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Forest Campgrounds Open for the Season While Others Close

TUCSON, AZ, October 14, 2005 – Summer’s over; school’s back in session; days are shorter and nights are cooler – all signifying an end to the traditional summer camping season. On the Coronado National Forest, fall weather also signifies that other low elevation campgrounds now offer fabulous opportunities for group and family camping next to a campfire on a cool night. Many Southern Arizona forest campgrounds are open year-round. Here is the schedule for developed campground openings and closures:

Santa Catalina Ranger District

Site	Location	Dates
Rose Canyon Campground	Mt. Lemmon	Closes October 30, 2005
Spencer Canyon Campground	Mt. Lemmon	Closes October 24, 2005
Showers Point Group Campground	Mt. Lemmon	Closes October 30, 2005
Whitetail Group Campground Call (520)576-1325 for reservation info	Mt. Lemmon	Opens October 7, 2005 Closes October 30, 2005
Molino Basin Campground Call (520)749-8700 for group reservations	Mt. Lemmon	Opens October 14, 2005

Safford Ranger District

Site	Location	Dates
Riggs Lake Campground	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Clark Peak Corrals	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Treasure Park Group Campground	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Hospital Flat Campground	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Cunningham Campground	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Soldier Creek Campground	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005
Columbine Corrals	Mt. Graham	Closes November 15, 2005

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Douglas Ranger District

Site	Location	Dates
Rustler Park Campground	Chiricahua Mts.	Closes October 29, 2005

It is always a good idea to check local weather forecasts and road conditions as you plan your outing. Also, campsites may be closed due to such things as wildfire damage, flash flooding, repairs, and maintenance. Contact your local Coronado National Forest office for more information:

Douglas Ranger District, (520) 364-3468
Nogales Ranger District, (520) 281-2296
Sierra Vista Ranger District, (520) 378-0311
Safford Ranger District, (928) 428-4150
Santa Catalina Ranger District, (520) 749-8700
Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office, (520) 388-8300

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