



## Camp Verde, Ariz.

North Central Arizona's oldest settlement  
Gateway to the Verde Valley

### Create your own fun bucket list . . .

1. **Ancient Ruins:** Float down the Verde River to see a well-hidden Indian site; don't miss Montezuma Castle National Monument, a Sinagua cliff dwelling
2. **Art and jewelry:** Visit the tourist spots but buy here; purchase southwestern treasures generally at much lower prices
3. **Artists' Call:** Grab a pad and sketch the beautiful desert scenery of central Arizona
4. **Artist celebrity:** World traveler, orphanage philanthropist, Dr. John Soderberg, lives & works in CV. Go to [www.johnsoderberg.com](http://www.johnsoderberg.com)
5. **Birding:** Open your Audubon guide to start an educational discovery of the beautiful birds of North Central Arizona
6. **Blacksmithing:** Learn the "how to" of this craft at a local CV blacksmithing supply store
7. **Books:** Visit the Camp Verde Public Library; check out the annual book sale
8. **Black Bridge:** Drive over the first major CV bridge, ca. 1910, leading to Montezuma Castle Nat'l Monument
9. **Bowl:** Strike-out at Shake, Rattle and Bowl located inside Cliff Castle Casino & Hotel
10. **Bull Riding:** Take in some of this exciting fun at Fort Verde Days
11. **Butler Park:** Pack a picnic; treat yourself to a relaxing day at this old-fashioned, hometown park
12. **Canoe Races:** Verde River Canoe Challenge is held each spring from White Bridge to Beasley Flat
13. **Churches:** Several denominations available including a Cowboy Church
14. **Cliff Castle Casino & Hotel:** Voted #1 Arizona casino 11 years in a row, includes several theme eateries
15. **Cool evenings:** Enjoy North Central Arizona's much-cooler-than-Phoenix summer weather
16. **Corn:** Want the best sweet corn in Arizona? Try Hauser's Corn Stand (*open June-August*)
17. **Crawfish:** Crawdads, taters, alligator are some of the good eats at this fun June festival
18. **Farmer's Market:** Stop and shop every Saturday morning, June-October, at Town's Ramada (*next to Fort Verde*)
19. **Festivals:** Feature Five . . .
  - \* Wine, Pecan, Antique Festival: 2nd weekend in Feb.
  - \* Crawdad Festival: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June
  - \* Cornfest: 3rd Saturday in July
  - \* Fort Verde Days: 2nd weekend Oct.
  - \* Holiday Family Fun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Dec.
20. **Fish:** Hook a trout in the Verde River; buy your license at the local feed store
21. **Fort Verde:** Find out what Hollywood didn't tell you about early military life
22. **Gallery:** Exceptional art work created by Camp Verdeans available at Artisan's Gallery, priced to move
23. **Grand Canyon:** Take a guided, day trip
24. **Historic Main Street:** Include a self-guided building tour, available at chamber
25. **Horses:** Bring your horse trailer; ride up Grief Hill, into Copper Canyon, relive history along Gen. Crook Trail
26. **Indian fry bread:** Check with the casino to find out which restaurant features this southwestern specialty
27. **Live Entertainment:** See big-name celebrities and comedians at Cliff Castle Casino & Hotel

28. **Montezuma Well:** Hike to the bottom of this limestone cavern to peek at secluded ruins; see original irrigation canals; this is a sister site to Montezuma Castle
29. **Movies:** 1970s sci-fi thriller, *Kingdom of the Spiders*, with William Shatner was shot along Main Street
30. **Movie Stars:** Find the burial plot of Hollywood cowboy actor Bob Baker (Stanley Leland Weed), a/k/a *Tumbleweed*, 1910-1975, B westerns, 1930s-1940s
31. **Museum:** Tour this picturesque old school house on Main Street filled with cowboy and Indian relics owned by the Camp Verde Historical Society
32. **News:** Find Camp Verde and Verde Valley news in The Journal (Journalaz.com) and the Camp Verde Bugle (campverdebugleonline.com)
33. **Off highway vehicles:** Cross country, ATVs and motorcycle day use; includes Tot Lot for beginners, west Camp Verde
34. **Out of Africa Wildlife Park:** See the antics of big cats at Tiger Splash, a snake show, a bush safari and more
35. **Pecans:** Take a drive through Pecan Lane, visit a local pecan farm, eat yummy pecan pie at February's Wine, PECAN, and Antique Festival
36. **Poolside:** Relax at a moderately priced Camp Verde hotel or B&B
37. **Prickly Pear Cactus Drink:** Buffalo, cactus fries, rattlesnake - ask us where you can find these fun foods
38. **Race:** Runners, don't miss September's Montezuma Castle 10k and 2 mile walk/run
39. **Restaurants:** Western, romantic, Mexican, 50s, Chinese, southwestern barbecue, a drive-in featuring foot-longs, family comfort foods, sandwiches/wraps, fast food – try something different every day of the week
40. **RV Parks:** Pick from one of our several great stay-and-play parks in the Camp Verde area
41. **Salt:** Where does it come from? Take a drive to an original salt mine for a great photographic moment; possibly dates to prehistoric times during Pueblo culture
42. **Scenery:** Take a leisurely drive through the desert terrain of the Verde Valley
43. **Skateboard:** Kids, bring your board to the Camp Verde Skate Park
44. **Star gazing:** Dark skies prevail; what a great place to enjoy astronomy
45. **Swimming:** Take a refreshing break at the Camp Verde Community Pool (*summer hours*) plus the Verde River
46. **Trails:** Hike the scenic West Clear Creek Trail starting at Bull Pen Campground **Hardy:** Hot Springs Hotel near Fossil Creek was reported to have many celebrity guests. Only the walls, foundation and concrete mineral hot springs remain luring many hardy hikers to this locale
47. **Verde River:** Canoe or kayak (*rent guide and or equipment*)
48. **Verde Valley:** Using Camp Verde as your base, stop by the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce to learn about other Verde Valley sites including the Verde Canyon RR, a former tent camp mining town, Old Town Cottonwood, Beaver Creek and much, much more
49. **Wedding:** Plan your special day at the Clear Creek Church on Old Church Road, ca. 1898-1899
50. **Wine:** Sample Verde Valley wines at Alcantara Vineyards & Oak Creek Vineyards and Winery

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