



Temporary Suspension of Operations at 13 Rest Areas Statewide

As a part of a series of actions to address current budget constraints, and in an ongoing effort to preserve the most critical services and safety measures for the traveling public, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is temporarily suspending operations of 13 of its 18 rest areas throughout the state, beginning the week of Oct. 19.

- Safety is a top priority.
- Declining transportation revenues resulting from the weakened economy and the state budget shortfall have caused a reduction in ADOT's budget by nearly 25 percent this fiscal year.
- Temporarily suspending operations at these 13 rest areas will allow ADOT to reallocate funds to ensure the safety of the traveling public by focusing on the roadways first.
- The status of these rest areas will be assessed in June at the end of the fiscal year.
- More than a dozen non-ADOT-owned or -operated locations throughout the state will remain open.



This is a very difficult decision, and ADOT understands this change will not be easy for the traveling public. There are commercial facilities in the vicinity of each rest area that may be utilized by the traveling public desiring to take a break in their travels. We thank everyone for understanding and patience. Please be sure to plan ahead before traveling.

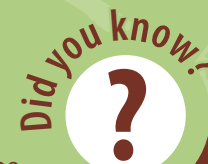
OPEN REST AREAS

Rest Area	Location
Sentinel	I-8 between Gila Bend and Dateland
Burnt Well	I-10 between Buckeye and Tonopah
Texas Canyon	I-10 between Benson and Willcox
Sunset Point	I-17 between Phoenix and Camp Verde
Painted Cliffs	I-40 near the border with New Mexico

CLOSED REST AREAS

Rest Area	Location	Closest Facilities
Mohawk	I-8	12 miles to Dateland; 26 miles to Wellton
Bouse Wash	I-10	7 miles to Vicksburg; 34 miles to Burnt Well Rest Area
Ehrenberg	I-10	4 miles to Blythe; 13 miles to Quartzsite
Sacaton	I-10	12 miles to Casa Grande
San Simon	I-10	20 miles eastbound to rest area near Lordsburg; 9 miles from westbound rest area to San Simon
McGuireville	I-17	10 miles to Camp Verde; 43 miles to Flagstaff
Canoa Ranch	I-19	8 miles to Green Valley
Haviland	I-40	16 miles to Lake Havasu Traffic Interchange; 23 miles to west Kingman Traffic Interchange
Meteor Crater	I-40	17 miles to Winslow; 34 miles to Flagstaff
Parks	I-40	3 miles to Belmont Truck Stop
Mazatzal	SR 87	17 miles to Payson
Salt River Canyon	US 60	35 miles to Globe
Wickenburg/Hassayampa	US 60	6 miles to Wickenburg

For more information, please visit www.azdot.gov



Rest areas were originally built as part of the interstate system to provide facilities between metropolitan areas for restrooms, water, picnic facilities and information kiosks. In the last 50 years, our metropolitan communities have grown and commercial facilities along our interstate systems have proliferated, decreasing the necessity for as many rest areas as were originally built.