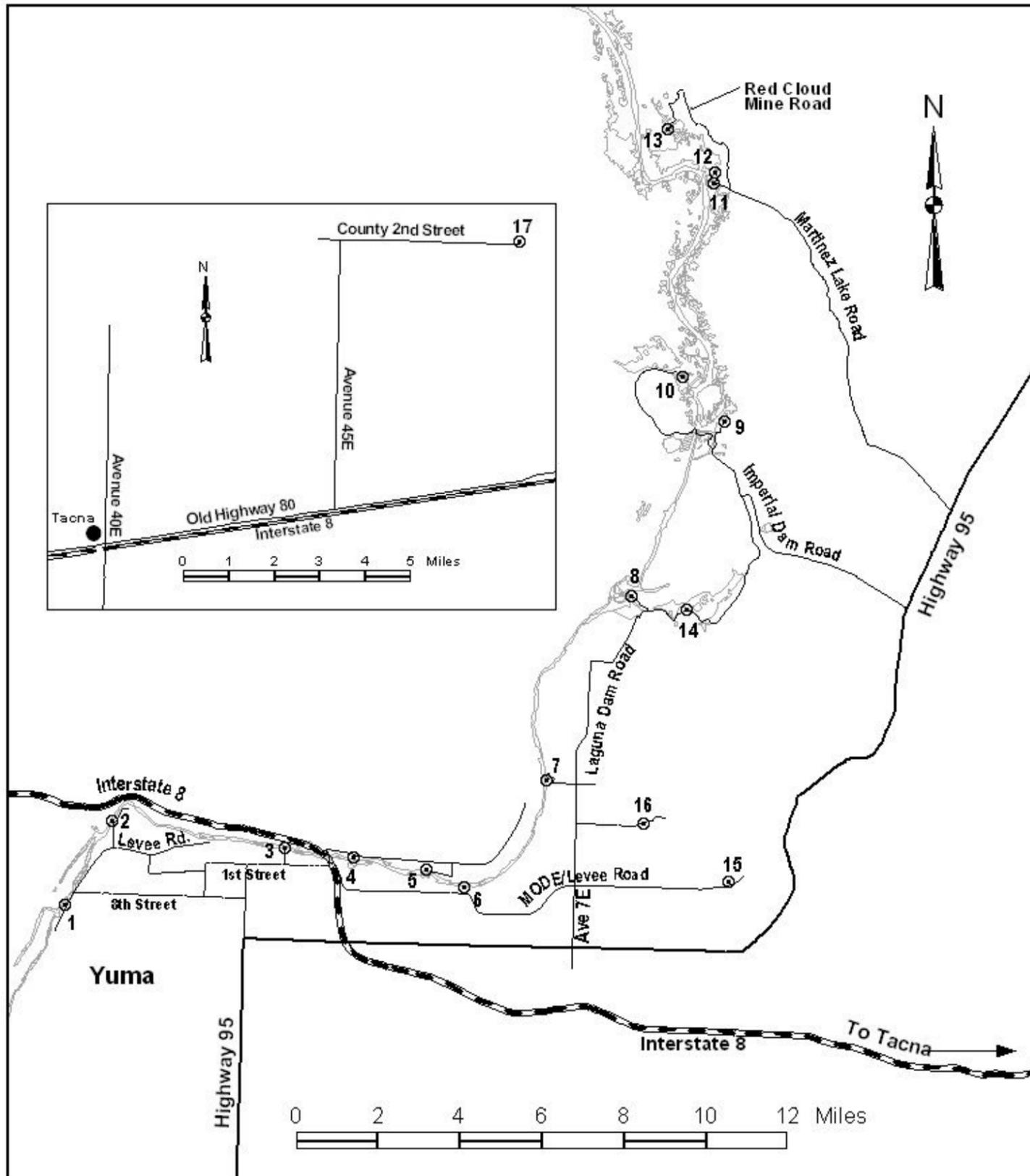


Location Map of Yuma Area Fishing Holes



YUMA AREA FISHING HOLES

There is water in the desert, which provides fishing opportunities. This handout contains the location, facilities, access, and fish species information for several Yuma-area fishing holes. The names associated with these areas are the most commonly used local name (alternate names for some sites may exist) and the mileages to each location are approximations. On the lower Colorado River (below Imperial Dam) flows may be such that some of the launch facilities (both improved and primitive) may not be usable.

Some of the access roads getting to the various fishing areas cross private property, state lands, or Indian reservation lands. It is important to abide by and respect all postings, closures, and permit requirements that may exist. Trash is a growing problem at many of the areas so please leave the fishing spot cleaner than you found it.

These fishing holes all require some type of a fishing license and depending on the area or fish being caught, and additional stamps may be required. License requirements and fishing regulations are available at the Arizona Game and Fish Department office or any license dealer.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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YUMA AREA FISHING HOLES

	NUMBER ON MAP	FACILITIES							ACCESS						FISH SPECIES													
		Improved boat launch	Primitive boat launch	Handicap access	Toilets	Trash	Camping	Day-Use	Fee area	Public	Private *	Reservation **	State land ***	Paved	Gravel	4 X 4	Largemouth bass	Smallmouth bass	Striped bass	Crappie	Catfish (Channel)	Catfish (Flathead)	Tilapia	Redear Sunfish	Bluegill Sunfish	Mullet	Carp	Rainbow Trout (C)
COLORADO RIVER AREAS (A)	1 - Morelos Dredge Launch	X							X						X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X		
	2 - Mode II	X							X						X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X		
	3 - Yuma West Wetlands	X		X	X				X			X				X				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
	4 - Backwater 31	X								X					X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	5 - Backwater 33	X							X						X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	6 - Gila River Confluence								X						X	X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X	
	7 - Bruce Church	X								X					X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	8 - Betty's Kitchen			X	X		X	X	X						X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X		X
	9 - Hidden Shores	X		X	X	X		X	X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	10 - Squaw Lake/Senator's Wash Res.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	11 - Fishers Landing	X		X	X	X		X	X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	12 - Martinez Lake	X							X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	13 - Meers Point	X	X	X	X		X		X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
INLAND AREAS	14 - Mittry Lake (B)	X	X	X	X	X		X						X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		
	15 - Fortuna Pond					X		X						X	X				X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
	16 - Redondo Pond	X				X		X						X	X						X					X		
	17 - Growler Pond					X		X						X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X		X	

* Private access. Abide by signage, owner request or other legal requirements
 ** See Reservation for appropriate licensing requirements
 *** State land requires one of the following (fishing license, hunting license or State Land access permit)
(A) River stamp required when fishing from boat or floating device on Colorado River and from California shore - stamp also allows you to fish Senator's Wash
(B) A California fishing license is valid on Mittry Lake; however, an Arizona river stamp must be attached
(C) Seasonal - A trout stamp is required for a Class A license when fishing for trout

- (1) **Morelos Dredge Launch** – From Yuma, take 8th Street west out of town to where it ends at the main levee road. Turn left (south) on the levee road about ½ mile to where you can cross over the canal. Turn right (north) on the west side of the canal and drive 0.4 miles and turn left on a dirt access to the river. [GPS – N 32° 42.508 W 114° 43.531]
- (2) **Mode II** – From Yuma, take 1st Street west. Follow it around a curve where it turns into south Ave. C. Turn right (west) onto Riverside Dr. and continue straight ahead. Riverside Dr. turns into Strand Ave. at the stop sign. Follow Strand Ave until it comes to a stop sign near the train tracks. Take a left (west) onto the raised levee road. Travel about 0.8 miles and take a right onto a road that crosses the canal. Take an immediate left after crossing canal and travel along the canal about 0.5 miles to the Colorado River. [GPS -- N 32° 43.759 W 114° 42.870]
- (3) **Yuma West Wetlands Park** – From Yuma, take 1st Street west. Take a right (north) on 12th Ave. and follow road to the park. [GPS -- N 32° 43.879 W 114° 38.122]
- (4) **Backwater #31 (Colorado River)** – From interstate 8 in Yuma heading west towards California, take Giss Parkway exit. Follow Giss Parkway and turn right on Gila Street. Follow Gila Street and turn right (north) onto 1st Street. Continue on 1st Street over the ocean-to-ocean bridge. Once across the bridge continue about 0.2 miles and turn right (east) onto a dirt road (levee road). Follow the levee road about 1 mile and turn right (south) on a dirt road which heads down to the water. [GPS -- N 32° 43.691 W 114° 36.124]
- (5) **Backwater #33 (Colorado River)** – From interstate 8 in Yuma heading west towards California, take Giss Parkway exit. Follow Giss Parkway and turn right on Gila Street. Follow Gila Street and turn right (north) onto 1st Street. Continue on 1st Street over the ocean-to-ocean bridge. Once across the bridge continue about 0.2 miles and turn right (east) onto a dirt road (levee road). Follow the levee road about 3 miles and turn right (south) on dirt road, next to orange groves, and travel 0.8 miles to the backwater. [GPS -- N 32° 43.639 W 114° 34.511]
- (6) **Gila River Confluence** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) for about 1.5 miles. Turn left (west) on a dirt road (high levee) for 3.2 miles. Keep the canal on your left side. The confluence will be on your right. [GPS -- N 32° 43.225 W 114° 33.488]
- (7) **Bruce Church** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) to County 5E. Turn left (west) and follow the dirt road, which parallels power lines, and curves north for about 0.5 miles. Turn left (south) onto a raised levee road and follow it for 0.3 miles and turn right (west) to the Colorado River. [GPS – N 32° 45.217 W 114° 31.577]
- (8) **Betty's Kitchen** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) and drive about 9.4 miles where Laguna Dam Rd. turns to gravel. Continue for 0.4 at which point you will see the sign for Betty's Kitchen and turn left. [GPS – N 32° 49.179 W 114° 29.276]
- (9) **Hidden Shores (Imperial Oasis)** – From Yuma take Hwy 95, north towards Quartzsite for 14.2 miles turn left on to Imperial Dam Rd. and follow it 6.7 miles until you come to a sign for Hidden Shores and turn right. [GPS --N 32° 53.200 W 114° 27.486]
- (10) **Squaw Lake** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 north towards Quartzsite for 14.2 miles. Turn left on to Imperial Dam Rd. and follow it until you come to Senator Wash Rd. and turn right. Follow this road, and the signs, for 4.2 miles to Squaw Lake. [GPS -- N 32° 54.078 W 114° 28.590]
- (11) **Fisher's Landing** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 north towards Quartzsite for 17 miles. Turn left on to Martinez Lake Rd. Follow this road 7.8 miles to the boat launch. [GPS -- N 32° 58.165 W 114° 27.845]
- (12) **Martinez Lake** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 north towards Quartzsite for 17 miles. Turn left on to Martinez Lake Rd. Follow this road 7.6 miles until you come to Marina Rd. Turn right for about 0.5 miles to Martinez Lake. [GPS -- N 32° 58.544 W 114° 28.013]
- (13) **Meer's Point** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 north towards Quartzsite for 17 miles. Turn left on to Martinez Lake Rd. Follow this road to Red Cloud Mine Rd. and turn right. Continue down Red Cloud Mine Rd. and follow signs for Meer's Point. [GPS -- N 32° 59.396 W 114° 28.952]
- (14) **Mittry Lake** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) for about 9.4 miles where Laguna Dam Rd. turns to gravel. Continue north for 1.6 miles (past Betty's Kitchen) to the boat ramp at Mittry Lake. [GPS – N 32° 49.206 W 114° 28.195]
- (15) **Fortuna Pond** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) for about 1.5 miles until you come to the gravel levee road. Turn right onto the levee (canal should be on your right side) and follow the levee for about 3.3 miles. Fortuna Pond will be on your left. [GPS – N 32° 43.424 W 114° 27.070]
- (16) **Redondo Pond** – From Yuma take Hwy 95 to Ave. 7E (Laguna Dam Rd.) and turn left (north) for 3.4 miles to Co. 6 road. Turn right (east) and follow Co. 6 Rd. for 1.5 miles. Redondo Pond will be on the right (south) side of the road. [GPS -- N 32° 44.572 W 114° 28.997]
- (17) **Growler Pond** – From Yuma take Interstate 8 heading east to the Tacna exit (40E) and go left (north) across the railroad tracks. Turn right (east) on Old Hwy. 80 for 5 miles to 45E. Turn left (north) on 45E about 5 miles. At the third stop sign the road ends at a "T" intersection with County 2nd. Turn right (east) and go to Ave 50 E and turn left (north). The pond will be on the left side. [GPS -- N 32° 47.936 W 113° 46.913]

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