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Biosphere 2

Website: <http://www.b2science.org>
Address: 20 minutes north of Tucson, 90 minutes south of Phoenix. Turn on Biosphere Rd. from Hwy. 77 (Oracle Rd.) at mile marker 96.5
Phone: 520-838-6200
Hours: Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Reservations recommended for tour groups of 10 or more. Call for seasonal hours, rates, directions and additional information.
Entrance Fees: Adults \$20, Children ages 6-12 \$13, Children ages 5 and under FREE. Additional discounts and group rates are also available. Please call for more information.

Overview:
 Tour this renowned environmental research facility and see where science lives. Biosphere 2, under the management of The University of Arizona, is one of the world's most unique facilities dedicated to the research and understanding of global scientific issues. Your Guided Tour of this 3.14-acre laboratory for controlled scientific studies includes the Biosphere 2 structure interior,



movie theater, human habitat, climate change exhibit, and more. Self-guided tours are also available. Please call for tour times or visit www.b2science.org for further information.



Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Website: <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/>
Address: 37615 U.S. Highway 60, Superior, AZ 85273
Phone: 520-689-2723
Summer Hours: May through August the Arboretum is open daily from 6:00 am until 3:00 pm. Paid admissions are accepted until 2:00 pm and closes promptly at 3:00 pm.
Winter Hours: September through April admission is taken daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (every day except Dec. 25) and it closes promptly at 5:00 pm. Adult Admission is \$7.50, Children ages 5 to 12 are \$3; Children ages under 5 are FREE
Entrance Fees:

Overview:
 Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park is the place to discover the intricate beauty and many faces of Arizona's botanical life. The Arboretum is Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden, which was founded in the 1920s by mining magnate Col. William Boyce Thompson. In 1917, Thompson served as coleader of a Red Cross mercy mission to Russia where he came to understand the importance of plants as the ultimate source of mankind's food, clothing, and shelter. Encompassing 323 acres, the Arboretum is the first purely botanical institution in the inter-mountain states.

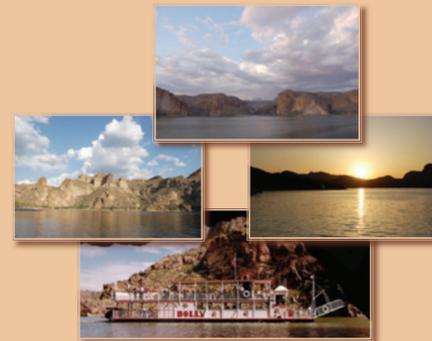


Canyon Lake – Steamboat

Website: <http://www.canyonlakemarina.com/> & <http://www.dollysteamboat.com/>
Address: 16802 N.E. Highway 88, Tortilla Flat, AZ 85219
Phone: Dolly Steamboat: 480-827-9144, Canyon Lake Marina: 480-288-9233
Hours: Nature Cruises depart Tuesday through Sunday at 12:00pm. Additional cruises may be scheduled.
Entrance Fees: Nature Cruises are \$18.00; Dinner Cruises are \$51.95-\$61.95

Overview:
 Dolly Steamboat has been offering cruises on Canyon Lake for over 20 years. Canyon Lake is made up of more than 28 miles of cactus speckled shoreline, amazing rock formations, and serene coves. A variety of wildlife inhabits the lake's surroundings such as big horn sheep, deer and numerous species of birds. During the Dolly Steamboat tours, the captain will share with you the enchanting tales of the Superstition Mountains.

Information found at:
<http://www.canyonlakemarina.com/index.htm>
<http://www.dollysteamboat.com/>



Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/cagr/>
Address: 1100 Ruins Drive, Coolidge, Arizona 85228
Phone: 520-723-3172
Hours: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except Christmas Day
Entrance Fees: \$3.00 per person, Children ages 16 and under are admitted FREE. Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Passport cards are honored.

Overview:
 Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is a unique structure built by the Hohokam Indians in the 14th century. The Big House stands an impressive four story building. The ruin is 40 feet by 60 feet at the base



and some of the walls are more than 3-feet thick. It is located in Coolidge but only 15 miles from Casa Grande. The visitor center has a lot of information available about the Hohokam people. The Casa Grande Ruins were the

first archeological site to be protected as a National Monument in the United States in 1982.

Information found at:
http://www.americansouthwest.net/arizona/casa_grande/national_monument.html
<http://www.nps.gov/cagr/>



Goldfield Ghost Town

Website: <http://www.goldfieldghosttown.com/>
Address: 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd, Goldfield, AZ 85219
Phone: 480-983-0333
Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saloon 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Entrance Fees: FREE

Overview:
 Goldfield Ghost Town was first established around 1892 when the first gold-strike was discovered. In its glory days, the town supported about 4,000 people. The town



consisted of three saloons, a boarding house, general store, blacksmith shop, brewery, meat market and a schoolhouse. Now Goldfield Ghost Town has a variety of attractions. Families can stroll down Main Street, explore the many shops and buildings, visit the Goldfield

Superstition Museum, pan for gold, take a narrow gauge train ride, and witness an old west gunfight. Lodging and camping are also available. Sunday Service and Weddings are held at the Church on the Mount.

Information found at: <http://www.goldfieldghosttown.com/>



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Website: <http://www.harrah.com/casinos/harrahs-phoenix-ak-chin/hotel-casino/property-home.shtml>
Address: 15406 Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ 85239
Phone: 480-802-5000

Overview:
 The Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is 40,000 square feet of gaming. They have everything from slots, keno, poker, live dealer blackjack to bingo. Harrah's Ak-Chin is more than just a casino. It is a full-scale resort destination. On the grounds, visitors have plenty to do. There is shopping, a golf getaway, exotic pool, jacuzzi and Corkscrew's swim bar. If



Lost Dutchman State Park

Website: <http://www.pr.state.az.us/parks/parkhtml/lostdutchman.html>
Address: 6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, Arizona 85219
Phone: 480-982-4485
Hours: Daily from sunrise to 10:00 pm
Entrance Fees: \$5.00 per vehicle; Friday before Memorial Day through the Tuesday after Labor Day: \$3.00 per vehicle; other fees available at <http://www.pr.state.az.us/feeschedule.html>

Overview:
 Named after the fabled lost gold mine, Lost Dutchman State Park is located in the Sonoran Desert at an elevation of 2000 feet. The park offers a variety of hiking trails, nature trails, 35 regular campsites, picnic facilities, and special programs throughout the year. Mild winter climates and the close proximity to the Valley of the Sun make this an ideal destination. During the winter, daytime temperatures usually reach about 60°F; while the summer months can see temperatures soar above 100°F.



McFarland State Park

Website: <http://www.azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/mcfarland.html>
Address: 24 W Ruggles St, Florence, AZ 85232
Phone: 520-868-5216
Hours: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except Christmas Day
Entrance Fees: Adults (Ages 14 and older) are \$2.00, Children (Ages 13 and younger) are FREE

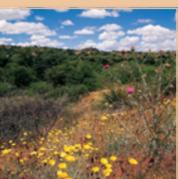
Overview:
 McFarland Courthouse and museum provides visitors with a window into the past. The 1878 Territorial Courthouse represents a transition between Sonoran and Anglo-American architecture with a wood-shingled pitched roof surmounting traditional adobe brick walls. Like most buildings in Territorial Arizona, the original 1878 structure was constructed by hand using native materials. In 1963, the Pinal County Historical Society acquired and maintained the building as a museum. Today, the buildings and house exhibits depicting the history of the area include the Ernest McFarland Archives and World War II POW Camp.



Oracle State Park

Website: <http://www.pr.state.az.us/Parks/parkhtml/oracle.html>
Address: 3820 Wildlife Drive, Oracle, Arizona 85623
Phone: 520-896-2425
Hours: Daily 7:00 am to 5:00 pm except Christmas Day; House tours available on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
Entrance Fees: \$6.00 per vehicle; Friday before Memorial Day through the Tuesday after Labor Day: \$5.00 per vehicle; other fees available at <http://www.pr.state.az.us/feeschedule.html>

Overview:
 The Oracle State Park Center for Environmental Education is located in the northeastern foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains ranges from 3,500 to 4,500 feet in elevation, and the nearly 4,000-acre park consists of oak grassland, riparian woodland, and mesquite scrub habitats which contain a diversity of wildlife and plant species. Acting as a wildlife refuge and environmental learning center, the park's educational programs present basic ecologic principles. Mankind has used the area since prehistoric times and this interaction between man and environment has played an important role in shaping the landscape seen today.



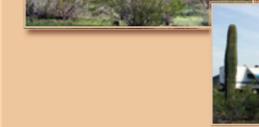
Picacho State Park

Website: <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/picacho.html>
Address: PO Box 275 (I-10 Exit 219), Picacho, AZ 85241
Phone: 520-466-3183
Hours: Park is open: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
Office hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (varies by season)
Entrance Fees: Fee schedule - <http://azstateparks.com/feeschedule.html>

Overview:
 17th century, Jesuit priest Father Kino mentions Picacho Peak in records of his journeys. In 1775, the de Anza Expedition passed by the Peak and in 1846; the Mormon Battalion constructed a wagon road through Picacho Pass. The most significant Civil War skirmish in Arizona took place near Picacho Peak on April 15, 1862, when an advance detachment of Union forces from California attacked a Confederate scouting party. Visitors enjoy viewing exciting mock battles during the annual "Civil War in the Southwest" event. Also on display at the reenactment are recreated



military camps and living history demonstrations. 85 campsites offering electric and non-electric sites plus several group camping areas.



Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery

Website: <http://www.stanthonysonastery.org>
Address: 4784 N. St. Joseph's Way, Florence, AZ 85232
Phone: 520-868-3188
Hours: Daily 10:30 am to 3:30 pm (All visitors are asked to stop at the bookstore upon arrival.)
Entrance Fees: FREE

Overview:
 Six monks arrived in the Sonoran desert in 1995 from Mount Athos, Greece. The monastery has now grown to 40 fathers. The monks at St. Anthony's follow the "coenobitic" way, which means they all follow the same schedule under the discretion of the Abbot. The monastery consists of the main church, living quarters for the monks, the dining hall, guest facilities, vegetable garden, small vineyard, citrus orchards and olive grove. There is also a complex arrangement of gardens,



pathways and gazebos with Spanish fountains, which make the massive grounds an oasis in the desert. Guests respectfully are asked to dress accordingly. Visit the website for more details.

Information found at:
<http://www.stanthonysonastery.org/VisitorInfo.htm>
<http://www.stanthonysonastery.org/VisitorGuide.htm>



Tonto National Park Cliff Dwelling

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/tont/>
Address: Highway 188, Roosevelt, AZ 85545 (near Theodore Roosevelt Lake)
Phone: 520-467-2241
Hours: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except Christmas Day; Lower Cliff Dwelling trail closes to uphill travel at 4:00 pm.

Entrance Fees: \$3.00 per person
Overview:
 The Tonto Cliff Dwellings are a remnant of the Salado people. President Roosevelt protected the dwellings after the construction of the Roosevelt Dam began. The Tonto National Park consists of the Lower and Upper Cliff Dwellings. The Upper Cliff Dwellings are only open November to April and it is a 3-mile round trip hike. To get the Lower Cliff Dwelling, it is only a ½ mile trek. The park also has scheduled special activities like full moon hikes, off-site hikes and living history demonstrations.

Information found at: <http://www.nps.gov/tont/>

Pinal County Communities

Ak-Chin
 Home of the Ak-Chin Him-Dak museum

Apache Junction
 Foothills of the Superstition Mountains/Lost Dutchman mine

Arizona City
 49 acre man-made lake for fishing and sailing

Casa Grande
 Fantastic events and retail shopping in this fast-track city with small-town charm

Coolidge
 Home of the historic Hohokam Casa Grande Ruins

Eloy
 Home of Sky Dive Arizona

Florence
 County seat; 6th oldest town in Arizona

Gila River Indian Community
 Rich heritage of the Akimal O'odham (Pima) and Pee-Posh (Maricopa)

Hayden
 Copper mining community; dramatic mountain and canyon scenery

Kearny
 OHV/ATV campsites in the mountain foothills; 11 acre lake for fishing

Mammoth
 Classic example of range and basin ecological system; noted for geological features

Maricopa
 Home of The Duke at Rancho el Dorado golf course, a top "25 places to play golf"

Oracle
 Home of Acadia Ranch Museum, Oracle's first post office

Picacho/Picacho Peak
 Scene of the only civil war battle fought in Arizona.

Queen Creek
 Historic sites include the ruins of a Butterfield Stage stop

Red Rock
 Known for its unique, red-rock geologic formations

Sacaton
 Site of tribal administration offices of the Gila River Indian Community

San Manuel
 12 miles from Biosphere 2; all types of desert flora

Superior
 Home of the Bob Jones Museum (sixth governor of Arizona)

Winkelman
 See Winkelman's Historic Bridge, built in 1916, registered as a historical place



San Manuel, Arizona

San Manuel is located in the San Pedro River valley at an elevation of about 3500 feet. It was built in 1953 as a company town to serve the San Manuel copper mine and smelter. The mine and smelter closed in 2003. San Manuel Two other communities are located within a 10 miles radius, Mammoth and Oracle, making up the tri-community area. The area is noted for its beautiful panoramic views of the San Pedro River and the Galiuro and Catalina Mountains with Mt. Lemmon just a short drive away.



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