

Arizona Regional Association (ARA) of the

National Speleological Society (NSS)

ARA Fall Caving Regional – September 21st – 23rd

Peppersauce Campground – Coronado Natl. Forest

Hosted by Central Arizona Grotto, NSS



Getting There:

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):

32.53833, -110.71639

32°32'18"N, 110°42'59"W

From Phoenix/Tempe: drive east on **US-60 East/Superstition** Fwy to **AZ Hwy 79** (Exit 212, signs for Florence/Tucson). Turn

right (**south**) and go 58.2 miles (through Florence) to **AZ Hwy-77**. Turn left (**east**) and go 9.1 miles. Turn right onto W. American Avenue (signs for Oracle). **Gas up in Oracle.** Go 2.4 miles and turn right onto the East Mt. Lemmon Hwy. Go 3.2 miles and take the slight right and continue 5.0 miles. The campground is on the left.



From Tucson: drive north on Oracle Road (AZ Hwy 77 for 36 miles to the town of Oracle. Take the first Oracle exit . American Avenue (signs for Oracle). **Gas up in Oracle.** Go 2.4 miles and turn right onto the East Mt. Lemmon Hwy. Go 3.2 miles and take the slight right and continue 5.0 miles. The campground is on the left.

The Peppersauce Campground Group Campsite is reserved. Follow the big, pink “CAG ARA” signs.

We will **be completing the Peppersauce graffiti removal and restoration project** at the ARA. We are well into the Rabbit Hole Maze and removed graffiti from the Book Room in August.

There are several caves on the north side of Mt. Lemon so recreational trips will also be going out.

Saturday night dinner will be from **Nonna Maria’s Pizza** in Oracle.

The ARA meeting will be Saturday night around the campfire.

Weekend Events: Registration starts Friday evening at the campground. **Signups for caving trips at the campground**

Friday, 12 noon: Peppersauce Cave: put in electricity and telephone lines. Start removing remaining graffiti. Stop at 5 pm.

Saturday: Peppersauce graffiti removal: 8 am – 5 pm.

All day: Recreational caving trips to other caves in the area.

Evening: Pizza and ARA meeting around campfire

AZ Cave Rescue Update

Sunday: Peppersauce graffiti removal: 8 am – noon (if needed). Remove equipment

All day: Recreational caving trips to other caves in the area.

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