

Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park - Show Low, AZ

Ponderosa Shadows is open from May 15th to October 15th. Park is owned by Ponderosa Shadows, Inc., a Not-For-Profit Arizona Corporation, which in turn is owned by the 40 individual members. The typical membership is held jointly by a husband and wife; a few members are single. Each of the 40 memberships is assigned a spacious (not less than 8,000 square feet which includes a storage shed (8x10 or larger) for personal use. Most sites have dual hook-ups (one for the owner and one for a guest), most have cement patios and many have gazebo (screen house) slabs. In addition to the campsites, the park also has common areas such as roads, a ramada-type building with a large fireplace, complete new kitchen and rest rooms, which serves as a meeting/activity hall. There are also about 10 acres of undeveloped ground.

The weather is ideal from late spring to early fall. The park is situated at an elevation of 6,600 feet where the air is crisp and clear. The average daily high temperature from June through September is 84 degrees while the average low is about 51. The skies are generally clear, but brief afternoon showers are not uncommon in July and August.

The White Mountain Recreation Area offers an opportunity to explore the numerous natural and historic attractions nearby. Motor trips to the neighboring National Parks, national Forests and Indian Reservations are quite popular as are boating, fishing, golfing and dining expeditions. In-park activities include Saturday Night Dinners or Pancake Breakfasts, Thursday Happy Hours, Wednesday Night Movies, Ladies Crafts, Bridge, Game Night, etc. Since there is no paid staff at Ponderosa Shadows, another important activity is the volunteer work it takes to make the Park function smoothly. Everyone does his share.

Membership is limited to mature adults at least 55 years of age, (at least one spouse must meet this requirement) who own an Airstream trailer or motorhome, and are members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. After an application is approved by the Board of Directors, the applicant may purchase a Membership from anyone who has one for sale and at a price mutually agreed upon. An annual assessment is made to each Member for 1/40th of the year's operating expenses, including all utilities and taxes. At the present time, the annual cost to each Member is about what two weeks in a commercial park would cost. The cost of buying a Membership depends upon what the buyer and seller agree on, usually in the \$10,000 - \$15,000 range, depending upon the lot and market conditions. There is also a one-time membership transfer fee of \$200.00.

Located in the heart of the White Mountain Recreation Area, but less than 4-hour drive from Phoenix, the park is nestled among the tall pines near the edge of Show Low Lake. Despite its quiet rural setting, the park is only a mile from a hospital and a Wal-Mart. There are public tennis courts, six public golf courses and 40 fishing lakes and streams nearby. One can square dance, round dance or play duplicate bridge at neighboring parks several times a week. There are restaurants to suit almost any taste and churches for almost every creed. And the best sweet corn and tomatoes you ever tasted are grown just a few miles down the road.

From the junction of US 60 and Arizona 260 in downtown Show Low - note the traffic signal and 2 banks at this corner - go south on Route 260 about 4 miles to SHOW LOW LAKE ROAD. The Navapache Hospital is on the north/east corner. Turn left (east) on Show Low Lake Road for about 1 mile. The PONDEROSA SHADOWS sign and drive will be on your right; the dam just ahead on your left.

It sounds great, and it is. But you've got to see it to believe it. Call or write to arrange a delightful 3-day complimentary visit. Phone: 928-537-1103