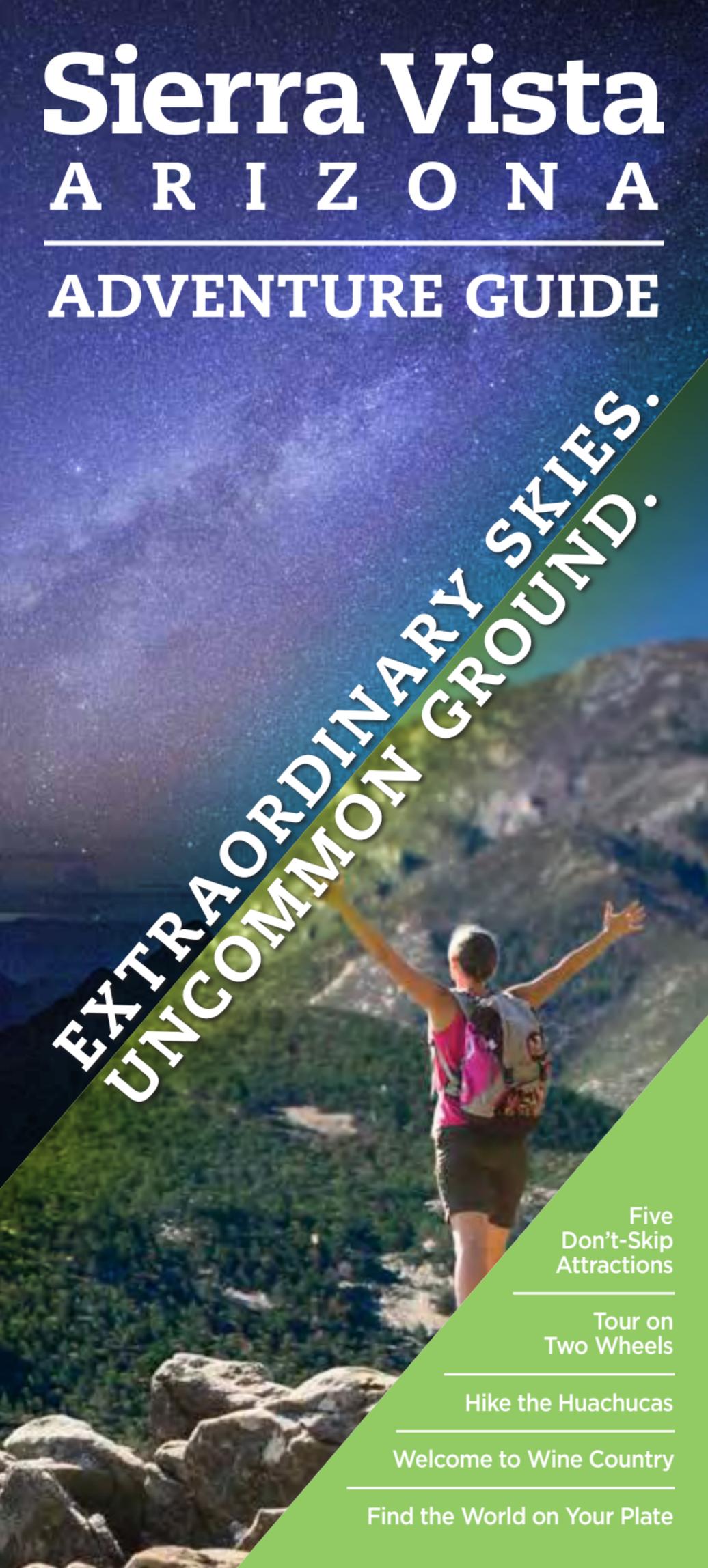


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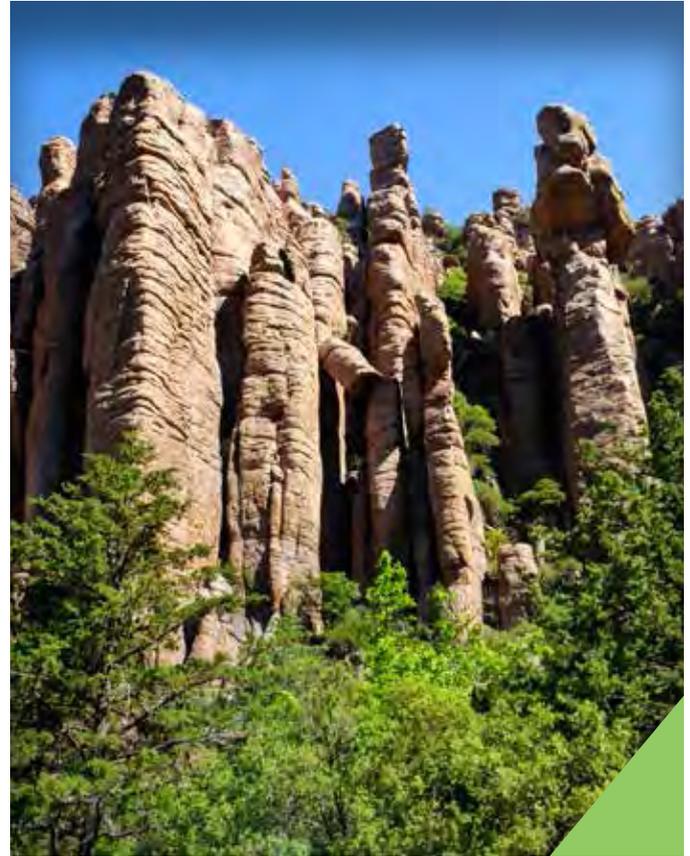
FIVE DON'T-SKIP ATTRACTIONS

A trip to Sierra Vista won't be complete without a few hours spent at these extraordinary locations. Discover the unique geography and habitat that shape southeast Arizona's terrain, from Ramsey Canyon's near-tropical climate to the eerie vertical rock formations of Chiricahua National Monument. Kartchner Caverns takes you deep underground while the Our Lady of the Sierras Shrine gives you jaw dropping views that invite meditation. And the Petroglyph Discovery Trail makes 600-year-old history come to life.



Ramsey Canyon Preserve

The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve is world-renowned, thanks to the unique interplay of geology, biology, topography, and climate that create a diverse habitat for plant and animal life. The 280-acre preserve provides a haven for over 170 varieties of birds, including 14 species of hummingbirds. Inside the Visitor Center at Ramsey Canyon Preserve is the kid-friendly Please Touch Room with bird nests, snake skins, and other wildlife bits. Allow two to three hours. Two-hour guided tours leave at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, March through October. Open Thursday through Monday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. March through October; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. November through February. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Sorry, no pets or smoking on the Preserve. *Hwy 92 East, 6 miles south; right (west) onto Ramsey Canyon Road, 3 miles to the Preserve.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 378-2785.



Chiricahua National Monument

Known as the Wonderland of Rocks, this traditional haunt of Cochise and his Chiricahua Apache band was declared a preserve in 1924. See geology at its finest: gravity-defying rock formations, a natural bridge, and a volcanic hailstone ledge. A two-hour drive, but worth the trip. Wildlife viewing and trails abound. *Hwy 90 West Bypass north to Charleston Road, 0.3 miles; right (east) on Charleston Road, 16 miles; right (southeast) onto Hwy 80 East, 0.5 miles; left (northeast) onto Davis Road, 24 miles; right (north) onto U.S. 191 North, 20 miles; right (east) onto Hwy 181, 23 miles; continue on E. Bonita Canyon Road, 3 miles.*



Kartchner Caverns State Park

Named one of the top 10 caves in the U.S., Kartchner is an extraordinary living cave. Under the management of Arizona State Parks, visitors can enjoy an interpretive center, nature walk, hiking trail and two guided cave tours. The Rotunda-Throne Room cave tour is available all year around; the Big Room is only available from October 15 to April 15, as it serves as a nursery roost for bats during the summer. Allow 4 hours. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 24 miles to the park gate on left.* 800-288-3861 for information or (520) 586-CAVE (2283) for reservations, hours, and fees.

FUN FACTS!

- Ramsey Canyon is named for Gardner Ramsey, who turned the only access road to Hamburg into a toll road.
- Before it was a preserve, Ramsey Canyon was the site of a less-than-respectable town.
- Kartchner Caverns was discovered in 1974, but the spelunkers who found it kept it a secret until 1978.



Our Lady of the Sierras Shrine

This site, with vast panoramic views of the San Pedro Valley, is home to a shrine inspired by a religious pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. The 75-foot Celtic cross, chapel, and 31-foot statue of the Virgin Mary provide a peaceful sanctuary that visitors of all faiths can enjoy. The views from the shrine of the surrounding mountains and valley are breathtaking. Allow one hour. 9:00 a.m. to sunset every day. *Hwy 92 East, 11 miles; turn right (south) onto Stone Ridge; turn right (west) onto E. Prince Placer Road; turn left (south) onto S. Twin Oaks Road; entrance on the left.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 378-2950.



Petroglyph Discovery Trail

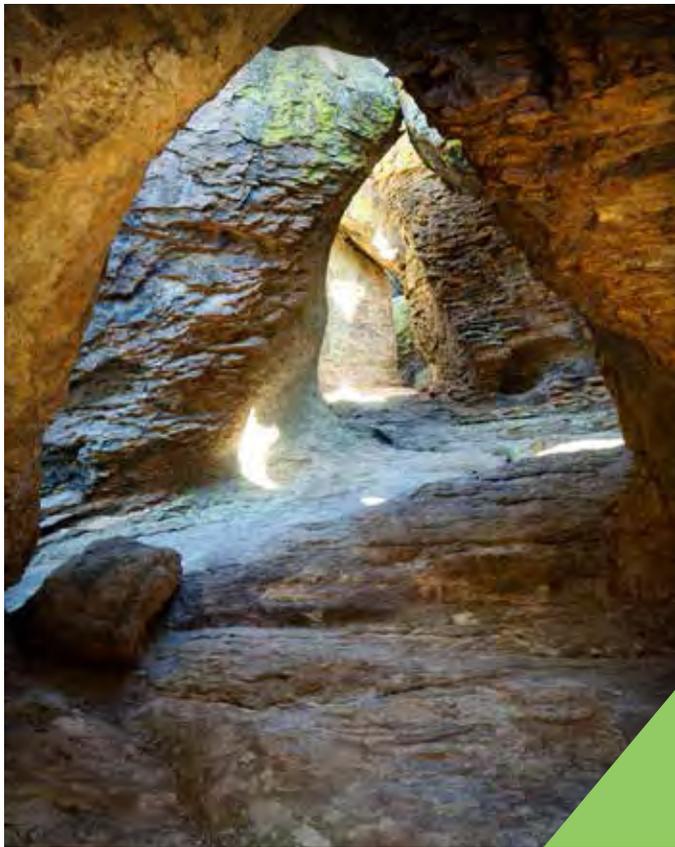
Midway into the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area is the trailhead for Millville (see page 7) that leads to the remnants of the Millville and Charleston ghost towns, and also to 600-year-old rock art stories from ancient inhabitants. Allow one to two hours. *Take the fork in the trail to Millville, explore, and then continue on to Charleston.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).

Find more attractions and information online at VisitSierraVista.com.



PARKS & MONUMENTS

Nearby state and national parks, monuments and memorials let you walk in the footsteps of history under the immense canopy of Arizona sky and across unique terrain—both above and below ground.



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Coronado National Memorial

In the mid-16th century, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and his soldiers marched from Mexico into the San Pedro Valley searching for the Seven Cities of Cibola and its fabled gold. The National Park Service operates the 4,750-acre Memorial Park; it's also the beginning of the famous Arizona Trail, with outstanding hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities. While at the Memorial, explore the Coronado Cave. This cave is perfect for folks who would like a caving experience without rappelling, squeezing through tiny passageways, or belly crawling. Legend has it that Geronimo used the cave as a hideout in the late 1800s.

Be sure to include Montezuma Pass (elevation 6,575 feet), just a 15 minute drive from the Memorial Visitor Center. Allow two hours. Daylight picnic area; no overnight camping. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. *Hwy 92 East, 14 miles; right (south) onto South Coronado Memorial Road (milepost 334), 4 miles to the Memorial.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 366-5515 (National Park Service).

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FORT HUACHUCA

Still an active military installation, Fort Huachuca was established in 1877 to defend American settlers and protect Mexico from Apache attacks. Those who mustered there in the early years quelled Apache raids, tracked and captured Geronimo, and tangled with the likes of Billy the Kid and Pancho Villa.



Now a National Historic Landmark District, Fort Huachuca serves as Arizona's last active Army post, and the U.S. Army's center for electronic weaponry, U.S. Army communications, and military intelligence training. *Hwy 90 West Bypass west 4.4 miles to the Fort Huachuca Van Deman Gate on Hatfield Street.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 533-7111.

Important Access Note: If you'd like to visit Fort Huachuca, please remember the Fort is an active military installation and specific entrance requirements are enforced. U.S. Citizens without a valid Department of Defense credential will be subject to a background check before receiving a photo ID pass, valid for up to 30-days. Allow 30 minutes to complete the entrance requirements. Current vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance may be requested. International visitors must arrange for an approved military escort in advance (PIO@SierraVistaAZ.gov). The Fort may be closed without notice.

Personal use photography of wildlife and historic buildings is permitted. Commercial photography and videography is not permitted. Please direct questions concerning permissible photography to DPTMS Antiterrorism Office (520) 533-6995 or the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office (520) 533-1850.



Fort Huachuca Museum

The Fort Museum commemorates more than 150 years of history, from the first attempts to tame the territory in 1846 to World War II. Learn about the Buffalo Soldiers and their role in American history, the 4th Cavalry patrol, Indian scouts, the surrender of Geronimo, and the hardships of living in a frontier fort. Allow one to two hours. Be sure to allow time for the audio walking tour of the Old Post, a National Historic Landmark. Free admission; donations appreciated. Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed federal holidays. *From the Van Deman Gate, stay on Hatfield Street (becomes Lawton after crossing Smith Avenue); right on Winrow Avenue; left on Mizner Avenue; right on Grierson Avenue; right on Hungerford, Building 62723; parking on the left.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 533-3638.

Military Intelligence Soldier Heritage Learning Center

Learn about the tools and tactics of U.S. military intelligence, from the Revolutionary War to modern engagements. See surveillance and espionage tools from the Civil War, a notorious Enigma Machine, a Cold War era U.S. espionage Jeep, a section of the Berlin Wall, and much more. Allow two hours. Free admission; donations appreciated. Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed federal holidays. *From the Van Deman Gate, stay on Hatfield Street (past Irwin Street); Center will be on north side of Hatfield Street inside the MI Library, Building 62723.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 533-3638.

FUN FACTS!

- The 4th Cavalry Regiment is one of the most decorated regiments in the U.S. Army.
- More than 350 archaeological sites are located on Fort Huachuca.
- Fort Huachuca is known as the “home of the Buffalo Soldiers” because every original regiment of these trail-blazing soldiers was once stationed there.



FORT HUACHUCA



Old Post Cemetery

Established in 1877, this cemetery is an emotional “read” for devotees of military history and the final resting place of many historic figures who helped shape the West. Allow 30 minutes. *From the Van Deman Gate, stay on Hatfield Street (becomes Lawton Road after crossing Smith Avenue); right on Winrow Avenue; left onto Mizner Avenue; right on Grierson Avenue; right on Huachuca Canyon Road; left onto Burt Road.* 800-288-3861. See access note on page 5.

Reservoir Hill Overlook

Located on the southern portion of the overlook this is truly one of the majestic viewpoints of the San Pedro Valley. Allow 15–30 minutes. Outdoor amenities only. *From the Van Deman Gate, stay on Hatfield Street (becomes Lawton Road after crossing Smith Avenue); right on Winrow Avenue; left onto Mizner Avenue; right on Grierson Avenue; left onto Huachuca Canyon Road; left onto Reservoir Hill Road.* 800-288-3861. See access note on page 5.

Buffalo Soldier Plaza

African-American soldiers earned the moniker “Buffalo Soldiers” from the Cheyenne and Comanche during the Indian Wars, and continued to serve under it through World War II. These soldiers are honored with a statue at Buffalo Soldier Legacy Plaza on Fort Huachuca, and in an expansive exhibit at the Fort Huachuca Museum Annex. *From the Van Deman Gate, stay on Hatfield Street (becomes Lawton Road after crossing Smith Avenue); right on Winrow Avenue; left on Mizner Avenue; right onto Grierson Avenue; right on Hungerford; left on Johnson Road.* See access note on page 5.

MILITARY HISTORY BEYOND THE POST

Can't get enough military history? Here's a taste of an American frontier fort...and an even earlier post established by Conquistadores in 1775.



Fort Bowie

Established on a windy mesa in 1862 to provide refuge from Apache attacks, Fort Bowie still stands as a monument to military life in the Old West. Stop by the Fort Bowie Visitor Center for information on the Butterfield Mail Route, fort life, and Apache history, and then take the 1.5 mile hike to the ruins. Surrounded by jagged terrain, this now-eerily silent National Historic Site brings to life the hardships of life on the frontier. Worth the two-hour drive. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, drive east on I-10, 60 miles; exit 362; slight right onto I-10 Business East, 1 mile; turn right (south) onto S. Apache Pass Road; 10 miles; turn left (southeast) onto Bear Springs Road, 1 mile; continue onto S. Old Fort Bowie Road, 2 miles.*



Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate

This Spanish presidio was established in 1775 and still features a few visible remains and many interpretive signs. Prehistoric Hohokam potsherds can be seen in the Presidio's adobe walls. The site is a 1.5 mile walk from the parking area. Allow 30 minutes to 1 hour. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 13 miles; right (east) onto Hwy 82, 9 miles; turn left (north) onto In Balance Ranch Road (milepost 60), 2 miles north to the parking lot.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).



GHOST TOWNS

These once-thriving communities boomed during Tombstone's mining heyday then went bust when the silver petered out. You'll find milling infrastructure jutting out of the ground and in some cases, entire buildings still standing. Take lots of photos but leave any artifacts you find so others can enjoy them. It's a federal offense to remove artifacts from public lands, including arrowheads, potsherds, or other interesting objects you might come across. Refer to the map on pages 30 and 31 for these and other ghost town locations.



Fairbank

Fairbank, once one of the largest cities in the West, was the railroad stop closest to Tombstone. Take a self-guided tour of the past: a post office, a general store, small homes, a schoolhouse, and of course, the ever-present saloon. The one-room schoolhouse has been restored and serves as a museum and gift shop, open weekends. The Fairbank Cemetery is a short hike from the town site. Allow one to two hours. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 13 miles to Hwy 82; turn right (east) on Hwy 82, 10 miles; entrance to the left (north).* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).

Millville and Charleston

Located along the banks of the San Pedro River and rumored to have been a tougher town than even the wicked Tombstone. Little remains of Charleston today, but the sibling settlement, Millville, still has remnants of buildings. Orientation panel in Millville and exhibits along the trail. Allow one hour or more. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 0.3 miles north to Charleston Road, turn right (east); travel 8 miles on Charleston Road; cross the San Pedro River bridge then turn left (north) onto a dirt road by the Fire Danger sign; follow signs to parking and trailhead.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).



Pearce

Established in 1894, Pearce was the last of the Arizona gold rush camps—and one of the richest gold strikes in the state, with \$15 million to \$30 million worth of gold mined within two years. See a museum, adobe ruins, a graveyard, and historic buildings. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, drive east on I-10, 16 miles; exit 318; turn right (east) onto E. Dragoon Road, 17 miles; turn right (southeast) onto U.S. 191 S, 13 miles; veer right (south) onto Ghost Town Trail, 1 mile; east (left) onto Pearce Road.*

Gleeson

Gleeson prospered from 1909 until 1939 when copper prices plummeted, leaving only skeletons of a hospital and other buildings, including the once-elaborate Musso house, rumored to have been a hiding place for liquor during Prohibition. The rumor gained credibility when a hollow space under the shallow concrete pond was discovered in the 1980s. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, drive east on I-10, 16 miles; exit 318; turn right (east) onto E. Dragoon Road, 17 miles; turn right (southeast) onto U.S. 191 S, 13 miles; veer right (south) onto Ghost Town Trail (a maintained dirt road), 10.25 miles; west (right) onto Gleeson Road (a maintained dirt road). Continue along Gleeson Road for about 18 miles to reach Tombstone at Hwy 80.*

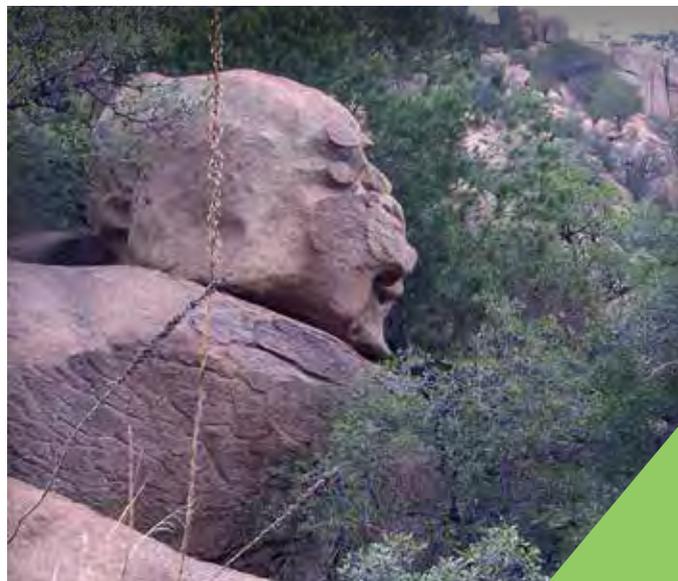
FUN FACTS!

- The Old West added two words about towns to American jargon: “boom” and “bust.”
- Fairbank had full-time residents until 1974, who kept the Adobe Mercantile open for business.
- The Millville bridge is rumored to be haunted.



NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Apache, a word coined by the Zuni of New Mexico, means enemy, and a formidable enemy they were. Two Apache leaders influenced the history of the southwest: Cochise and Geronimo.

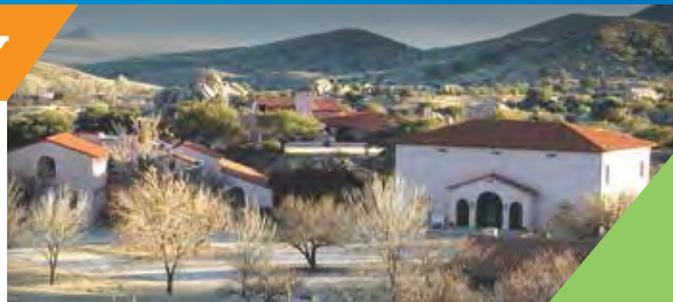


Cochise Stronghold

The Dragoon Mountains northeast of Sierra Vista are collectively known as Cochise Stronghold. Rugged granite hills, sky-piercing rhyolite pillars, and stacks of eerily balanced boulders provided both hiding and vantage places for the Apache. Wander the hiking trails, camp, and picnic in the shadows of Old West history. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, take I-10 East to Dragoon Road; exit 318; right (east) on E. Dragoon Road, 10 miles; right (south) on Cochise Stronghold Road, 6 miles; right (west) on W. Ironwood Road, 4 miles to Cochise Stronghold Campground.*

FUN FACTS!

- Geronimo was a shaman, or healer.
- The Apache ranged from northern Mexico to southern Colorado, and from eastern Arizona to southwest Texas.
- The Apache people speak one or more of seven languages. Navajo is the most common.



Amerind Foundation

Nestled in Texas Canyon in the Little Dragoon Mountains, this unique museum and art gallery is a private, nonprofit anthropological and archaeological research center for Native American cultures. Allow two to three hours. Picnic facilities available. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays; closed major holidays. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, take I-10 East to Dragoon Road; exit 318; approximately 1 mile to parking area.* Admission: \$5 - \$8; group rates available. 800-288-3861 or (520) 586-3666.



Petroglyph Discovery Trail

See 600-year-old rock art stories from ancient inhabitants along the San Pedro River near the ghost towns of Charleston and Millville, an easy walk along the San Pedro River. Allow one to two hours. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 0.3 miles north to Charleston Road, turn right (east); travel 8 miles on Charleston Road; cross the San Pedro River Bridge then turn left (north) onto a dirt road by the Fire Danger sign; follow signs to parking and trailhead. Along the trail, take the Millville fork.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400. (BLM).

Garden Canyon

Hike through diverse flora and fauna to find some of the 53 pictographs dating from 600 C.E. to Apache art of the 1700s. Allow one hour. Garden Canyon is accessed from the Fort Huachuca Van Deman Gate. *From the gate, stay on Hatfield Street; left at Irwin Street; right onto Squire Avenue; left onto Winrow Avenue; cross Allison Road toward Range Control/Sportsman's Center; right at the fork to Garden Canyon. Park in lower picnic area; access beyond lower area for foot traffic only. Note:* Garden Canyon is occasionally closed for maneuvers. See access note on page 5.



PREHISTORIC SITES

Humans inhabited this area 13,000 years ago, leaving hunting sites, hearths, petroglyphs, and tools as evidence. In addition to exploring the petroglyph sites noted on page 8, take these two self-guided tours and discover where men hunted the mammoths that once thundered across the land.

Lehner Mammoth Kill Site

The Lehner site is the first Clovis kill site where butchering tools were found alongside the remains of prehistoric bison, mammoth, and smaller animals. A fire hearth was also found and dated, placing the Clovis people in North America between 8000–9000 B.C.E. *Hwy 92 East, 5 miles; turn left (east) onto E. Hereford Road, 9 miles to the parking area; site is a short hike along the San Pedro Trail. 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).*



Murray Springs Clovis Site

Take this self-guided interpretive trail and learn about this major discovery site, including two kill sites and a Clovis campsite dating to about 13,000 years ago. Allow one hour. *Hwy 90 East 4 miles; turn left (north) onto Moson Road; travel 1 mile to entrance on the right. 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).*



Garden Canyon, Fort Huachuca

Inhabited since 600 C.E., the Garden Canyon Village Site is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. There, archaeologists have found evidence of Hohokam, Mogollon, Trincheras, and Casa Grandes cultures. The Garden Canyon Pictograph Site has 53 pictographs (painted rock art) from some of its earliest residents, as well as Apache pictographs from the 1700s. A short stroll away is Rappell Cliffs Rock Shelter Site, where the rock art is thought to date back to 1300 C.E. See access note on page 5.

FUN FACTS!

- The Clovis people traveled across the Bering Strait from Asia.
- The Lehner site is the first Clovis site to have butchering tools found during excavation.
- A wrench-like tool—the only one found in North America—was found at the Murray Springs site.

TOUR ON TWO WHEELS

Hop in the saddle—the bicycle saddle—and explore southeast Arizona. Whether your bike has skinny tires or knobby ones, or you ride astride a single-speed cruiser, Sierra Vista is the place to start your bicycle adventure.

Road cyclists looking for long, winding roads with low traffic can't beat the stretches of asphalt in and around Sierra Vista. Whatever direction you ride, you'll find a constantly changing landscape and expansive mountain views along the way. And with the promise of good eats in every town (about 30 miles apart) you can grab a bite then pedal on.



The Bisbee Loop (60.8 miles) circles from Sierra Vista through this historic copper mining town that saw its boom in the 1880s. Bike friendly and funky, Bisbee is known for its many art galleries, upscale and down-home eateries and coffee houses, and independent specialty shops. Touristy? Maybe. But definitely groovy and a great place to roll into after the grunt up Highway 80, gaining 1,564 feet from the San Pedro River on Highway 90. The descent into Bisbee passes through Mule Pass Tunnel, which can (and should) be avoided by bicyclists; take North Old Divide Road a half-mile before the tunnel entrance. After refueling, loop back to Sierra Vista via Highway 92 for breathtaking views of the Huachuca Mountains, rolling grasslands, and the tiny communities of Palominas and Hereford.



The ride to **Coronado National Memorial** is a 16-mile up-and-back trip for road bikes and hybrids. If you start at Buffalo Soldier Trail and St. Andrews Drive, you'll find weekend parking for your vehicle at the Huachuca Mountain Elementary School or the United Methodist Church. With a bike lane connecting to Ramsey Canyon Road, St. Andrews/Equestrian Trail is a bike-friendly starting point and fairly flat (with a few speed humps along the way). Take a left at Ramsey Canyon Road to connect to Highway 92. The short incline is rewarded with a big decline into a dip just before another climb into Hereford. Here, you'll find a convenience store and a couple of restaurants: Ricardo's for Mexican (tasty and affordable) and Pizzeria Mimosa for upscale Italian (with locally sourced produce and house-made mozzarella). Enjoy the tree-lined, rolling hills south of Hereford, then turn right onto Coronado Memorial Drive and start the slow incline to the Visitor Center (5 miles). From here, you can enjoy the picnic tables and walking trails, or continue riding to Montezuma Pass (gravel road), gaining about 1,500 feet in elevation in 3 miles. Coronado Memorial Road offers access to several great off-road trails for hiking or mountain biking: the easy Coronado Peak Trail, moderate Joe's Canyon Trail, and Yaqui Ridge and Crest trails (both rated "difficult"). Yaqui Ridge drops down to the U.S./Mexico border and marks the southern terminus for the 820-mile Arizona Trail.



Mountain bikers can find miles of single track trails in the Huachuca Mountains, just a short ride from your hotel. One of the most popular jumping on points is along Ramsey Canyon Road at Brown Canyon Ranch. **The Brown Canyon Trail** gains about 1,900 feet in elevation and connects with the Hamburg Trail, making a nice loop ride; be sure to take the well-traveled jog to avoid the Miller Peak Wilderness Area. Popular with experienced riders, Brown Canyon gets a little gnarly with the elevation gain and rocky terrain, but the reward is breathtaking views and smooth, flatter trails in open areas.



A gentler ride is the **Perimeter Trail**, gaining only 834 feet in an 8.5 mile loop. Start at Carr Canyon Road or Miller Canyon Road, and then head into the hills. At the junction, add Clark Spring/John Cooper to complete the loop and avoid the wilderness area.



NEED A BIKE? YOU CAN RENT ONE FROM...

M&M Cycling

1301 E. Fry Boulevard
(520) 458-1316

Sun & Spokes

156 E. Fry Boulevard
(520) 458-0685

The Sierra Vista Public Library has three adult and two children's bikes available to loan. Stop by 2600 E. Tacoma Street to borrow one, or call (520) 458-4225 for information and to confirm availability.



For in-town cruising at its best, ride the paved paths that criss-cross Sierra Vista. Nearly 30 miles of paths take you off of busy streets and along washes and open areas for easy rides for all skill and fitness levels. Some favorite routes are the **Path to Higher Education** in the Cochise College/University of Arizona area, the **Fitness/Water Cycle Loop** (5 miles) between Buffalo Soldier Trail and Avenida Cochise, and the **Cochise-Vista Trail** along Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and through Veterans Memorial Park. Don't forget your camera!

Find bicycling maps and additional routes at VisitSierraVista.com (search "Bicycle").



AMAZING GAZING

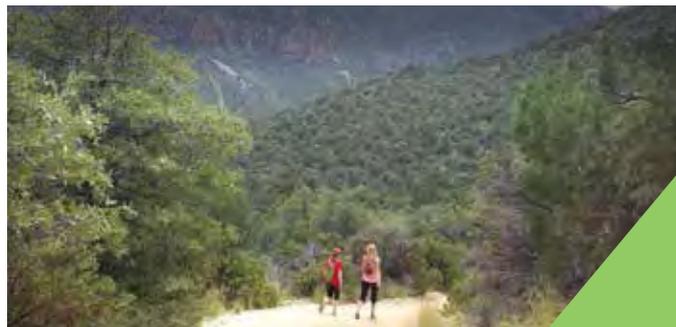
With a celestial view nothing short of astronomical, it is only natural for Sierra Vista to end up with yet another accolade: the first city in Arizona to limit commercial lighting to just 100 nits (other Arizona communities are two to three times higher!). With clear, dark skies, Sierra Vista is a premier location to observe celestial sights. No telescope? No worries! The Sierra Vista Public Library has an astronomy “discovery pack” to loan, including a telescope, stand, astronomy guide and manual. (2600 E. Tacoma Street, (520) 458-4225).



Take a free, guided tour of the skies at the **Patterson Observatory**, located at University of Arizona Sierra Vista. The 20-inch Patterson Telescope brings star clusters, nebulas, and distant galaxies into view. Go to hacastronomy.org for specific viewing dates and times (weather permitting). With advance notice, the observatory complex is available to the public for viewing of celestial objects, as a scientific resource for kindergarten through graduate school and local educators, and as a research instrument for astronomers. 1140 N. Colombo Avenue. Hwy 90 West Bypass, 0.5 miles; right onto Campus Drive, 0.5 miles; left (north) onto N. Colombo Avenue, 0.1 mile; right (northeast) onto Campus Drive, 0.3 miles; bear left to the University of Arizona. Observatory is about 500 feet northeast of the parking area. 800-288-3861 for information or (520) 458-8278, ext. 2129 for reservations.

HIKE, BIKE & RIDE THE HUACHUCAS

You’ll find dozens of trails near Sierra Vista with varying elevations. Enjoy a stroll along the San Pedro River, near-alpine hiking in the Coronado National Forest, and everything in between. Always bring plenty of water, and take care during the warmer months and mid-day heat. Remember, feet and hooves are allowed in wilderness areas, but bicycles and motorized vehicles are not. Find the perfect trail on the next page.



Sierra Vista marks the southern terminus of the **Arizona National Scenic Trail**, an 820-mile cross-state route that traverses mountains, deserts, canyons, forests, and communities from Mexico to Utah. Along the way, you’ll experience some of the most breath-taking landscapes in North America. The trail is free and open every day with easy on and off points for day hikes or longer treks. Traverse by foot, bicycle or horseback — even snowshoes or skis in the higher elevations! Begin your Arizona Trail excursion at the Coronado National Memorial. Hwy 92 East, 14 miles; right (south) onto to South Coronado Memorial Road (milepost 334), 4 miles to the Memorial. Get maps and info at www.AZTrail.org.

HORSE RENTALS AND STABLES

Buffalo Corral, Fort Huachuca.....(520) 533-5220

FUN FACTS!

- The Arizona Trail was designated a National Scenic Trail in 2009.
- The Arizona Trail passes through 28 “gateway communities,” from Sierra Vista to Kanab, Utah.
- “Huachuca” is the Apache word for “place of thunder.”

Trail (Difficulty: 1 = Easy; 2 = Difficult; 3 = More Difficult; 4 = Most Difficult)	Distance (miles, round trip)	Difficulty	Elevation	Hiking	Bicycling	Equestrian	Wildlife and Bird Viewing	Camping
Hamburg Trail: Access via Ramsey Canyon Preserve Permit required • No horses, bicycles, or dogs in Ramsey Canyon Preserve	2.8	3	5,700 – 8,075	✓			✓	
Brown Canyon Trail: Access via Ramsey Canyon Road Connects to Hamburg Trail to make a loop • No bicycles in Miller Peak Wilderness No horses, bicycles, or dogs in Ramsey Canyon Preserve	4.8	1	5,025 – 7,100	✓	✓	✓	✓	
San Pedro River: Access via San Pedro River at multiple points; hike any or all of the trail Camping permits and entrance fee required	54	1	4,100 – 4,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lutz Canyon: Access via Ash Canyon Road, Lutz Canyon	3.8	2	5,700 – 6,500	✓		✓	✓	
Miller Canyon Trail: Access via Miller Canyon Road Connects to Miller Peak/Crest Trail	11	4	5,800 – 8,600	✓		✓	✓	
Miller Peak/Crest Trail: Access via Montezuma Pass; part of the Arizona Trail	9.8	4	6,500 – 9,466	✓		✓	✓	
Joe's Canyon: Access via Coronado National Memorial Connects to Yaqui Ridge and Coronado Peak trails • No dogs on trails in the National Memorial	7	2	5,300 – 6,864	✓				
Yaqui Ridge: Access via Coronado National Memorial Connects with Joe's Canyon and Coronado Peak trails • No dogs on trails in the National Memorial Beginning (or end) of the Arizona Trail	3.5	4	6,900 – 5,925	✓				
Coronado Peak: Access via Montezuma Pass Connects with Yaqui Ridge and Joe's Canyon trails • No dogs on trails in the National Memorial	0.8	2	6,575 – 6,864	✓				
Coronado Cave: Access via Coronado National Memorial Permit required; bring a flashlight	1.5	4	5,230 – 5,700	✓				
Reef Townsite Loop (interpretive trail): Access via Reef Townsite Campground, Carr Canyon	0.75	1	7,200	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carr Peak: Access via Carr Canyon, Ramsey Vista or Reef Townsite trailheads Park horse trailers at Ramsey Vista Campground	5.5 – 6.2	2	7,535 – 9,235	✓		✓	✓	
Upper Ramsey Canyon: Access via Carr Canyon, Ramsey Vista Trailhead	4	1	7,400 – 6,840	✓		✓	✓	
Perimeter Trail: Access via Carr Canyon Road or Miller Canyon Road Add Clark Spring/John Cooper trails to make an 8.5-mile loop Bicyclists can bypass Miller Peak Wilderness via John Cooper Bicycle Trail; also a better route for horses	3.7	1	5,661 – 6,495	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Clark Spring/John Cooper: Access via Carr Canyon Road or Miller Canyon Road	2.4	3	5,900 – 6,110	✓	✓	✓		
Arizona Trail: Access via Coronado National Memorial	807 ^a	Varies	Varies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sierra Vista Shared Use Paths: Access throughout the City	29 ^b	1	4,630 +/-	✓	✓			

^aMiles, one-way | ^bMiles, discontinuous total

For up-to-date information on trail conditions, contact:

U.S. Forest Service | Sierra Vista Ranger Station
4070 S. Avenida Saracino, Hereford AZ 85615
(520) 378-311 | www.fs.usda.gov

National Park Service
(520) 366-5515 | www.nps.gov

Bureau of Land Management
4070 S. Avenida Saracino, Hereford AZ 85615
(520) 439-6400 | www.blm.gov

Sierra Vista Visitor Center
3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista AZ 85635
(520) 417-6960 | www.VisitSierraVista.com



OTHER ATTRACTIONS

These unique attractions are well worth a stop for a glimpse into Arizona's ranching history, folklore, and wildlife.



Brown Canyon Ranch

Step back to the turn of the 20th Century with a visit to Brown Canyon Ranch. First permanently occupied around 1800, the ranch was acquired by the U.S. Forest Service as part of a 1998 land swap to become part of the Coronado National Forest.

Tour the adobe ranch house, storeroom, and corrals, where the old windmill still pumps water, and the tree-surrounded pond provides a cool view and home to wildlife. Trails lead from the ranch to Brown Canyon and connect with other trails throughout the National Forest. Allow two hours. *Hwy 92 East 6 miles south to Ramsey Canyon Road; right (west) on Ramsey Canyon Road; continue on Ramsey Canyon Road past Calle Metate to reach a dirt parking area on the right; turn into the parking area, then follow the dirt road to the ranch.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400. (BLM).



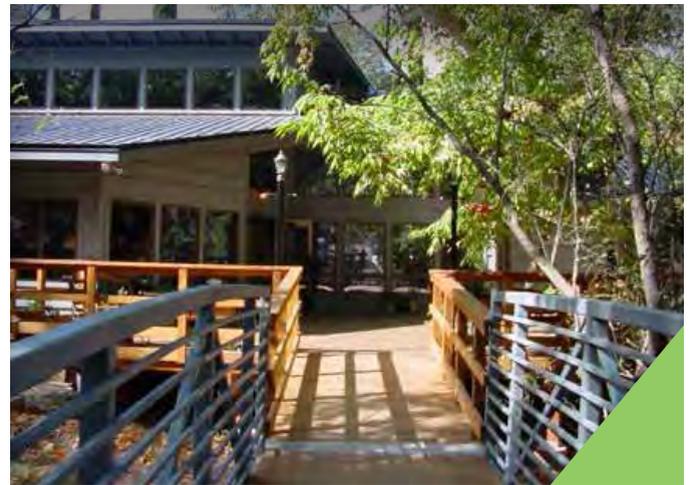
Henry F. Hauser Museum

Located in the Ethel H. Berger Center, the Henry F. Hauser Museum features stories about the unique (and sometimes wild) western history of Sierra Vista's early years through present day. Allow one hour. Monday through Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. *From the Sierra Vista Visitor Center, walk across the parking lot to 2950 E. Tacoma Street.* (520) 439-2306.



Carr House Visitor Center

The Carr House Visitor Center in Carr Canyon offers displays and exhibits of historical and natural significance and worth a stop if you're heading for the nature or hiking trails that lead to scenic overlooks, trailheads, and a seasonal waterfall. Allow two to three hours. Visitor Center open weekends April through October. *Hwy 92 East, 7 miles south; right (west) onto Carr Canyon Road, 2.1 miles to Carr House, on the left (south).* (520) 378-0311.



Arizona Folklore Preserve

Deep in the wondrous quiet of Ramsey Canyon is the one place where Arizona's music, lore, and poetry merge. The Folklore Preserve features live performances of Arizona's folk musicians, including its legendary artist-in-residence, Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer since 1966 and an original member of the New Christy Minstrels. Reservations recommended. *Hwy 92 East, 6 miles south; right (west) onto Ramsey Canyon Road, 2.5 miles to the Preserve.* 800-288-3861 for information or (520) 378-6165 for reservations.



THE CANYONS

These popular canyons lead into the Huachuca Mountains along trails suitable for bird and wildlife watching, hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Part of the Coronado National Forest, some of the trails cross into wilderness areas where motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are not permitted. For more information on trails, see pages 12 and 13.

Rare bird sightings in these canyons, like the Plain-capped Star Throat, the Flame-colored Tanager, and the Slatethroated Red Start, have gained national attention. If bird watching is your passion, be sure to visit the feeding stations, and check with the Visitor Center for hummingbird banding session dates.



Ash Canyon

Ash Canyon is easily accessible by car. You can explore the Huachuca Mountains along Lutz Trail from the trailhead at Ash Canyon.

Ash Canyon offers three separate habitats: Chihuahuan Desert grassland, riparian woodland, and oak forest. It is also home to one of the most rarely seen hummingbirds, the Plain-capped Star Throat. Ash Canyon is a great place to spot the Scott's Oriole and the Lucifer Hummingbird. *Hwy 92 East, 12 miles south; right (west) onto Turkey Track Road; right (north) onto Spring Road.*

Miller Canyon

Miller Canyon is a great place to spot birds, wildlife, and breathtaking views of the San Pedro Valley, Mule Mountains, and Miller Peak. Miller Canyon Trail treks along Miller Creek, which usually flows all year, and passes through the remains of the Palmerlee townsite and abandoned mining digs. The trail intersects with the Crest Trail, Perimeter Trail, and Miller Peak Trail (via the Crest Trail). The Clark Springs/John Cooper Trail connects Miller and Carr canyons for longer excursions. *Hwy 92 East, 9 miles to Miller Canyon Road; turn right (west) onto Miller Canyon Road.*



Carr Canyon

Another favorite, Carr Canyon provides a twisty drive to Carr Peak and Reef Townsite trailheads. If you're looking for a picnic spot, campground, or easy stroll, head to Reef Townsite Campground about midway up Carr Canyon Road. The cool canyon is a terrific place to spot birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. *Hwy 92 East, 7 miles south to Carr Canyon Road; turn right (west) onto Carr Canyon Road.*

Garden Canyon, Fort Huachuca

Hike along trails that wind through some of Arizona's most diverse flora and fauna. Along the way, you're sure to spot some of the 53 pictographs dating from 600 C.E. to Apache art of the 1700s. Allow one hour. A bird-watcher's paradise! Garden Canyon is accessed from the Fort Huachuca Van Deman Gate. *From the gate, stay on Hatfield Street; left at Irwin Street; right onto Squire Avenue; left onto Winrow Avenue; cross Allison Road toward Range Control/Sportsman's Center; right at the fork to Garden Canyon. Park in lower picnic area; access beyond lower area for foot traffic only.*

Note: Garden Canyon is occasionally closed for maneuvers. See access note on page 5. 800-288-3861 or (520) 533-3000.

FUN FACTS!

- From 600 through about 1450 A.D., Garden Canyon was home to Hohokam people, an ancient culture.
- The Garden Canyon Village Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Miller Peak, at 9,465 feet, is the highest southernmost peak in the U.S.



MILE-HIGH LOW LANDS

At roughly a mile above sea level, these preserves, conservation areas, wildlife areas, and natural spaces are Southeast Arizona's low lands. A haven for flora and fauna, you'll enjoy world-class bird and wildlife watching, walking (and in some areas, bicycling or horseback riding), and boating under amazing Arizona skies.



Parker Canyon Lake

Tucked between gently rolling hills and surrounded by the western Huachuca Mountains, this 132-acre lake and recreation site offers fully ADA-accessible fishing opportunities (fishing license required). Marina has a deep angled boat ramp; boats are limited to one 10-horsepower motor. Adjacent 65-unit campground; \$10 per day. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 13 miles; left (west) onto Hwy 82, travel 19 miles; left (south) onto Hwy 83, 29 miles to S. Parker Canyon Road; entrance on the left.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 378-0311 (Sierra Vista Ranger Station).



San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

With nearly 40 miles of riparian vegetation, this 56,000-acre area is teeming with plant and animal life. Highly popular with bird watchers (more than half of the known breeding bird species in the U.S. have been spotted here), visitors can hike solo or choose from regularly scheduled bird, interpretive, and river walks led by docents from the San Pedro House. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and dogs are welcome. Start your exploration from the San Pedro House: *Hwy 90 East 8 miles; turn right (south) to the San Pedro House.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 508-4445 (San Pedro House).



Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area

This 1,500-acre wildlife grassland habitat hosts a large population of Sandhill Cranes from October through February. Spotting scopes available on the viewing platforms for use by visitors. Allow two hours. *Hwy 90 East, 15 miles; turn right (southeast) onto Hwy 80 East, 10.2 miles to the Bisbee traffic circle; continue on Hwy 80 East, 4.3 miles; left (east) onto Double Adobe Road, 8.1 miles; left (north) onto North Central Hwy, 6.2 miles; left (west) onto W. Bagby Road; right (north) onto N. Coffman Road.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 642-3763.

Willcox Playa Wildlife Area

More than 20,000 Sandhill Cranes flock to this sedimentary playa each winter between October and February. The Wings Over Willcox birding festival is held every January and features field trips, seminars, and more. Allow two hours. *From the Hwy 90/I-10 intersection, take I-10 East; exit 331 (Hwy 191 South), 8 miles; left at the Apache Wildlife Area sign just before milepost 58.* 800-288-3861 or 800-200-2272.

FUN FACTS!

- The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, established in 1988, was the first riparian national conservation area in the U.S.
- There is only one other riparian national conservation area, the Gila, also in Arizona.
- Even though you're in a desert, the San Pedro floods annually.

Patagonia – Sonoita Creek Preserve

Owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy, this 850-acre preserve is located between the Patagonia and Santa Rita Mountains. Thanks to the rich floodplain valley, the Preserve is flush with over 200 species of birds. Wednesday through Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. April through September; Wednesday through Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. October through March. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 13 miles; left (west) onto Hwy 82, 31 miles; right (northwest) onto 4th Avenue then left (southwest) onto Pennsylvania Avenue; continue on Blue Heaven Road; entrance on the left.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 394 -2400.



Environmental Operations Park

This 50-acre wetlands supports aquatic vegetation and grasses through an ongoing restoration project. Over 2,000 acre-feet of water is treated through this natural system and returned to the aquifer each year to help protect the area's unique environment. 1,800 square-foot wildlife viewing platform, open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Guided bird walks on Sundays. Allow two hours. *Hwy 90 East, 3 miles; left (north) onto N. Kino Road (between mileposts 324 and 325).* 800-288-3861 or (520) 458-5775; for Sunday morning tours: (520) 459-2555 or (520) 432-1388.

Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

The Bureau of Land Management manages this National Conservation Area of 42,000 acres, encompassing five of the rarest habitats in the American Southwest: cienegas (or marshlands), sacaton grasslands, mesquite bosques, cottonwood-willow riparian forests, and semi-desert grasslands. Accented with rolling oak-studded hills, Las Cienegas attracts countless bird species and a wide variety of wildlife. Allow two hours. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West, 13 miles; left (west) onto Hwy 82, 15 miles; right (north) on E. Yucca Farm Road (near milepost 40), 6 miles to entrance.* 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).

Spooner's Oasis & Arboretum

With 300 trees of 260 varieties and more perennial and annual plants than you can shake a shovel at (including an annual planting of over 2,000 spring and summer bulbs) Spooner's is a gardener's paradise. Carefully orchestrated garden paths lead visitors among flowering plants from around the world, with one area devoted exclusively as a desert garden with many varieties of southwestern cacti and succulents. Guided tours; allow one hour. Reservations required. *Hwy 92 East, 15 miles; turn left (north) onto S. Deliverance Way, go one block; turn left (west) onto E. Olive Avenue, go to the corner of Olive and Sandstone. 10284 S. Sandstone Drive, (520) 366-2207.*



Gray Hawk Nature Center (GHNC)

Located just outside Sierra Vista on the San Pedro River the center serves as a field trip destination for thousands of students each year. GHNC maintains a collection of live reptiles which are used in education programs throughout Arizona. A private tour of the facility including the reptile house can be arranged by making a reservation at least a day in advance. For information or to make a reservation please email GrayHawkSandy@gmail.com or call 520-458-0542.



BIRDING & WILDLIFE WATCHING

Southeastern Arizona is an eco-crossroad with five life zones within five miles. Habitats and species from the Sierra Madres of Mexico, the Rocky Mountains, and the Sonora and Chihuahuan deserts can all be found in these “Sky Islands.” The bird watching and wildlife viewing areas are world-renowned. Our Birding Guide will point you in all the right directions for these magnificent sightings! Pick one up at the Visitor Center, or download a PDF from VisitSierraVista.com.

Find a list of bird- and wildlife-watching places on page 13.



HAVE A BALL!

With an average daytime temperature of 74 degrees, Sierra Vista is a wonderful place to practice your golf or tennis game. Sierra Vista has one private and one public golf course; you'll find another public one just 17 miles away in Naco in case you master the local greens. Looking for a disc golf course? We've got you covered.

Mountain View Golf Course

This 18-hole course with a par of 72, is part of Fort Huachuca but accessible via public roads. *West on Fry Boulevard, 3 miles; left onto Buffalo Soldier Trail; right on Wilcox Drive; veer left at the fork.* (520) 533-7088.

Pueblo Del Sol Country Club

This 18-hole championship course with practice facilities is open to the public. *Hwy 92 East 2.5 miles, left onto St. Andrews Drive 0.4 miles.* (520) 378-6444.

Turquoise Valley Golf Course

This course offers 18 holes and par 72. Located just south of Bisbee in Naco, Arizona. *Hwy 92 East, 28 miles; right (south) onto S. Wilson Road, 3 miles; left (east) onto W. Newell Street, 0.5 miles.* (520) 432-3091.

Disc Golf Course

A naturally landscaped 18-hole, par 54, 10-acre course in a residential Sierra Vista neighborhood. Drop in; 1157 S. 7th Street. Open daily until dark. *West on Fry Boulevard, 2 miles; left (south) onto S. 7th Street, one mile.*



Oscar Yrun Community Center Tennis Courts

Four public courts, no fees or reservations. *Hwy 90 West Bypass, 0.3 miles; left (west) onto Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, 1 mile; right (north) onto Coronado Drive, 0.6 miles; right (east) onto E. Tacoma Street, 0.4 miles; destination will be on the right.*

King's Court Tennis Club

Six courts, open to the public. Lessons available. *Hwy 90 East, 0.4 miles; right (south) onto Kings Way, 0.2 miles.* (520) 458-0602.

Cochise Health & Racquet Club

For access to indoor multipurpose courts for racquetball, handball, basketball and wallyball. Day passes available. *Hwy 92 East, 1.5 miles south; left (east) onto Avenida Cochise, 0.1 mile.* (520) 458-7075.



FAMILY FUN

Sierra Vista is a great place for families. While kiddos are welcome at nearly all venues, these two side-by-side stops at Sierra Vista's Veterans Memorial Park offer fun for parents and kids, from toddlers to teens. The Cove and the Skate and Bike Court are surrounded by grassy play areas, horseshoe pits, ramadas, and the Centennial Pavilion, where myriad performances are held throughout the year, including summer concerts and Movies in the Park.



Sierra Vista Aquatic Center, "The Cove"

Take all the thrills of a great aquatic park, put them under one roof where the weather is always perfect and the water is always a comfortable 84 degrees, and you have The Cove. Easy entrance with a zero-depth beach-style entry pool, two water slides (tubes), a warmer water pool with jets, sunning decks, kids' lagoon with a water slide, a snack bar, diving pool, eight-lane competition swimming, and locker rooms for men, women, and families. Summer Tsunami Nights when the wave machine is set to max are always a hit. 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. *Hwy 90 West Bypass, 0.3 miles; left (west) onto Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, 1 mile; entrance on the left. Also accessible via Veterans Memorial Park, Fry Boulevard. 800-288-3861 or (520) 417-4800.*



Sierra Vista-Kiwanis Skate and Bike Court

The Sierra Vista-Kiwanis Skate & Bike Court features berms and banks, ramps and rails, step-ups, hubba ledges, banked walls, a pier block, and an advanced kidney bowl. This 3-acre drop-in recreational facility is admission-free and limited to skateboards (maximum length of 35"), BMX bikes, and in-line skates. *Hwy 90 West, 0.3 miles; left (west) onto Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, 1 mile; entrance on the left. Also accessible via Veterans Memorial Park, Fry Boulevard. 800-288-3861 or (520) 417-4800.*

CIBA Climbing Gym

Experience rock climbing in a controlled indoor environment at CIBA Climbing Gym. Climbing faces and boulders for all ages and skill levels, with private lessons available from owner and expert climber Angel Mangual. Open Tuesday through Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from noon to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. 4066 E Monsanto Drive. *Hwy 92 East 3.8 miles to Monsanto Drive; left (east) onto Monsanto.*

FUN FACTS

- The play structure at Veterans Memorial Park is fully ADA compliant.
- Veterans Park is transformed into a winter wonderland each December when 51 larger-than-life Old World Santas are placed on display.
- Ciba means "rock" in the language of the Taino, noble and brave Caribbean warriors.

WELCOME TO WINE COUNTRY

In the heart of Arizona's premier wine regions, Sierra Vista is ideally situated near Sonoita and Patagonia to the west and Willcox to the northeast. Rich soil, high elevation, cool nights, and warm days are a vintner's dream. Enjoy Arizona's award-winning wines at 25 tasting rooms, and find out why Arizona wines are gold medal winners, acclaimed in the Wall Street Journal, and served in the White House.



Wine grape growing in Arizona has been documented for as long as 400 years, starting with the Spanish Missions. Call individual wineries ahead for directions, current hours, and updates on the spring and autumn wine festivals and special events, or contact the Sierra Vista Visitor Center at 800-288-3861 or (520) 417-6960. Visit VisitSierraVista.com for the most current list of southeast Arizona wineries. Refer to the map on pages 30 and 31.

Aridus Wine Company Tasting Room

145 N. Railview Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643
Monday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(520) 766-9463 | www.ariduswineco.com

Aridus Wine Crush Facility & Portfolio Tasting Room

1126 N. Haskell Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643
Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday, by appointment only
call (520) 954-6640
(520) 766-2926 | www.ariduswineco.com

Arizona Hops and Vines

3450 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85637
Thursday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Friday - Sunday,
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
888-569-1642 | www.azhopsandvines.com

Bodega Pierce Winery & Tasting Room

4511 E. Robbs Road, Willcox AZ 85643
Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (or by appointment)
(602) 320-1722 | www.bodegapierce.com

Callaghan Vineyards

336 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611
Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(520) 455-5322 | www.callaghanvineyards.com

Carlson Creek Vineyards Tasting Room

115 Railview Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643
Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(520) 766-3000 | www.carlsoncreek.com

Charron Vineyards

18585 S. Sonoita Hwy, Vail AZ 85641
Friday - Sunday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
(520) 762-8585 | www.charronvineyards.com

Colibri Vineyard & Winery

2825 W. Hilltop Road, Portal AZ 85632
Call for appointment
(520) 558-2410 | www.colibrivineyard.com

Coronado Vineyards

2909 E. Country Club Drive, Willcox AZ 85643
Monday - Saturday, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(520) 384-2993 | www.coronadovineyards.com

Dos Cabezas WineWorks

3248 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85637
 Thursday - Sunday, 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 (520) 455-5141 | www.doscabezaswinery.com

Flying Leap Vineyards

342 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611
 Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 (520) 455-5499 | www.flyingleapvineyards.com

Flying Leap Willcox Tasting Room & Art Gallery

100 N. Railroad Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643
 Thursday - Sunday, 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM
 (520) 384-6030 | www.flyingleapvineyards.com

Flying Leap Bisbee Tasting Room & Fine Art Gallery

67 Main Street, Bisbee AZ 85603
 Thursday and Sunday, NOON - 6:00 PM
 Friday and Saturday, NOON - 8:00 PM
 (520) 384-6030 | www.flyingleapvineyards.com

Hannah's Hill Vineyard

3989 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85611
 Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 (520) 456-9000 | www.hannahshill.com

Keeling-Schaefer Vineyards Tasting Room

154 N. Railroad Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643
 Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (520) 766-0600 | www.keelingschaefervineyards.com

Kief-Joshua Vineyards

370 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611
 Daily, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (520) 455-5582 | www.kiefjoshuavineyards.com

Lawrence Dunham Vineyards

13922 S. Kuykendall Cutoff Road, Pearce AZ 85668
 Call for appointment
 (520) 824-7273 | www.lawrencedunhamvineyards.com

Lightning Ridge Cellars

2368 Hwy 83, Elgin AZ 85611
 Friday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 (520) 455-5383 | www.lightningridgecellars.com

Passion Cellars

3052 N. Fort Grant Road, Willcox AZ 85643
 July - October: Daily, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 November - June: Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (or by appointment)
 (928) 649-9800 | passioncellars.com/willcox

**Rune Wines**

3969 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85611
 Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (480) 570-5147 | www.runewines.com

Silver Strike Winery Tasting Room

334 E. Allen Street, Tombstone AZ 85638
 Monday - Friday, 12:00 - 6:00 PM
 Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 (520) 678-8200 | www.silverstrikeyinery.com

Sonoita Vineyards

290 Elgin Canelo Road, Elgin AZ 85611
 Daily, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 (520) 455-5893 | www.sonoitavineyards.com

Village of Elgin Tasting Room

471 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611
 Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (520) 455-9309 | www.elginwines.com

Wilhelm Family Vineyards

21 Mountain Ranch Drive, Elgin AZ 85611
 October - April: Daily, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 May - September: Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (520) 455-9291 | www.wilhelmvineyards.com

Zarpara Vineyard

6777 S. Zarpara Lane, Willcox AZ 85643
 Friday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (602) 885-8903 | www.zarpara.com

FUN FACTS!

- Sierra Vista is right in the middle of two wine tours: Sonoita to the west and Willcox to the east.
- Spanish missionaries planted the first grapevines in Arizona in the 1500s.



ART IN & AROUND SIERRA VISTA

Sierra Vista has a large artist community, and many of them display art in local gathering places, such as Hoppin' Grapes Beer and Wine Tasting Bar (409 W. Fry Boulevard), the Fifthwind Gallery at The Mall at Sierra Vista (2200 El Mercado Loop), and the Huachuca Art Association Gallery (1835 Paseo San Luis). You'll also find many arts and crafts shows around the winter holidays, starting with Art in the Park in early October. For public art installations, go to VisitSierraVista.com (search word "art").



Historic **Bisbee** is dotted with galleries featuring both the elegant and eclectic. A day spent in this historic mining town is a day well spent. While there, peruse the antique shops, take the Queen Mine Tour, climb one or all of the steep stairways, or relax at one of the many sidewalk cafés. *Hwy 90 East, 15 miles; right (southeast) onto Hwy 80 East, 7 miles; exit to the Historic District.*



Less than an hour's drive from Sierra Vista, the tiny town of **Patagonia**, snuggled up against the Tumacacori Mountains, swells to more than 12,000 during the Fall Festival in early October when visitors, artists, and musicians converge in the town center for a three-day showcase. Some galleries open all year. *Hwy 90 West 13 miles to Hwy 82; left (west) onto Hwy 82, 32 miles.*



An art-centric day tip to **Tubac** is a treat, where you'll find more than 100 eclectic shops, world class galleries, and local artists' studios. The village of Tubac is one of the top ten small art towns in the U.S. *Hwy 90 West 13 miles; left (west) onto Hwy 82, 45 miles; right (west) onto S. River Road, 5 miles; right (north) onto Via Frontera, then left (west) onto E. Ruby Road, 2 miles; merge onto I-19 North, 14 miles; exit 34.*



ANNUAL EVENTS

Any time of year, you will find special events to enhance your visit to Sierra Vista. We don't have room to list them all here, so remember to check VisitSierraVista.com for information on events in and around Sierra Vista and Cochise County.



The Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering is an entertainment bonanza, held every February, that rounds up performers of American Western traditions and popular musical artists. www.CowboyPoets.com

The 60-member *Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra* performs at the Buena Performing Arts Center in October, January, and April. www.SierraVistaSymphony.org



Hummingbird Banding Sessions are a favorite experience for locals and visitors alike. The weighing and banding of hummingbirds for research purposes happens in several locations from April through October. 800-288-3861.

Southwest Wings Birding & Nature Festival in May and August are internationally renowned events, with programs, seminars, workshops, and field trips. www.SWWings.org



Sierra Vista Open is held in September at Pueblo del Sol Country Club. Competitive duffers, be sure to inquire in advance. (520) 508-8617.

Oktoberfest is one of the most beloved festivals in Sierra Vista. Everyone enjoys the music, the food, and the beer. *Prost!* Held in late September. 800-288-3861.



Art in the Park draws some of the Western United States' finest artists and craftspeople to this October festival and creates a one-of-a-kind opportunity for early holiday shopping. www.ArtInTheParkSierraVista.com

Cars in the Park is where owners and fans of automobiles gather to show off their classics and antiques under cool, blue October skies. www.SierraVistaCarClub.org

Huachuca Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show draws rock hounds and vendors from far and wide. See demonstrations, displays, fossils, jewelry, gems, minerals, and more! Held in mid-October. www.HuachucaMineralandGemClub.info



EXPLORE COCHISE COUNTY

Spend a day in each of these communities and discover a fascinating facet of Arizona. Each with their own tale to tell, these four towns are as delightful as they are varied.



Tombstone

Mosey on foot or ride in a horse-drawn stagecoach down Allen Street, one of the most notorious streets in the Old West—past Big Nose Kate's, the Birdcage Theater, and the OK Corral—following the footsteps of outlaws and lawmen like Wyatt Earp, Johnny Ringo, Doc Holliday, and Ike Clanton. You'll find plenty of western shops and attractions to fill a day. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 0.3 miles north to Charleston Road, turn right (east); travel 16 miles. (520) 457-3929 (Tombstone Visitor Center).*



Bisbee

Bisbee's Old Town and Lowell districts are charming glimpses into the early 20th Century. Explore narrow streets, steep stairways, funky shops, and divine eateries. Looking for unique? You'll find it here. *Hwy 90 East, 15 miles; right (southeast) onto Hwy 80 East, 7 miles; exit to the Historic District or continue through the traffic circle to Lowell.*



Douglas

The gateway to Agua Prieta, this bicultural community is one of the Top 100 Small Towns in America. Tucked between historic places like the John Slaughter Ranch and Hotel Gadsden, Douglas celebrates its history and multinational status with festivals and events throughout the year. *Hwy 90 East 15 miles; right onto Hwy 80 East 33 miles.*



Benson

Settled as a mail stop for the Butterfield Overland Stage, Benson welcomed first the Southern Pacific Railroad (now Union Pacific) then Interstate 10. Railroad aficionados, plan to stop at the Benson Visitor Center, a replica of the historic railroad depot. Bibliophiles, plan to stop at Singing Wind Bookshop for a great selection of books about the Southwest. *Hwy 90 West Bypass 4.5 miles to the intersection of Buffalo Soldier Trail. Turn right (north) on Hwy 90 West 28 miles.*



WHERE TO STAY

FIND THE WORLD ON YOUR PLATE



Whether you choose one of our delightfully secluded B&Bs or opt for cozy overnight comfort in town, Sierra Vista is the best place to catch some shut-eye before heading out to explore. In addition to the 1,800 rooms available at hotels to fit all budgets, you'll also find space for RV parking and even campsites. Overnight fees and amenities vary. Find the one that's right for you online at VisitSierraVista.com or request our Dining & Lodging Guide for a printed list.

Long known as a melting pot of cultures, Sierra Vista is recognized for its international flair when it comes to gastronomic delights. With a smattering of cuisine from across the globe, Sierra Vista's restaurant scene boasts nearly 25 ethnic eateries that serve authentic international cuisine, from sushi to schnitzel, and pizza to pho.



Many of Sierra Vista's restaurants are locally owned and serve meals prepared by chefs who emigrated from native lands, bringing traditional culinary methods with them. And Sierra Vista's deep military roots can partially credit its varied palate to the international experiences of U.S. Army soldiers who travel abroad then bring their penchant for exotic cuisine to southeast Arizona.

Whether you're in search of spicy kimchee, Old World German breads, or pizza baked in a wood-fired oven, Sierra Vista's ethnic variety can fit the bill, and for far less than a round trip ticket overseas. And if you're hankering for a traditional grilled steak dinner or your favorite chain restaurant, Sierra Vista has you covered.

See VisitSierraVista.com for a complete restaurant guide or see the printed Dining & Lodging Guide.



GETTING AROUND

From a regional airport to local ground transportation, tour operators to travel agencies, these Sierra Vista businesses will help you make the most of your Arizona visit.

TRANSIT CENTERS

Sierra Vista Municipal Airport (FHU)

General Aviation | (520) 458-5775

Amtrak (Train)

Benson | 800-872-7245

Vista Transit (City Bus)

2050 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista
(520) 417-4888

Cochise Commuter

Cochise County Wide | (520) 364-4474

Huachuca City Transit

Huachuca City | (520) 456-1354

Greyhound

Service in Benson | 800-231-2222

CAR RENTAL

Enterprise Rent-a-Car

743 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista
800-736-8222 or (520) 458-2425

Hertz Rent-a-Car

247 S. 7th Street, Unit C
Sierra Vista | (520) 458-0244

CABS & SHUTTLES

Airport Shuttle

by Three Canyons Transit
PO Box 1431, Hereford | (520) 803-6713

Transportation Express

104 N. 7th Street, Sierra Vista
(520) 459-7778

Huachuca Shuttle

PO Box 466, Sierra Vista
(520) 439-0439

Slick's Shuttle Service

4750 E. Hwy 90, Sierra Vista
(520) 458-1888



TOUR OPERATORS

Arizona Sunshine Tours

www.arizonasunshinetours.com
(520) 803-6713

Arizona Wine Country Tours

www.sonoitawinetours.com
(520) 803-6713

Getaway Tours

www.getawaytoursofaz.com
(520) 803-1399

Guided Discovery Tours

www.guidediscoverytours.com
(330) 819-1041

Mark Pretti Nature Tours

www.markprettinaturetours.com
(520) 803-6889

S & S Tours

www.ss-tours.com
866-780-2813 or (520) 803-1352

Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory

www.sabo.org
(520) 432-1388

TRAVEL AGENCIES

Globetrotter Travel

1048-B E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista
800-501-2762 or (520) 458-4581

Travel Works

1296 Quail Hollow Drive, Sierra Vista
(520) 439-5544



LOCAL SERVICES

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Police & Fire Departments

Emergency 911

Sierra Vista Police Department

911 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista (520) 458-3311

State Highway Patrol | Department of Public Safety (DPS)

2599 E. Tacoma (Admin. Offices)

Sierra Vista (520) 458-8301

Emergency (520) 746-4500

Border Patrol (520) 432-5121

Bureau of Land Management

4070 S. Avenida Saracino, Hereford (520) 439-6400

US Forest Service | Sierra Vista Ranger District

4070 S. Avenida Saracino, Hereford (520) 378-0311

Sierra Vista City Hall

1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista (520) 458-3315

Fort Huachuca

Automated information line (520) 538-7111

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Sierra Vista Public Library

2600 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista (520) 458-4225

Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce

21 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista (520) 458-6940

Sierra Vista Visitor Center

3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista (520) 417-6960

INTERNET ACCESS

Cochise College Campus

901 N. Colombo Avenue, Sierra Vista (520) 515-5320

Sierra Vista Public Library

2600 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista (520) 458-4225

The Mall at Sierra Vista

2200 El Mercado Loop, Sierra Vista (520) 452-0011

RV PARTS & ACCESSORIES

D&J RV Center

4923 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista (520) 378-6945

RV City

20095 N. Hwy 90, Huachuca City (520) 456-9292



EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE

AA Eagle Towing (520) 459-1553

Alan's Towing (520) 459-3082

Auto Aid Towing (520) 458-5074

Barnett Towing Service (520) 458-4541

Garden Canyon Towing (520) 458-0888

Goen's Tow-en (520) 456-2252

Huachuca Towing Service (520) 458-6635

Mac's Towing (520) 266-2993

Performance Towing (520) 378-2388

The Big Tow (520) 458-8696

MEDICAL

Advantage Medical and Oxygen Supply

2270 E. Fry Boulevard, #4, Sierra Vista (520) 458-7330

High Desert Clinic Urgent & Occupational Care

77 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista (520) 459-8915

Hospital — Canyon Vista Medical Center

5700 Hwy 90, Sierra Vista (520) 263-2200

CINEMAS

Cinemark Theaters

2175 El Mercado Loop, Sierra Vista 800-326-3264

ext. 1100

Uptown 3 Movie Theater

4341 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista (520) 378-2858

THEATRE/STAGE

Alma Delores International Dance (520) 378-3089

LimeLight Productions (520) 234-5145

Sierra Vista Ballet (520) 458-1560

Sierra Vista Symphony (520) 458-5189



Sierra Vista ARIZONA

Government

- Sierra Vista City Hall
- Sierra Vista Police Department
- Fire Stations
- Sierra Vista Public Library
- Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)
- Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC)
- Sierra Vista Aquatic Center "The Cove" (in VMP)
- Henry F. Hauser Museum (inside the EBC)
- Fry Cemetery
- U.S. Post Office
- Visitor Center (inside the OYCC)
- Vista Transit Center

Sierra Vista Municipal Airport

Libby Army Airfield

Fort Huachuca
Van Deman Gate

Fort Huachuca

Fort Huachuca
Buffalo Soldier Gate

Mountain View
Golf Course

Facilities on Fort Huachuca

- Wren Arena/Bufalo Corral
- Desert Lanes Bowling
- Museums: Military Intelligence Soldier Heritage Learning Center
Fort Huachuca Museum & Annex

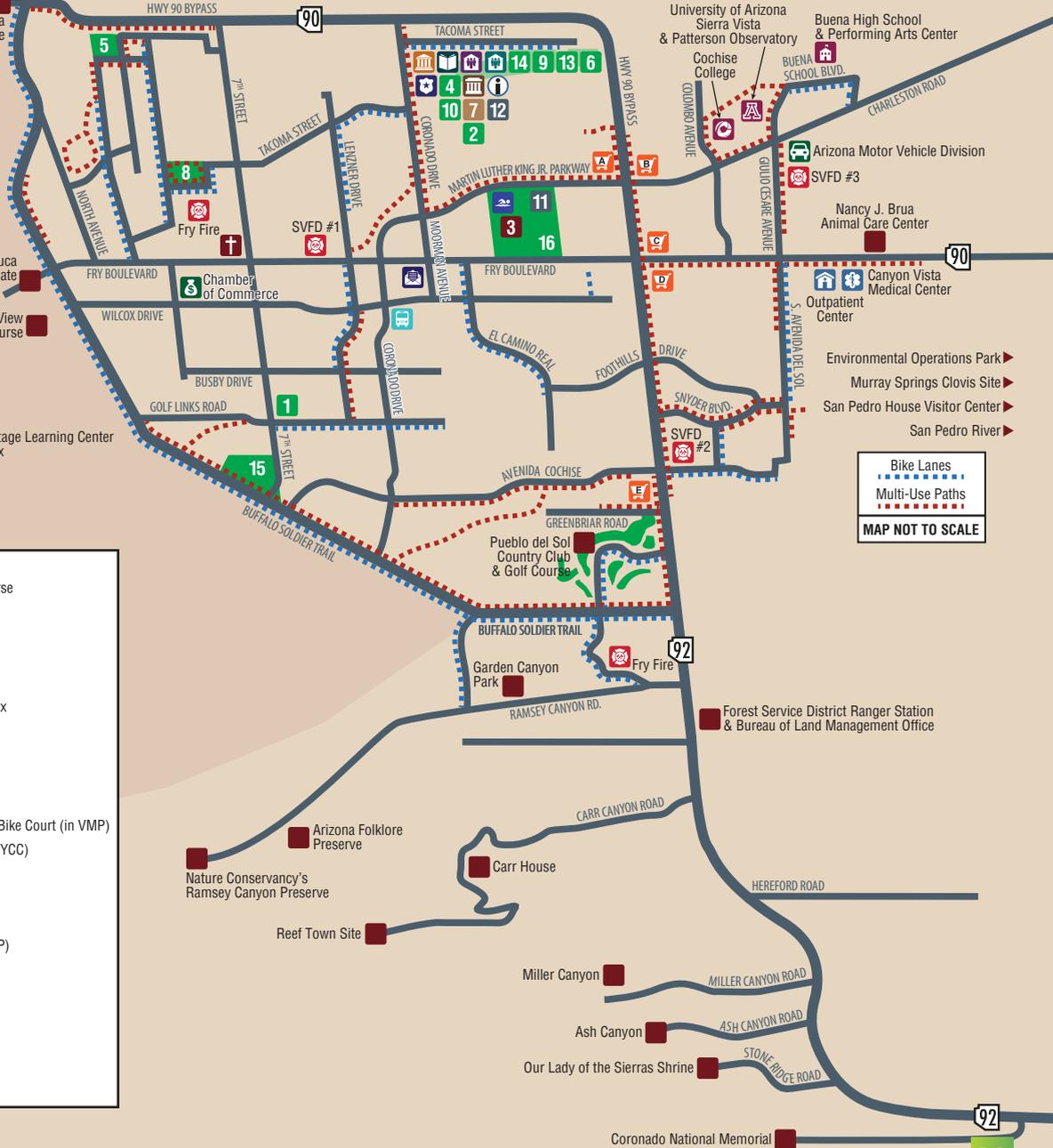
See pages 5 and 6 for details.

Parks & Sports Fields

- 1** A.V. Anderson Disc Golf Course
- 2** Brown Field
- 3** Centennial Pavilion (in VMP)
- 4** Cole Field
- 5** Cyr Center Park
- 6** Domingo Paiz Sports Complex
- 7** Horseshoe Pits (behind EBC)
- 8** Len Roberts Park
- 9** Pat Arbenz Field
- 10** Roberts Field
- 11** Sierra Vista Kiwanis Skate & Bike Court (in VMP)
- 12** Shuffleboard Court (behind OYCC)
- 13** Stone Sports Complex
- 14** Tennis Courts (east of OYCC)
- 15** Tompkins Park and Dog Park
- 16** Veterans Memorial Park (VMP)

Shopping

- A** Charleston Crossing
- B** Plaza Vista Mall
- C** Cochise Crossroads
- D** Coronado Village
- E** The Mall at Sierra Vista



MAP NOT TO SCALE

- Bike Lanes
- Multi-Use Paths

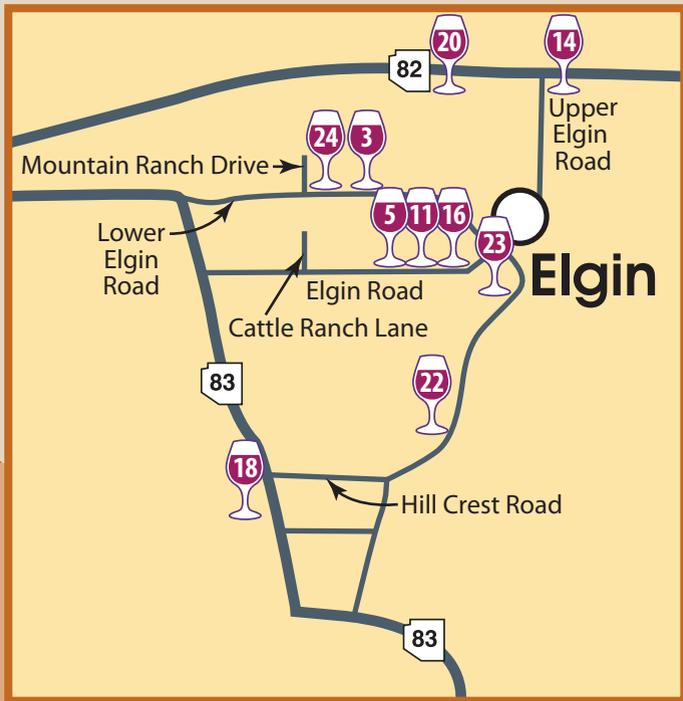
Coronado National Memorial

Legend

	Arizona State Park		National Park Service Area
	Coronado National Forest		San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuge
	Fort Huachuca Military Installation		San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
	Ghost Towns		Wineries

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MAP NOT EXACTLY TO SCALE



 **Ghost Towns** (see page 7)

1. Fairbank
2. Millville and Charleston
3. Contention City
4. Grand Central Mill
5. Fort Bowie
6. Pearce
7. Courtland
8. Gleeson

 **Wineries** (see pages 20 & 21)

1. Aridus Wine Company Tasting Room
2. Aridus Wine Crush Facility & Portfolio Tasting Room
3. Arizona Hops and Vines
4. Bodega Pierce Winery & Tasting Room
5. Callaghan Vineyards
6. Carlson Creek Vineyards Tasting Room
7. Charron Vineyards
8. Colibri Vineyard & Winery
9. Coronado Vineyards
10. Dos Cabezas WineWorks
11. Flying Leap Vineyards
12. Flying Leap Wilcox Tasting Room
13. Flying Leap Bisbee Tasting Room
14. Hannah's Hill Vineyard
15. Keeling-Schaefer Vineyards Tasting Room
16. Kief-Joshua Vineyards
17. Lawrence Dunham Vineyards
18. Lightning Ridge Cellars
19. Passion Cellars
20. Rune Wines
21. Silver Strike Winery Tasting Room
22. Sonoita Vineyards
23. Village of Elgin Tasting Room
24. Wilhelm Family Vineyards
25. Zarpara Vineyard



**City of Sierra Vista
Sierra Vista Visitor Center**

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