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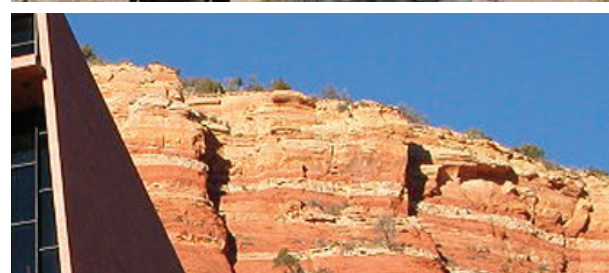
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To make the most of your time, and ease the relocating process, this guide will help you with fingertip access to resources that help you start your new life.

All of our communities have a wide array of amenities and activities for you. From Old Town Cottonwood to Uptown Sedona, from ghost town Jerome to Main Street in Camp Verde you will find things to do. Wine tasting, community fireworks, special events including the Birding Festival and good old-fashioned community parades.

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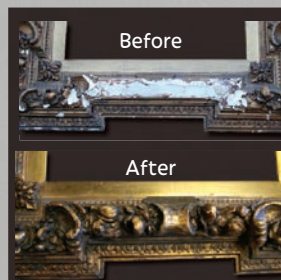
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With nearly 58,000 acres, Sycamore Canyon was the first place in Arizona to earn the “primitive area” designation. In 1984, the Arizona Wilderness Act upgraded it to a wilderness designation.

Within the Prescott, Coconino and Kaibab national forests, the canyon stretches 20 miles from the confluence of Sycamore Creek and the Verde River up to the Mogollon Rim.

At its widest point, the canyon is seven miles across. Parsons Trail provides perhaps the best opportunity to experience the canyon up close. Classified as easy-to-moderate, Parsons Trail can be covered in about four hours or enjoyed for an entire day. The trail is limited to day-use only.

Backpackers, however, are permitted to continue past Parsons Springs for overnight camping. The trail is 3.7 miles each way, and high-quality hiking boots and plenty of water are absolute necessities. Elevation change is 500 feet. From Historic 89A, between Old Town Cottonwood and Clarkdale, take the turnoff for Tuzigoot National Monument; approximately a half-mile, after the bridge, immediately turn left on Sycamore Canyon Road (FSR 131) and go 10 miles, parallel to the Verde River, to Parsons Trail trailhead. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/coconino>

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Clarkdale Town Park Gazebo

The Town of Clarkdale has five parks, but the most prominent gathering place is the Town Park at 1001 Main St., located in the heart of the original Clarkdale town site. This large park hosts a children’s playground, multi-purpose turf area, restrooms, picnic tables and - best of all - a historic gazebo. The gazebo becomes a band stand for many performers during the town’s free Concerts in the Park series every summer and also sees special performances throughout the year. The gazebo is available to rent for weddings and other events. <http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/>

The Verde Valley is an area rich in history encompassing Native American, European and Hispanic cultures. The influx of these cultures was not without conflict, so their stories are told at centers and museums throughout the Verde Valley. Since this area was also home to some of the largest cattle ranches and mining towns in the nation, there is much to share about its history.

• **Camp Verde Historical Society Museum**, 435 S. Main St., Room 201 explores the early pioneering days of the town. The museum's collection includes photographs, artwork and other printed material that touches on the many different groups who have called the area home, such as Native Americans, business owners, farmers, miners, mail riders, soldiers and town settlers. The site is primarily dedicated to the preservation, reconstruction, restoration and administration of buildings and sites of historical significance in the area. In addition, the society houses archival materials going back to the 1860s and also maintains a research library. For information, call 928-567-9560 or visit www.campverde.az.gov/community/vision-statement-2/historical-society-2.

• **Fort Verde State Historic Park**, 125 E. Hollamon St., Camp Verde is considered to be the best-preserved example of an Indian Wars period fort in Arizona. The fort was a base for General Crook's U.S. Army scouts and soldiers in the 1870s and 1880s. Construction of the Fort began in 1871 and was completed by 1873. From 1865 to 1891, the fort was home to officers, doctors, families, enlisted men and scouts. Several of the original buildings still stand and living history programs are scheduled periodically, giving visitors a glimpse into Arizona's history. The park offers picnic tables, restrooms, RV and tour bus parking and is ADA Accessible. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$7 for Adult (14 and up), \$5 for youth (ages 7 to 13) and free for children 6 and under. For information, call 928-567-3275 or visit www.azstateparks.com/Parks/FOVE/.

• **Verde Valley Archaeology Center**, 385 S. Main St., Camp Verde preserves archaeological sites and collections, curates the collections locally and makes them available for research and education. The center also develops partnerships with Native Americans, cultural groups and the communities it serves to foster a deeper understanding of prehistory and Native American history in the Verde Valley through the science of archaeology. The center also hosts workshops, seminars and a film festival. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays (closed Tuesdays). Admission is free. For information, call 928-567-0066 or visit www.verdevalleyarchaeology.org.



• **Yavapai-Apache Nation Culture Center**, 290 W. Middle Verde Road, Camp Verde is a place to learn of the culture and traditions of the American Indian people who have lived in north central Arizona for centuries. The Culture Center is a place for tribal members and others to visit and learn. The center offers Apache and Yavapai cultural preservation, as well as a digital technology program that archives and preserves written and oral history. Activities are conducted throughout the year that heighten awareness of history, culture and tribal traditions, for the survival of the Nation. Featured are informative exhibits, presentations and classes, language lessons and revitalization, traditional crafts, food gathering and preparation and the Ba'tsi ne'hi Gift Shop. For information, call 649-6945 or visit www.yavapai-apache.org.

• **The Copper Art Museum**, 849 Main St., Clarkdale displays exhibits of copper art made by coppersmiths, soldier artists and braziers, many of whom were masters in their trade. Emphasized are American and European works-of-art from the 16th - 21st century. Clarkdale is a former company town built by Senator W. A. Clark for the mass-production of industrial copper from 1915 to 1953. The first floor is divided into five major categories: Military; art and architecture; the cooking room and the drinking room. The tour is self-directing or guests may select to be accompanied by a docent. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$8 for seniors ages 60 and up; \$8 for veterans and students with proper ID; \$3 for youth ages 10 - 17 and \$1 for children ages 5 - 9. For information, call 928-649-7230 or visit www.copperartmuseum.org.

• **Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum**, 900 First North St. provides an engaging museum experience rich in stories and artifacts while professionally stewarding historical collections and building a sustainable organization for the future. The museum protects and preserves all related archives, artifacts and structures. It sits in what was once a clinic in a complex of other historic buildings that make up the center of the town's government and many of its community activities. The museum is open Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as well as

Fort Verde State Historic Park, winter 2014

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For information, call 928-649-1198 or visit www.clarkdaleheritage.org.

• **John Bell Railroad Museum**, 330 N. Broadway Ave., is located at the Verde Canyon Railroad depot in Clarkdale and is dedicated to John Bell, a long time Clarkdale resident and amateur historian. The museum displays artifacts and photographs relating to the railroad line and the excursion equipment. When Bell died in 1998, he left his extensive collection of railroad artifacts and photographs to the Verde Canyon Railroad. The collection, a mix of photographs and artifacts, chronicle the mighty railroads that played such a significant part in the growth of the Verde Valley. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day that the train runs. Admission is free. For information, call 800-320-0718 or visit www.verdecanyonrr.com/journey/at-the-depot.

• **The Clemenceau Heritage Museum**, 1 N. Willard is operated by the Verde Historical Society and is housed in Cottonwood's oldest school building. The building was constructed in 1923 - 1924 by James (Rawhide Jimmy) Douglas of the United Verde Extension Copper Company and housed grades K-9. The schoolhouse is among the institutions that were part of Clemenceau, the smelter town that predated the City of Cottonwood. The area was named for French Premier Georges Clemenceau, a friend of Douglas, who built the town. The museum traces Verde Valley history and customs with exhibits and special events. It is open Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is free, but accepts donations. For information, call 928-634-2868 or visit www.clemenceaumuseum.com.

• **Jerome State Historic Park - Audrey Shaft Headframe Park**, 100 Douglas Road, celebrates the rich, colorful history of Jerome at the height of its copper mining boom, when the population swelled to 15,000 residents. The Douglas Mansion, now a museum, is housed in the personal

home of Jimmy Douglas next to his Little Daisy Mine. The museum features photographs, artifacts and minerals in addition to a video presentation and a 3-D model of the town with its underground mines. Next to the museum is the Audrey Shaft Headframe Park, where visitors may peer into an actual copper mine shaft that is taller than the Empire State Building. The park is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and the museum is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily. Admission is \$7 for Adult (14 and up), \$4 for youth (ages 7 to 13) and free for children 6 and under. For information, call 928-634-5381 or visit www.azstateparks.com/Parks/JERO/.

• **The Mine Museum and Gift Shop**, 200 Main St. in Jerome, are located across the street from the Connor Hotel. The Jerome Historical Society opened the museum and gift shop in the early 1950s. The museum includes displays presenting the history of Jerome's past to its present. Items include a saloon display and miners' equipment such as drills, cages, carbide lamps, hand forged miners candlesticks, underground "potty cars" and ore carts. Also displayed are

household goods tokens, club memberships and medallions, newspapers, hospital equipment, gambling paraphernalia and more. The gift shop is important to the fund-raising efforts of the Jerome Historical Society. The museum is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and children under 12 are free. For information, call 928-634-5477 or visit www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com/mine-museum.

• **Gold King Mine and Ghost Town**, located one mile north of Jerome, was once a lively settlement of about 300 people with a working goldmine. In those days the town's name was Haynes because it was the Haynes Copper Co. that sunk a shaft looking for copper. Instead, the 1,200-foot shaft struck gold.

It never produced great wealth from gold, but it did remain in operation for quite a few years.

Heaps of collectibles - old fire trucks, a 1914 sawmill, blacksmith tools and antique cars - fill almost every corner of this property. Visitors especially enjoy the 80-year-old sawmill.

Take State Route 89A into Jerome, turn at the fire station and follow the signs to the mine and ghost town entrance. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas. Admission is \$5 per person. For information, call 928-634-0053 or visit www.goldkingmineghosttown.com.

• **Sedona Heritage Museum**, 735 Jordan Road, is operated by the Sedona Historical Society, a nonprofit 501(c) (3) corporation. It is housed in the historic ranch buildings once owned by the pioneering Jordan family and now owned by the City of Sedona.

The Historical Society preserves the lifestyles and works of community pioneers from 1876 to the present with special exhibits, living history programs and an extensive photo archive.

See how the early settlers lived, worked a ranch and harvested apples in their widespread orchards. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and closed on major holidays. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children under 13 get in free. There are group rates available.

For information, call 928-282-7038 or visit www.sedonnamuseum.org.

VERDE VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

• **Chamber Music Sedona** 1487 W. 89A, Sedona 928-204-2415

www.chambermusicsedona.org

Chamber Music Sedona has presented venues for world-class musicians for 33 years. Classical music ensembles and solo artists have been featured during the season. There is a free concert series in the Sedona Public Library and Concerts for Youth. CMS also hosts the Sedona Winter Music Festival, Sedona JazzFest and the Sedona Bluegrass Festival. For opera buffs, the organization brings the MET: Live in HD to the Sedona Performing Arts Center.

• **Cottonwood Community Band** www.cottonwoodcommunityband.org

Formed in 1990, the Cottonwood Community Band brings together instrumentalists from the Verde Valley and Sedona. Members vary in age from high school students to retirees. The band presents two concerts per year and provides music for community events such as Verde River Days and the Clarkdale Fourth of July Celebration, and often accompanies the Verde Valley Voices for their holiday and spring concerts. New members are always welcomed. The band rehearses on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cottonwood Middle School, 500 E. Mingus Ave., Room 301, Cottonwood.

• **El Valle Artists Organization (EVAA)** www.elvalleartists.org

EVAA is a 44-year old Verde Valley organization with a current membership of over 90 visual artists who display their

works throughout the Verde Valley. EVAA provides volunteers, supplies and financial support to community-based area outreach programs serving children and older adults. They meet the second Thursday of the month from September through May at the Pine Shadows Community Room, 2050 W. State Route 89A in Cottonwood.

• **Jerome Art Walk** 928-649-2277

www.jeromeartwalk.com

The Jerome Art Walks a party filled with art, music, refreshments and great conversation on the first Saturday of every month between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Over 20 galleries and studios participate in the mile-high town. A free shuttle is available or else stroll the streets. Enjoy refreshments in the galleries and studios while meeting the artists and mingling with other art lovers.

• **Made In Clarkdale** Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 9 N. Ninth St., Clarkdale 928-301-9798

www.madeinclarkdale.org

The Made In Clarkdale (MIC) Art Show runs 10 days in December and features the original art of more than 50 artists who either live in or work in Clarkdale.

A variety of media including sculpture, visual art, photography and wearable art are all on display in a variety of price ranges.

• **Old Town Center for the Arts** 633 N. 5th St., Cottonwood 928-634-0940

E-mail: info@oldtowncenter.org www.oldtowncenter.org

The Old Town Center for the Arts is a live music and entertainment venue serving the Verde Valley. As Old Town Cottonwood's premier concert venue, it offers performances and entertainment in music, theater, comedy and the performing arts. Classes in acting, dance, music voice and yoga are also offered.

• **Sedona Arts Center** 15 Art Barn Road, Sedona 928-282-3809

www.sedonaartscenter.org

Established in 1958, the Sedona Arts Center continues the legacy of its original mission - to give place for artists to learn, work, teach and exhibit. The center offers weekly classes in a variety of media at all levels, from painting and photography to ceramics and sculpture. The center includes a Fine Art Gallery, where you will see the largest collection of works by local artists, as well as a special exhibit gallery. There are juried exhibits for members throughout the year.

• **Sedona Chamber Ballet Company** 730 Crown Ridge Road, Sedona 928-554-4059 or sedonachamberballet@gmail.com

www.sedonachamberballet.org

The Sedona Chamber Ballet Company collaborates with area dance studios to present productions, performance opportunities, master classes and workshops for every level of ability. Since 2013, SCB Sedona Chamber Ballet is committed to showcase dance in Sedona

and Northern Arizona to increase public awareness of ballet and its artistry, including presenting four world class ballet productions.

• Sedona First Friday Gallery Tour
928-282-3865

www.sedonagalleryassociation.com
The Sedona Gallery Association brings together many first-class galleries and studios in promoting the great art community that has developed in Sedona. On the 1st Friday of each month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the member galleries present the First Friday Gallery Tour. These free tours highlight special artist receptions, new exhibits and events with light refreshments at every stop. For your convenience, the Sedona Trolley provides free transportation to most featured art galleries.

• Sedona Illuminate Film Festival
ILLUMINATE Film Festival
PO Box 698, Sedona
928-421-1108

www.illuminatefilmfestival.com
Our purpose is to showcase cinematic gems that empower those who see them to live kinder, wiser, more enlightened lives. Our films and workshops explore the themes of: The Human Journey: Self and Relationship; Mind and Science; Meditation, Spirituality and Practice; Body and Nutrition; Nature and Sustainability; Arts and Creative Expression. Events include an outdoor

screening, opening night reception and Saturday night soiree.

• Sedona International Film Festival
2030 W. 89A, Sedona, AZ
928-282-1177

www.sedonafilmfestival.org
The 23rd Annual Sedona International Film Festival is scheduled to run February 18 - 26, 2017. From features to shorts, documentaries to animation and foreign films to student films, the event features over 160 films. Also featured are workshops with industry pros, Q&A's with the stars and filmmakers and gala events. Throughout the year, SIFF screens a wide variety of limited-release films every week at its very own Mary D. Fisher Theatre. SIFF also screens productions from the National Theatre of London, Broadway and satellite simulcasts of 92nd Street Y Live from NYC programs.

• Sedona Visual Artists Coalition
PO Box 3761, Sedona
928-239-9967

president@sedonaartistscoalition.org
www.sedonaartistscoalition.org
The purpose of the Sedona Visual Artists' Coalition is to create a supportive visual arts community, which provides educational, exploratory and social opportunities. This community of nearly 150 professional and emerging artists from the greater Sedona area work in both 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional art, and encompasses

many media: oils, acrylics, watercolor, fiber, wood, glass, clay, metal, film and mixed media. They sponsor an Open Studios Tour each year.

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• Verde Valley Voices
www.verdevalleyvoices.org

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July 2016

July 25 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

July 29-31 – Fifth annual Sedona Hummingbird Festival

July 29 – Summer Reading Program's Children's Pool Party for the 50 top readers 2 p.m. Cottonwood Rec Center swimming pool

July 30 – Summer Reading Program's Teen Pool Party for the 50 top readers, 2 p.m. Cottonwood Rec Center swimming pool

July 30 – Clarkdale Block Party, Main Street between Ninth and Tenth, Clarkdale

August 2016

Aug. 2 – National Night Out, Town Park, Clarkdale

Aug. 2 – National Night Out, downtown Main Street, Camp Verde

Aug. 6 – Clarkdale Concert in the Park: 7-9 pm, Come Back Buddy

Aug. 6 – Jerome Art Walk

Aug. 8 – Dive-In-Movie, 7:48 p.m. @ Cottonwood Aquatics Center (Big Hero 6)

Aug. 13 – Second Saturday Old Town Cottonwood Art Walk

Aug. 19 – Centennial Choir Concert, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Camp Verde

Aug. 20 – Clarkdale Concert in the Park: 7-9 pm, Romen Buffalo

Aug. 20 – Starlight Ride, aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale

Aug. 20 through Aug. 28 – National Park Service 100th Birthday Weekend (Fee Free), Montezuma Castle National Monument, Camp Verde

Aug. 27 through late October – Cottonwood Men's & Co-Ed Fall Softball League, Riverfront Park

Aug. 29 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

September 2016

Sept. 3 – Clarkdale Concert in the Park: 7-9 pm, Matchbox Twenty Too

Sept. 3 – Jerome Art Walk

Sept. 3 – Star Party & Art After Dark, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale

Sept. 10 – Second Saturday Old Town Cottonwood Art Walk

Sept. 15 – Spaghetti Dinner (donations requested) at Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Station

Sept. 16-17 – Thunder Valley Rally, Old Town Cottonwood

Sept. 17 – Clarkdale Poker Stroll, Main Street, Clarkdale

Sept. 17 – Starlight Ride aboard the



Beaver Creek Fourth of July Parade and Celebration

Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale

Sept. 17 – Monarch Butterfly Tagging and Monitoring, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock

Sept. 18 – Adult Summer Reading Program Raffle drawing, Cottonwood Library

Sept. 24 – Verde River Day

Sept. 24 – National Public Lands Day (Fee Free), Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot national monuments

Sept. 25 – Colonel's Daughter Contest, Fort Verde State Historic Park

Sept. 26 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

October 2016

Oct. 1 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock

Oct. 1 – Clemenceau Heritage Museum, Bopper Chuck Wagon Dinner, 1 p.m. in the lawn of the Clemenceau School, 1 North Willard. Tickets \$20 a person. Call 928-634-2868 for more information

Oct. 1 – Jerome Art Walk

Oct. 1 – Clarktoberfest, Main Street and Town Park, Clarkdale

Oct. 7-9 – Fort Verde Days, Downtown Camp Verde and Fort Verde State Historic Park

Oct. 7 – Ghost Walk, Jerome

Oct. 8 – Second Saturday Old Town Cottonwood Art Walk

Oct. 8 – Blues Fest, Town Park, Clarkdale

Oct. 8 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale

Oct. 8 – Vintage Baseball, Fort Verde State Historic Park

Oct. 8-9 – Dutch oven cooking demonstrations, artillery demonstrations and living history presentations, Fort Verde State Historic Park

Oct. 15 – Health and Wellness Fair, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale

Oct. 15 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock

Oct. 22 – Sedona Main Street Paint Out, Uptown Sedona, presented with Sedona Arts Center's Annual Plein Air Festival

Oct. 22 – Kids Against Hunger annual packing event at Verde Valley Fairgrounds

Oct. 22 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale

Oct. 22-23 – Cottonwood Classic ASA Youth Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, Riverfront Park

Oct. 29 – Jerome Fire Department Halloween Costume Dance
Oct. 30 – Halloween Trunk or Treat, downtown Camp Verde
Oct. 31 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde
Oct. 31 – Halloween Spooktacular, Rollins Park, Lake Montezuma
Oct. 31 – Fall Carnival, Old Town Activity Park, Cottonwood
Oct. 31 – Halloween Safe Night, 5-8 p.m.
Oct. 31 – Safe & Fun Trick or Treat in Uptown Sedona, 5-8 p.m.
Oct. 31 – Halloween Celebration, Main Street and Town Park, Clarkdale

November 2016

All month – Native American Heritage Month, Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot national monuments
Nov. 5 – Jerome Art Walk
Nov. 5 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Nov. 12 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
Nov. 12 – Zeke Taylor Barbeque at Clemenceau Heritage Museum
Nov. 12 – Walkin' On Main, Old Town Cottonwood
Nov. 12 – Veterans Day Flag Retirement/Memorial Service and Victorian Tea, Fort Verde State Historic Park
Nov. 12 – Second Saturday Old Town Cottonwood Art Walk
Nov. 19 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Nov. 26 – Jerome Lights up the Mountain
Nov. 28 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

December 2016

Through Dec. 24 – Camp Verde Kiwanis annual Christmas Trees sale, Bashas' parking lot
Dec. 1-21 – Christmas House for Adopt-a-Families, Beaver Creek
Dec. 2 – Sedona's Tree Lighting & Santa Visit at Canyon Breeze Plaza in Uptown Sedona
Dec. 2 – Jerome Polar Express
Dec. 2 – Made in Clarkdale Gala, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale
Dec. 2 – 5th Annual VIP Wine & Chocolate Pairing, Old town Cottonwood 4-8 p.m.
Dec. 3 – Victorian ornament workshop, Fort Verde State Historic Park
Dec. 3 through Jan. 6 – Victorian Christmas, Fort Verde State Historic

Park
Dec. 3 – Jerome Art Walk
Dec. 3 – Cottonwood Christmas Parade: Main Street
Dec. 3 – 60th Annual Cottonwood Christmas Parade
Dec. 3 – Annual Tree Lighting in Old Town Cottonwood
Dec. 3 – Chocolate Lovers' Walk in Old Town Cottonwood
Dec. 3 – Santa Comes to Town, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale
Dec. 3 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Dec. 9-10 – Candlelight tours, Fort Verde State Historic Park
Dec. 10 – Second Saturday Old Town Cottonwood Art Walk
Dec. 10 – Shop-with-a-Cop, Cottonwood
Dec. 10 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
Dec. 16 – Caroling in the Park, Town Park, Clarkdale
Dec. 17 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Dec. 19 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

January 2017

Jan. 7 – Jerome Art Walk
Jan. 7 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Jan. 14 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
Jan. 21 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Jan. 28 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
Jan. 30 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

February 2017

Feb. 4 – Jerome Art Walk
Feb. 4 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Feb. 5 – Sedona Marathon
Feb. 11 – Buffalo Soldiers, Fort Verde State Historic Park
Feb. 11 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
Feb. 18-26 – Sedona International Film Festival
Feb. 16 – Chill Pie Dinner at Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Station
Feb. 18 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
Feb. 25 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot

National Monument, Clarkdale
Feb. 27 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

March 2017

March 4 – Jerome Art Walk
March 4 – Living history presentations, Fort Verde State Historic Park
March 4 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
March 9-12 – Sedona Yoga Festival
March 11 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
March 11 – Adobe brick-making workshops, Fort Verde State Historic Park
March 18-19 – Spring Heritage Pecan and Wine Festival, Camp Verde
March 18 – Living history presentations, Fort Verde State Historic Park
March 18 – Vintage baseball game, Fort Verde State Historic Park
March 18 – Guided Bird Walks, Montezuma Well National Monument, Rimrock
March 25 – Guided Bird Walks, Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
March 25 – Adobe brick-making workshops, Fort Verde State Historic Park
March 27 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde

April 2017

April 1 – Jerome Art Walk
April 8-9 – History of the Soldier, Fort Verde State Historic Park
April 14 – Celebration of Tween, Sedona
April 15 – Celebration of Spring, Sedona
April 24 – Coffee with a Cop, Camp Verde
April 28-30 – Sedona Open Studios Tour

May 2017

May 6 – Jerome Art Walk
May 6 – Cinco de Mayo celebration at Tlaquepaque, Sedona
May 6 – Great Sedona Chili Cook-Off at Tlaquepaque, Sedona
May 20-21 – Annual Jerome Historic Home Tour

June 2017

June 2-3 – Community Camp-Out, Sunset Park in Sedona
June 3 – Jerome Art Walk

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<http://verderiverrunoff.org/>

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This Four Seasons 18-hole regulation length golf course is a resort community facility in Sedona. Tom Weiskopf designed the par-70, 6,746-yard course. Seven Canyons is considered one of the most beautiful courses in the area. Reviews describe this course as good to excellent condition with greens that rolls true. The driving range is considered exceptional. The course has a pro shop and restaurant.

• Verde Santa Fe

645 S. Verde Santa Fe Parkway, Cornville, AZ

<http://verdesantafe.com>; 928-634-5454

This 18-hole course between Cottonwood and Cornville off of Cornville Road has great views of Mingus Mountain. The course is 5,786 yards long from regular tees. Even so, many obstacles lengthen the course and force players to lay up or pay a penalty. Par for the course is 71/70. The fairways and tee boxes are bermuda in the summer and rye in the winter. The greens are bent grass.

• Coyote Trails

1480 W. Groseta Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ

www.Coyotetrailsgolfcourse.com; 928-634-1093; coyotetrails@yahoo.com

This quaint, nine-hole golf course near the foothills of Mingus Mountain is nestled between two 55-and-over retirement communities in Cottonwood. Formerly known as Pine Shadows, the course offers a relaxing environment. Par is 33, and birdie opportunities are plentiful for good golfers. The tee boxes are blue grass and the fairways are a mix of blue grass and rye. Greens are bent grass. The course is 2,223 yards.

• Oakcreek Country Club

690 Bell Rock Blvd., Village of Oak Creek

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This 6,353-yard course is one of the oldest courses in Sedona with great views of the Red Rocks. The designers, Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Robert Trent Jones Jr., wanted every hole on the course to be a challenging par, but an easy bogey. The course has strategically placed bunkers in landing areas and elevated greens.

• Sedona Golf Resort

35 Ridge Trail Drive, Sedona, AZ

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This 18-hole course is situated among the famous red rocks of Sedona. Designed by Scottsdale-based architect Gary Panks, Sedona Golf Resort flows through the valley between two mesas. The course is known for challenging terrain shifts and beautiful views. The clubhouse includes a full service golf shop and dining area. The course is a 6,646 yard-long par 71. Fairways are rye and the greens are Pennncross bent.

• Canyon Mesa Country Club

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This is a nine-hole, par-28 course with panoramic views. Canyon Mesa is all par-3 holes with only one par four. Although the course is short, it is narrow and can be challenging.

Outdoors

• Arizona State Parks

<http://azstateparks.com>

The Verde Valley has five Arizona State Parks, and three of them are dedicated to outdoors activities. **Dead Horse Ranch State Park**, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, in Cottonwood includes the Verde River Greenway and is the place to go camping on the Verde River.

The campground includes facilities for tents, cabins and RVs. There are fishing and boating lagoons.

The park also includes access to several mountain biking trails. (928) 634-5283. **Slide Rock State Park**, 6871 N. 89A, is in the heart of Oak Creek Canyon, north of Sedona, and has attracted people for generations for its natural water slide running along the slippery bed of the creek. It is nestled into the old Pendley orchard and homestead where apples and pears continue to be grown. Several hiking trails originate from the park. (928) 282-3034. **Red Rock State Park**, 4050 Red Rock Loop Road, Sedona, is an environmental tribute to Arizona and its few natural waterways. In addition to open areas and rich riparian forests, the park includes a visitor center, ramadas and many hiking trails. 928-282-6907.

• Hiking Trails

The Verde Valley and Sedona area has long been a hiking mecca. Maintained by the **Coconino National Forest**, the Red Rock Country around Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek draws tourists from all over the world for its scenic beauty and great variety of hiking trails for all skill levels.

Some areas require a Red Rock Pass. Great trails in the district are also found near Beaver Creek, West Clear Creek and Fossil Creek. The District Ranger Station and Visitor Center are at 8375 State Route 179, just south of the Village of Oak Creek. 928-203-7500 or 203-2900. <http://redrockcountry.org>.

In the **Prescott National Forest**, there are nine hiking trails near Camp Verde and another 20 on Mingus Mountain and more up Sycamore Canyon near Clarkdale. The trails system

continues to be developed, with the ultimate goal of linking all of the Verde Valley communities by trail. Verde Ranger District station is at 300 E. 260, Camp Verde. 928-567-4121. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott>

• Water Sports/Fishing

The Verde Valley has made giant strides in providing more recreational access to the much-treasured **Verde River**. From Clarkdale to Camp Verde and beyond, boaters, kayakers, canoeists and fishermen can enjoy the adventure. The Arizona Game & Fish Department stocks fish at **Mingus Lake**, at the top of Mingus Mountain and the fishing hole in **Oak Creek Canyon**. Arizona State Parks keeps the lakes at **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** (Verde River Greenway) regularly stocked, as well, and you can also paddle out on the Verde River. In the **West Clear Creek Wilderness** the creek offers trout and bass, and depending where you fish along the creek, you could be catching wild or farm raised fish. For fishing and other regulations call either the Coconino or Prescott National Forest Service, depending on which area you will be visiting.



What do regions of France, Italy, Napa Valley and the Verde Valley have in common? A combination of rocky soil and months of heat stress vineyards into producing less-abundant but more-intensely flavored grapes.

And so it is that over the past decade the Verde Valley has earned national recognition for its blossoming wine industry. Tourists will find wineries, tasting rooms and vineyards dotting the landscape from Camp Verde west to Jerome and from Cottonwood north to Sedona.

For up-to-date information and maps on the Verde Valley Wine Tour, visit <http://www.vvwinetrail.com>

• Tasting tour along Page Springs Road

Touring lush, winding Page Springs Road between State Route 89A and Cornville is just part of the treat. Here's where it all began for the Verde Valley wine industry 18 years ago. Page Springs Cellars (1500 N. Page Springs Road, call 928-639-3004 or visit www.PagespringsCellars.com) offers verdant grounds and cozy tasting, while Oak Creek Vineyards and Winery (1555 N. Page Springs Road, call 928-649-0290 or visit www.oakcreekvineyards.net) boasts sunny vineyards and southwest-style tasting room. Meanwhile, the newly-expanded Javelina Leap Vineyard and Winery (1565 N. Page Springs Road, call 928-649-2681 or visit www.javelinaleapwinery.com) has room to spread-out, whether inside the expansive wood bar or outside in the shady picnic grounds.

• The tasting rooms of Old Town Cottonwood

Old Town Cottonwood is the heart and soul of the Verde Valley. Its storefronts and sidewalks harken back to another century. Much of that charm rubs off on the downtown tasting rooms, which mingle with antique dealers, art galleries and specialty shops. Just a stroll away from one another are such venues as artsy Fire Mountain (1010 N. Main St., call 928-649-9135 or visit www.firemountainwines.com), quaint Pillsbury Wine Company (1012 N. Main St., call 928-639-0646 or visit www.pillsburywine.com), hip Arizona Stronghold Vineyards (1023 N. Main St., call 928-639-2789 or visit www.AZStronghold.com) and southwest-style Burning Tree Cellars (1040 N. Main St., call 928-649-8733 or visit www.Burningtreecellars.com).

• Wine tasting comes to Clarkdale

One of Clarkdale's first commercial wineries and tasting rooms, Chateau Tumbleweed two husband-and-wife teams with 30 combined years' experience working for wineries. Their motto is "wine will one day be generally less stuffy and a lot more fun." Located on 1151 West SR 89A, you can learn more at www.chateautumbleweed.com or call 928-634-0443. Meanwhile, Four Eight Wineworks combines a winemaking

cooperative with a relaxing tasting room. Look for it at 907 Main St. while strolling through historic downtown Clarkdale. Visit www.four8wineworks.com or call 928-649-2007.

• Sip a glass in historic Jerome

This funky former mining town perched on the slopes of Cleopatra Hill is known far and wide for its eclectic charm. But in recent years it has added a number of wine tasting rooms to its rows of artsy shops and galleries. Tourists can sip inside Cellar 433 (formerly the Jerome Winery and Bitter Creek Winery) at 240 Hull Avenue (visit www.cellar433.com or call 928-634-7033), Passion Cellars at 417 Hull Avenue (visit www.passioncellars.com or call 928-649-9800) and Caduceus Cellars at 158 Main St. (visit www.caduceus.org or call 928-639-9463), founded by recording artist Maynard James Keenan of Tool and Puscifer.

• Sip wine, watch eagles while overlooking the Verde River

Alcantara owners Bob and Barbara Predmore have created the quintessential Tuscan vineyard experience on the banks of the Verde River. One of the largest vineyards in northern Arizona, the 13,000 vines produce 12 varietals wines, which can be enjoyed from the tasting room's "patio with a view." This picturesque setting overlooking hills, cliffs and water is also home to a breeding pair of bald eagles that arrive every winter and nest in the cliffs above the confluence of Oak Creek. A one and one-half hour tour of the facility is available by appointment. Alcantara is located off SR 260 via Thousand Trails Road. Visit www.alcantaravineyard.com or call 928-649-8463.



• How many wine barrels can you find?

The "Painted Barrel Project" is a public art exhibit being coordinated through the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce. The project celebrates artistic excellence and diversity in the Verde Valley. The painted barrels have become fixtures throughout the Verde Valley and have become an identifying factor to the region. The first year of the project saw about 40 barrels go to auction, and most of those barrels are in the Verde Valley and Sedona. Close to 60 painted barrels are currently in locations throughout the Verde Valley at wineries, tasting rooms and other businesses.

• The Classic Water-to-Wine Tour

One of the most unique and popular tours available to visitors in the valley is the "Water to Wine" tour offered by Sedona Adventure Tours and Verde River Rafting. The tours launch in the middle of February and run throughout the spring, summer and fall. The tour begins with a one-hour trip in an inflatable "ducky" kayak on a scenic section of the river that

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TRENDS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Cottonwood-Verde Valley real estate market has flattened over the last few months but still shows a significant value increase over the last year.

Unfortunately, the majority of the increase is in the under \$200,000 home arena as this is the area where investors are most active.

The median sales price has risen some 8% over the first 5 months of 2016 compared to the same time frame last year.

However, the number of sales has either remained static or fallen as much as 12% depending on area and price range.

In the higher end of the residential market, the number of sales remains fairly slow as the inventory has crept up over the last year.

It appears that after a very hot first quarter, the last few months has turned in to a buyer's market in the over \$300,000 ranges and a seller's market in the under \$200,000 range.

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This being the most bizarre of election years, it is unknown how the market will respond.

However, the interest rates are STILL near record lows and the feared tightening of the mortgage market has not materialized.

For more specific information on the Verde Valley and Sedona market trends,

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• Yavapai College's Southwest Wine Center

Along with providing a degree program and certificates in viticulture (study of grapes) and enology (study of wines), the Southwest Wine Center is a full-production teaching winery. It recently added a tasting room to its 13-acre vineyard where visitors can sample five types of student crafted wines. A production area with barrel and case storage currently produces

the equivalent of 1,500 cases of wine per year. The center serves as a hub for education, research and economic development for the rapidly growing viticulture industry in the Verde Valley. Located at Yavapai College's Verde Valley Campus, 601 Black Hills Drive, Clarkdale. Call 928-634-6566 or visit www.southwestwinecenter.org.

• Historic D.A. Ranch

The Historic D.A. Ranch is a small, family-owned vineyard and working ranch featuring a 100-year-old barn and native plants and animals. Its limited production wines are available for taste by appointment on Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The D.A. Ranch is located at 1901 N Dancing Apache Road in Cornville. Call or text at 928-301-0791 to schedule a visit or visit daranch.com.

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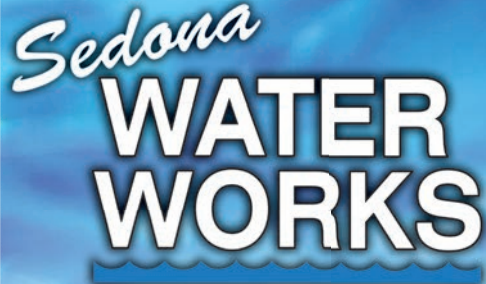
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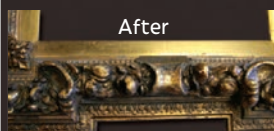
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