

Events at the Lake

Tempe Town Lake hosts more than 100 events a year, ranging from athletic opportunities, like Ironman Arizona and the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, to family activities like July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival and Oktoberfest. Check out what is happening at www.tempe.gov/calendar.



Light Rail Bridge

Tempe believes that public transportation is crucial to a community. We are the only city in Arizona offering light rail from border to border and the only one with a light rail bridge. This bridge is illuminated by LCD lights and changes colors every time a train crosses. The rainbow reflects onto the surface of Town Lake, casting shimmering color onto the water.



Lakeside Development

The lake is seeing continued interest in development along its shores, including a third tower at Hayden Ferry Lakeside, new residential developments and the future Marina Heights/State Farm complex, which at 2 million square feet, will be the largest commercial development in Arizona history. www.tempe.gov/business



Tempe Center for the Arts

Catch a play, a symphony performance, a Wednesday open mic night, or simply take a moment to stroll through the lobby of one of Arizona's most architecturally interesting buildings. This \$65 million performing arts center is home to many local performing arts troupes and may also be rented for special occasions. www.tempe.gov/tca



Exercise at the Lake

There are more than five miles of car-free paths around Town Lake, with both paved and gravel options. Paths start at Priest Road and go to McClintock Road on the south side, Priest to Rural on the north and connect to an additional 20 miles to the north along the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt. www.tempe.gov/maps (under Town Lake Parks and Amenities)



Tempe Town Lake

The heart of a vibrant community

www.tempe.gov/lake

ASU Sun Devil Stadium

While you are at Sun Devil Stadium, don't forget to stop at Tempe Town Lake, just to the north of the stadium. More than 2.7 million people spend time at Town Lake each year, with good reason! The lake offers world class events, Fortune 500 businesses, luxurious condominiums, connections to Arizona State University and Mill Avenue and casual opportunities to walk, boat and even commune with nature. It's within minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport.

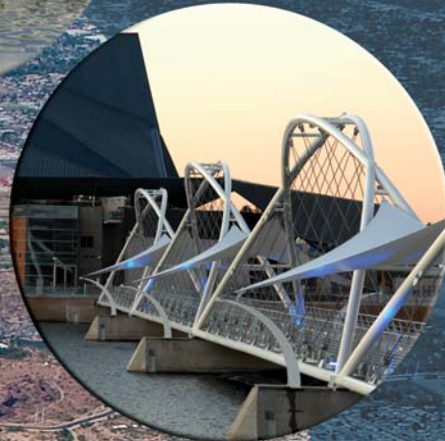
Western dam replacement

Town Lake is a functioning riverbed and upstream flows must be able to pass through the lake. A project to replace the western dam is on schedule to be completed in December 2015. A series of massive steel gates will be built 100 feet west of the current rubber bladder dam. It will be the biggest steel gate dam of its kind in the United States. www.tempe.gov/damreplacement



Pedestrian Bridge

The quarter-mile Tempe Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge offers a scenic overlook at the west end of Town Lake while connecting the Tempe Center for the Arts with many miles of bikeways and paths. This cable suspension bridge glows with a blue hue in the evening. www.tempe.gov/lake
Photo by James Doyle



Boat Rentals

Want to enjoy Town Lake from the water? Boat Rentals of America offers many choices for fun. Get a workout with a kayak or a hydro bike. For those who would prefer a little less exertion, fishing boats with electric motors and family-sized picnic boats are available. www.boats4rent.com



P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

More than 35,000 people will run or walk P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014. Pick between a 13.1- or 26.2-mile course filled with bands, cheerleaders and encouraging spectators. Finish at Tempe Beach Park for a victorious feeling. www.runrockrock.competitor.com/arizona



Wildlife

Want to fish? Go bird watching? You can do both at Tempe Town Lake. You can get an Arizona State fishing license online – a state license with a trout stamp is available at www.azgfd.gov. You'll have to compete with some of the best anglers in the world for your catch – great blue heron and egrets abound. There are even some California brown pelicans living at the lake. And if you are lucky, you will see turtles, rabbits, coyotes and maybe even a beaver.

