

Poston Internment Camp

The Poston Internment Camp is located near Parker, AZ. At its peak, nearly 18,000 Japanese-Americans were incarcerated at Poston. Japanese-Americans living in the EDSD geographical area would have been sent to Poston. The camp was built on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, over the objections of the Tribal Council, who refused to be a part of doing to others what had been done to their tribe.



Roasten, Toastin and Dustin

The site was composed of three separate camps arranged in a chain from north to south at a distance of three miles from each other. Internees named the camps Roasten, Toastin, and Dustin, based on their desert locations.

The Colorado River was approximately 3 miles to the west, outside of the camp perimeter.

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Most of the structures have disappeared over time.

However, there are preservation efforts under way. The video "[Poston Incarceration Site](#)" on the [Poston Preservation](#) website describes these efforts and includes a wealth of info. For other websites regarding life at Poston click [here](#) and [here](#).

