

Top Natural Attractions 2009

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Grand Canyon National Park	4,348,065	4,425,314	P.O. Box 129	Grand Canyon 86023	928-638-7888	www.nps.gov/grca/	928-638-7797	\$25 per vehicle	Open all year, North Rim closed in winter.	One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. 2 billion years of geological history etched on the canyon walls
South Mountain Park	2,000,000	1,445,547	10919 S. Central Ave.	Phoenix 85042	602-262-7393	www.phoenix.gov/parks		None	Daily, 5am-7pm.	South Mountain Park is 17,000 acres of Mountain park and Preserve. All the mountain trails are open for hikers, bikers and horses.
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	1,621,726	1,573,539	691 Scenic View Drive	Page 86040	928-608-6200	www.nps.gov/glca	928-608-6283	\$15 entrance free per vehicle, \$7.00 per individual	Year-round	Enccompassing over 1.2 million acres, Glen Canyon NRA provides recreational use and enjoyment of Lake Powell and surrounding desert and canyon lands. Rainbow Bridge is the world's largest known natural bridge.
Lake Mead National Recreation Area*	1,568,972	1,344,850	601 Nevada Way	Boulder City NV 89005	702-293-8990	www.nps.gov/lame	702-293-8936	Entrance fee \$5-5 day pass, annual fee \$20, lake use fee \$10-5 day pass or \$20 annually	Park always open. Visitors center open daily 8:30am - 4:30 pm, closed Dec. 25th, Thanksgiving, and New Years.	Two man-made lakes, surrounded by nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline at full pool, provides a rec. outlet for million of visitors to boat, fish, swim, ski, sail, hike or camp.
Canyon de Chelly	826,419	835,860	3 miles East of Junction 191 on Navajo Route #7	Navajo Nation	928-674-5500	www.nps.gov/cach	928-674-5500	Free	Visitor Center open Daily 8am - 5pm, closed December 25th; North/South Rim Drives and White House Trail open year round.	Ruins of ancient Anasazi Indian villages, home to Navajo Indians, sheer red sandstone walls, great birding, large watershed restoration project underway, canyon bottom farming and grazing.
Saguaro National Park	664,179	669,137	3893 S. Old Spanish Trail	Tucson 85730	520-733-5100	www.nps.gov/sagu	520-733-5183	\$10 per vehicle; \$5 per bicycle/walk-ins at both districts	Visitor Centers open daily 9am-5pm, closed Christmas Day; park scenic drives open daily 7am - sunset.	Preservation of scenic Sonoran Desert flora & fauna and associated mountains, elevation changes from 3,000 to 8,600 feet above sea level.
Petrified Forest National Park	631,607	543,714	P. O. Box #2217	Petrified Forest 86028	928-524-6228	www.nps.gov/pefo	928-524-3567	\$10 per car	Daily 8am - 5pm, extended summer hours, closed Dec. 25th.	A land of spectacular scenery where a 225 million year old forest has turned into stone.
Montezuma Castle National Monument	579,999	603,755	P.O. Box #219	Camp Verde 86322	928-567-3322 x223	www.nps.gov/moca	928-567-3597	\$5 per adult, free admission for 15 and younger	Daily 8am - 5pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day 8am - 6pm	With a commanding view of Central Arizona's Verde valley, Montezuma Castle is an enduring legacy of a prehistoric American Indian people referred to as the Sinagua. The 20-room stone, timber and adobe dwelling is 80 to 90 percent intact, making it one of the best preserved dwellings in the United States.
Lake Pleasant Regional Park	436,069	674,210	15 miles West of I-17 on Carefree Highway	Phoenix, AZ 85004	602-372-7460	www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/	602-506-2930	Park entrance fee is \$6.00 per motorized vehicle	Sun-Thurs 6am-8pm, Fri & Sat 6am-10pm	From Hiking on a barrier-free trail, to horseback riding along a creek, Maricopa County Parks offer visitors the best of the Sonoran Desert.
Lake Havasu State Park	367,567	238,066	1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City 86406	Lake Havasu City 86403	928-855-2784	www.azstateparks.com	928-453-9358	Day Use-\$10 per vehicle (1-4 adults); Nightly camping (Non-electric site only)-\$14-\$16	Ranger station - sunrise to 10:00PM, Visitors can self-pay if they arrive outside of business hours.	With 45 miles of scenic shoreline, it's an ideal place to enjoy beautiful beaches, nature trails, boat ramps, and convenient campsites.
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument	325,806	360,939	10 Organ Pipe Dr.	Ajo 85321	520-387-6849	www.nps.gov/orpi	520-387-7144	Entrance fees \$8/vehicle, including motorcycles, 7days, \$4 single walk-in or bicyclist. Camping fee \$12 per night.	Visitor Center open daily 8am-5pm. Closed on major federal holidays April thru December. Open every day January-March.	Geographic heart of the Sonoran Desert, home to 28 species of cacti, lush desert vegetation and spectacular mountain scenery. Hiking, camping, driving tours available.
Grand Canyon West Skywalk	292,000	524,000	Hualapai Indian Reservation		888-255-9550	www.grandcanyonwest.com		Packages start at \$29.95	Open all year, Oct-March 8am-5pm, April-Sept 7am-7pm, including all holidays	Grand Canyon West, owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe, is a collection of viewpoints spread over 1000 acres of the West Rim of the Grand Canyon and is home to the Grand Canyon Skywalk, a glass walkway that is nearly 4000 feet above the Colorado River.
Slide Rock State Park	259,443	254,823	6871 N. Hwy 89A	Sedona 86336	928-282-3034	www.azstateparks.com	928-282-0245	\$8.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults); Friday before Memorial Day through the end of Labor Day - \$10.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults)	Friday before Memorial Day until the end of Labor Day-\$10 per vehicle.	Natural rock waterside in Oak Creek, Historic Pendley Homestead, apple orchard, hiking along creek and Hospital Canyon, and picnicking.
Wupatki National Monument	233,281	239,157	40 miles north of Flagstaff on US 89	Outside of Flagstaff	928-679-2365	www.nps.gov/wupa/	928-679-2349	\$5 per person, under 16 free	Daily 9am - 5pm, closed Dec. 25th.	Six prominent architectural sites, pueblo dwellings built by ancestral Puebloan groups (Cohonina, Sinagua, and Kayenta-Anasazi).
Patagonia Lake State Park	213,977	184,269	400 Patagonia Lake Road	Patagonia 85624	520-287-6965	www.azstateparks.com	520-287-5618	Friday before Memorial Day through end of Labor Day- \$8 per vehicle. Camping \$12-\$30	8:00AM-10:00PM - access is closed 10:00PM to 4:00AM	This 2.5 mile long lake is filled with bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish and offers water-skiing (restrictions), camping, boat rentals, picnicking, hiking and birding.
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument	176,811	209,399	18 miles north of downtown	Flagstaff, on U.S. 89	928-526-0502	www.nps.gov/sucr	928-714-0565	\$5 per person 16 yrs. and older.	Visitor center open 9am - 5 pm. Hours may be extended in summer. Closed Dec. 25.	Arizona's most recent volcano, a cindercone. Walk the 1 mile Lava Flow Trail to view the volcanic field and formations.
Catalina State Park	175,483	179,964	11570 N. Oracle Road	Tucson 85737	520-628-5798	www.azstateparks.com	520-628-5797	Tues after Labor Day through Thurs before Memorial Day- \$6; Fri before Memorial Day through the end of Labor Day-\$3	Day use 5:00AM to 10:00PM; Visitor Center open 8:00AM to 5:00PM	Catalina State Park, at the base of Mt. Lemmon and the Santa Catalina Mountains, enjoy camping under the desert skies, hiking through canyons and streams, picnicking, and bird watching.
Dead Horse Ranch State Park	171,062	143,059	675 Dead Horse Ranch Rd.	Cottonwood 86326	928-634-5283	www.azstateparks.com	928-639-0417	\$6.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults)	365 days per year; Contact station: 8:00AM-5:00PM	Located in the town of Cottonwood, this is the only state park in the Verde Valley where visitors can enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, equestrian activities, the lush riparian habitat, and abundant wildlife.
Tohono Chul Park	155,954	164,459	7366 N. Paseo del Norte	Tucson 85704	520-742-6455	www.tohonochohulpark.org	520-797-1213	\$7 Adults, \$5 Seniors (62+) and active military, \$3 students with valid ID, \$2 children (5-12) Free for members and children under 5	8am to 5pm	Experience the desert corner garden where nature, art, and culture connect. Meander on the themed nature trails, dine in our Tea Room. Shop the Greenhouse and museum shops and experience art exhibitions, special events, classes, and workshops. List as one of the Top 22 Secret Gardens in the US and Canada by National Geographic Traveler and designated an Arizona State Treasure.

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Kartchner Caverns State Park	144,089	153,224	2980 Route South 90	Located 9mi south of I-10, off AZ Hwy 90, Exit 302	520-568-CAVE	www.azstateparks.com	520-568-4113	Day use fees apply. Cave Tour Tickets Rotunda/Throne Room: ages 0-6 free, 7-13 \$9.95, 14 & up \$18.95. Big Room: ages 0-6 not permitted, 7-13 yr \$12.95, 14 & up \$22.95. Nightly camping fee \$19-\$30	Open daily from 7:30am to 6pm, tour reservations recommended, call for ticket information.	World class pristine cave. Visitors center with interactive displays, video and gift shop, outside are hiking trails and campground.
Walnut Canyon National Monument	128,294	101,833	Walnut Canyon rd. #3	Flagstaff 86004	928-526-3367	www.nps.gov/waca	928-527-0246	\$5 per person, age 16 and older	Monument is open 9am to 5pm. Hours may be extended in summer. Closed Dec. 25.	800+ year old cliff dwellings within the steep walls and deep gorge of Walnut Canyon.
Tuzigoot National Monument	106,244	102,811	P.O. Box #219	Camp Verde 86322	928-634-5564	www.nps.gov/tuzi	928-649-6198	\$5 per adult, free admission for 15 and younger	Daily 8am-5pm, 8am-6pm Memorial Day to Labor Day, closed Dec. 25th.	Remnant of a prehistoric Sinagua village built between 1125 & 1400 crowns the summit of a ridge that rises 120 feet above the Verde Valley.
Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site***	101,711	61,955	P.O. Box #150	Ganado 86505	928-755-3475	www.nps.gov/hutr	928-755-3405	\$2 for the Hubbell Home Tour	Sat-Sun (Winter: 8am-5pm, Summer: 8am-6pm)	Hubbell Trading Post NHS is the oldest continuously operating trading post in the area featuring original buildings dating back to 1878. Tours of the Hubbell Home are offered daily. Authentic handmade American Indian Arts and Crafts can be purchased, including dry goods and food staples.
Buckskin Mountain State Park	100,191	94,160	5476 Hwy 95	Parker 85344	928-667-3231	www.azstateparks.com	928-667-3387	\$8.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults)	Ranger station - 8:00AM to 4:30PM; self-pay station for visitors who arrive at other times. Campground reservations available 9am-4pm	The area is a popular location for boating, fishing, jet skiing, swimming, and camping amidst a backdrop of beautiful mountains. Visitors can also hike to the beautiful panoramic overlooks.
Coronado National Forest & Sabino Canyon Recreation Area	96,967	91,028	5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.	Tucson 85750	520-749-8700	www.fs.fed.us/rs/coronado	520-749-7723	\$5, Annual Pass: \$20 also honored at Madera Canyon rec. area & Cave Creek in the Chiricahua Mountains.	Visitor Center Hours: Weekdays M-F 8AM-4:30PM; Weekends 8:30AM-4:30PM; Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas	National Forest Recreation Area includes a variety of hiking trails, interpretive walks for visitors and school groups and scenic shuttle set amidst canyon studded with saguaro cacti "forest," and Sabino Creek.
Lost Dutchman State Park	95,155	105,109	6109 N. Apache Trail	Apache Junction 85219	480-982-4485	www.azstateparks.com	480-982-4485	Friday before Memorial Day through end of Labor Day - \$3.00 per vehicle	Contact station: 8:00AM-5:00PM. Self-pay option available for visitors who arrive outside of business hours	Several trails lead from the park into the rugged Superstition Mountains. From the campground and picnic areas you can admire the scenic beauty by day and the lights of Phoenix by night.
Navajo National Monument	93,747	93,806	9 miles north of AZ Highway 564/HC 71, Box 3	Tonalea 86044	928-672-2700	www.nps.gov/nava	928-672-2703	No fee for entrance, tours or camping	Labor Day until Memorial Day- Open 9am-5pm. Memorial Day until Labor Day- Open 8am-5:30pm. Seven days a week. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.	Features the largest cliff dwellings in Arizona, museum, visitor center, campground, picnic area, short trails, gift shop, and bookstore. Arts and crafts demonstrators during the summer. Please call for cliff dwelling tour information
Cattail Cove State Park	85,170	86,421	P.O. 1990	Lake Havasu City 86406	928-855-1223	www.azstateparks.com	928-855-1730	\$10.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults)	Open 365 days per year. Contact station: Sun-Thurs 8AM-4PM, Fri-Sat 8AM-8PM, Self-pay available for after business hours	The park offers a lakeside campground, a large boat ramp, and many boat-access campsites along the shores of Lake Havasu. Sail on the blue waters into quiet coves, or water or jet ski out on the open lake.
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument	76,346	75,922	1100 Ruins Drive	Coolidge 85228	520-723-3172	www.nps.gov/cagr	520-723-7209	Over 15 yrs old \$5 per person, over 62 yrs old w/ Interagency Senior Pass entrance is free	Daily 9am - 5pm except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.	Pre-historic Native American village and Great House built 1100-1350 A.D. by early farmers, archaeologist now call the Hohokam.
Colossal Cave Mountain Park	75,000	N/A	16721 East Old Spanish Trail	Vail 85641	520-647-7275	www.colossalcave.com	520-647-7869	\$5.00/car Park Use fee (six people); Cave Tour: Age 13 & up \$11.00, Age 5-12 \$6.00, Age 4 & under free	Open every day; Mar. 16-Sept. 15 - 8:00-5:00; Sept. 16-25 - 8:00-5:00	Beautiful 2,400 acre desert park, on the National Historic Register, showcasing crystal-filled Colossal Cave and historic La Posta Quemada Ranch. Tours, museums, trail rides.
Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park	70,583	76,918	#37615 U.S.Hwy. 60	Superior 85273	520-689-2811	http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu	520-689-2811	\$7.50 adults, \$3 children ages 5-12	Admission daily from 8am-5pm. Summer hours: May-Aug 31st 6 am - 3 pm (closed Dec. 25).	320-acre collection of plants from deserts around the world, traversed by two miles of walking paths. Visitor center, picnic area, leashed and well-behaved pets are welcome.
Picacho Peak State Park	67,134	95,865	I-10, Exit 219	Picacho 85241	520-466-3183	www.azstateparks.com	520-466-7442	Friday before Memorial Day to end of Labor Day-\$3	8:00AM-10:00PM	Prominent Picacho Peak State Park defines the desert skyline. Trails wind up the peak and often, in the spring, overlook a sea of wildflowers. An annual Civil War re-enactment is held to commemorate the most significant battle in Arizona.
Red Rock State Park	62,531	77,728	4050 Red Rock Loop Rd.	Sedona 86336	928-282-6907	www.azstateparks.com	928-282-5972	\$6.00 per vehicle (1-4 adults)	Park Hours: Oct-Mar 8AM-5PM; Apr 8AM-6PM; May-Aug 8AM-7PM; Sept 8AM-6PM. Visitor Center Hours: Sept-Apr 9AM-5PM; May-Aug 9AM-6PM	The park is surrounded by the natural beauty of Sedona's red rocks as Oak Creek meanders through the park and provides visitors the opportunity to experience a lush riparian habitat, an interactive education center, and a 5-mile network of trails.
Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park	62,518	68,500	100 N. Prison Hill Rd.	Yuma 85364	928-783-4771	www.azstateparks.com	928-783-7442	Ages 0-13 free; Ages 14 & up \$4.00	8:00AM-5:00PM. Closed at 2:00PM on Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Eve. Closed on Christmas Day	Visitors can walk through the actual strap iron cells and solitary chamber of the Arizona Territory's first prison. Visit the museum to see photographs and colorful exhibits.
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park	60,529	63,533	10 miles north of Payson, Hwy 87	Payson 85947	928-476-4202	www.azstateparks.com	928-476-2264	Ages 0-13 - free, Ages 14-16 - \$3.00	Memorial Day-Labor Day 8:00AM-7:00PM; April, Sept, Oct - 8:00AM -6:00PM; Nov-Mar 9:00AM-5:00PM	View from atop or hike underneath the world's largest natural travertine bridge. Tour the historic lodge located in the grassy meadow above the bridge, picnic among the pines in the tiny valley.
Meteor Crater	NOT REPORTED	213,479	35 miles east of Flagstaff on Interstate 40	Outside of Flagstaff	928-289-5898	www.meteorcrater.com	928-289-2598	\$15 adults, \$14 seniors, \$8 children ages 6-17, 5 and under free	Memorial Day to Labor Day 7am to 7pm, rest of the year 8am to 5pm, closed Dec. 25th.	Giant, 550 foot deep meteorite crater created 50,000 yrs ago, interactive learning center.
The Nature Conservatory's Ramsey Canyon Preserve	NOT REPORTED	20,000	70 Miles Southeast of Tucson	Exit #302 of I-10	520-378-2785	www.nature.org/arizona	520-378-2785	\$5.00 per person, Cochise County residents and TNC members \$3.00	Feb-Oct 8am-5pm daily; Nov-Jan 9am-4pm and closed Tues and Wed.	Renowned for plant and animal diversity, especially beautiful Arizona sycamores along Ramsey creek and Madren specialty birds. Hiking trails.

*Lake Mead NRA visitation counts refer to recreation visits to the park by Arizona park access points.

**2007 attendance includes visitors to Coronado National Forest. 2006 attendance is only visitation to Sabino Canyon Recreation Area

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