

101 THINGS TO DO IN THE PHOENIX MESA AREA –SECTION 2



Hoo-Hoogam Ki Museum
10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
480-850-8190

Features the cultural heritage of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community from the ancient Hohokam to the present, with exhibits on Pima basketry, Maricopa pottery, traditional dress and veterans.

www.azcama.com/museums/hoohoogam.html



McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
480-312-2312

Train rides throughout the park, historic exhibits, superb picnic and playground facilities. An entertainment and educational delight for all ages. www.therailroadpark.com



Hot Air Expeditions
Deer Valley Airport
800-831-7610

A hot air balloon ride is an exhilarating experience for everyone.

www.hotairexpeditions.com



Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors' Center
525 E. Main St., Mesa
480-964-7164

A noted landmark with beautifully manicured gardens throughout the grounds. Annual Christmas lights display and the world's largest annual Easter Pageant.

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IMAX Theatre Arizona Mills
5000 Arizona Mills Cir., Tempe
480-897-IMAX

Treat your senses to the most powerful and involving movie experience yet created. A larger-than-life escape, putting you in the heart of the action! www.imax.com/tempe



Mesa Arts Center
1 E. Main St., Mesa
480-644-6500

A 212,755-square-foot performing arts, visual arts and arts education facility, the largest and most comprehensive arts center in Arizona.

Located in the heart of downtown at Center and Main streets, MAC features four theaters, five galleries, and 14 creative art studios. www.mesaartscenter.com



Iron Factory/Second Avenue Design
737 W. 2nd Ave., Mesa
800-843-1602

Since 1979, Second Avenue Design has offered couture services in iron lighting and home accessories. Visit the factory departments to see how your product will be made. Facility tours available, but you must call ahead.

www.2ndave.com



Mesa Historical Museum
2345 N. Horne St., Mesa
480-835-7358

Historic schoolhouse built in 1913 houses a collection of farm machinery and domestic farmstead items. Memorabilia of early Mesa, Stringtown and Lehi settlers. Murals depict the story of the Southwest and Mesa area development. www.mesaaz.org



Laser Quest
2035 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa
480-752-0005

Tag, hide and seek, cops and robbers, capture the flag and Buck Rogers all rolled into one, enhanced with modern technology. Whether it's a social event or serious fun there's nothing that brings people together for a great time quite like Laser Quest. www.laserquest.com

**Mesa Market Place
Swap Meet**

Mesa Market Place
10550 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-380-5572

Open Fri., Sat., Sun. only. 1600 booths under one roof. Mister system throughout for summer heat! www.mesamarket.com



Lost Dutchman State Park
6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-982-4485

Named after the fabled lost gold mine, this park is located in the Sonoran Desert at 2000 feet elevation. A variety of hiking trails, nature trails, campsites, picnic facilities and special programs throughout the year.

www.azparks.gov/parks/parkhtml/dutchman.html



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1221 South Westwood | Mesa, Arizona 85210 | 480-461-3000

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MESA RIVERVIEW

Mesa Riverview
Highway 202 and Dobson Rd., Mesa
480-834-8500

Mesa Riverview is home to Bass Pro Shops, Cinemark Theatre and an exciting selection of power center anchors, specialty shops, theme-style restaurants and food retailers.
www.mesariverview.com



Mesa Southwest Museum
53 N. Macdonald, Mesa
480-644-2230

Museum of cultural and natural history, permanent and changing exhibitions on Arizona and the Southwest, from dinosaurs to conquistadors, from the old west to the space age. Hands-on exhibits for all ages. www.mesasouthwestmuseum.com



Mesa Symphony
480-827-2143

The Mesa Symphony is a joyous, spirited, moveable, musical, entertainment feast. www.mesasymphony.org



Mystery Castle
800 E. Mineral Rd., Phoenix
602-268-1581

"Imagination is more important than knowledge," an Einstein quote proved by Boyce Gulley, the builder of Mystery Castle. The 18-room, 8,000-square-foot castle was built by Boyce Luther Gulley between 1930 and 1945 to satisfy the fairy-tale fantasies of his young daughter, Mary Lou. Seasonal tours.



OK Corral
2655 E. Whitley St., Apache Junction
480-982-4040

One-, two- or four-hour horseback trail rides and one- to three-day horseback trail riding camping trips.
www.okcorrals.com



Organ Stop Pizza
1149 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-813-5700

The unique Organ Stop is one of the largest restaurants in the Southwest. Xylophones, chimes, pianos, drums, cymbals and hundreds of other musical instruments and sound effects surround you in the dining room, controlled by one person at the console of the mighty Wurlitzer organ. www.organstoppizza.com



Orpheum Theatre
203 W. Adams St., Phoenix
602-262-7272

Beautifully renovated 1,400-seat venue showcases local and touring companies presenting theater, dance and music.
<http://phoenix.gov/STAGES/orpheum.html>



Outback Safari Company
Mesa

480-987-8335

Experience the timeless beauty of the Arizona desert on an ATV, Ranger or Hummer. See a variety of scenery ranging from the classic saguaro cactus to sandy river bottoms and cool running creeks, not to mention Arizona's diverse wildlife.
www.theoutbacksafari.com



Park of the Canals

1710 N. Horne, Mesa
480-644-2352 or 480-827-4700

The 31-acre park includes evidence of ancient Hohokam Indian canals dating back to 700 B.C. and extensive desert botanical garden.
www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/parks/park_canals.aspx



Penske Racing Museum
7125 E. Chauncey Ln., Phoenix
480-538-4444

Celebrates nearly 40 years of the winning tradition of Penske racing, showcasing a private collection of vintage race cars, racing trophies and various racing memorabilia. www.penskeracingmuseum.com



Petersen House Museum
1414 W. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5151

The Petersen House received the 1990 Governor's Award of Historic Preservation after extensive restoration.

www.tempe.gov/petersenhouse/



Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602-257-1222

Includes 16,000 artworks that span the centuries. Emphasis is on American, Asian, European, Latin American, modern and contemporary and Western American art, plus fashion design and the Thorne Miniature Rooms of historic interiors. The museum also features an interactive "child-friendly, please touch!" gallery called ArtWorks. www.phxart.org



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Phoenix Greyhound Park
3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-273-7181

Pari-mutuel wagering on live greyhound racing seven nights a week and daily simulcast wagering from racetracks across the nation. www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com



Phoenix Symphony Hall
225 E. Adams St., Phoenix
602-534-5600

Home of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Opera and Ballet Arizona, hosting entertainment ranging from opera and ballet to Broadway shows and concerts. <http://phoenix.gov/STAGES/symphall.html>



Phoenix International Raceway
7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale
602-252-2227

Phoenix International Raceway, with its world-renowned mile oval, is the annual site for races featuring the biggest names on the NASCAR and Indy Racing League circuits. www.phoenixintlraceway.com



The Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602-273-1341

The nation's leading nonprofit zoo, home to more than 1,200 animals. Exciting array of animal exhibits, unique special events, educational programs and outdoor recreational activities for people of all ages. www.phoenixzoo.org



Phoenix Museum of History
Heritage and Science Park
105 N. Fifth St., Phoenix
602-253-2734

The museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving and exhibiting the early history of Phoenix. Interactive exhibits showcase Phoenix's metamorphosis from dusty desert town to modern metropolis. www.phoenixmuseumofhistory.org



Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum

3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix
623-465-1052

Located 30 minutes north of Phoenix, the museum sits on more than 90 acres of an old 1800s village, with original buildings and accurate reproductions. The village houses 30 historic buildings from the 1880s to the turn of the century. www.pioneer-arizona.com



Phoenix Park'n Swap
3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-273-1250 or 800-772-0852

Arizona arts and crafts, jewelry and Southwestern souvenirs. Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. www.americanparknswap.com



Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park

4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-495-0900 or 877-706-4408

Dedicated to the study and interpretation of the Hohokam culture. Explore the ruin of an 800-year-old platform mound, an excavated ball court and full-scale reproductions of prehistoric Hohokam homes. www.pueblogrande.com



Phoenix Police Museum
101 S. Central Ave., Suite 100, Phoenix
602-534-7278

Police artifacts dating from the late 1800s. Exhibits show the department's history, from its early police marshals to present day police officers. www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com



Queen Creek Olive Mill
25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek
480-888-9290

Arizona's first working olive farm and mill. Hand-picked olives are blended to make one of the world's finest extra virgin olive oils.

Tours available. www.queencreekolivemill.com



Phoenix Symphony
455 N. 3rd St., Suite 390, Phoenix
602-495-1999 or 800-776-9080

Featuring classical and pops concerts.

www.phoenixsymphony.org



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Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass
5700 W. North Loop Rd.,
Chandler
480-502-5600 or 800-527-1880

Travel back in time to the untamed Wild West, to an authentic 1880s town. Gunfights, stunt shows, stagecoach rides, desert train rides, petting ranch, camel ride, bull riding, gold panning, a working blacksmith, western shops, games, horseback riding, more. www.rawhide.com



River of Time Museum
12901 N. La Montana Blvd., Fountain Hills
480-837-2612

The museum dramatizes the critical importance of the rivers and water to life in the desert. Historical and cultural programs and activities for adults and children.
www.riveroftimemuseum.org



Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
7550 E. Adobe Rd., Mesa
480-644-4800

Serving the needs of all ages, from pre-schoolers to senior adults, center includes indoor walking/running track, climbing wall, exercise equipment, aerobics, billiard room, gymnasium and more. www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/RMMC



Rose Garden at Mesa Community College
1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-461-7000

Largest rose garden in the arid Southwest desert includes 4,600 bushes and more than 450 varieties. They bloom most of the year, with peak flowering in April.
www.mc.maricopa.edu/community/rosegarden/



Rio Lago Cruise
80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe
480-517-4050
Boat tours, charters and rentals on Tempe Town Lake.
www.riolagocruise.com



Rockin' R Ranch
6136 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-832-1539

Gunfights and gold panning, western shops and hot dutch oven biscuits. All-you-can-eat BBQ beef or chicken dinner followed by a spectacular western stage show featuring the world-famous Rockin' R Wranglers. www.rockinr.net



Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area
Central Ave. and the Salt River, Phoenix
602-262-6863

The restoration area encompasses a five mile stretch of the Salt River just south of downtown Phoenix. Five miles of trails bring you through various habitats - explore the demonstration wetland pond inhabited by wintering waterfowl, observe a jackrabbit in the mesquite bosque, walk under a canopy of cottonwood and willow trees, or enjoy the view of a waterfall from one of the lookouts.
<http://phoenix.gov/RIOSALADO/>



Saguaro Lake Ranch Trail Rides
13020 Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-0335

Guided trail rides give you spectacular views of the surrounding country and information on desert plants and cactus. Morning ride through the desert or sunset ride in the late afternoon. www.SaguaroLakeTrailRides.com



Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
2757 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
480-503-6744

110-acre preserve provides a great opportunity for bird watching. www.riparianinstitute.org



Saint Anthony's Monastery
4784 N. St. Joseph's Way, Florence
520-868-3188

In July 1995, five fathers arrived in Arizona from the Holy Monastery of Philotheou, Mount Athos, Greece. In five and a half years, the brotherhood increased to its present number of 34 fathers and 15 buildings, including two churches and three chapels.
www.stanthonymonastery.org



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Salt River Tubing & Recreation
1320 N. Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-3305

Beat the heat on a hot Arizona summer day and float on the cool and refreshing mountain-stream waters of the Salt River. Seasonal. www.saltrivertubing.com



Stratum Laser Tag
1455 S. Stapley Dr., Mesa
480-545-5500

Facility includes a 13,000-square-foot laser tag arena with 15 different levels, arcade and redemption area, featuring all non-violent arcade games as well as a seated dining area. www.stratumhq.com



Schnepf Farms
24810 S. Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek
480-987-3100

Open for festivals, company parties, educational field trips, private bus tours, and the peach season. www.schnepfarms.com



Superstition Farm Tours
3440 S. Hawes Rd., Mesa
480-986-7781

Dairy tours, hayrides, petting zoo, and milk bar. www.superstitionfarmtours.com



Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale
480-994-2787

The center presents a season of music, dance and theater; concerts under the stars in the amphitheater; free Sunday AFairs, October through April, and the annual Scottsdale Arts Festival in March. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org



Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum

4087 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-983-4888

The museum collects, preserves and displays the artifacts, history and folklore of the Superstition Mountains, Apache Junction and surrounding region.

www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org



Shamrock Farms Tour
40034 W. Clayton Rd., Stanfield
602-477-2462

Located about 60 miles from downtown Mesa, this farm tour is a real hands-on educational experience for kids of all ages.

The farm features more than 10,000 cows, as well as interactive displays, games, and a tram ride. Advanced reservations required. www.shamrockfarmstour.com



Superstition Springs Center
6555 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-832-0212

At U.S. 60 and Power Road in east Mesa, mall includes Dillard's, JCPenney, Sears, Mervyn's, Macy's, 150 specialty shops, cinemas, eateries, carousel, desert botanical garden and Plaza Amphitheater.

www.superstitionsprings.com



Shemer Art Center and Museum
5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
602-262-4727

1920s Santa Fe mission-style building features exhibits by Arizona artists, classes for the whole family. <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/shemer.html>



Taliesin West
The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale
480-860-2700

Architect Wright's dramatic desert masterpiece. International headquarters of the foundation, site of Frank Lloyd Wright Archives and winter campus for the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Regularly scheduled and custom group tours.

www.franklloydwright.org



Tempe Historical Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5100

The museum depicts the history of Tempe from its founding in 1871 to its growth and development into a modern city. Hands-on exhibits, two changing galleries and gift shop. www.tempe.gov/museum



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Tempe Town Lake
Rio Salado Pkwy. and Mill Ave.,
Tempe
480-350-8625

The heart of Tempe Town Lake is historic Tempe Beach Park. Room for a rock music festival with quiet space still remaining for a romantic walk. www.tempe.gov/lake/



Tonto National Forest
Mesa Ranger District
5140 E. Ingram St., Mesa
480-610-3300

Great location for hiking, the Tonto National Forest is the fifth largest forest in the United States, on nearly three million acres of land, one of the most-visited forests in the U.S. Outstanding year-round recreational opportunities. Its scenic landscapes range from cactus-studded desert to pine-forested mountains. www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto



Tortilla Flat
Highway 88, Tortilla Flat
480-984-1776

Tortilla Flat, an authentic Old

Stagecoach Stop along the scenic Apache Trail, is one of the last remnants of the Old West. Stroll up and down the boardwalk, where the clomp of shoes on the wood is reminiscent of a time past, when wooden sidewalks were the only kind of sidewalk. www.tortillafataz.com



Tovrea Castle's Carraro Cactus Garden
5041 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602-256-3155

The Garden provides the lush

desert setting for the landmark Tovrea Castle. Learn about the many varieties of Arizona cacti and exotic plants from South America and the mystery behind the rock walls. The Garden boasts more than 5,000 cacti in over 100 varieties. An update of the Castle renovation project and views of the Castle exterior will be included in the guided tour. Advanced reservations required. www.phoenix.gov/parks/tovrea.html



Turf Paradise
1501 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
602-942-1101

Live racing September through May.

Simulcast racing seven days a week, 364 days a year. www.turfparadise.com



USA Skateland Mesa
7 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-833-7775

Newly remodeled indoor inline/roller skating rink features skating lessons, full concession, light show, great music and over 50 video and prize-winning games. www.skatelandmesa.com



Unicorn Balloon Company of Arizona / Adventures Out West

480-991-3666 or 800-755-0935

Hot air balloon flights depart daily from sites near Scottsdale and Carefree.

www.unicornballoon.com or

www.adventuresoutwest.com



West Valley Art Museum
17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise
623-972-0635

Five galleries host 30-40 exhibitions annually including exhibits from its permanent collections of ethnic dress, American and Oriental art. www.wvam.org



Wildlife World Zoo
16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park
623-935-9453

Arizona's largest collection of exotic animals, totaling more than 1,300 individual animals – up close and personal.

www.wildlifeworld.com



The Wrigley Mansion
2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix
602-955-4079

A recognized landmark in the

Phoenix area since the 1930s. Tours available. www.wrigleymansionclub.com

Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery
22402 S. Basha Rd., Chandler
480-895-5230 opt. 2

The focus of the collection lies in two specific areas: contemporary Western American Art and contemporary Native American Art. A vast composite of artwork, with well over 1,200 pieces of art displayed throughout the gallery. www.bashas.com/gallery/



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