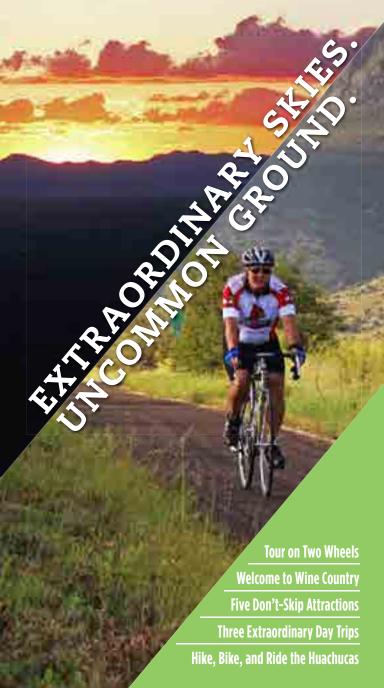
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ADVENTURE GUIDE



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Take a look at this Adventure Guide then head to our website, VisitSierraVista.com, to find more information like day trip itineraries, hotels, restaurants, maps, and more.

Directions provided in this guide use the intersection of Fry Boulevard (Hwy 90) and Hwy 92 as a starting point unless otherwise noted. Mileage is approximate.

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FIVE DON'T-SKIP ATTRACTIONS



A trip to Sierra Vista won't be complete without experiencing these extraordinary locations. Discover the unique geography and habitat that shape southeast Arizona's terrain, from Ramsey Canyon's near-tropical climate to the expansive views of Coronado National Memorial. Brown Canyon Ranch is a step back in history, while a hike to Miller Peak is a visit to the top of the world. The San Pedro River meanders through the valley, connecting it all together.



Ramsey Canyon Preserve

The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve is worldrenowned, 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 kidfriendly 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.



Coronado National Memorial

Operated by the National Park Service, the Coronado National Memorial commemorates and interprets the significance of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado's mid-16th century expedition, resulting in lasting cultural influences in the Americas. This 4,750-acre memorial was chosen for its panoramic views of the U.S.-Mexico border and the San Pedro River Vallev. the route believed to have been taken by Coronado. It was hoped that the memorial's proximity to the border would strengthen binational amity and the bonds, both geographical and cultural, that continue to link the two countries. The memorial has two sister parks in Mexico. Find out more about this fascinating attraction on page 4. Allow 2 hours or more. 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 to South Coronado Memorial Road (milepost 334), 4 miles to the Memorial, 800-288-3861 or (520) 366-5515 (National Park Service).

FUN FACTS!

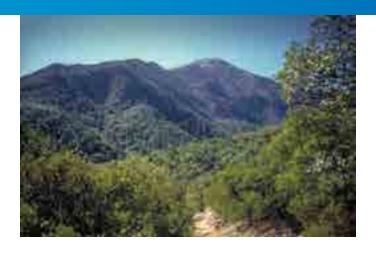
- Ramsey Canyon is named for Gardner Ramsey, who turned the only access road to Hamburg into a toll road.
- Before it was a preserve, Ramsey Canyon was the site of a less-than-respectable town.
- Brown Canyon Ranch became part of the Coronado National Forest system in 1998. For nearly 200 years, it was privately owned.



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 and is now part of the Coronado National Forest. Tour the adobe ranch house corrals, where the old windmill still pumps water and the tree-surrounded pond provides a cool view and home to wildlife. Enjoy the Nature Loop Trail, a short, easy walking path that winds around the ranch grounds, or head into the National Forest via connecting trails. Allow 2 hours. Hwy 92 East 6 miles south to Ramsey Canyon Road; right (west) on Ramsey Canyon Road; continue on Ramsey Canyon Road to Brown Canyon Trail; turn right (north) to access a dirt parking area, then follow the dirt road to the ranch. 800-288-3861 or (520) 378-0311. (Forest Service Ranger Station).





Miller Peak

At 9,466 feet, Miller Peak is the highest peak in the Huachuca Mountains, and the highest, southernmost peak in the United States. Hike to the top for extraordinary views of Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico. The round-trip hike is about 10 miles and is recommended for experienced hikers (you'll gain an elevation of 2,891 feet). If the Miller Peak hike is too formidable, enjoy views of the wilderness area and soaring peaks from the picnic area at Montezuma Pass in Coronado National Memorial. Either way, you'll appreciate the grandeur of this majestic Sky Island! Allow at least half a day for the hike and bring plenty of water. Via Miller Canyon Road: Hwy 92 East, 9 miles; right (west) on E Miller Canyon Road; continue to parking area at the end of the road. Via Montezuma Pass: Hwy 92 East, 14 miles; right (south) onto to South Coronado Memorial Road (milepost 334), 8.2 miles.

San Pedro River

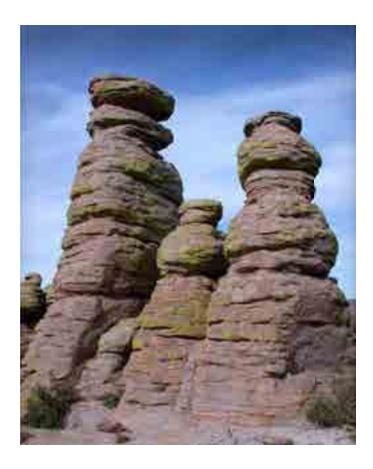
With nearly 40 miles of riparian vegetation, the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area is a 56,000-acre area teeming with plant and animal life. At times, the north-flowing river can appear as a creek or dry riverbed, or overflow its banks during the rainy monsoon season. Rest assured, even if the surface is dry the river is flowing underground. Highly popular with bird and wildlife watchers (more than half of the known breeding bird species in the U.S. have been spotted here), visitors can hike solo or join a regularly scheduled bird, interpretive, or river walk led by docents from the San Pedro House. Allow two hours or more. Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and leashed 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).

Find more attractions and information online at VisitSierraVista.com.



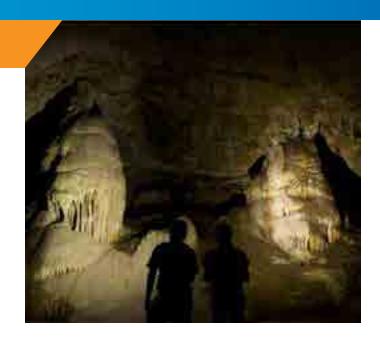
PARKS & MONUMENTS

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.



Chiricahua National Monument

Known as the Wonderland of Rocks, this traditional haunt of Cochise and his Chiracahua 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. (520) 824-3560.



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 National Scenic 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. Join rangerled tours held January through May to Coronado Cave, and other ranger-led hikes and lectures, scheduled seasonally.

While at the Memorial, be sure to include a drive to Montezuma Pass (elevation 6,575 feet), just a 15-minute drive from the Memorial Visitor Center on a well-maintained gravel road. Allow 2 hours. Daylight picnic area; no overnight camping. The Memorial visitor center is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hwy 92 East, 14 miles; right (south) onto to South Coronado Memorial Road (milepost 334), 4.9 miles to the Memorial. 800-288-3861 or (520) 366-5515 (National Park Service).

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.



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 raids, tracked and captured Geronimo, and tangled with the likes of Billy the Kid and Pancho Villa.



Now, in part, 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 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 or media photography and videography is not permitted. Please direct questions concerning permissible photography and videography to the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office at (520) 533-1850.



Fort Huachuca Museum and Annex

The Fort's museum and annex commemorate more than 150 years of history, from the first remnants of human habitation some 13,000 years ago, Spanish exploration, and U.S. military attempts to tame the territory, along with a thoughtful exhibit recognizing Buffalo Soldiers and the historic contribution and heritage of African American service men and women. Learn about the hardships of military life on the frontier, Cavalry patrols, Indian scouts, and the surrender of Geronimo. Allow two hours. 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 (becomes Lawton after crossing Smith Avenue.); right on Winrow, left on Mizner Avenue; right on Grierson; right on Hungerford. Museum is in Building 41401; Annex is in 41305; parking on the left of the Musuem. 800-288-3861 or (520) 533-3638.

Military Intelligence Soldier Heritage Learning Center

Learn about surveillance and espionage tools from the Revolutionary War to modern engagements. See surveillance and espionage tools, 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 (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 is the final resting place of many historic figures that 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, 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, 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 a thoughtful exhibit at the Fort Huachuca Museum. 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, 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. (520) 847-2500.



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.

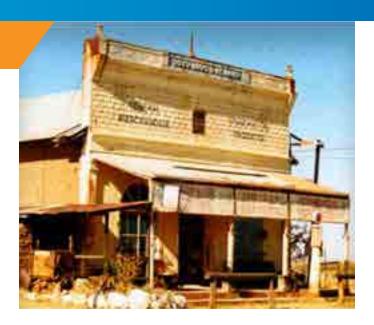


Fairbank

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

Located along the banks of the San Pedro River and rumored to have been a tougher town than even wicked Tombstone. Little remains of Millville today, but you can still see remnants of buildings and the stamp mill. Orientation panel in Millville and exhibits along the trail. Allow 1 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. Hwy 90 West to Charleston Road, turn right (east); travel 19 miles to Tombstone; continue to S. Sumner Street; turn right (east) on Allen Street; turn right (north) on First Street; turn right (east) on Freemont Street; travel 1.1 miles then turn left (north) on N. Camino San Rafael (becomes E. Gleeson Road); travel 14.5 miles to N. High Lonesome Road; turn left (north).

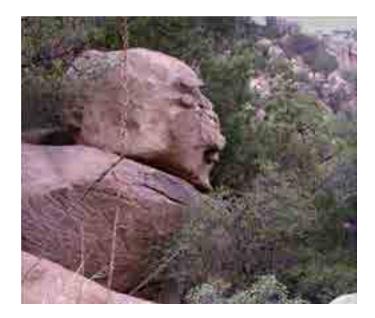
FUN FACTS!

- 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 2–3 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 Millville ghost town, an easy walk near 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, 8 miles; turn left (east) onto E. Hereford Road, 7 miles; turn right (south) onto S. Palominas Road, 1 mile; left on Lehner Road to parking area; site is a short hike along the San Pedro Trail. 800-288-3861 or (520) 439-6400 (BLM).



Murray Springs Clouis 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.



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. 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.



For in-town cruising at its best, ride the paved paths throughout Sierra Vista. Nearly 30 miles of paths take you off busy streets and along washes and open areas for easy rides for all skill and fitness levels. Don't forget your camera!

Pick up a road cycling or mountain biking map at the Visitor Center or download them at VisitSierraVista.com. Check out recommended road and mountain bike rides online, too (search "bike").

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 bikes for adults and children available to loan. Stop by 2600 E. Tacoma Street to borrow one, or call (520) 458-4225 for information and to confirm availability.

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



Sierra Vista earned a bronze certification as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists in 2016, underscoring its commitment to getting around safely on two wheels. That's how we roll!

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, and astronomy guide and manual. (2600 E. Tacoma Street, (520) 458-4225).

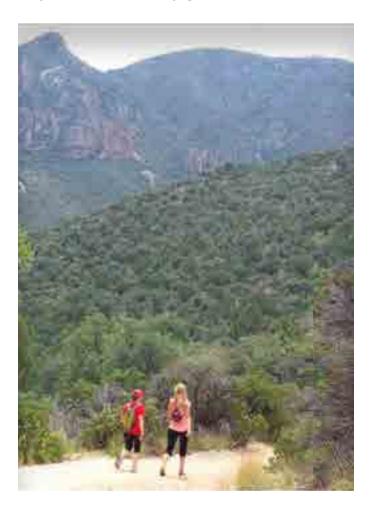


Take a free, guided tour of the skies at the *Patterson* Observatory, located at University of Arizona Sierra Vista, The 20-inch Patterson Telescope brings star clusters, nebulas, and distant galaxies into view. Go to hacastronomy.org for Public Night viewing dates and times (weather permitting). With 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, (520) 458-8278, ext. 2214 for Public Night updates, 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.



FUN FACTS!

- "Huachuca" is the Apache word for "place of thunder."
- 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.



Sierra Vista marks the southern terminus of the *Arizona National Scenic Trail*, an 800-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 breathtaking 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), 4.9 miles to the Memorial.* Get maps and info at www.AZTrail.org.

Trail	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	~	~	V	~	
San Pedro River: Access via San Pedro River at multiple points; hike any or all of the trail	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	✓		V	~	
Miller Peak/Crest Trail: Access via Montezuma Pass; part of the Arizona Trail	9.8 (10)	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	V		~	~	
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	~	~	V	~	
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	20 ^B	1	4,630 +/-	~	~			

^AMiles, one-way | ^BMiles, discontiguous total

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

U.S. Forest Service | Sierra Vista Ranger Station 4070 S. Avenida Saracino, Hereford AZ 85615 (520) 378-0311 | 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 culture, history, folklore, and wildlife.



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 (now Bosnia and Herzegovina). 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 are breathtaking. Allow one hour. 9:00 a.m. to sunset every day. Hwy 92 East, 11 miles; turn right (south) onto Stone Ridge Road; 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.



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 and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 Slate-throated Redstart, have gained national attention. If birding 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 E. Ash Canyon Road; travel 1.6 miles; veer right at the fork, 0.6 mile to the Lutz Canyon trailhead.

Miller Canyon

Miller Canyon is a great place to spot birds, wildlife, and breath-taking views of the San Pedro Valley, Mule Mountains, and Miller Peak. Miller Canyon Trail, part of the Arizona National Scenic 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 south 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 birders 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.

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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.



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 birders (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 leashed 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).

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.



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).



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.

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.



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 oakstudded 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.



Environmental Operations Park

This 50-acre wetlands supports aquatic vegetation and grasses once native to the region 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.



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 that 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 one 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 brochure 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 bird- and wildlife-watching places on pages 15 and 16.





HAVE A BALL!

With an average daytime temperature of 74 degrees, Sierra Vista is a wonderful place to practice your golf, pickleball, or tennis game. Sierra Vista has one private and one public golf course; you'll find another public one just 35 miles away in Benson 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 located on 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.

SIERRA VISTA IS TOURNAMENT READY!

Sierra Vista Sports, a complex that includes sports facilities and a sports center for team meetings and after-game events. With fields for football, soccer, baseball, softball, and even pickleball, Sierra Vista is ready for tournament play. For more information about scheduling a sports tournament, and planning assistance, call (520) 515-4999 or email Sports@SierraVistaAZ.gov.



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 from dawn until 10:00 p.m. *West on Fry Boulevard, 2 miles; left (south) onto S. 7th Street, 1 mile.*

Oscar Yrun Community Center Pickleball Courts

Eight public courts, no fees or reservations needed for these lighted courts. HEAD pickleball paddles are available for rent at the OYCC for \$5/day, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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.

Rothery Center Community Tennis Courts

Six public courts are available for daytime use. Not lighted; no fees or reservations needed. West on Fry Boulevard 0.5 mile; in 500 feet, turn right toward the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division; continue north to access the courts.

King's Court Tennis Club

Eight courts, open to the public. *Hwy 90 East, 0.4 miles; right (south) onto Kings Way, 0.2 miles.* (520) 515-4999.

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.



Sierra Vista is a great place for families. While kiddos are welcome at nearly all venues, these two side-by-side stops offer fun for parents and kids, from toddlers to teens. Centrally located at Veterans Memorial Park, 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.



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, Sierra Vista's Aquatic Center. Easy entrance with a zero-depth beach-style entry pool, two water slides (tubes), a warm 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. Open swim fees are \$2.50 for youth (ages 6–17), \$4 for adults, and \$3.25 for seniors (55+). 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. Inquire about gear rental and guided climbing tours. 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. (520) 255-1806.

FUN FACTS

- The play structure at Veterans Memorial Park is fully ADA compliant.
- Veterans Memorial 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.

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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 awardwinning wines at 31 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.

FUN FACT!

 Spanish missionaries planted the first grapevines in Arizona in the 1500s.

Aridus Wine Company Tasting Room

145 N. Railview Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643 Wednesday - Sunday, Noon - 6:00 pm (520) 766-9463 | 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 (301) 237-6556 | 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 | bodegapierce.com

Callaghan Vineyards

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

Carlson Creek Vineyards Tasting Room

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

Charron Vineyards

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

Deep Sky Vineyard

124 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611 Thursday - Saturday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (520) 490-6170 | deepskyvineyard.com

Dos Cabezas WineWorks

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

Flying Leap Vineyards

342 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611 Daily, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (520) 455-5499 | flyingleapyineyards.com

Flying Leap Willcox Tasting Room & Art Gallery

100 N. Railroad Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643

Saturday & Sunday, Noon-6:00 pm (please call ahead)

(520) 954-3245 | flyingleapvineyards.com

Flying Leap Bisbee Tasting Room & Fine Art Gallery

67 Main Street, Bisbee AZ 85603

Friday - Sunday, Noon - 6:00 PM

(520) 954-3245 | flyingleapvineyards.com

Four Tails Vineyard

274 E. Pearce Road, Pearce AZ 85625

By appointment only

(623) 693-6547 | fourtailsvineyard.com

Golden Rule Vineyards

3525 N. Golden Rule Road, Cochise AZ 85606

Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 507-3310 | goldenrulevineyards.com

Hannah's Hill Vineyard

3989 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85611

Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 456-9000 | hannahshill.com

Keeling-Schaefer Vineyards Tasting Room

154 N. Railroad Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643

Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 766-0600 | keelingschaefervineyards.com

Kief-Joshua Vineyards

370 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611

Daily. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 455-5582 | kj-vineyards.com

Kief-Joshua Vineyards

4923 E. Arzberger Road, Willcox AZ 85643

Friday & Saturday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 455-5582 | kj-vineyards.com

Laramita Cellars

6223 E. Cattle Drive, Willcox AZ 85643

By appointment only

(480) 560-2605 | laramitacellars.com

LDV Winery

13922 S. Kuykendall Cutoff Road, Pearce AZ 85668

By appointment only

(602) 320-1485 | Idvwinery.com

Lightning Ridge Cellars

2368 Hwy 83, Elgin AZ 85611

Friday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(520) 455-5383 | lightningridgecellars.com

Passion Cellars at Salvatore Vineyards

3052 N. Fort Grant Road, Willcox AZ 85643

By appointment only

(602) 750-7771 | passioncellars.com

Pillsbury Wine Company

6450 S. Bennett Place, Willcox AZ 85643

Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(928) 595-1001 or (310) 508-3348 | pillsburywine.com

Rancho Rossa Vineyards & Rescued Hearts Cellars

201 Cattle Ranch Lane, Sonoita AZ 85611

Friday - Sunday, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

(520) 455-0700 | ranchorossa.com

Rune Wines

3969 Hwy 82, Sonoita AZ 85611

Thursday, Noon-4:00 pm

Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 338-8823 | runewines.com

Sand-Reckoner Vineyards

130 S. Haskell Avenue, Willcox AZ 85643

By appointment only

(303) 931-8472 | sand-reckoner.com

Silver Strike Winery Tasting Room

334 E. Allen Street, Tombstone AZ 85638

Daily, Noon-6:00 PM

(520) 678-8200 | silverstrikewinery.com

Sonoita Vineyards

290 Elgin Canelo Road, Elgin AZ 85611

Daily, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(520) 455-5893 | sonoitavineyards.com

Village of Elgin Tasting Room

471 Elgin Road, Elgin AZ 85611

Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(520) 455-9309 | elginwines.com

Wilhelm Family Vineyards

21 Mountain Ranch Drive, Elgin AZ 85611

Friday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(520) 455-9291 | wilhelmvinevards.com

Zarpara Vineyard

6777 S. Zarpara Lane, Willcox AZ 85643

Friday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(520) 222-7114 | zarpara.com

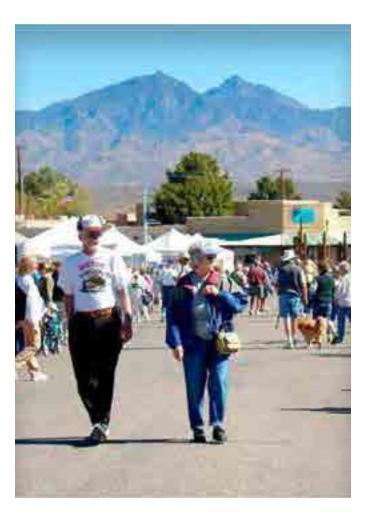


ART IN & AROUND SIERRA VISTA

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) 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 for "art").



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 trip 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 10 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 check VisitSierraVista.com for information on events in and around Sierra Vista and Cochise County.



With about 60 members, the *Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra* performs at the Klein Center for the Performing Arts in January, April, and October. SierraVistaSymphony.org

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. CowboyPoets.com

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.



Sierra Vista's own *Sky Islands Summit Challenge* invites hikers to complete one, two, or three peaks in the Huachuca Mountains—all in one May day. Take home bragging rights and top-of-the-world photos from these summits reaching as high as 9,400 feet! 800-288-3861.

Southwest Wings Spring Fling in May and the **Summer Festival** in July/August are two internationally renowned birding and nature festivals, with programs, seminars, workshops, and field trips. www.SWWings.org



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

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. ArtInTheParkSierraVista.com



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

The *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. HuachucaMineralandGemClub.info

THREE EXTRAORDINARY DAY TRIPS

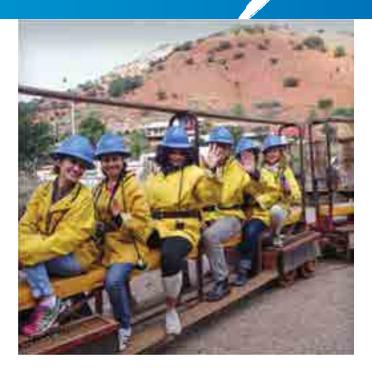
These day trip ideas are a great way to discover Southeast Arizona! Find more trip ideas at VisitSierraVista.com.

Discover History

Start your day with breakfast at a Sierra Vista landmark, the Landmark Cafe (400 W. Fry Boulevard). Be sure to order a stack of plate-sized "Pamcakes," named after the owner of this local favorite. Drive to Coronado National Memorial (4101 W. Montezuma Canyon Road). Stop at the Memorial Visitor Center for information and to enjoy an excellent exhibit on the Coronado Expedition, then head for the trails. A favorite trek is Joe's Canyon Trail; free shuttles from the visitor center to the trailhead at Montezuma Pass operate seasonally, so check with Memorial staff for current schedules (520) 366-5515.



You'll work up an appetite, so head for Pizzeria Mimosa (4755 E. Neapolitan Way) for hand-tossed pizza, hot from a wood-fired oven. Once you're fueled up, drive south on Hwy 92 toward Bisbee. Follow the roundabout to merge onto Hwy 80, then exit to historic Old Bisbee.



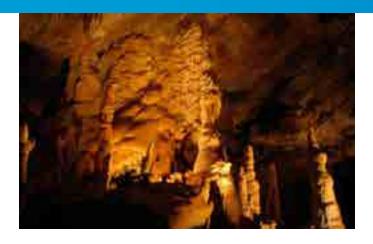
Head for the Queen Mine (478 N. Dart Road) for a quick trip underground and see what mining life was like for nearly a century. Once you're back in the sunlight, head over to the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum (5 Copper Queen Plaza) for a stellar exhibit on Bisbee's economic history and the 1917 Bisbee Deportation.

Dinner is calling, and Cafe Roka is sure to please (reservations recommended, 35 Main Street). If you're hankering for something a little more hands-on, the burgers served at Bisbee's Table are some of the best (2 Main Street).

Explore the winding streets of Bisbee before heading back to Sierra Vista for a night cap. For beer, choose from the 30-odd taps at Bone Dry Tap House (962 E. Fry Boulevard); for a relaxing glass of wine, check out Hoppin' Grapes Wine and Beer Bar (409 W. Fry Boulevard).

Kartchner & Kate's

This tour starts at Kartchner Caverns, voted the "Best Cave in America" and "Best Arizona Attraction" by *USA Today* readers. The guided tour starts at the park's visitor center before heading underground for a stand-up—and stand-out—cave experience (2980 Hwy 90).



Enjoy lunch at the park's Bat Cave Café or head into Benson for a cowboy-sized meal at Horseshoe Café, a local favorite for good reason (154 E. 4th Street).

Buckle up for the ride to Tombstone via Hwy 80. Look for the Boothill Cemetery on the left as you're rolling into Tombstone (408 Hwy 80), where outlaws, marshals, and soiled doves rest side by side. Once you've strolled past the markers, continue into Tombstone; park then walk south to historic Allen Street. You might catch a re-enactment of the infamous "walk down" leading up to a performance at the OK Corral, telling the story of the events that led up to, and including, the famous gunfight.



Ride a stage coach, stroll through the shops, and enjoy the sights and sounds that only Tombstone can deliver. You won't want to miss Big Nose Kate's Saloon (417 E. Allen Street). Noisy and fun, Kate's delivers an authentic cowboy bar experience and some pretty good grub, too.

Head back to Sierra Vista via Charleston Road. If time allows, stop by the San Pedro House (9800 E. Hwy 90) for a stroll along the river or kick back to watch the technicolor sunset over the Huachuca Mountains. Cameras recommended!

Wine & Dine

Start with breakfast at Broxton's Coffee (920 E. Fry Boulevard) with fresh-baked pastries and fragrant coffee. Head toward Douglas via Hwy 90 and Hwy 80. This bicultural community is rich with history, starting with the Gadsden Hotel (1046 G Avenue). The 40-foot wide Tiffany stained glass window across the front sets the tone for the opulent marble and columned interior.

A visit to the Slaughter Ranch (6153 Geronimo Trail) gives another peek into history. From there, head north on Hwy 191 and Kansas Settlement Road. This one-hour drive takes you through rolling farm and grass lands, into the heart of Arizona's Wine Country.



When you arrive in Willcox, park along Railroad Avenue. You can't miss the big red caboose that is Big Tex BBQ (130 E. Maley Street); if you don't see it, just follow your nose! After you've had your fill, stroll along Railroad Avenue and stop into any of the five wine tasting rooms there, featuring vintages from the Willcox area.

Travel back to Sierra Vista via I-10, where you'll pass through Texas Canyon. The house-sized boulders line the interstate, glowing in the Arizona sun like gigantic gold nuggets. If time allows, stop for a short hike.

Bring your favorite bottle of wine to Sierra Vista's Outside Inn (reservations recommended, 4907 Hwy 92) or choose from their carefully selected wine list. Chef Patrick Malarchik punctuates the dishes with local produce, house-made bacon, and amazing sauces. Hungry? Don't skip the short ribs Wellington appetizer!

EXTRAORDINARY EATS

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 international eateries that serve authentic dishes, 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 dishes, or Neapolitan pizza baked in a wood-fired oven, Sierra Vista's flavorful 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.



WHERE TO STAY



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.





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 ConnectionCochise County Wide | (520) 417-7400

GreyhoundService in Sierra Vista | 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 Hereford | (520) 803-6713

C You There Shuttle (520) 236-0768

Express Shuttle

Huachuca City | (520) 439-8294

Huachuca Shuttle 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.guideddiscoverytours.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

i LOCAL SERVICES

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Police & Fire Departments Emergency911				
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				
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				
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				

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's 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

2175 El Mercado Loop, Sierra Vista	800-326-3264 ext. 1100
Uptown 3 Movie Theater 4341 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista(5	20) 378-2858

THEATRE/STAGE

Cinemark Theaters

Alma Delores International Dance	(520) 3/8-3089
LimeLight Productions	(520) 234-5145
Sierra Vista Ballet	(520) 458-1560
Sierra Vista Symphony	(520) 458-5189

RV City











Ghost Towns (see page 7)

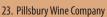
- 1. Courtland
- 2. Fairbank
- 3. Fort Bowie
- 4. Gleeson
- 5. Grand Central Mill
- 6. Millville
- 7. Pearce



Wineries (see pages 20 & 21)

- 1. Aridus Wine Company Tasting Room
- 2. Arizona Hops and Vines
- 3. Bodega Pierce Winery & Tasting Room
- 4. Callaghan Vineyards
- 5. Carlson Creek Vineyards Tasting Room
- 6. Charron Vineyards
- 7. Coronado Vineyards
- 8. Deep Sky Vineyard
- 9. Dos Cabezas WineWorks
- 10. Flying Leap Vineyards
- 11. Flying Leap Wilcox Tasting Room

- 12. Flying Leap Bisbee Tasting Room
- 13. Four Tails Vinvard
- 14. Golden Rule Vineyards
- 15. Hannah's Hill Vineyard
- 16. Keeling-Schaefer Vinyards Tasting Room
- 17. Kief-Joshua Vineyards, Elgin
- 18. Kief-Joshua Vineyards, Willcox 19. Laramita Cellars
- 20. LDV Winery
- 21. Lightning Ridge Cellars
- 22. Passion Cellars



- 24. Rancho Rossa Vineyards & Rescued Hearts Cellars
- 25. Rune Wines
- 26. Sand-Reckoner Vineyards
- 27. Silver Strike Winery Tasting Room
- 28. Sonoita Vineyards
- 29. Village of Elgin Tasting Room
- 30. Wilhelm Family Vineyards
- 31. Zarpara Vineyard





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