

Oak Creek Canyon

The road through Oak Creek Canyon descends 2,000 feet in 15 miles.

The ponderosa pine forest at Oak Creek Vista transitions to pinyon-juniper woodland and chaparral landscape near Uptown Sedona. Pioneers started building a wagon road in 1887. By the mid-1930s, a paved, two-lane road enabled cars to wind their way through this scenic canyon.

Leave No Trace ▪ Sin Dejar Huellas



Know Before You Go. Plan ahead for your trek, whether it is on foot, bike, or horseback. Be sure you are physically fit for the trip and know your route. Pack appropriately for the weather and take plenty of water.

Prepárese antes de salir de casa.



Stick To Trails. Damage to the biological soil crust takes 70 to 125 years to grow back. Prevent erosion and avoid damaging sensitive plants and organisms by staying on designated trails.

Camine por los senderos marcados.



Trash Your Trash. Pack out and dispose of any trash properly. Even “natural” waste, such as apple cores and orange peels, should be carried out. Pick up after your pet; thousands of pounds of dog feces contribute to *E. coli* bacteria in Oak Creek each year.

Utilice los basureros.



Leave It As You Find It. Leave plants, rocks, animals, and artifacts where you find them so that others can enjoy the discovery as well.

Déjelo tal como lo encontró.



Keep Wildlife Wild. Observe from a distance. Never feed wild animals or throw rocks or other objects at them. Keep pets on a leash.

Permita que los animales salvajes se mantengan salvajes.



Be Considerate of Other Visitors. Hike single file in small groups. Let nature’s sounds prevail. Avoid speaking loudly or making noise.

Sea considerado con otros visitantes.

Are you prepared?

Carry the following items with you when you venture out on the trail:

- ☐ **Water:** At least one gallon per person per day.
- ☐ **Food:** Salty snacks. Eat twice as much as normal.
- ☐ **First Aid Kit**
- ☐ **Flashlight or Headlamp:** Extra batteries.
- ☐ **Map and Compass**
- ☐ **Appropriate Clothing:** Extra layers, rain jacket, hiking shoes, hat, and sunscreen.
- ☐ **Whistle and Signal Mirror:** For emergencies.
- ☐ **Knife or Multi-tool**
- ☐ **Cell Phone** (service not reliable): Call 911 if injured and stay in place until help arrives.
- ☐ **Communication:** Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY.



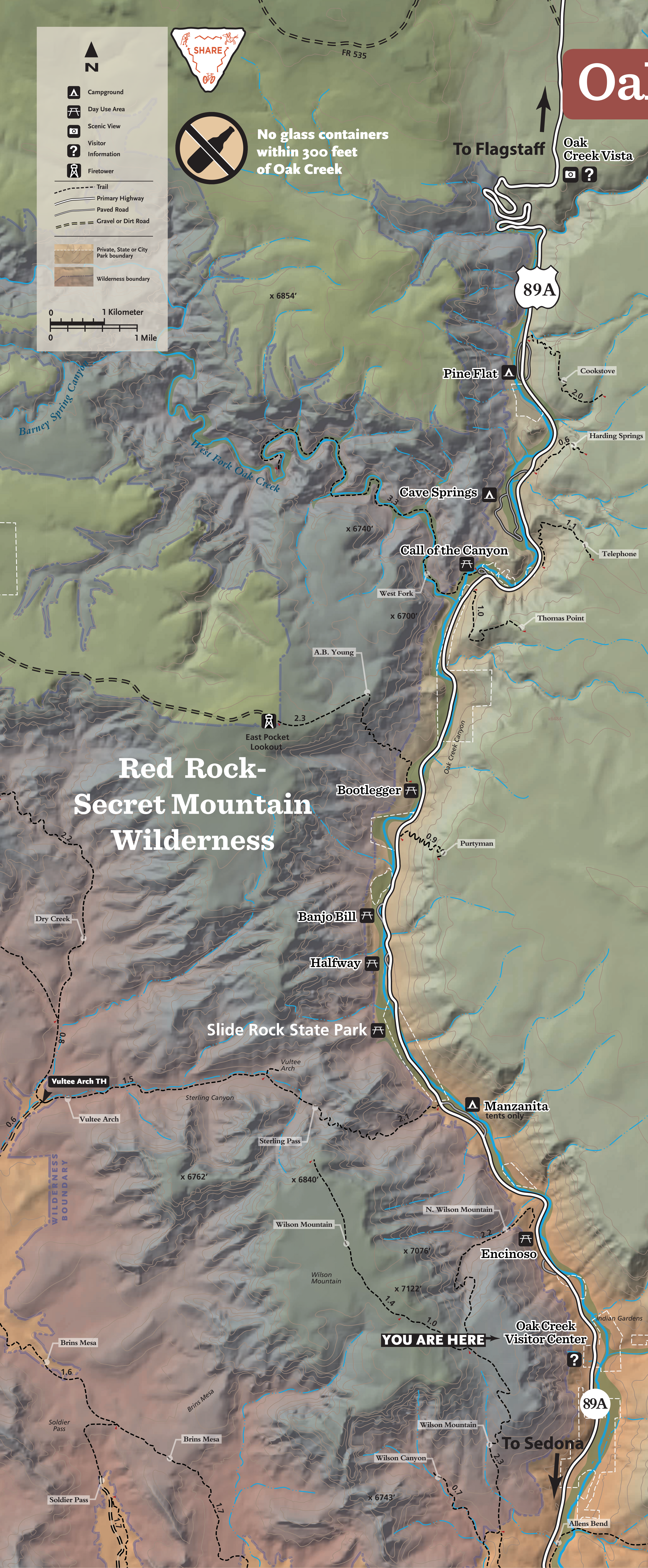
Narrow-headed Gartersnake

Home to a Rare Snake

The nonvenomous, **narrow-headed gartersnake** lives near the water, where it hunts small fish. Oak Creek Canyon is home to one of the last populations of this snake in Arizona. For its protection, it is against the law to harass, handle, hurt, or kill this rare reptile. Stay on designated trails to avoid harming its streamside habitat.

El Hogar de Una Culebra Poco Común

La culebra garter de cabeza angosta (“narrow-headed gartersnake” en inglés) no es venenosa y vive cerca del agua donde caza peces pequeños. El Cañón Oak Creek es el hogar de una de las últimas poblaciones de esta culebra en Arizona. Es contra la ley molestar, recoger, herir o matar este réptil poco común. Manténgase en los senderos señalados para no dañar su hábitat ribereño.



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