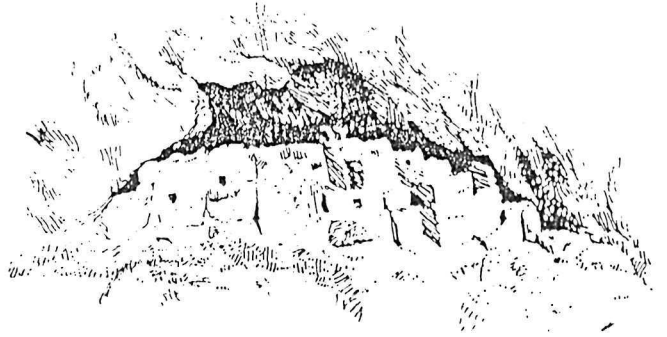
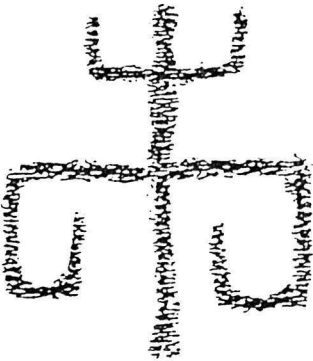


Planning Your Visit



THE SALADO



The people known as Salado occupied the Tonto Basin between A.D. 1150 and 1450. The early Salado built settlements along the river valleys close to their irrigable fields of corn, squash, beans, amaranth, and cotton. Population and social pressures of the early 1300's forced some of the Salado to move into the mountains where they built pueblos among canyon walls and hilltops.

Two of the best preserved of these cliff dwellings are protected within Tonto National Monument, established in 1907. These ruins are in a rugged mountain setting among the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. They provide an opportunity to study the life-ways of a people who lived here centuries ago.

TRAILS AND TOURS

The Lower Ruin Trail leads to a 19-room cliff dwelling. Trailside signs provide insights into the surrounding area, the Salado, and the ruins. With a vertical ascent of 350 feet, this trail is considered moderately strenuous. Allow one hour for the one-mile round trip.

The Cactus Patch Trail takes walkers past several varieties of cacti and other plants native to the Sonoran Desert. The 1/4 mile trail takes about 20 minutes to complete.

Both trails begin at the Visitor Center. Leashed pets are allowed on these two trails only.

The 40-room Upper Ruin is open only to those on a guided tour (offered fall, winter, and spring, weather permitting). The three-mile round trip includes a 600 foot ascent which is particularly strenuous in warmer weather. Each three-hour tour is limited to 15 people. For reservations and further information, call (602) 467-2241.

HOURS AND FEES



Park gates are open 8:00 - 5:00 daily. The trail to the Lower Ruin closes at 4:00, one hour before closing of the park gate. Tonto National Monument is closed Christmas Day.

The \$4 per carload entrance permit is valid for one week. The Golden Eagle Passport (\$25) permits entrance into

all areas administered by the National Park Service and is good through the calendar year.

No fee is charged to U.S. residents who are 62 years of age or older, or who have a permanent disability. Golden Age and Golden Access cards are issued free to those who qualify. Persons accompanying these cardholders in the same vehicle are also admitted free.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

The park is located near Roosevelt Lake, five miles east of Roosevelt Dam. From Globe, take Hwy 88 about 30 miles to the park entrance. From the Bee-Line Highway (Hwy 87) south of Payson, take Hwy 188 about 40 miles to the park.

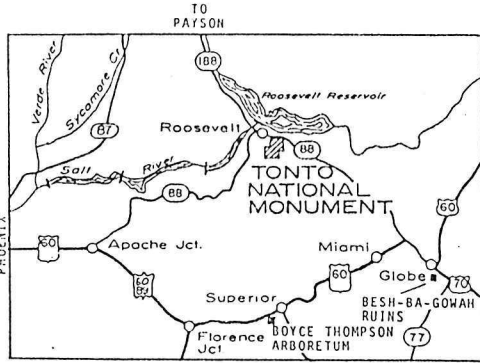
A third alternative is the scenic Apache Trail (Hwy 88) that starts at Apache Junction. The last 22 miles of this drive are unpaved, and construction near the dam requires that the road be closed during specified hours. Check the approach signs or call 1-800-TRAIL88 for the current status of the Apache Trail.

Plan to make the Tonto National Monument Visitor Center your first stop. Park rangers are available to answer your questions and assist you with your visit.

A museum displaying artifacts of the Salado and a 12-minute slide program introduces the park and the Salado culture.

A picnic area is available. Although no camping is allowed in the park, numerous Forest Service campgrounds line nearby Roosevelt Lake. All campsites are unimproved, so plan to supply your own water, grill, table, etc. The town of Roosevelt offers groceries, restaurants, lodging, and gasoline. More extensive accommodations are available in Payson or the Globe-Miami area.

The restrooms and museum are accessible to wheelchair users. Due to stairs and steep trails, the slide program and the ruins are not wheelchair accessible. A video of the slide program can be made available for viewing in the lobby upon request.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

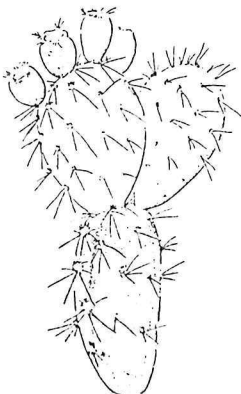
Recommend reading includes Tonto National Monument by Kay Threlkeld (\$5.45) and Those Who Came Before by Robert H. and Florence C. Lister (\$15.95). These prices include postage and handling. Makes checks payable to the Southwest Parks and Monuments Association.

For additional information, tour reservations, etc. call the park at (602) 467-2241, or write to Superintendent, Tonto National Monument, HCO2 Box 4602, Roosevelt, AZ 85545.

Other points of interest include the scenic but unpaved Apache Trail, Roosevelt Dam, and Roosevelt Lake Recreation Area; Besh-Ba-Gowah Indian Ruins in Globe; and the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum near Superior.

For additional information on hiking and camping in the Tonto National Forest, contact the District Ranger, Tonto Basin Ranger District, P.O. Box 647, Roosevelt, AZ 85545, or call (602) 467-2236.

PLEASE REMEMBER!



The park is a natural area with new and unfamiliar hazards. Steep slopes, uneven trail surfaces, cactus spines, honey bees, rattlesnakes -- all are potentially dangerous. Please stay on the trails and remain alert, especially if small children are in your party.

The most comfortable time to visit the Monument is between late October and early May. In extreme summer temperatures, heat exhaustion can occur rapidly. We suggest that you drink ample water and wear a hat while hiking the trails.

Tonto National Monument, part of the National Park System, preserves an important chapter of the prehistory of our country and belongs to all Americans.

Everything within the park, including pre-historic artifacts, rocks, plants and animals are protected by law. Please take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints so that the resources of this National Monument will remain for others to enjoy.