

As announced at the December club meeting, the next PCC field trip will be Sat. January 28 to Bearizona, in Williams, AZ. Bearizona is a new drive-thru wildlife park that has only been open about 18 months. They are typically closed in January and February but I spoke with them this week and made special arrangements for them to open the park for PCC so we can photograph the animals in the snow. They will have staff come in and take us around and we should have the place to ourselves.

Below is a list of the animals they have. These animals aren't behind bars, they are in big habitats in the woods, many of which you can drive through. They require that windows are up when you are in the bear habitat area only but they said they would take the PCC group through in their open air bus so we can photograph them without having to worry about shooting through glass. The bears there don't hibernate in winter because they are being fed.

Arctic Wolf
Gray Wolf
Mountain Goat
Big Horn Sheep
Dall Sheep
Black Bear
Bison (including rare white)
Bobcats
Red Fox
Lynx
Raccoon

Here are links to more information although the photos are terrible. They did say that they were interested in photos of the animals in the snow if members were open to letting them use them.

<http://www.bearizona.com/drive-thru-wildlife-park-at-the-gateway-to-the-grand-canyon>

<http://www.facebook.com/Bearizona>

RESERVATIONS!

The cost to open the park to PCC for 4 hours is a flat rate of \$500 so in order to make this work, we need to know how many are interested and get deposits ASAP to hold your space!

If we get 20 attendees, it will cost \$25 per person. This number is very plausible based on similar past field trips, BUT we need to have people reserve spots ASAP so we are certain that this is going to work financially. Obviously if we only have 5 people interested, it's not going to work. I need to let the park know by Saturday, January 14th so please send me an email ASAP if you are interested and I'll need your deposit of \$25 by the 14th at the latest.

Final price will depend on how many sign up and we'll reconcile with attendees one way or the other on the day of the trip. I'll be in communication beforehand to let everyone know where we're at. If we get lots of interest (over 30 people) and/or people would like to shoot all day, the park said they would open for us for 8 hours for \$1,000.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested and send me your non-refundable deposit of \$25 to hold your space.

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