

CAROLYNE'S TOP PLACES TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY IN CENTRAL ARIZONA



Currently my home base is Cave Creek, Arizona, so I wanted to share some of great things to see and do in my part of the state. Sometimes traveling doesn't have to take you half-way across the world. It can be just as much fun to create a travel adventure in your own "neighborhood."

The following is a list of things to do and places to see that are relatively close to me. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list. I just chose places that I enjoy experiencing frequently. They are also on my list of potential "must do's" for out-of-town visitors, so I happily recommend them to you.

My goal is to give each of them an article of its own one day, but in the meantime, I hope this list will be a helpful planning tool for you to explore my little corner of Arizona on your own.



THINGS TO DISCOVER ABOUT CAVE CREEK

Where in the world is Cave Creek?
The Cave Creek Museum
Rare Earth Gallery
Frontier Town
Desert Foothills Community Library
Cactus Shadows Theater
Fiesta Days
Harold's Corral
The Buffalo Chip
The Horny Toad
The Sonoran Art League and Hidden in the Hills
Spur Cross Conservation Area
Black Mountain Trail
Rancho Manana and Tonto Bar and Grill
Red Truck Trading Company and The Grotto Cafe
Nearby: Pioneer Living History Museum
Phoenix Sonoran Preserve



THINGS TO DISCOVER ABOUT CAREFREE

History of Carefree
Sundial Circle and Cactus Gardens
Carefree's Enchanted Pumpkin Garden
Snow for Santa
Carefree Art Festivals
Spanish Village and Keeler's Steakhouse
The English Rose Tearoom



CENTRAL ARIZONA, LAND OF LAKES

Saguaro Lake
 The Desert Belle
 Shiprock Restaurant
 Saguaro Lake Marina
Baldwin Lake
Lake Pleasant
Apache Lake
Roosevelt Lake



FUN EXPERIENCES IN SCOTTSDALE

Taliesin West: Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home
Scottsdale Performing Arts Center
Old Town Scottsdale
Arizona 88
Camelback Mountain
Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
Talking Stick Resort
Malee's Thai Bistro
Arcadia Farms Cafe



BEAUTIFUL, MYSTICAL SEDONA

What's a vortex?

Bell Rock

Cathedral

Airport Vortex

Boyton Canyon

Amazing Art Galleries

New Age Rocks, Jewelry and Other Treasures

Coffee Pot

Enchantment Resort

Chapel of the Holy Cross

Tlaquepaque Arts and Shopping

Oak Creek Canyon

Red Rock State Park

Palatki and Honanki Heritage Centers

Judi's Restaurant and Lounge

Sound Bites Grill



COTTONWOOD, JEROME AND CLARKDALE

Tuzigoot

Dead Horse Ranch State Park

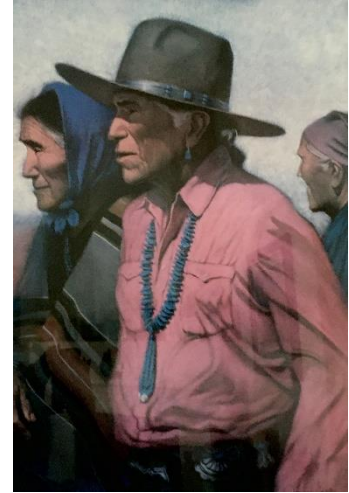
Jerome – Vertical History

Verde Valley Railroad, Clarkdale



SOMETIMES IT SNOWS IN FLAGSTAFF

Historical Flagstaff
Downtown Flagstaff
Museum of Northern Arizona
Navajo Festival
Hopi Festival
Zuni Festival
University of Northern Arizona
Walnut Canyon
Wupaki National Monument
Sunset Crater
Fourth of July Parade
San Francisco Peaks
Lowell Observatory



COOL MOUNTAIN AIR IN PAYSON AND PINETOP

Reverse Snowbirds?
Locals flee to the mountains in the summer.
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park
Fargo's Steakhouse, Payson
Roundhouse Resort, Pinetop



DON'T MISS THESE SIGHTS AND SITES IN PHOENIX

Heard Museum
Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)
Desert Botanical Garden
Railroad District
Arizona Science Center
Hall of Flame (Firefighting) Museum
Children's Museum of Phoenix
Phoenix Art Museum
Heritage Museum
Pueblo Grande



FOR THE SPORTS FAN

Football: Arizona State University Sun Devils
play at Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe

NFL Arizona Cardinals play at University of
Phoenix Stadium

AFC Arizona Rattlers play indoor football at
Talking Stick Resort Arena

Basketball: NBA Phoenix Suns play at
Talking Stick Resort Arena

WNBA Phoenix Mercury plays at Talking Stick
Resort Arena

Baseball: MLB Arizona Diamond Backs
play at Chase Field

Hockey: Arizona Coyotes play at the
Gila River Arena

Soccer: USL League One, Phoenix Rising
plays at the Casino Arizona Soccer Field

Car Racing: Phoenix International Raceway
(Avondale, AZ)

Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park
(Chandler, AZ)

Horse Racing: Turf Paradise
(Deer Valley, Phoenix)

Other:

Penske Racing Museum (Phoenix)

Ziegler Fiesta Bowl Museum (Scottsdale)

Majerle's Sports Grill (Chandler, Phoenix and Desert Ridge)



ANIMALS KINGDOMS, ANYONE

Phoenix Zoo

World Wildlife Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park

Out of Africa

Bearizona Wildlife Park

Ostrich Farm

Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

