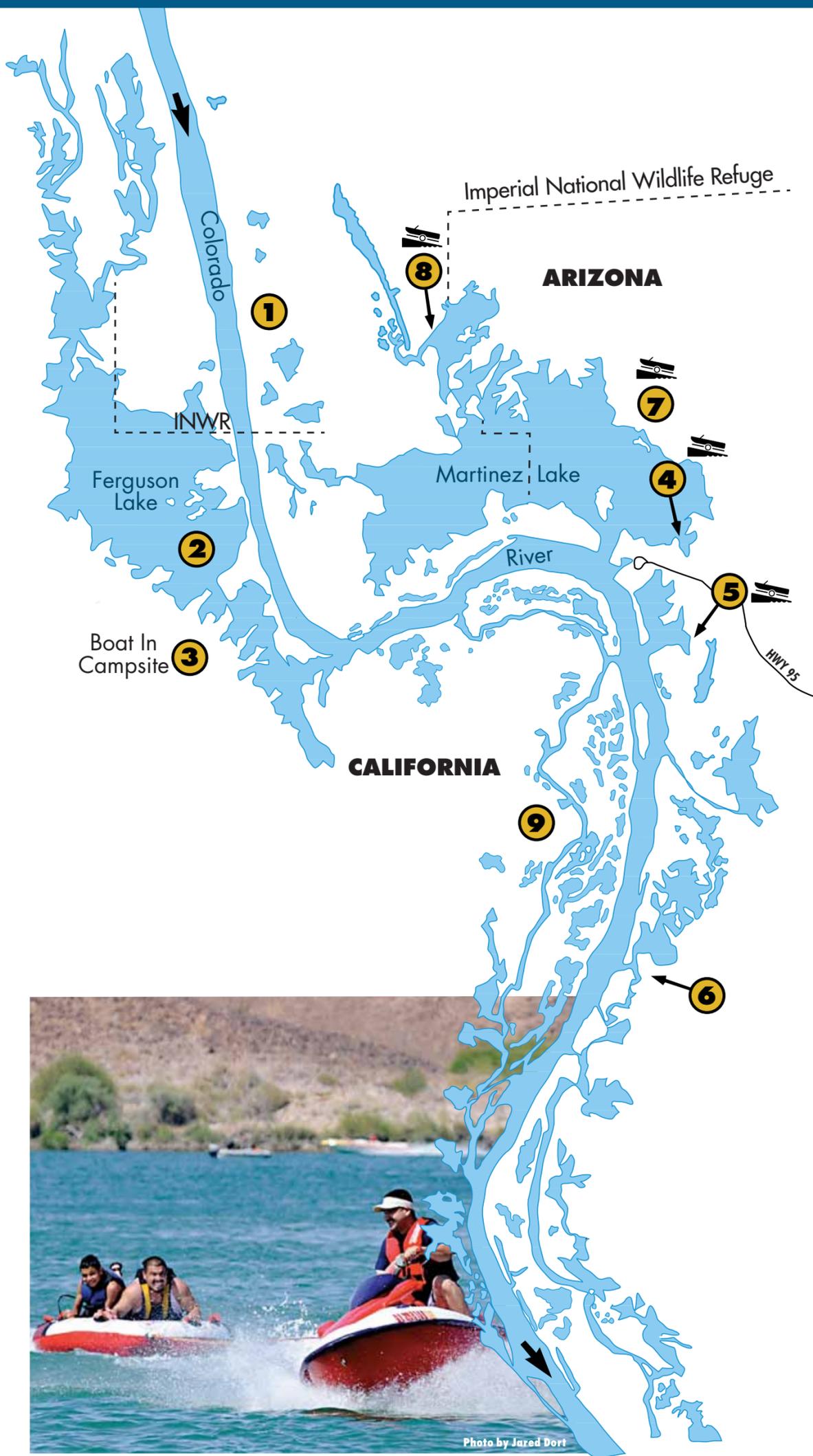
picnic ramadas, restroom facility, handicap
accessible fishing dock, boat launch ramp
and boat dock.
Hwy 95, left on Martinez Lake Rd.

9- California Channel

Many channels and backwater lakes good for
fishing, swimming and kyaking/canoeing.

 = boat launch ramp

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