



CAMPING NEAR THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS

Two, semi-developed campsites, Upper Scorpion and Lower Scorpion are located within a few tenths of a mile of the Cliff Dwellings Trailhead. The sites are on a first-come first-served basis and fill up early on holiday weekends. There are approximately 20 sites. There are 7 complete sites at Lower Scorpion – all have tables, grills, and fire rings. Upper Scorpion has 10 tables, 10 grills, and 12 fire rings. Flush toilets and water are at both campgrounds, although during the winter, one of the campgrounds may not have water and the toilet may be locked. There are no hook-ups, or trash containers. There is no fee.

Grapevine Campground and Forks Campground are undeveloped sites along the Gila River at Mile Markers 37 and 38 on Hwy. 15, about five miles south of the Visitor Center. The campgrounds, located in a flood plain, have pit toilets, but no water, tables, grills, or trash containers.

Campfires are permitted, but only wood that is dead and down can be collected. Do not remove dead branches from living trees. Remember – green wood will not burn!

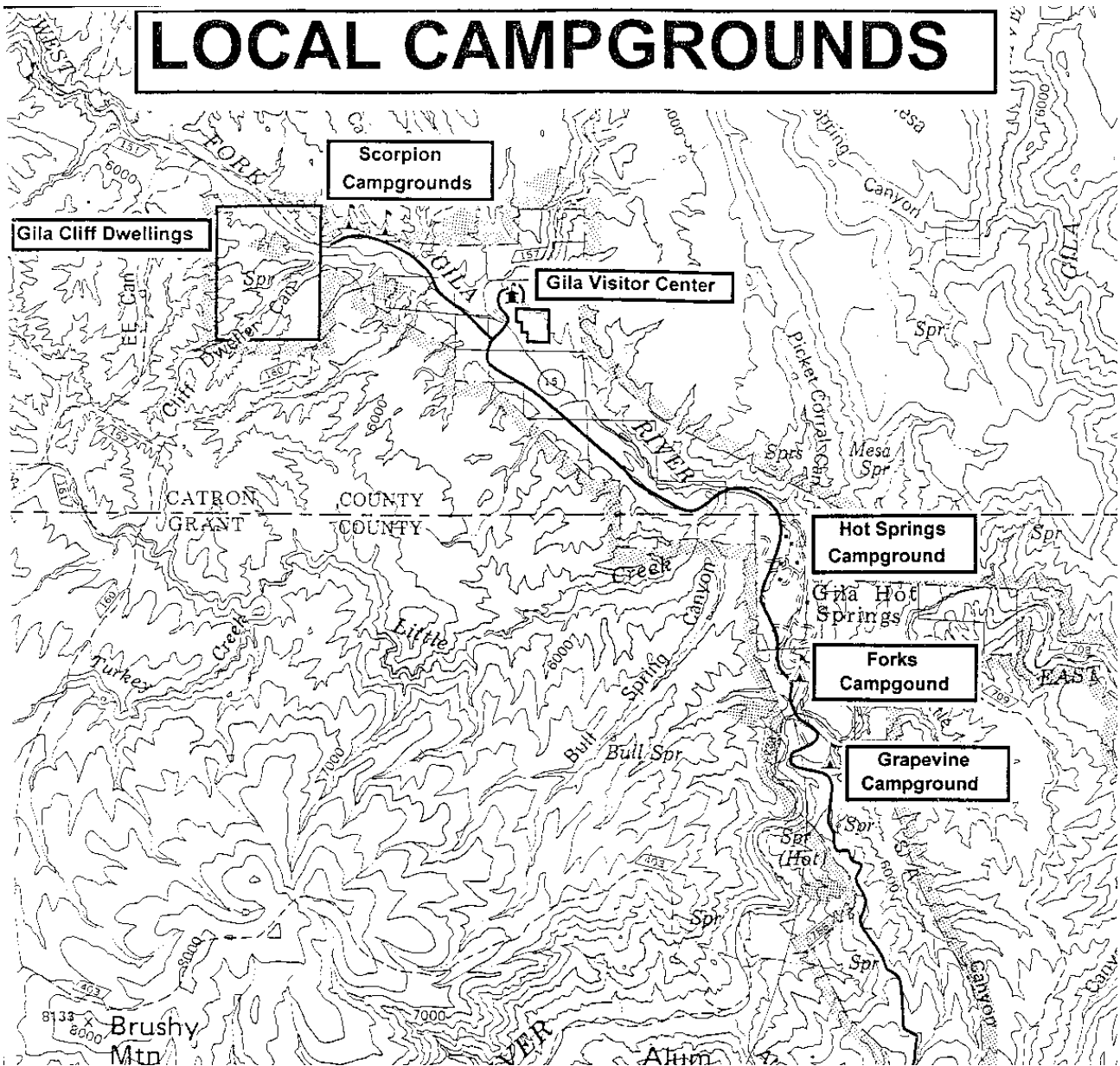
Because this is a Wilderness, trash pick-up is unavailable at any of these campgrounds. We ask that all visitors practice Pack it in – Pack it Out. In other words, you must take all your trash out with you, down to the smallest item

There is an RV dump near the Visitor Center open during summer. Potable water can be obtained from an outside faucet located at the toilets next to the Visitor Center. The toilets are open all night and have hot water.

There is a privately owned campground in the small community of Gila Hot Springs, 4 miles south of the Visitor Center. Turn east onto Access Road, driving down a steep, and bumpy dirt road –go past the horse corrals and turn left onto West Fork Road.

Gila Hot Springs also has RV hookups, lodging, gas, a few grocery items, and other limited services.

LOCAL CAMPGROUNDS



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