

Things to Do Statewide

Before visiting one of the state parks below, please go to their website for hours of operation, entry fees and more details.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Ranked as one of the great natural museums in the world, showcasing Sonoran desert life. Located near Tucson. (206 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 883-1380](tel:5208831380) [Visit Website](#)

Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park

Meaning “place of metal” or “metal camp.” An ancient 300-room pueblo dating back to A.D. 1225. (178 miles east) Phone: [\(928\) 425-0320](tel:9284250320) [Visit Website](#)

Biosphere 2 Center

The world’s largest controlled environment facility housed in a 3.1 acre glass and steel structure. Tours daily. (209 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 838-6200](tel:5208386200) [Visit Website](#)

Bisbee

Once an important mining center and the largest city between San Francisco and St. Louis. Take a guided underground tour or visit the mining museum. (305 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 432-3554](tel:5204323554) [Visit Website](#)

Boyce Thompson Arboretum⁹⁵

Nature trails wind through 35 acres, featuring desert plants, Queen Creek and wildlife. (95 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 689-2811](tel:5206892811) [Visit Website](#)

Canyon de Chelly National Park & Monument

Anasazi Ruins, located on the Navajo Indian Reservation. (267 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 674-5507](tel:9286745507) [Visit Website](#)

Casa Grande Ruins

Constructed nearly 650 years ago by the Hohokam, this ruin features a four-story building with more than 60 prehistoric sites. (146 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 723-3172](tel:5207233172) [Visit Website](#)

Douglas

Douglas is a destination for hiking, birding and history. This border town is home to the famous Gadsen Hotel, dating back to the turn of the century. (328 miles) Phone: [\(520\) 417-7344](tel:5204177344) [Visit Website](#)

Flagstaff

Northern Arizona University, festivals, forest paths, skiing, snow sports and mountain biking give this small town a big-town excitement. (75 miles north) Phone: [\(800\) 379-0065](tel:8003790065) [Visit Website](#)

Fort Verde State Historic Park

Experience life through the eyes of a frontier soldier at Fort Verde State Historic Park. The fort was a base for General Crook's U.S. Army scouts and soldiers in the 1870s and 1880s. north Phone: [\(928\) 567-3275](tel:9285673275) [Visit Website](#)

Grand Canyon National Park and Monument

Spectacular colors and breathtaking panoramas at one of the Seven Wonders of the World. (136 miles north) Phone: [\(435\) 688-3200](tel:4356883200) [Visit Website](#)

Hoover Dam

The highest concrete dam in the United States, impounding Lake Mead. (168 miles) Phone: [\(702\) 494-2517](tel:7024942517) [Visit Website](#)

Jerome

An abandoned mining camp with quaint shops and restaurants lining the cobblestone streets of this "ghost town." (18 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 634-2900](tel:9286342900) [Visit Website](#)

Kartchner Caverns State Park

Stunning, wet, "live" cave in Southeastern Arizona boasts many world-class features that have been protected since the cave was discovered in 1974. (300 miles) Phone: [\(520\) 586-2283](tel:5205862283) [Visit Website](#)

Kitt Peak National Observatory

The world's largest collection of optical research telescopes. (270 miles south)

Lake Havasu City

Breathtaking shoreline, the London Bridge and small town charm. (100 miles northwest) Phone: [\(800\) 242-8278](tel:8002428278) [Visit Website](#)

Lake Powell/Glen Canyon Dam

Glen Canyon Dam impounds Colorado River water to form scenic Lake Powell. (180milesnorth)Phone: [\(888\) 896-3829](tel:8888963829) [Visit Website](#)

Meteor Crater

The crater is 4,150 feet from rim to rim, 570 feet deep and more than three miles in circumference. 40 miles east of Flagstaff. (195 miles north)Phone: [\(800\) 289-5898](tel:8002895898) (928) 289-2362 [VisitWebsite](#)

Mission San Xavier del Bac

Founded in the late 1600s by missionary Father Kino, the "White Dove of the Desert" is the finest portrayal of mission architecture in the U.S. (221 miles south)Phone: [\(520\) 294-2624](tel:5202942624) [Visit Website](#)

Mogollon Rim

Vast panoramas, forests and scenic trails, extending from Payson to Pinetop-Lakeside. (165 miles/ 264 km north) Photo credit: Arizona Office of Tourism Phone: [\(800\) 672-9766](tel:8006729766) [Visit Website](#)

Montezuma Castle

A well-preserved ancient Indian cliff dwelling built more than six centuries ago. (14 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 567-3322](tel:9285673322) [Visit Website](#)

Nogales

Nogales offers visitors a blend of regional cultures and natural beauty. It is also a gateway to Mexico. (274 miles south) Phone: [\(520\) 287-3685](tel:5202873685) [Visit Website](#)

Painted Desert and Petrified Forest

High desert region splashed with a brilliant array of colors, including a 160-million-year-old petrified forest. (100 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 524-6228](tel:9285246228) [Visit Website](#)

Prescott

Enjoy the mild climate, national forest, historical sites, galleries and museums in Arizona's first capitol. (11 miles north) Phone: [\(800\) 266-7534](tel:8002667534) [Visit Website](#)

Roosevelt Dam

This dam forms Lake Roosevelt, a popular spot for fishing, boating, swimming and water skiing. (54 miles/86.4 km north) Phone: [\(623\) 773-6480](tel:6237736480) [Visit Website](#)

Saguaro National Park

Saguaro National Park is home to both the Tucson Mountain District and the Rincon Mountain District. Elevation ranges from 2,180 ft. to 8,666 ft. and is home to a diverse array of flora and fauna. Common wildlife in the park includes the coyote, quail, desert tortoise, black bear and the Mexican spotted owl. Phone: [\(520\) 733-5158](tel:5207335158)

Sedona/Oak Creek Canyon

Spectacular beauty makes the red rock country a paradise for artists, photographers, golfers, hikers and nature lovers. (29 miles north) Phone: [\(800\) 288-7336](tel:8002887336) [Visit Website](#)

Sunset Crater

Located 20 miles from Flagstaff, this once-active volcano is unique in color and beauty. (75 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 526-1157](tel:9285261157) **Visit Website**

Tombstone

Known as “the town too tough to die,” Tombstone is an authentic 1880 Western town and the famous location of the Shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. (300 miles south) Phone: [\(888\) 457-3929](tel:8884573929) **Visit Website**

Tubac and Tumacacori

The oldest European settlement in Arizona, now known for working artists’ studios and galleries. (265 miles) Photo credit: Fred Hood Phone: [\(520\) 398-2704](tel:5203982704) **Visit Website**

Tucson

Arizona’s second largest city, home to the University of Arizona, arts, shopping, sporting events, spas, resorts and outdoor recreation. (200 miles south) Phone: [\(800\) 638-8350](tel:8006388350) **Visit Website**

Tuzigoot

Apache for “Crooked Water.” Indian ruins built between A.D. 1125 and 1400 by the Sinagua; located near Clarkdale. (25 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 634-5564](tel:9286345564) **Visit Website**

White Mountains

Hundreds of miles of trails, dozens of lakes, and a diverse geography for outdoor activities. (111 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 368-6085](tel:9283686085) **Visit Website**

Wupatki National Monument

Hopi for “Tall House,” the three-story Indian ruins are located 25 miles north of Flagstaff. (80 miles north) Phone: [\(928\) 679-2365](tel:9286792365) **Visit Website**

Yuma

Located along the Colorado River, Yuma features outdoor recreation, annual festivals and historic attractions. Phone: [\(800\) 293-0071](tel:8002930071) **Visit Website**