



Prescott, AZ



Prescott, Arizona, is located on the northeast slope of the Bradshaw Mountains in North Central Arizona at an elevation of 5,354 feet. Established as the original capital of the Arizona Territory on May 30, 1864, the town was named for William Hickling Prescott, a historian and author. The Yavapai, a hunting and gathering people, were the original settlers in the Prescott area.

Several museums highlight Prescott's history. The Sharlot Hall Museum features exhibits about 1860's frontier life, mining, the military, Indian conflicts, railroads, and ranching; a rose garden; and the historic Fremont and Bashford Houses. The Fort Whipple Museum traces the history of the fort, which was used during the Indian Wars and the Spanish War. The Phippen Museum was named for George Phippen, a founding member of the Cowboy Artists of America, and exhibits Western art. Designed to resemble an Indian pueblo, the Smoki Museum displays clothing, ornaments, baskets, paintings, drawings, and ceremonial paraphernalia from local and Californian tribes.

Whiskey Row is Prescott's most famous street and was once lined with saloons patronized by many well-known cowboys and outlaws. Although the original wood-frame buildings were destroyed in a fire in 1900, they were quickly rebuilt and many still stand.

Other attractions include the spot...a Child's Museum and the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Gardens.

Prescott has many opportunities for performing arts. Elks Opera House, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a venue for concerts, plays, and other events. The Prescott Center for the Arts contains a community theater and gallery. Tim's Toyota Center is a multi-purpose venue for concerts, sporting events, stage shows, and other special events. Entertainment at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center ranges from national touring performers to live satellite broadcasts. Musical entertainment is provided by the Prescott POPS Symphony; the Yavapai Symphony Association, which presents the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra; and the Prescott Jazz Society, which presents an annual jazz festival.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Prescott offers many residential options, including small single-family homes, large Victorian-style homes, and condominiums. Among Prescott's many historic neighborhoods, the South Prescott Townsite Historic District is located immediately south of the Courthouse Plaza and includes part of the original Prescott town site. The predominantly single-story houses feature Queen Anne-styles that are combined with those of Eastlake, Stick, Victorian Italianate, High Victorian Gothic, and Shingle styles. Union Street, also known as Nob Hill, is the neighborhood's most famous street and was once the home of prominent city residents.

Prescott's many neighborhoods built since 1970 offer residential options that range from condominiums, patio homes, and town houses to custom-built homes and are located in traditional neighborhoods or master planned communities with golf courses and other amenities. Some neighborhoods are located in a mountain setting close to the Prescott National Forest; others are situated in the high desert area with views of Thumb Butte and Granite Mountain landmarks or among dramatic boulder outcroppings and feature many trees. In addition, other neighborhoods are set in areas that feature rolling hills.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Prescott has 25 parks with features that include a skate park, an off-leash dog park, 2 public golf courses, 2 community centers, 3 lakes, and 6 nature preserves. Tennis, basketball, and sand volleyball courts; playground equipment; water sports; fishing dock and boat launches;

horseshoe pits; and baseball, softball, football, and soccer fields are among the available park amenities.

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary is located in Heritage Park, which also has a multi-use facility, a playground, and a baseball field.

Ken Lindley Field and Park is home to the city's historic stadium and also to the Mike Fann Community Skate Park.

The 1.25 million acre Prescott National Forest contains more than 450 miles of recreation trails, including one National Recreational Trail (Granite Mountain Trail) and one National Historic Study Trail (General Crook Trail). Five lake areas and many campgrounds are also available to the public.

Held annually in July, Prescott Frontier Days®, also known as the World's Oldest Rodeo®, includes rodeo performances, a parade, arts and crafts show, block dancing, and other activities.

The Arizona Sundogs is a professional ice hockey team.

EDUCATION

Prescott Unified School District serves approximately 5,000 students in 5 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and a high school. Prescott offers career and technical education programs through the Mountain Institute Joint Technical Education District, Yavapai College, Glendale Community College, and Universal Technical Institute. Prescott has an open enrollment policy based on space availability.

Higher education is available at Prescott College, which provides an undergraduate liberal arts program that focuses on experiential education and several master's and doctoral programs. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in the science, practice, and business of aviation and aerospace. Northern Arizona University-Yavapai Campus awards bachelor's and master's degrees in selected disciplines, such as education and public management. Northcentral University is an online University that provides bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in business, education, and psychology.

Yavapai College- Prescott Campus is a community college that awards associate degrees and certificates and offers some bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in partnership with Old Dominion University.

HEALTH CARE

Yavapai Regional Medical Center West in Prescott is a 127-bed acute care hospital; the East division in nearby Prescott Valley is a 50-bed hospital. A community-based acute rehabilitation facility is also located in Prescott Valley.

The Bob Stump VA Medical Center of the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System provides inpatient care, including rehabilitative and long-term care, and outpatient services.

CITY STATS

2011

City Population	39,984
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	211,888
Per Capita Personal Income, Prescott, AZ, MSA	\$29,490