

Arizona Trout Challenges



Wild Trout Challenge



- The Wild Trout Challenge highlights the two trout species that are native to Arizona: The Apache Trout and the Gila Trout.
- The Wild Trout Challenge also offers the opportunity to pursue wild trout populations of Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout.
- All 5 species (Apache, Gila, Rainbow, Brown, and Brook) must be caught from qualifying waters to complete the challenge.

Arizona Trout Challenge



- The Arizona Trout Challenge was developed by the Department to encourage anglers to learn more about the fishing opportunities throughout the state.
- There are 8 trout species in Arizona: Apache Trout, Gila Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Tiger Trout, and the Arctic Grayling.
- At least 6 species must be caught to complete the challenge.

Rules for the Challenge



1. Anglers must submit a completed application form with the species, location caught, and date caught.
2. Anglers must submit photos of each species caught.
3. Fish must be caught legally, and in Arizona waters.
4. Anglers will only be eligible to complete each Challenge once. After completing one Challenge, in order to be eligible for the second Challenge, all fish submitted must be from different waters.
5. Waters not listed for a given species will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The program committee reserves the right to accept or deny any application.



Arizona Game and Fish Department
recognizes

John Doe

For demonstrating the knowledge and expertise to catch all five species of wild trout in Arizona; completing the

Arizona Wild Trout Challenge



Gila Trout
Oncorhynchus gilae
Dude Creek
October 24, 2022



Apache Trout
Oncorhynchus apache
Thompson Creek
October 23, 2022



Brook Trout
Salvelinus fontinalis
Thompson Creek
October 23, 2022



Rainbow Trout
Oncorhynchus mykiss
Lees Ferry, Colorado River
September 24, 2022



Arctic Grayling
Aker Lake
October 22, 2021

Julie Cooper
Julie Cooper, Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief

Certificate No. ###

Zachary Beard
Zachary Beard, Native Trout



For completing your first Chub
Trout Challenge hoodie.
Challenge, you will receive a c



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recognizes

Jane Doe

For completing the

Arizona Trout Challenge



Gila Trout
Oak Creek
January 11, 2022



Cutthroat Trout
Big Lake
October 21, 2021



Apache Trout
Christmas Tree Lake
June 5, 2021



Tiger Trout
Willow Springs Lake
April 13, 2022



Brown Trout
Horston Creek
March 25, 2021



Rainbow Trout
Chevelon Canyon Lake
December 7, 2021



Brook Trout
Willow Springs Creek
July 1, 2022

Julie Cooper
Julie Cooper, Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief

Certificate No. ###

Zachary Beard
Zachary Beard, Native Trout and Chub Coordinator



Arizona Game and Fish Department
recognizes

Jane Doe

For completing the

Arizona Trout Challenge



Gila Trout
East Verde River
February 3, 2023



Apache Trout
Aker Lake
May 21, 2022



Brown Trout
Tonto Creek
October 14, 2022



Arctic Grayling
Aker Lake
May 21, 2022



Rainbow Trout
Goldwaters Lake
May 31, 2021



Tiger Trout
Woods Canyon Lake
October 21, 2022

Julie Cooper
Julie Cooper, Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief

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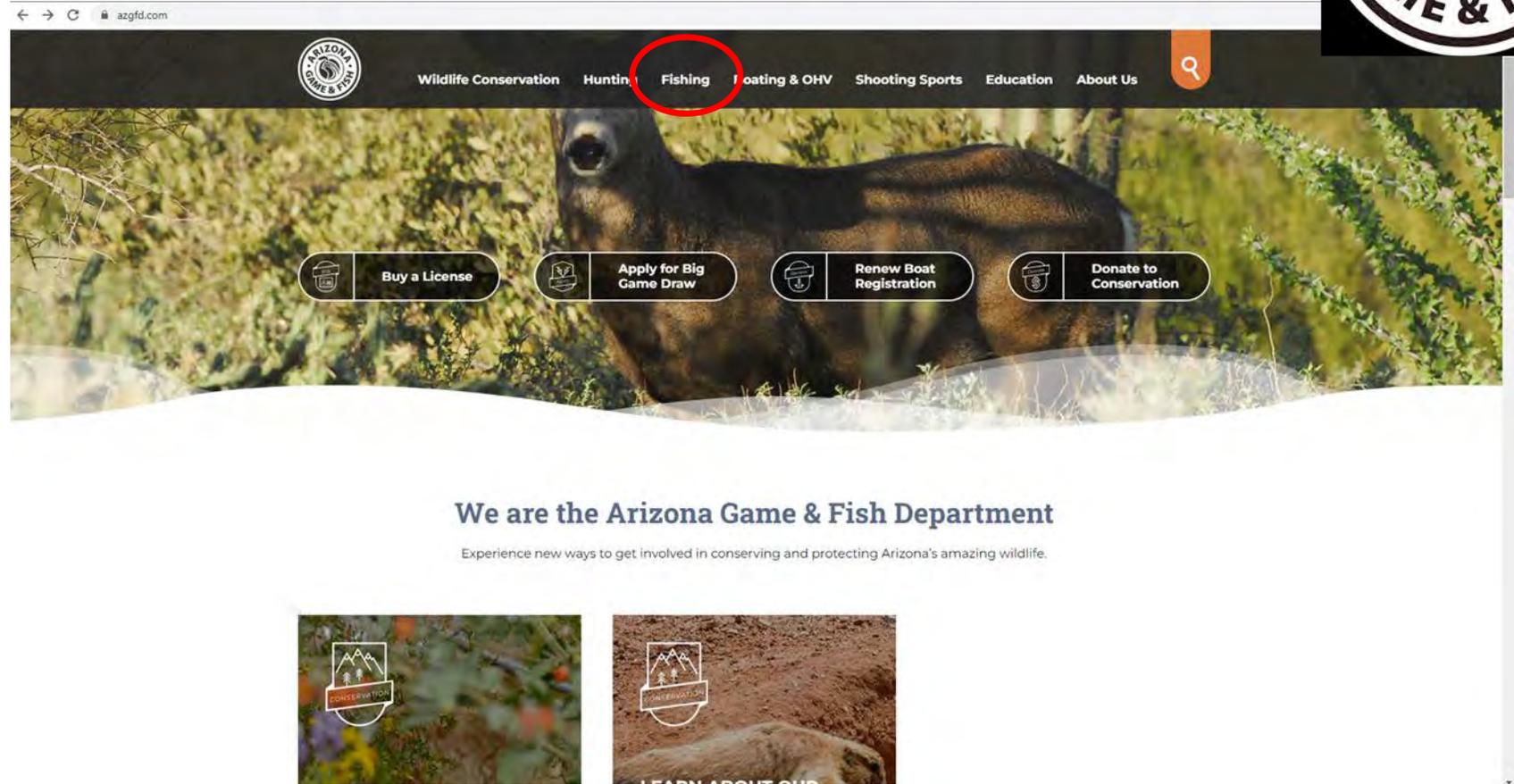
Where to fish
for Trout???

<https://www.azgfd.com/>





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Bass anglers: The [Arizona Hawg Bass Challenge](#)
Arizona is home to great largemouth bass fishing! The Arizona Game and Fish Department works to provide great opportunities for anglers to catch huge largemouth bass all over the state.

Catfish chasers: Our [Arizona Fat Cat Challenge](#)
Arizona is home to fantastic large flathead and channel catfish fishing! The Arizona Game and Fish Department works to provide great opportunities for anglers to catch huge flathead and channel catfish (catfish) all over Arizona.

Trout anglers: [Arizona Trout Challenge](#)
Arizona's Trout Challenge Program was developed to encourage anglers to learn more about fishing opportunities in the state. Arizona Game and Fish Department manages many waters statewide to provide anglers the opportunity to catch several different species of trout, including two found only in the Southwest, Gila Trout and Apache Trout.



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2 WAYS TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE

- **Catch all five species of wild trout** in Arizona. These species include Apache, Brown, Brook, Gila and Rainbow trout.
**Anglers who completed the wild trout challenge without a Gila Trout while the Gila Trout requirement was suspended may submit a photo of a wild Gila Trout they catch for verification along with the stream it was caught at, date caught, and gear type used (fly or lure) to the email or mailing address listed below. You do not need to resubmit the full application. After the Gila Trout is verified it will be added to your certificate and a new wild trout challenge certificate will be issued.*
- **Catch at least six of the eight total species** in Arizona (including hatchery-raised trout): Gila, Apache, Brown, Brook, Rainbow, Grayling, Cutthroat, and Tiger trout.

[Trout Challenge map](#)

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

Email applications and photos to aztroutchallenge@azgfd.gov, or mail to:
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Select the link for the Interactive 'Trout Challenge map'



From the Trout Challenge web page, select the species of interest from the top ribbon

The screenshot shows the top portion of the Arizona Trout Challenge website. At the top, there is a navigation ribbon with buttons for "The Challenge", "Apache Trout", "Gila Trout", "Brown Trout", "Brook Trout", "Rainbow Trout", "Arctic Grayling", "Cutthroat Trout", "Tiger Trout", and "AZGFD Hatcheries". Below the ribbon is a large image of a brown trout in a stream. To the right of the image is a text box with the following content:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Trout Challenge encourages anglers to explore trout fishing in some of the most scenic areas in Arizona. The Arizona Game and Fish Department manages over 100 waters statewide providing anglers numerous opportunities to catch several different species of trout, including two found only in the Southwest, Gila Trout and Apache Trout.

Click on each species to learn more, including a map of the watersheds where each trout species is found. Zoom in on the map to see specific streams and lakes, then click on each to see if it qualifies for the Trout Challenge and if any special regulations are in effect.

Here's the [Rules](#) for the Challenge and don't forget to download an [application form](#).

Buy your fishing license [online](#), then see your license dollars at work over at the [Fish AZ site](#).

New to fishing? Watch Arizona Game and Fish's [Learn to Fish](#) video series.

This screenshot shows the "Apache Trout" section of the website. It features a map of Arizona with several red-shaded areas indicating the watersheds where Apache Trout are found. To the right of the map is a detailed image of three Apache Trout. Below the image is the text:

Apache Trout are Arizona's state fish and found only in Arizona. Read the story of the amazing success in recovering this unique species, then explore the map to see where to catch Apache Trout. More info and fishing tips below!

Apache trout

At the bottom of the page, there is a small text block: "Apache Trout are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and the White Mountain Apache Tribe are working to reestablish Apache Trout in their historic watersheds."



From there, scroll down on the right side of the screen to see Wild Trout Challenge eligible waters, and zoom in and out on the left side of the screen to see the map

A screenshot of the Arizona Trout Challenge website. The browser address bar shows the URL: azgfd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=148f6f5c4ea94cd3ae9e163c336e1d7. The page title is "Arizona Trout Challenge". Below the title is a navigation menu with tabs for "The Challenge", "Apache Trout", "Gila Trout", "Brown Trout", "Brook Trout", "Rainbow Trout", "Arctic Grayling", "Cutthroat Trout", "Tiger Trout", and "AZGFD Hatcheries". The main content area is split into two columns. The left column contains a topographic map of the White Mountains region in Arizona, with a blue line indicating a stream. The map includes labels for "WHITE MOUNTAINS", "CREEK PLATEAU", "TENNEY MOUNTAIN", "MIDDLE MOUNTAIN", "APACHE GREENLEE", "Noble Mountain", "Eberhard Mountain", "Fort Apache Reservation", and "Apache National Forest". The right column contains text explaining the challenge and providing a list of eligible waters. The text includes: "Where to Catch Apache Trout (*indicates Wild Trout eligible locations): West Fork Black River*, West Fork Little Colorado River*, Aker Lake, East Fork Black River, Little Colorado River (Greer), Lee Valley Reservoir, Silver Creek, Fish Creek* (tributary to the Black River)". Below the text is a photograph of a stream flowing through a forested area.



Select the different waters on the map to read about them

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Arizona Trout Challenge Website

The Challenge Apache Trout Gila Trout Brown Trout Brook Trout Rainbow Trout Arctic Grayling Cutthroat Trout Tiger Trout AZGFD Hatcheries

West Fork Black River

Wild Trout Challenge Eligible:	Yes
Arizona Trout Challenge Eligible:	Yes
Special Regulations:	Catch and Release; Artificial Fly and Lure only, single barbless hook

Search for several populations of wild Apache trout and opportunities to catch them in the White Mountains and other reservoirs stocked by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The form collects information on when and where anglers fished for Apache Trout or Gila Trout, the type of fishing gear they used, and how many fish they caught. Filling out this survey is completely voluntary and responses are completely anonymous. This information will be used by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to better manage Apache Trout and Gila Trout in Arizona.

Learn more about [Apache Trout](#), including angling tips.

Where to Catch Apache Trout (*indicates Wild Trout eligible locations)

- West Fork Black River*
- West Fork Little Colorado River*
- Aker Lake
- East Fork Black River
- Little Colorado River (Green)
- Lee Valley Reservoir
- Silver Creek
- Fish Creek* (tributary to the Black River)

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