



Fossil Creek Access Guide

Yavapai-Apache Nation Members

April 1 – October 1, 2026

This guide is provided by the Yavapai-Apache Nation based on access procedures coordinated with the U.S. Forest Service Red Rock Ranger District for Tribal Member access to Fossil Creek.

Reserved Parking Permits

Throughout the permitted season, and on a daily basis, parking spaces will be reserved for individual Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN) members at the following locations:

- Waterfall (2 spaces)
- Irving (1 space)
- Sally May (3 spaces)

The reserved parking will be designated by a sign that indicates "Official Use Only."

How to Obtain a Permit

- Parking permits can be obtained from the YAN Tribal Administration Office located at 2400 West Datsi in Middle Verde.
- ***Parking permits must be returned within 24 hours of being checked out.***

Arrival & Check-In Process

- YAN members will be greeted by Forest Service (FS) staff when they arrive at Fossil Creek. This will occur at the FR 502 / FR 708 junction.
- Inform the FS staff that you are a YAN member and show them your YAN parking permit.
- The parking permit must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle.

Large Group Visits

The Forest Service can accommodate large groups of YAN members with vehicles that will exceed the number of reserved parking spaces.

The following information must be provided to Rebecca Miller a minimum of 31 days prior to the planned visit date:

- Date of visit
- Desired parking location
- Number of parking spaces requested
- Group primary contact name and phone number

Homestead Ceremonial Grounds

- The Homestead ceremonial grounds are available to YAN members on a year-round basis.
- Access to the Homestead site can be obtained by requesting the gate code from the FS staff during the check-in process.
- The site can be accessed anytime between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM and must be vacated by 8:00 PM.
- Please ensure that the gate is locked upon your departure.

If there are plans to utilize the site for large, multi-day ceremonies, please contact Rebecca Miller a minimum of 90 days prior to the ceremony to discuss ways that the Forest Service can provide logistical support and to make participants aware of any site restrictions (such as fire restrictions) that may be in place during the planned event.

Stewardship Reminder

The Forest Service has worked to accommodate Tribal Member access to Fossil Creek. Visitors are asked to be respectful of all site requirements and help preserve this important area by packing out what they pack in and leaving the site clean for future visitors.

Questions?

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