

# PRESCOTT WELCOME GUIDE

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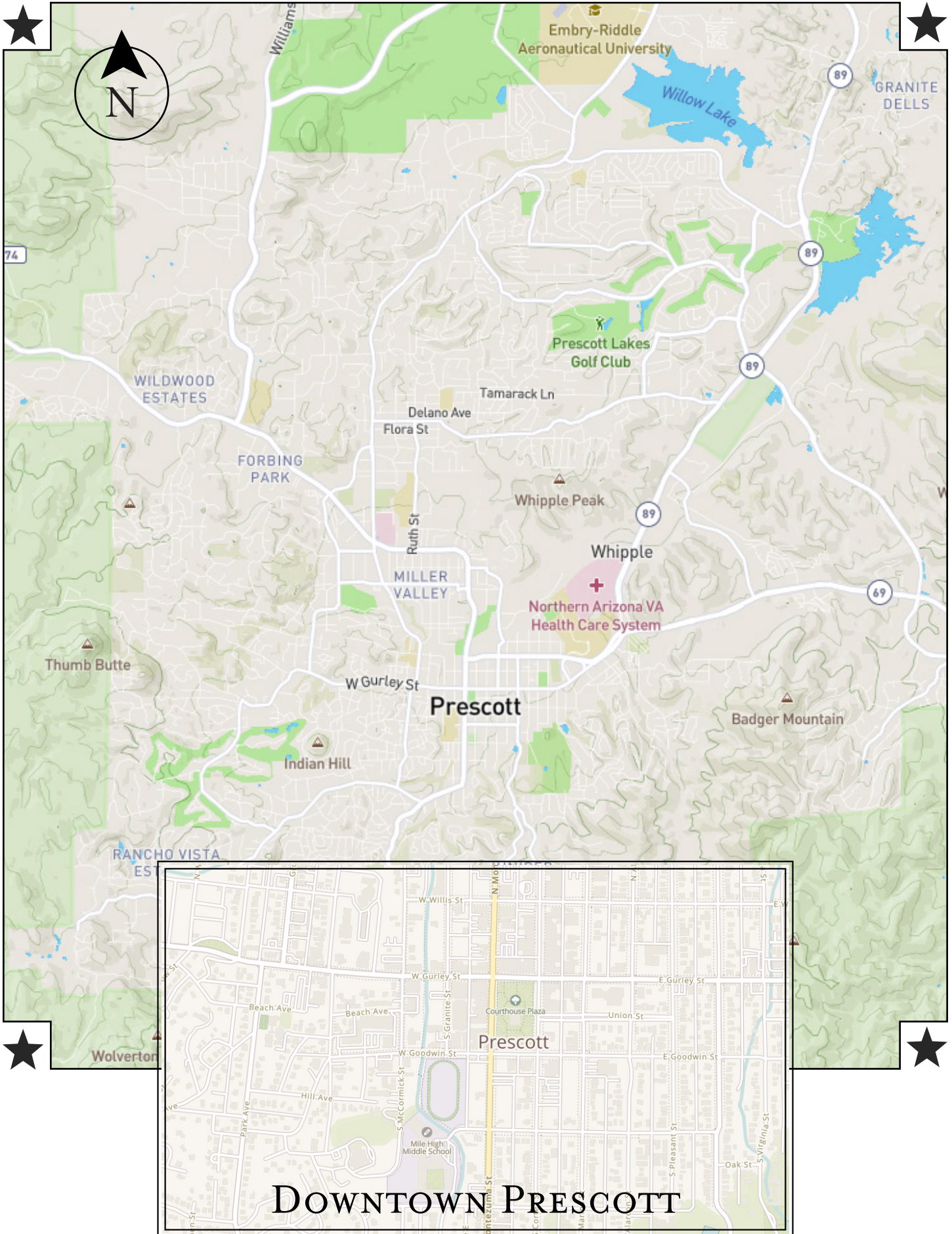
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# WELCOME TO PRESCOTT

Prescott is a historic city in central Arizona known for its mild four-season climate, pine forests, and strong Old West heritage. Founded in 1864, it once served as the capital of the Arizona Territory and grew rapidly due to nearby gold and silver mining. Today, Prescott blends its rich past with a vibrant present, featuring a charming downtown centered around the courthouse plaza and the famous Whiskey Row, once lined with saloons frequented by cowboys and miners. Surrounded by the Prescott National Forest, the city is also a popular destination for outdoor recreation like hiking, kayaking, and camping, making it a unique mix of history, culture, and natural beauty.



# PRESCOTT, ARIZONA





# HISTORY

Prescott, Arizona was founded in 1864 during the American Civil War after gold discoveries in the surrounding mountains attracted miners and settlers to the area. Established near Fort Whipple and named after historian William H. Prescott, the town quickly became the first capital of the Arizona Territory and a center for mining and frontier activity. Its early growth was tied to gold and silver extraction, which brought economic opportunity but also conflict with the Indigenous Yavapai people, who had long inhabited the region. Prescott served as territorial capital (with interruptions) until 1889, when the role was permanently moved to Phoenix. Over time, the once-rough mining camp evolved into a more stable community, rebuilding after destructive fires and preserving much of its historic downtown, including the famous Whiskey Row, which reflects its Old West heritage.

## 1. FOUNDING & CAPITAL (1860s)

Founded in 1864 near Fort Whipple, Prescott becomes the first capital of the Arizona Territory during the gold rush.

## 2. GROWTH & RAILROADS (1870s–1880s)

Mining expands, population grows, and the Prescott and Arizona Central Railway connects the city to wider markets.

## 3. FIRE & REBUILD (1900s)

A devastating fire destroys Whiskey Row in 1900; it is rebuilt in durable brick, shaping today's historic downtown.

## 4. TRANSITION ERA (MID-1900s)

Mining declines; the economy shifts toward tourism, ranching, and events like Prescott Frontier Days

## 5. MODERN PRESCOTT (2000s–TODAY)

A growing city known for history, culture, and outdoor recreation in the Prescott National Forest.

# BY THE NUMBERS

150+

restaurants, cafes, and eateries

100+

hotels, motels, and inns in the area

4

major colleges (including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Yavapai College)

10+

public K-12 schools

25+

city parks and recreational areas

450+ MILES

trails in the surrounding Prescott National Forest

8,000+ FT

elevation of highest nearby peaks

88°F

average summer high

23°F

average winter low

12-15 IN

annual snowfall

~275

sunny days per year

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1.25 MILLION ACRES

size of Prescott National Forest

5

major lakes nearby

1.4 BILLION YEARS

age of the Granite Dells



# ATTRACTIONS

Prescott, Arizona is known for its Old West charm, highlighted by the World's Oldest Rodeo, historic downtown's Whiskey Row, and Courthouse Plaza. Its main attractions include museums like Sharlot Hall, the Museum of Indigenous People, and the Phippen Museum, along with nearby scenic trails and lakes for outdoor recreation.

## **Sharlot Hall Museum**

(928) 445-3122  
415 W Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Arizona territorial history, pioneer life, historic buildings, gardens.

## **Museum of Indigenous People**

(928) 445-1230  
147 N Arizona Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Native American cultures of the Southwest (Hopi, Navajo, Yavapai, Apache, etc.)

## **Phippen Museum**

(928) 778-1385  
4701 N Hwy 89, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Western American art, cowboy culture, landscapes.

## **Fort Whipple Museum**

(928) 910-2307  
500 AZ-89, Prescott, AZ 86301  
It preserves and interprets the history of the original Fort Whipple, a 19th-century U.S. Army post that played a central role in the military and settlement history of the Arizona Territory.

## **Western Heritage Center**

(928) 910-2307  
156 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Local frontier history and heritage exhibits.

## **Prescott Center for the Arts**

208 N Marina St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 445-3286  
Community theater, art gallery, and performing arts center

## **Arts Prescott Cooperative Gallery**

134 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
(928) 776-7717  
Often used as a main hub for local artists and art walks.

## **World's Oldest Rodeo® (Prescott Frontier Days)**

(928) 445-3103  
Prescott Rodeo Grounds  
840 Rodeo Dr, Prescott, AZ  
A major Fourth of July celebration with a full Western festival feel, including live entertainment, food vendors, and downtown "Whiskey Row" festivities nearby

## **Whiskey Row (Historic District)**

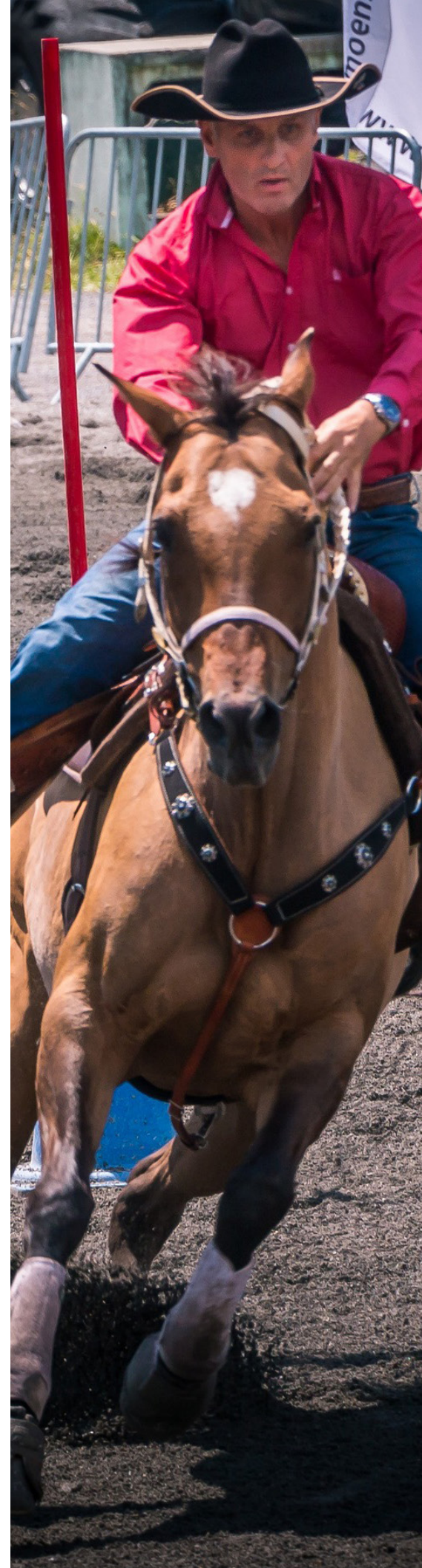
Montezuma Street (between Gurley St & Goodwin St) Prescott, AZ 86301  
Famous stretch of Old West saloons, once home to over 40 bars. Today it's still the heart of nightlife and cowboy history.

## **Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary**

1403 Heritage Park Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 778-4242  
The sanctuary serves as a permanent home for animals that cannot return to the wild, while engaging the public through exhibits and programs.

## **Jim and Linda Lee Planetarium**

3700 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 777-3422  
a modern astronomical education and outreach facility located on the campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona.



# UNIQUE SHOPPING

Shopping in Prescott is local, walkable, and unique, not a big-city mall scene. It's best known for boutiques, antiques, art, and Western-style goods rather than chain stores. Most shopping is centered around Courthouse Plaza—especially Montezuma, Gurley, and Cortez streets. For more typical retail, head east toward Highway 69.

## **Bashford Courts**

(928) 642-7984  
130 W Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 863011  
Unique shops in a historic building across from the courthouse.

## **Prescott Arts District**

(928) 445-1230  
147 N Arizona Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Local artists, handmade goods, and quirky shops just west of downtown.

## **Frontier Village Center**

(928) 777-0532  
1841 E Hwy 69, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Mix of stores, restaurants, and even a movie theater.

## **Pine Ridge Marketplace**

(928) 443-0067  
3250 Gateway Blvd, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Traditional indoor mall with national retailers.

## **Village At The Boulders**

1260 Gail Gardner Way, Prescott, AZ 86305  
Smaller, quieter shopping center.

## **Prescott Antiques**

(928) 800-9776  
915 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Large antique space with collectibles and even classic vehicles.

## **Vintage Home & Garden Marketplace**

(928) 451-8446  
512 E Sheldon St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Antiques

## **Cowgirl Country Antiques**

(928) 830-4143  
324 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Antiques

## DOWNTOWN BOUTIQUES & SHOPS

### **Magpie Home & Gift**

(928) 515-2281  
226 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Home Decor

### **Clothes Hound Clothing**

(928) 771-0811  
122 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Women's Clothing

### **LeFebvre's Boutique**

(928) 308-6592  
101 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Gift Shop

### **Toyful**

(928) 776-4966  
205 N Cortez St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
Toy Store

### **Prescott Trading Company**

(928) 776-8498  
142 S Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86303  
Souvenir store





# DOWNTOWN DINING

## **Atmesfir**

232 S Montezuma St  
928-445-1929  
French Cuisine  
[www.atmesfir.com](http://www.atmesfir.com)

## **Bill's Grill**

333 S Montezuma St  
928-237-9138  
American Cuisine  
[www.billsgrillprescott.com](http://www.billsgrillprescott.com)

## **Bill's Pizza**

107 S Cortez St  
928-443-0800  
Italian Cuisine  
[www.billspizzaprescott.com](http://www.billspizzaprescott.com)

## **Bistro St. Michael**

100 S Montezuma St  
928-778-2500  
American Cuisine  
[bistrostmikes.com](http://bistrostmikes.com)

## **Brown Bag Burger**

150 E Sheldon St # 111  
928-445-3353  
American Cuisine  
[www.brownbagburger.com](http://www.brownbagburger.com)

## **Casa Alvarez**

321 W Gurley St  
928-445-9888  
Mexican Cuisine

## **Dinner Bell Cafe**

321 W Gurley St  
928-445-9888  
American Cuisine  
[dinnerbellcafe.net](http://dinnerbellcafe.net)

## **El Gato Azul**

316 W Goodwin St  
928-445-1070  
Southwest Cuisine  
[www.elgatoazulprescott.com](http://www.elgatoazulprescott.com)

## **Farm Provisions**

148 N Montezuma St  
928-776-3001  
American Cuisine  
[farmprovisionsaz.com](http://farmprovisionsaz.com)

## **Gurley St Grill**

230 W Gurley St  
928-445-3388  
American Cuisine  
[gurleystgrill.com](http://gurleystgrill.com)

## **Limoncello Pizzeria Napoletana**

218 W Goodwin St  
480-399-9978  
Italian Cuisine  
[www.limoncelloitalianhomemadecompany.com](http://www.limoncelloitalianhomemadecompany.com)

## **Lucy Dee's BBQ**

669 E Sheldon St  
928-237-5765  
American Cuisine  
[www.lucydeesbbq.com](http://www.lucydeesbbq.com)

## **Lone Spur Cafe**

106 W Gurley St  
928-445-8202  
American Cuisine  
[lonespurcafe.com](http://lonespurcafe.com)

## **Murphy's Restaurant**

201 N Cortez St  
928-445-4044  
American Cuisine  
[murphysprescott.com](http://murphysprescott.com)

## **Papa's Italian Restaurant**

129 1/2 N Cortez St  
928-776-4880  
Italian Cuisine  
[papasitalianrestaurant.com](http://papasitalianrestaurant.com)

## **Peacock Room- Hassayampa Inn**

122 E Gurley St  
928-777-9563  
American Cuisine  
[www.hassayampainn.com/dining.html](http://www.hassayampainn.com/dining.html)

## **Raven Cafe**

142 N Cortez St  
928-717-0009  
Vegan Cuisine  
[ravencafe.com](http://ravencafe.com)

## **Taj Mahal Restaurant and Lounge**

124 N Montezuma St  
928-445-5752  
Indian Cuisine  
[www.aztajmahal.com](http://www.aztajmahal.com)

## **Tara Fine Thai Cuisine**

115 S Cortez St  
928-772-3249  
Thai Cuisine  
[tarathajprescott.com](http://tarathajprescott.com)

## **Thai House Cafe**

230 N Cortez St  
928-777-0041  
Thai Cuisine

## **Two Mamas' Gourmet Pizzeria**

221 N Cortez St  
928-443-9455  
Italian Cuisine  
[www.twomamaspizza.com](http://www.twomamaspizza.com)

## **Waffle Iron**

420 E Sheldon St  
928-277-0193  
Breakfast Cuisine

# GOLF COURSES

Golf in Prescott, Arizona features a mix of scenic high-desert and mountain courses, ranging from public options like Antelope Hills and StoneRidge to beginner-friendly spots such as Quailwood Greens. The area also includes upscale private clubs like Capital Canyon, Hassayampa, and Talking Rock, making it a diverse golf destination with options for all skill levels and budgets.

## **Antelope Hills Golf Courses (Public)**

1 Perkins Dr, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 776-7888

36-hole public facility (North & South courses), most popular public golf in Prescott.

## **Capital Canyon Club (Private)**

2060 Golf Club Ln, Prescott, AZ 86303  
(928) 350-3150

Private mountain course with forested terrain and elevation changes.

## **Prescott Lakes Golf & Country Club (Private)**

315 E Smoketree Ln, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 443-3500

Private Hale Irwin–designed course with scenic views and elevation changes.

## **Hassayampa Golf Club (Private)**

10650 E Old Black Canyon Hwy, Prescott, AZ 86303  
(928) 778-0100

Exclusive private club, Tom Weiskopf design, very scenic mountain layout.

## **StoneRidge Golf Course (Public)**

1601 N Bluff Top Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314  
(928) 772-6500

Highly rated scenic desert-mountain course, popular public play option.

## **Prescott Golf & Country Club (Semi-private / Public access)**

1030 Prescott Country Club Blvd, Dewey, AZ 86327  
(928) 772-8984

Affordable semi-private course with full practice facilities.

## **Quailwood Greens Golf Course (Dewey)**

12725 E Bradshaw Mountain Rd, Dewey, AZ 86327  
(928) 772-0090

9-hole beginner-friendly public course.



# HIKING TRAILS

Prescott, Arizona, offers extensive hiking, biking, and equestrian opportunities through the Mile-High Trail System (100+ miles) and Prescott National Forest (950+ miles). Top trails include the scenic Thumb Butte Trail, granite-lined Watson Lake/Flume Trail, and the panoramic Spruce Mountain Trail.



## LYNX LAKE LOOP

**Distance** 2.4 Miles  
**Time** 1.5 hrs

This relatively level, trail follows the shoreline around the lake, offering a chance to see birds and other wildlife. Located in Prescott National Forest, a lush area of ponderosa pines. You do not feel like you are in Arizona on this hike.



## CONSTELLATION LOOP

**Distance** 2.75 Miles  
**Time** 1 hr (varies with route)

A group of trails near the Phippen Museum of Western Art that allows for some close up views of the various unique rock formations of the area.



## GOLDWATER LAKE TRAIL

**Distance** 8 Miles  
**Time** 3.5 hrs

A heavily trafficked biking and hiking trail, with benches to enjoy the great view of the lake shore. The trail system is also well-marked and maintained and easy to walk.



## WATSON FISHING & DISCOVERY TRAIL

**Distance** 2 Miles  
**Time** 1 hr

A very popular and easy route for fishing, hiking, and running.



## BANNON CREEK TRAIL

**Distance** 1.4 Miles  
**Time** 1 hr

Out-and-back trail that takes you by Goldwater Lake.



## JANET FORT RUINS BASE

**Distance** 3 Miles  
**Time** 2 hrs

An relatively easy trail that goes out to the archaeological site and back.



## POTTS CREEK LOOP

**Distance** 3 Miles  
**Time** 1.15 hrs

An relatively easy trail that goes through Thumb Butte Park.



## WILLOW LAKE TRAIL

**Distance** 5.7 Miles  
**Time** 2.5 hrs

Heavily trafficked loop trail located near Prescott, Arizona that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a number of activity options and is best used from March until October.



## PEAVINE TRAIL

**Distance** 11.9 Miles  
**Time** 5 hrs

A former railway line converted into a multi-use trail. The trail is easy and combines some of the best elements Prescott has to offer, namely water, fantastic rocks, large trees, and desert scenery.



## SPRUCE MOUNTAIN LOOP

**Distance** 9.2 Miles  
**Time** 4 hrs

Generally considered a moderately challenging route with panoramic view of the surroundings.



## TURLEY TRAIL

**Distance** 4.3 Miles  
**Time** 2 hrs

The trailhead is at the southern end of Watson Lake.



## WATSON LAKE LOOP

**Distance** 4.5 Miles  
**Time** 2 hrs

The trailhead is at the southern end of Watson Lake.



## GRANITE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

**Distance** 8 Miles  
**Time** 6 hrs (round trip)

This trail follows the base of the mountain, through forested areas, around huge boulders, and eventually climbs up Granite Mountain. This is a scenic trail the entire way to the top.



## THUMB BUTTE TRAIL

**Distance** 2.5 Miles  
**Time** 2 hrs (round trip)

This hike takes you high above the city to the eye-catching granite butte you see from all around Prescott. At the top you can look out in two directions to the surrounding mountains and distance flat lands.



## WHITE SPAR 396 LOOP

**Distance** 8 Miles  
**Time** 3 hrs (round trip)

A moderate, long hike that takes you by Goldwater Lake Park. A great place for bird watching and other activity.

**For more information, visit:**

[www.prescott-az.gov/recreation-events/recreation-areas/trails/](http://www.prescott-az.gov/recreation-events/recreation-areas/trails/)

[www.planetware.com/arizona/top-rated-hiking-trails-in-prescott-us-az-190.htm](http://www.planetware.com/arizona/top-rated-hiking-trails-in-prescott-us-az-190.htm)



# SCHOOLS

Schools in Prescott are primarily part of the Prescott Unified School District, which serves students from preschool through 12th grade. In addition to public schools, the area includes several charter and private schools, as well as nearby colleges, giving families a variety of educational options within a relatively small community.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **Prescott High School**

(928) 445-2322  
1050 N Ruth St, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Granite Mountain Middle School**

(928) 717-3242  
1800 Smith Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Willow Creek School (K-8)**

(928) 717-3282  
2100 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Taylor Hicks Elementary School**

(928) 717-3280  
1845 Campbell Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Lincoln Elementary School**

(928) 910-2307  
201 Park Ave, Prescott, AZ 86303

### **Prescott Mile High Middle School**

(928) 717-3290  
300 S Granite St, Prescott, AZ 86303

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott Campus**

(928) 777-6600  
3700 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Yavapai College**

(928) 776-2280  
1100 E Sheldon St, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Prescott College**

(877) 350-2100  
220 Grove Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

## CHARTER & PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### **BASIS Prescott (charter)**

(928) 277-0334  
1901 Prescott Lakes Pkwy, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Mountain Oak Charter School**

(928) 541-7700  
1455 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Trinity Christian School**

(928) 445-6306  
1077 W Mogollon Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Sacred Heart Catholic School**

(928) 445-2621  
131 N Summit Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

### **Lincoln Elementary School**

(928) 910-2307  
201 Park Ave, Prescott, AZ 86303

### **Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy**

551 1st St, Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 717-3272



# MEDICAL

Prescott, Arizona has a small but capable hospital network anchored by Dignity Health Yavapai Regional Medical Center West, the main full-service hospital providing emergency and specialty care. Additional support comes from Exceptional Community Hospital Prescott and the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System, which together cover general, emergency, and veterans' medical needs.

## **Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center West**

(928) 445-2700

1003 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

Full-service hospital (24/7 emergency care)

## **Exceptional Community Hospital**

(928) 534-1950

4822 AZ-69, Prescott, AZ 86301

Emergency and inpatient care facility (open 24/7)

## **Northern Arizona VA Health Care System**

(928) 445-4860

500 Highway 89 N, Prescott, AZ 863011

Veterans hospital and medical center

## **Tri City Surgery Center**

(928) 445-1919

5430 Distinction Way, Prescott, AZ 86301

Outpatient surgical center

## **Community Health Center of Yavapai**

(928) 583-1000

1090 Commerce Dr, Prescott, AZ 86305

## **Prescott Complete Care**

(928) 458-5723

1947 Commerce Center Cir, Ste A, Prescott, AZ 86301

## **Priority Family Medical Clinic**

(928) 277-0875

3165 Stillwater Dr, Prescott, AZ 86305

## **NowPrimary.Care**

(928) 277-0001

404 S Montezuma St, Suite A, Prescott, AZ 86303

## **NowPrimary.Care**

(928) 445-2700

1003 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301



# ARIZONA DAY TRIPS

## **Casa Grande Ruins, Coolidge, AZ**

(520) 723-3172

Submerge yourself into the history of the Hohokam settlers.

## **Jerome State Historic Park, Jerome, AZ**

(928) 634-5381

A 100 year old copper mining town – fun for people of all ages.

## **Kit Peak National Observatory**

(520) 318-8726

Located about 50 miles southwest of Tucson. An 18-story observatory and the world's largest solar telescope are featured.

## **Lake Powell, Page, AZ**

(928) 608-6404

A reservoir on the Colorado River, straddling the border between Utah and Arizona - a major vacation spot.

## **Organ Pipe National Monument, Ajo, AZ**

(520) 387-6849

The Sonoran Desert's plants and wildlife create a fascinating ecosystem.

## **Petrified Forest National Park, Petrified Forest, AZ**

(928) 524-6228

Explore the Puerco Indian ruins amid a forest of petried wood.

## **Red Rock State Park, Sedona, AZ**

(928) 282-6907

Unbelievably beautiful red rocks surround this 100 year-old town. Twenty minutes away is Slide Rock State Park, home of nature's own made smooth sandstone water slides.

## **Saguaro National Park, Tucson, AZ**

(520) 733-5153

See the world's most iconic cacti in this protected 143 square mile park.

## **Sunset Crater National Monument, Flagstaff, AZ**

(928) 526-0502

Nearly 1,000 years old, these cinder cones among the highest mountains in Arizona are breathtaking.

## **Grand Canyon National Park, AZ**

(928) 638-7888

Grand Canyon is a massive, steep-sided canyon carved by the Colorado River in northern Arizona over millions of years. It is known for its dramatic layered red rock formations and offers some of the most iconic views of geological history on Earth.



One of the original U.S. highways, also known as the Will Rogers Highway is a fun trip down memory lane with attractions to stop and explore along the way.



# ARIZONA FACTS

On February 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state. Famed for its stunning natural landscapes, notably the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon shaped by the Colorado River. Rich in Native American heritage, with significant Navajo and Hopi populations, it offers a unique blend of cultural history. The state's economy is bolstered by mining, tourism, and agriculture, including cotton and cattle. Arizona's diverse terrain ranges from the Sonoran Desert's saguaro cacti to the snow-capped San Francisco Mountains.

**State Nickname:** The Grand Canyon State

**Motto:** Ditat Deus

**Slogan:** In God We Trust

**Colors:** Blue and Gold

**State Flower:** Blossom of the Saguaro Cactus

**State Song:** "Arizona March song" by Margaret Rowe Clifford  
& "Arizona" by Rex Allen, Jr.

**State Flag:** In 1910, Col Charles W. Harris created the flag for the Arizona National Guard Rifle Team to use at the National Matches at Camp Perry. The Arizona State Flag features red and yellow rays alternating, symbolizing the 13 original colonies and the settling sun in the west. These colors are inspired by the Spanish flag, which Coronado brought to the area. The flag's lower half displays a shade of that matches the one in the United States flag. At the center, a copper star signifies Arizona's status as the nation's top copper producer.

**State Bird:** Cactus Wren



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TITLE



YAVAPAI COUNTY COURT HOUSE



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