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# Our Military

## at Fort Huachuca

**LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST ARIZONA'S** Cochise County, about 15 miles north of the United States-Mexico border, Fort Huachuca is an Army installation with a rich frontier history. Established in 1877, the fort was annexed in 1971 by the city of Sierra Vista and declared a national landmark in 1976.

Today, Fort Huachuca is the largest employer in Cochise County and the largest economic contributor in Arizona. The fort develops and tests command, control, communications, computers, combat systems, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. The fort delivers intelligence and unmanned aircraft systems training and education. The fort also designs, develops and integrates intelligence capabilities, concepts and doctrine. Fort Huachuca provides world-class quality support services to the Huachuca community to enable mission command in support of Army and joint operations and the continued evolution of Fort Huachuca.

The fort's unique environment encompasses 946 square miles of restricted airspace and 2,500

square miles of protected electronic ranges, key components to the national defense mission. Fort Huachuca's training areas include land navigation courses, the Leadership Reaction Course, NBC and obstacle confidence courses, the rappel tower, the rope bridge construction site, the urban operations site, the Warrior Task Complex and weapon ranges.

The fort is home to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground, U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, Libby Army Airfield and approximately 50 supported tenants representing a diverse, multiservice population.

### Population

Fort Huachuca is a joint service installation that trains more than 9,000 students a year. At any given time, the fort has more than 5,600 military personnel, 8,000 civilians and 11,000 family members.

## HISTORY

Fort Huachuca is a product of the Indian Wars of the 1870s and 1880s. In February 1877, Col. August V. Kautz, commander of the Department of Arizona, ordered that a camp be established in the Huachuca Mountains. This camp would offer protection to settlers and travel routes in southeastern Arizona while simultaneously blocking the traditional Apache escape routes through the San Pedro and Santa Cruz valleys to sanctuary in Mexico. A temporary camp was established at the post's current location March 3, 1877, by Capt. Samuel Marmaduke Whitside with two companies of the 6th Cavalry. The site was selected because it had fresh running water, an abundance of trees, excellent observation in three directions and protective high ground essential for security against Apache tactical methods. Camp Huachuca was designated a fort in 1882. In 1886, Gen. Nelson A. Miles designated Fort Huachuca as his advance headquarters and forward supply

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# QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

## FORT HUACHUCA

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call 520-533-2330.

<b>American Red Cross</b> .....	877-272-7337
<b>Aquatics</b>	
Barnes Field House Pool .....	520-533-3858
Irwin Outdoor Pool .....	520-533-3853
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Center</b> .....	520-533-2015
<b>Bank, Armed Forces</b> .....	520-452-8630
<b>BOSS Program</b> .....	520-533-2864
<b>Bowling Center, Desert Lanes</b> .....	520-533-2849
<b>Car Center, RPM</b> .....	520-538-2155
<b>Child Care</b>	
Expanding Horizons Child Development Center .....	520-538-6319
Family Child Care .....	520-533-2498
New Beginnings Child Development Center .....	520-533-5209
<b>Commissary</b> .....	520-533-5540
<b>Community Center, Yardley</b> .....	520-533-2404
<b>Credit Union, American Southwest</b> .....	520-459-1860
<b>Dining</b>	
19th Hole Clubhouse .....	520-533-7088/7092
Enigma Café .....	520-538-0345
Jeannie's Diner .....	520-533-5759
Knead to Know Pizza .....	520-533-6390
Thunder Mountain Activity Center .....	520-533-3802
Thunderbird Dining Facility .....	520-533-2005
Weinstein Dining Facility .....	520-533-6657
<b>DOD Safe Helpline</b> .....	877-995-5247
<b>Education Center</b> .....	520-533-3010
<b>Exceptional Family Member Program</b> .....	520-533-6871
<b>Exchange</b> .....	520-458-7830
<b>Fitness Centers</b>	
Barnes Field House .....	520-533-2948
Eifler Fitness Center .....	520-533-4723
<b>Golf Course, Mountain View</b> .....	520-533-7088/7092
<b>Health Center, Raymond W. Bliss Army</b>	
Appointments .....	520-533-9200
Pharmacy .....	520-533-2520
<b>Housing</b>	
Family Housing .....	520-515-9000
Housing Services Office .....	520-533-3611
Unaccompanied Personnel Housing .....	520-533-3534
<b>Legal Assistance Office</b> .....	520-533-2009
<b>Library, Sierra Vista Public</b> .....	520-458-4225
<b>Lodging, IHG Army Hotels</b> .....	520-458-9066
<b>Military OneSource</b> .....	800-342-9647
<b>Movie Theater</b> .....	520-686-2146

<b>Outdoor Recreation</b> .....	520-533-6707
<b>Post Office</b> .....	520-458-4411
<b>Religious Support Office</b> .....	520-533-4748
<b>School Liaison</b> .....	520-533-0874
<b>Sexual Assault Response Hotline</b> .....	520-732-3736
<b>Solider &amp; Family Readiness Program</b> .....	520-533-2330
<b>Sportsman's Center</b> .....	520-533-7085
<b>Stables, Buffalo Corral Riding</b> .....	520-533-5220/220-0670
<b>Suicide Prevention Lifeline</b> .....	800-273-8255
<b>Ticket Sales</b> .....	520-533-2404
<b>Veterinary Treatment Facility</b> .....	520-533-2767
<b>Youth Programs</b> .....	520-533-0738

## FORT HUACHUCA ONLINE

**Official site:** <https://home.army.mil/huachuca>  
**Family and MWR:** <https://huachuca.armymwr.com>

## DIGITAL GUIDE



<https://www.mybaseguide.com/installation/fort-huachuca/>

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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**Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/Fort\\_Huachuca](https://www.twitter.com/Fort_Huachuca)

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

### Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.





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base for the Geronimo campaign. Geronimo's surrender in August 1886 practically ended the Apache danger in southern Arizona. The Army closed more than 50 camps and forts in the territory, but Fort Huachuca was retained because of continuing border troubles involving renegade American Indians, Mexican bandits, and American outlaws and freebooters.

In 1913, the 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" arrived and remained almost 20 years. The 10th Cavalry joined Gen. John J. Pershing in the 1916 expedition into Mexico, and, during World War I, it was assigned the mission of guarding the United States-Mexico border. By 1933, the 25th Infantry Regiment had replaced the 10th Cavalry as the main combat unit for the fort. The 25th, in turn, was absorbed by the 93rd Infantry Division during World War II. When the 93rd departed for the Pacific in 1943, the 92nd Infantry Division arrived at the fort for training and subsequent assignment to the European Theater. During the war years, the troop strength reached 30,000 men at the fort, which in the 1930s had been described as suitable for a brigade-sized unit of about 10,000 men. At war's end, the fort was declared surplus and transferred to the state of Arizona. It was reactivated during the Korean War by the Army Engineers.

A new era began in 1954 when control passed to the chief signal officer, who found the area and climate ideal for testing electronic and

communications equipment. The importance of the fort in the national defense picture grew steadily from that moment. In 1967, Fort Huachuca became the headquarters of the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command. Then, in 1971, the post became the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School, bringing with it the School Brigade. The Strategic Communications Command became the U.S. Army Communications Command in 1973, subsequently changing to the U.S. Army Information Systems Command in 1984 and to the U.S. Army Signal Command in 1997. On Oct. 1, 2002, the U.S. Army Signal Command was renamed the U.S. Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command. In October 1990, the post changed hands when the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command became the new host command. Installation Management Command now operates the post.

Today, Fort Huachuca is the major military installation in Arizona and one of prominence throughout the Southwest.

### ORGANIZATIONS U.S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Fort Huachuca became the home of Army intelligence in 1971, when the Intelligence School moved from Fort Holabird, Maryland. Since its inception in 1955, the school's mission has been to train selected personnel and to

perform intelligence and security duties in the fields of imagery, interrogation, counterintelligence, area studies and combat intelligence. In 1973, the Intelligence School combined with the combat surveillance portion of the Combat Surveillance and Electronic Warfare School and the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command Intelligence Agency. They formed the first true U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School. This amalgamation added combat surveillance aspects to the school's academic instruction and gave the center an expanded combat and training development role. On July 1, 1987, the 25th anniversary of the Military Intelligence Branch, the Military Intelligence Corps was activated as part of the U.S. Regimental System at Fort Huachuca.

Today, the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence delivers intelligence training and education focused on doctrine and tactical intelligence tasks in order to enable current and future Army readiness.

### 111TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade conducts Initial Military Training and Professional Military Education, preparing officers and soldiers to lead and execute tactical intelligence operations in large scale combat operations.

### U.S. ARMY ELECTRONIC PROVING GROUND

The U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground is the Army's command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (known as C4I) developmental tester. EPG plans, conducts, analyzes and reports the results of developmental tests in support of its network; electronic warfare; and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance customers. In addition to conducting developmental tests, EPG supports the Army operational test community in the conduct of operational tests, user tests and experiments. The EPG's C4I expertise allows them to support customers in the joint and training communities as well. The EPG conducts bench tests, lab tests, field tests, and large-scale, geographically distributed systems of systems tests. The EPG employs a mix of live and simulated instrumentation and assets.

EPG is unique within the DOD because of its naturally quiet electromagnetic environment, its unique specialized facilities, its close relationship with the Army training community, and its ability to use the expansive real estate



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of southern Arizona. Operations are routinely possible on 70,000 acres at Fort Huachuca, 23,000 acres on Wilcox Dry Lake, more than 100,000 acres at Gila Bend, and with prior coordination, on approximately 62 million acres of federal and state owned land.

### U.S. ARMY INFORMATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING COMMAND

The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command provides systems engineering, installation, integration implementation, and evaluation support for communications and information technology systems worldwide. The command designs, engineers, integrates, develops, sustains, installs, tests and accepts information systems. These services provide capabilities to Army organizations, combatant commanders, Department of Defense agencies and federal agencies in support of the warfighter.

### U.S. ARMY NETWORK ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY COMMAND

The Network Enterprise Technology Command is the Army's single information technology service provider for all network communications. A major subordinate command to U.S. Army Cyber Command, NETCOM maintains and defends the Global Network Enterprise to enable information superiority and freedom of access to the network in all phases of joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational operations. NETCOM plans, engineers, installs, integrates, protects and operates Army cyberspace.

### LIBBY ARMY AIRFIELD

Libby Army Airfield is unique to the U.S. Army because it is used jointly by military and civilian activities. The runways, taxiways, navigation aids and air traffic control are shared by military and civilian aircraft. The nearest commercial airport is in Tucson, Arizona.

Civilian operations are concentrated on the north side of the airfield, while military operations are concentrated on the south side of the airfield. Civilian aviation activities at the airfield are under the auspices of the city of Sierra Vista by agreement with the Department of the Army.

Military and government agencies that are permanently assigned to or utilize Libby Army Airfield are the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground, U.S. Air Force, Arizona Air National Guard, Missouri Air National Guard, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Customs Service.



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### ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Cochise County chapter on Page 15 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest major airport is Tucson International Airport, about 70 miles from the post.

### SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at Fort Huachuca.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Fort Huachuca. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Solider & Family Readiness Center at 520-533-2330.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

#### From Tucson International Airport

Take Tucson Boulevard to Valencia Road. Turn right at the light on Valencia Road and continue on this road until you see a sign on the right for Interstate 10 east (El Paso). Go east on I-10 to Exit 302, the Fort Huachuca-Sierra Vista exit. Continue on state Route 90 until you

see the signs for Fort Huachuca (approximately 27 miles). Entrance to the fort may be made at the east gate, which is the first gate on the right, or the main gate, which is further down on the right-hand side as well.

### CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

#### Enlisted and Officer In-processing

Building 51301

<https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/my-fort/newcomers>

Upon arrival to Fort Huachuca, officers should sign the register at the organization to which they have been assigned. Newly assigned enlisted soldiers should report to the battalion or brigade S-1 of the unit to which they are assigned, during or after duty hours.

New arrivals start in-processing at their respective units or activities. Installation in-processing for permanent-party soldiers is held at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. Services include the processing of personnel records and travel pay. Defense Military Pay Office personnel handle matters such as permanent change of station travel reimbursement and pay and allotment changes.

#### Reservist In-processing

Building 31122, Room B-20

<https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/my-fort/newcomers>

Individual reservists, regardless of rank, will report to the Mobilization and Military/Civilian Support Office in the Alchesay Barracks (Building 31122) for in-processing on the first duty day after arrival. Pre-arrival coordination with the G-3 Reserve Support Office



## DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.

can be done by calling 520-533-6627 (during duty hours) or 520-533-2291 (after duty hours).

### Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

Building 22216,  
532 Augur Ave. .... 520-538-6102  
<https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/about/Garrison/civilian-personnel-advisory-center>

An in-processing packet is due on your official first day of work. Print and complete the in-processing forms, but do not date them as you will date them after you are sworn in. Visit the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center's website for in-processing packet forms. You will also need to bring your U.S. passport, birth certificate or certification of naturalization paperwork.

## TEMPORARY LODGING

### IHG Army Hotels

Buildings 44420 and 43083 ..... 520-458-9066  
[www.ihg.com/armyhotels](http://www.ihg.com/armyhotels)

IHG Army Hotels provide safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for military members and their families who are being assigned to Fort Huachuca as well as retired military personnel traveling in Arizona.

Temporary lodging facilities available to personnel on accompanied PCS status feature kitchenettes, complimentary breakfast and high-speed internet. On-post shuttle service and guest laundry facilities are also available. Pet-friendly accommodations are available for

an additional fee. Breed restrictions apply; see the website for more information.

Arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS; check availability and room rates online. Contact the lodging office directly for reservations with children and pet-friendly rooms.

## GETTING SETTLED

### HEALTH CARE

#### Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center

2240 E. Winrow Ave.

Appointments ..... 520-533-9200

Pharmacy ..... 520-533-2520

<https://rwbach.huachuca.amedd.army.mil>

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and its clinics serve active-duty service members, their family members, retirees and other eligible beneficiaries in the surrounding area. Services include family medicine, immunizations, behavioral health, nutrition, occupational health, optometry, allergy and preventative medicine, and rehabilitation (physical therapy, occupational therapy and sports medicine). Visit the center's website for more information on services and branch clinics.

Dental care is available to active-duty military only. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting [www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP](http://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP).



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## HOUSING

### Housing Services Office

Building 52065.....520-533-3611

The Housing Services Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Fort Huachuca, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

### Unaccompanied Personnel Housing

Barracks manager.....520-533-3534

Unaccompanied personnel housing is available for single soldiers in the grade of E-5 and below. E-4 and below share a latrine and kitchen area but have private bedrooms. E-5s have an entire suite.

Unaccompanied soldiers in the rank of E-6 and above and officers will move into housing in the local community.

### Family Housing

Building 52065,

2317 Smith Ave. ....520-515-9000

[www.mountainvistacommunities.com](http://www.mountainvistacommunities.com)

At Fort Huachuca, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Mountain Vista Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Fort Huachuca privatized housing community, visit the Mountain Vista Communities website.

## MAIL

### Post Office

47 Arizona St. ....520-458-4411

[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

The fort's post office provides all services, including express mail and post office box rentals.

## PETS

### Veterinary Treatment Facility

Building 30009,

Hungerford Avenue .....520-533-2767

[www.fb.com/forthuachucavtf](http://www.fb.com/forthuachucavtf)

Pets belonging to personnel who live on Fort Huachuca must be licensed and registered at the veterinary treatment facility upon arrival. Pets belonging to personnel who live off post must



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be licensed by the city where they reside. Visit the Mountain Vista Communities website for information on Fort Huachuca family housing pet and breed restrictions.

The veterinary treatment facility provides preventative medicine services to pets of military families. Due to limited resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

## RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

### Religious Support Office

Building 52060,

2383 Smith Ave. ....520-533-4748

<https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/my-fort/all-services/chaplains-1>

Fort Huachuca has an active and diverse ministry team under the oversight of the post's senior chaplain. The team provides a comprehensive and resilient spiritual support system for service members, families and many others who choose a Fort Huachuca chapel as their place of worship. For more information about services at the Main Post Chapel, Kino Chapel and Prosser Village Chapel Annex, call the Religious Support Office.

## SERVING YOU

### DINING

#### 19th Hole Clubhouse

Indian Scout Road.....520-533-7088/7092

### Enigma Café

Building 62723.....520-538-0345

### Jeannie's Diner

52010 N. Arizona St. ....520-533-5759

### Knead to Know Pizza

Building 80504, Stein Road.....520-533-6390

### Thunder Mountain Activity Center

Building 70525.....520-533-3802

### Thunderbird Dining Facility

Building 52107.....520-533-2005

### Weinstein Dining Facility

Hunt Road .....520-533-6657

For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://huachuca.armymwr.com/categories/social-and-dining>.

## EDUCATION

### Education Center

Building 52104,

2288 LaGuardia St. ....520-533-3010

The post education center provides personal and professional learning opportunities to eligible members of Fort Huachuca. Services include academic counseling, information on tuition assistance and financial aid, testing programs and more. Four universities are represented on base: Cochise College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Arizona South and Wayland Baptist University.





## FAMILY SUPPORT

### Child & Youth Services

Building 5130, Cushing Street....520-533-0738  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/cys-services-2>

Child & Youth Services provides programs and services for children of eligible military and civilian families. CYS programs include child care, before- and after-school care, camps, middle school and teen programs, instructional classes, workforce preparation opportunities, and sports and fitness activities. For more information on these programs, visit the CYS website.

### Child Development Centers

Expanding Horizons CDC  
 Building 49055, Cushing Street..520-538-6319

### New Beginnings CDC

Building 48101, Smith Street.....520-533-5209  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/child-development-centers>

Child development centers offer weekly care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old, and hourly care is available on a space-available basis with reservations. The New Beginnings CDC offers full-day infant, toddler, preschool and Army Strong Beginnings pre-kindergarten programs. The Expanding Horizons CDC provides part-day preschool, part-day Army Strong Beginnings pre-kindergarten and hourly care programs. The Expanding Horizons CDC is also home to the SKIESUnlimited Program that provides instructional classes for children and youth.

The centers provide safe, nurturing environments that promote the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters. CDCs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Fees are based on total family income. Registration requires the applicable completed forms, immunization records, leave and earnings statements, and emergency contact information. For information on registration, visit the website.

### Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 50010, Smith Avenue ...520-533-6871  
 This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

### Family Child Care

Building 51301.....520-533-2498  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/family-child-care>

Family Child Care provides an alternative to child development centers for families that need evening care, weekend care, care for children with special needs or infants and school-age children, and care during swing and midnight shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their children.

FCC providers are well-trained, they and their family members undergo thorough background checks and their homes are inspected for fire safety, health, safety and other requirements. In addition, the homes are monitored on a regular basis by the program staff.

### School Liaison

Building 51301, Cushing Street...520-533-0874  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-services>

The school liaison office is the connection between Fort Huachuca families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every available opportunity for quality education.

### Solider & Family Readiness Program

Building 50010, Smith Avenue ...520-533-2330

The Soldier & Family Readiness Program is a multifaceted center offering prevention and education services during the full lifecycle of the service member and their family's career to enhance readiness and resiliency. Programs and services address employment readiness, family advocacy and readiness, financial readiness, relocation, substance abuse, victim advocacy, volunteering and more. Programs are available to all DOD ID cardholders and their family members. For a full list of programs and resources, visit the Soldier & Family Readiness Program webpage on Fort Huachuca's website.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

### American Southwest Credit Union

Building 41331.....520-459-1860  
[www.ascu.org](http://www.ascu.org)

### Armed Forces Bank

Building 52035,  
 52035 Arizona St. ....520-452-8630  
[www.afbank.com](http://www.afbank.com)

## LEGAL SERVICES

### Legal Assistance Office

Building 51102,  
 2387 Hatfield Road .....520-533-2009  
<https://legalassistance.law.af.mil>

Legal services are provided to all active-duty soldiers, dependents and retirees. The legal assistance office can provide assistance with wills, powers of attorney, name changes, landlord-tenant issues, family law and consumer matters.

## LIBRARY

### Sierra Vista Public Library

2600 E. Tacoma St.  
 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 .....520-458-4225  
[www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/library](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/library)

The Department of the Army signed the first agreement creating a partnership between the



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Department of Defense and a municipality for library services for soldiers and Army families with the Sierra Vista Public Library. This partnership provides first-class library services within 15 minutes of the post.

## RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Fort Huachuca, visit the post's Family and MWR website at <https://huachuca.armymwr.com>.

### Aquatics

#### Barnes Field House Pool

Building 61701, Hatfield Street...520-533-3858  
Irwin Outdoor Pool

Building 70560, Irwin Street.....520-533-3853  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/sports-fitness-aquatics>

The Barnes Field House indoor pool has six lanes and is heated year-round. Lap swimming, open swim, classes and lessons are available. The Irwin outdoor pool offers seasonal swimming.

### Arts & Crafts Center

Building 52008.....520-533-2015  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/arts-crafts-center>

The Arts & Crafts Center features professional framing services, custom embroidery, a variety of classes for all ages, group events and do-it-yourself studio time. The center's

staff can help you discover and enhance your artistic talents.

### Better Opportunities for Single Service Members Program

Building 80504, Stein Road.....520-533-2864  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/boss>

The Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program represents the voice of the single service member. BOSS members advocate for single service members by advancing quality of life issues on the installation, and in the barracks, to senior leaders on post and throughout the Army. BOSS members coordinate and participate in community service projects and organize recreation and leisure activities. Visit the website to learn more about BOSS and how to become a member.

### Bowling Center

52010 N. Arizona St. ....520-533-2849  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/desert-lanes>

Strike up some family-friendly fun at Desert Lanes. The center offers state-of-the-art lanes and scoring equipment, a '50s and '60s style restaurant, a game room, bowling leagues and more.

### Car Center

Building 71810.....520-538-2155  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/rpm-car-center>

Whether you're a do-it-yourselfer or depend on the help of a skilled automotive professional for vehicle maintenance and repair, the RPM

Car Center has everything you need to make car problems things of the past. The center has tools, equipment and instruction in a wide variety of automotive repairs. The center features an engine analyzer, hydraulic lifts, valve grinders, a welding shop, paint and body repair, motorcycle repair and more. Fees and service charges for use of the equipment and bays are posted in the shop.

### Community Center

Building 80504, Stein Road.....520-533-2404  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/yardley-community-center>

Yardley Community Center is home to the ticket sales office, the BOSS program, Knead to Know Pizza and the Drop Zone gaming lounge. Drop Zone features gaming terminals with the latest consoles and more than 100 titles to choose from, as well as Alienware gaming PCs. The community center also has billiards, pingpong, shuffleboard, foosball, and a theater room with a 70-inch TV and surround sound.

### Fitness Centers

#### Barnes Field House

Building 61701, Arizona Street...520-533-2948

#### Eifler Fitness Center

Building 82401,  
Prosser Village .....520-533-4723  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/sports-fitness-aquatics>

The Barnes Field House features three combination handball and racquetball courts, a



main gymnasium with two multisport courts (basketball and volleyball), a well-equipped fitness center and weight room, fitness classes, and dry saunas in the locker rooms. The adjacent Bujalski Track & Field Complex contains a multipurpose athletic field with an eight-lane, 400-meter track, a high jump area and a long jump pit.

The Eifler Fitness Center has a main gymnasium with two multisport courts (basketball and volleyball), a complete line of fitness and weight equipment, and dry saunas in the locker rooms. The Eifler Sports Plaza and Krueger Track are adjacent to the Eifler Fitness Center. The sports plaza includes two lighted combination softball and flag football fields on artificial turf, a 400-meter track with eight lanes and an infield on artificial turf.

## Golf Course

Indian Scout Road.....520-533-7088/7092  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/mountain-view-golf-course>

With the majestic Huachuca Mountains as a backdrop and namesake, the Mountain View Golf Course is a must play for visitors and residents alike. The 18-hole course has multiple tee combinations measuring from 4,490 yards to more than 7,200 yards. The course also features a driving range, a practice green, a clubhouse and a pro shop. Visit the website for information on fees, events and more.

## Horse Stables

Building 13555.....520-533-5220  
 .....520-220-0670  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/buffalo-corral-riding-stable>

The Buffalo Corral Riding Stables offer boarding, guided trail rides and lessons for all skill levels. For rates, visit the website.

## Movie Theater

Arizona Street .....520-686-2146  
<https://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-Ft-Huachuca.htm>

The Reel Time Theater across from the exchange offers first- and second-run movies. The theater opens a half-hour before showtime. Check the website or call for current showtimes.

## Outdoor Recreation

Building 70914.....520-533-6707  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

Outdoor Recreation has recreational equipment rentals and information on the post's batting cages, obstacle course, vehicle resale lot, RV storage, Apache Flats RV Resort, Lakeside Pavilions picnic sites, Lower Garden Canyon camping and more. Recreational equipment rentals include travel trailers, camping gear, kayaks, bicycles, grills, inflatable bouncers, tables, chairs and other party gear.

## Sportsman's Center

Building 15423.....520-533-7085  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

The Sportsman's Center shooting program and range operation includes five trap and skeet fields, an archery range, a weekend pistol and rifle range, and an 8-acre paintball facility. Bow and paintball rentals are available.

## Ticket Sales

Building 80504, Stein Road.....520-533-2404  
<https://huachuca.armymwr.com/programs/yardley-community-center>

Get discount tickets to national attractions, including Disney World and Universal Studios.

## SHOPPING COMMISSARY

Building 61610,  
 2170 Arizona St. ....520-533-5540  
[www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary. In-store amenities and specialties include a bakery, a deli and sushi.

## MAIN EXCHANGE

Building 52030,  
 Arizona Street .....520-458-7830  
[www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com)

The Fort Huachuca exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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# Welcome

## to Cochise County

**WELCOME TO ARIZONA, THE** Grand Canyon State! In the southeast corner of Arizona, you'll find Cochise County stretching from the eastern border with New Mexico, the southern and U.S. border with Mexico, and Pima and Santa Cruz counties on the west. Cochise County Cochise County is larger in land mass than the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. In 2019, it had a population of 125,922, according to the U.S. Census. The county is home to Fort Huachuca as well as neighboring city Sierra Vista. Bisbee, the county seat, had a population of 5,225.

The county offers many historical and cultural attractions, plus modern amenities. In addition to its wide-open landscapes, open skies and peaceful natural settings, there are archeological sites, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, including golfing, camping, hiking and more.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities for residents to explore: Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from

cowboy poets to vintage cars to gems and minerals — all showcasing the vibrancy of Arizona.

### HISTORY

The earliest residents of the area now known as Cochise County were Paleo-Indians, who settled in pueblos near current-day Fairbank and throughout the surrounding valley. Eventually, European exploration and settlement of the area began, and a Spanish fort, Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate, was built in 1776 on the Western bank of the San Pedro River. Spanish settlements in the area supported the presidio and routes to the Mission San Xavier del Bac and Presidio San Agustín del Tucsón to the west.

Much of the land of Cochise County was part of the Gadsden Purchase, which transferred ownership from Mexico to the United States in 1854. Residents of the area gained full U.S. citizenship and slowly assimilated into American life over the next half-century. At the end of the Apache Wars near the 1880s, with the establishment of Camp Huachuca in 1877 and the

expansion of the Southern Pacific and El Paso & Southwestern railroads at the end of 19th century, the San Pedro Valley began to be populated by American settlers.

Cochise County, named after the Apache chief, was created in 1881, cut from eastern portion of nearby Pima County. In 1886, Gen. Nelson A. Miles designated Fort Huachuca as his advance headquarters and forward supply base for the campaign against Apache leader Geronimo. Geronimo's surrender in August 1886 largely ended the Apache danger in southern Arizona. The Army closed more than 50 camps and forts in the territory, but Fort Huachuca was retained because of continuing border troubles.

The surrounding areas at the time were noted for some of the most violent altercations of the American Old West, among Native Americans, white settlers, large-scale ranch owners, silver and copper mining interests, border crossers and all the issues that come with boomtown expansion and land conflict. The most well-known of these events has been called the Cochise County



## LOCAL CONNECTIONS

**Chamber of Commerce**

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

**Benson/San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce**

168 E. Fourth St.  
Benson, AZ, 85602..... 520-265-8031  
[www.bensonchamberaz.org](http://www.bensonchamberaz.org)

**Greater Douglas Chamber of Commerce**

1129 N G Ave.  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-364-2477  
[www.greaterdouglaschamber.com](http://www.greaterdouglaschamber.com)

**Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce**

21 E Wilcox Drive  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 ..... 520-458-6940  
[www.sierravistaareachamber.com](http://www.sierravistaareachamber.com)

**Tombstone Chamber of Commerce**

109 S. Fourth St.  
Tombstone, AZ 85638 ..... 520-457-9317  
<https://tombstonechamber.com>

**Wilcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture**

1500 North Circle I Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643 ..... 520-384-2272  
[www.willcoxchamber.com](http://www.willcoxchamber.com)

feud or the Earp–Clanton feud, which included the historic gunfight at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, which was the county seat until 1929, when it moved to Bisbee.

Throughout the turn of the century and into the early 1900s, great deposits of silver, copper and lead were mined from the region's mountains. The industry drew prospectors near and far to the cities of Tombstone and Bisbee especially. But as the mines became depleted, populations in those cities declined. Agriculture became more prominent, with cotton and cattle as major industries.

As the nation entered World War II, Fort Huachuca and the surrounding cities saw an influx of people. During the war years, the troop strength reached 30,000 men at the fort, which in the 1930s had been described as suitable for a brigade-sized unit of about 10,000 men. At war's end, the fort was declared surplus and transferred to the state of Arizona. It was reactivated during the Korean War by the Army Engineers.

Today, hundreds of registered National Historic Places and buildings, walking tours, popular Old West re-enactments and even a movie set carry on the spirit of days gone by. But tourism doesn't just cater to history

buffs. Nature lovers can enjoy the Coronado National Forest, which covers an estimated 1.78 million acres of southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. Travelers looking for international attractions are also in luck. The City of Douglas sits on the U.S.-Mexico border and shares a positive cross-cultural relationship with its sister town Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

**SAFETY****State of Arizona**

Arizona Emergency Information Network  
..... 602- 689-6512  
<https://ein.az.gov>

A division of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, the Arizona Emergency Information Network (AzEIN) is the state's online source for real-time emergency updates, preparedness and hazard information, and multimedia resources. Visit <https://ein.az.gov/get-prepared> for information on how to create a survival kit, prepare a family communication plan and plan for other emergencies.

**Cochise County**

Office of Emergency Services..... 520-432-9220  
[www.cochise.az.gov/emergency-services/home](http://www.cochise.az.gov/emergency-services/home)

The mission of the Cochise County Office of Emergency Services is to prepare residents, businesses and government entities within our county to respond to and recover from large-scale emergencies or disasters through county-wide emergency planning, training and community outreach efforts. Visit [www.cochise.az.gov/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness](http://www.cochise.az.gov/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness) for disaster preparedness information, including how to sign up for emergency alert notifications.

**WEATHER AND CLIMATE**

Cochise County — more specifically Sierra Vista, which neighbors Fort Huachuca — is classified as semi-arid in mid-altitude Arizona. Summers are hot and partly cloudy, and the winters are cold, dry and mostly clear. Throughout the year, the temperature typically varies from the high 30s to the low 90s, with few days below 29 degrees or above 99 degrees. The city has a fairly stable climate with little humidity, in fact, fall and spring are usually extremely dry. Summer starts off dry but progressively gets wetter as the monsoon season approaches. Winters are cool to cold with frosts which can occasionally be hard freezes.

**Local Hazards**

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The Arizona Department of Homeland Security provides residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools with invaluable information and resources for dealing with calamities, from floods to fires to earthquakes, hazardous waste and terrorism, to name just a few. Go to the website, <https://azdohs.gov>, and click on “Community Preparedness” and then “Residents” to learn how to confront specific emergencies, create an emergency plan and emergency kit, save your pet, and make necessary adaptations for the elderly and those with special needs.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/disasters](http://www.cdc.gov/disasters). Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.



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# Getting To & Around

## Cochise County

**SEVERAL HIGHWAYS EASILY LINK** Cochise County with other parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Most travelers in the area choose to drive, enjoying the relaxing, beautiful byways such as the Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road.

For those flying, there are two major airports within 200 or so miles in Arizona, with numerous air carriers. Sierra Vista, the city nearest Fort Huachuca, offers limited public transit service.

### AIRPORTS

#### **Tucson International Airport**

725<sup>th</sup> S Tucson Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85756..... 520-573-8100  
[www.flytucson.com](http://www.flytucson.com)

Tucson International Airport is about 70 miles northwest from Fort Huachuca and is the second-busiest airport in Arizona. More than 10,000 passengers board annually on major carriers including Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and United Airlines.

Ground transportation includes Sun Tran bus service ([www.flytucson.com/transportation/](http://www.flytucson.com/transportation/)

*public-transit*), taxi, shuttle and rental car service from seven companies ([www.flytucson.com/transportation/car-rental](http://www.flytucson.com/transportation/car-rental)).

#### **Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport**

3400 E. Sky Harbor Blvd.

Phoenix, AZ 85034 ..... 602-273-3300  
[www.skyharbor.com](http://www.skyharbor.com)

Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is approximately 180 miles from Fort Huachuca and is Arizona's largest and busiest commercial airport, serving nearly 45 million travelers each year. Major carriers include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and United Airlines. Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, Greyhound and rental car service.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

#### **Vista Transit**

2050 E. Wilcox Drive

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-417-4888  
[www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/transit](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/transit)

There are three bus routes serving the City of Sierra Vista, Monday through Friday, plus two

Saturday routes, one to Fort Huachuca. For more information on fares and the system's service area, visit the Vista Transit system's website at [www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/transit/route-information](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/transit/route-information).

### DRIVING AND COMMUTING

One U.S. Interstate, two U.S. Routes and various state routes cross Cochise County.

Interstate 10 runs east/west through the northern part of the county, connecting cities such as San Simon, Wilcox, Benson and Mescal. U.S. Route 191 divides the county north/south between I-10 and Douglas near the U.S.-Mexico border. Closer to Fort Huachuca, State Route 80 stretches from Benson south to Bisbee, and State Route 90 brings drivers south from I-10 to Sierra Vista, the closest city to Fort Huachuca. State Route 82 links SR 80 and SR 90 about 12 miles north of the installation.

When leaving the county, following I-10 west will lead to Tucson, about 75 miles away, while SR 82 winds southwest to the border town of Nogales, Arizona, about 60 miles away.





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The Arizona Department of Transportation offers free, real-time traffic alerts at [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov). Registered users can also create a personalized profile to receive and obtain phone, text or email updates about incidents on their specified routes at [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov) or by dialing 511.

### **Arizona Motor Vehicle Services**

5224 E. Charleston Road

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 800-251-5866

2050 N Highway 191

Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 800-251-5866

<https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicle-services>

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Services office issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms, general information and drivers' manuals online at <https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/forms-and-publications>.

### **Driver's Licenses**

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Arizona from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state for five years, but in general, all Arizona residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing under various scenarios in its Arizona Driver License Manual, which can be downloaded at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/99-0117.pdf>.

### **Vehicle Registration**

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at <https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/forms-and-publications>, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain DMV exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

### **Distracted Driving**

The state of Arizona recently passed a law prohibiting drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. A warning period will be in place until Jan. 1, 2021. All cell phone use is banned for novice drivers, including instruction and intermediate permit holders under age 18.

Texting while driving is prohibited in all of Arizona.

### **Arizona Department of Transportation**

<https://azdot.gov>

Visit the Arizona Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, live traffic cameras and more.



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# Housing & Real Estate

## in Cochise County

**A LOW COST OF** living and abundant natural amenities in Cochise County contribute to a good quality of life not often found in larger metropolitan areas. In 2019, an estimated 125,922 people called the county home, the U.S. Census Bureau says. Population density in Cochise County was 21 people per square mile in 2010, the Census found.

Fort Huachuca is a joint service installation that trains more than 9,000 students a year. At any given time, the fort has more than 5,600 military personnel, 8,000 civilians and 11,000 family members — many of which live in the surrounding communities. Additionally, more than 18,000 veterans live in the area.

### COCHISE COUNTY

Vast and full of natural beauty, Cochise County is about 6,200 square miles in the southeast corner of Arizona. It borders southwestern New Mexico and northeastern Sonora in Mexico. Elevation across the county is about 4,200 feet. Graham and Greenlee counties lie

to the north, and Santa Cruz and Pima counties lie to the west. The communities in the county are loaded with style, attractions and history. Benson, Bisbee and Tombstone are legendary spots within a short drive (or bike ride) from Sierra Vista. Also short distances away are Douglas and Nogales, international border towns that offer great shopping and dining experiences. For more information, check out the Cochise Chamber of Commerce website at <http://cochise.arizonacolor.us/dir/chamber>.

Major cities in Cochise County near Fort Huachuca include Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista and Tombstone.

#### **Benson**

[www.cityofbenison.com](http://www.cityofbenison.com)

Founded in 1880 with the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad, Benson is about 45 miles east-southeast of Tucson, Arizona. About 4,900 people make their home within the city's 41 total square miles.

Like communities in Cochise County, Benson also owes its early growth to silver and copper

mining. The Southern Pacific, coming overland from California, chose Benson as the place to cross the San Pedro River. Copper and silver ore was brought in covered wagons to Benson and then shipped out on the railroad.

As more railroad lines were built, Benson developed into the "Hub City." Agriculture and ranching were aided by the drilling in the 1890s. But the establishment of schools and churches brought greater stability to Benson in the early 1900s.

Apache Nitrogen Products was formed in the 1920s and was a major employer. The city today is perhaps best known as the gateway to Kartchner Caverns State Park.

The median monthly gross rent was \$673, and median selected monthly costs for homeowners with a mortgage were \$1,072. Workers' average commute time was 20.2 minutes.

#### **Bisbee**

[www.bisbeeaz.gov](http://www.bisbeeaz.gov)

The seat of Cochise County, Bisbee is 92 miles southeast of Tucson and 11 miles north of the



U.S.-Mexico border. The city's 5.18 square miles are home to about 5,225 than residents.

Founded in 1880 as a copper, gold and silver mining town, Bisbee drew prospectors and speculators hoping to strike it rich. Numerous ore bodies around Bisbee solidified its reputation as the "Queen of the Copper Camps." Mining in the Mule Mountains was extremely successful, and the city became one of the richest mineral sites in the world, producing nearly 3 million ounces of gold and more than 8 billion pounds of copper.

With prosperity came an increased population and the need for sanitation, clean water, medical care, and more. In 1902 the City of Bisbee was incorporated. By 1910 the city was considered the largest in the territory, with over 25,000 people — making Bisbee one of the largest cities between St. Louis and San Francisco.

In 1917, open-pit mining was successfully introduced to meet the copper demand during World War I. But when miners attempted to unionize to gain better working conditions and wages, the Phelps Dodge Corporation, using private police and deputized sheriffs, transported at gun point over 1,000 striking miners out of town to Hermanas, New Mexico, in an incident known as the Bisbee Deportation.

During almost a century of mining, 8 billion pounds of copper, 102 million ounces of silver and 2.8 million ounces of gold were produced. But by 1974 ore reserves had been depleted and

the Phelps Dodge company curtailed open pit operations that year and ceased underground operations in 1975.

With the departure of its industrial base, the real estate market in Bisbee collapsed as hundreds of homes went up for sale. It was at that time that the city became a haven for artists and hippies fleeing the larger cities of Arizona and California. Today, Bisbee is a well-known artist's community and tourist destination where architectural and historic heritage has been preserved.

Median rent in the city is \$658, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$973. Mean travel time to work for those living in Bisbee is 19.8 minutes.

### **Douglas**

[www.douglasaz.gov](http://www.douglasaz.gov)

First settled by the Spanish in the 18th century, the area that would later become Douglas was originally the site of Presidio de San Bernadino in 1776 and Camp San Bernadino much later in the second half of the 19th century. Created as a smelter town to handle copper ore from nearby Bisbee, Douglas was founded in 1901 and incorporated four years later.

The city's bustling economy provided opportunities for many. The city was thriving and Douglas became a gathering place for the people who worked the copper smelters and who farmed and ranched in the valley. At one time, Douglas was home to more than 13 movie theaters. The

most famous and the only building remaining today is the Grand Theater.

The influence of copper mining was significant for several decades until the smelter ceased operations in 1987 and the one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, the smelter's smokestacks, were dismantled.

Today Douglas is a small, charming border community with about 15,000 residents and has been recently dubbed one of the nation's best "micropolitan" areas, with superior amenities, growing economies and moderate costs of living. The city continues to play a vital role as a gateway to Mexico and the Rio Sonora region and shares a rich, cultural and economic history with its sister city, Agua Prieta, Mexico.

The median monthly gross rent is \$584, and median selected monthly costs for homeowners with a mortgage are \$938, the U.S. Census says. Workers' average commute time is 16.3 minutes.

### **Sierra Vista**

[www.sierravistaaz.gov](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov)

The City of Sierra Vista is the youngest of the major communities of Cochise County. Sierra Vista, Spanish for "Mountain View," has always enjoyed clean air, ideal weather and spectacular views of the Mule, Dragoon, Whetstone and Huachuca mountains.

The city's creation and identity are rooted in the settlement of Arizona but more specifically the establishment of Fort Huachuca in the late 1800s. In fact, the first businesses — saloons and the like — were opened in close proximity to the Fort Huachuca east gate. By about 1915, the town was the small settlement known as Buena.

Sometime later the name was changed to Overton and still later to Garden Canyon. In 1927, a post office was established. It wasn't until 1956 that Sierra Vista was incorporated.

Today, the total area of Sierra Vista is 152 square miles with a population of 43,045. Mean travel time to work is 17.6 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$960, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,299.

### **Tombstone**

[www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov](http://www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov)

Tombstone is rich in Old West history that continues to be written today, thus it continues to earn its nickname of "The Town Too Tough to Die." It currently counts about 1,380 residents within its 9.25 square miles.

Founded in 1877, the city became one of the last boomtowns of the American frontier. News of silver deposits spread and quickly and brought prospectors, miners, businessmen, lawmen and the lawless, until the population of Tombstone swelled to 15,000 in 1881. While bustling



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businesses were situated atop many silver mines, underlying tensions between industrialists and city dwellers versus ranchers led to conflict, especially with the proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border. Friction between cowboys and lawman Wyatt Earp, his brothers Virgil and Morgan, and their friend “Doc” Holliday came to a head at what perhaps the city is best known for: the shootout at the O.K. Corral.

Mining continued and the shafts reached the water table in 1881. Tombstone’s prosperity would fluctuate with the national economy and the price of silver. Both reached their lowest in 1889, and after the pumps failed, mining operations virtually ceased. The city nearly became a ghost town, saved only because it was the Cochise County seat until 1929.

Books, movies and TV would boost Tombstone back into the public consciousness in the 1950s and 1960s, and these portrayals reached their pinnacle in 1993 and 1994 with movies such as “Tombstone” and “Wyatt Earp.” Today, thousands of tourists flock to the city for historical re-enactments and to experience some of the Old West action.

Median rent is \$750, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,072

## PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org), [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or [www.clothingdonations.org](http://www.clothingdonations.org) for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

## BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional



commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don’t forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

## FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

The Arizona Tenants’ Rights and Responsibilities Handbook can be downloaded at <https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/docs/civil-rights/discrimination/TenantRightsResponsibilities.pdf>.

## BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties’ communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area’s home options. The Arizona Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at [www.aaronline.com](http://www.aaronline.com).

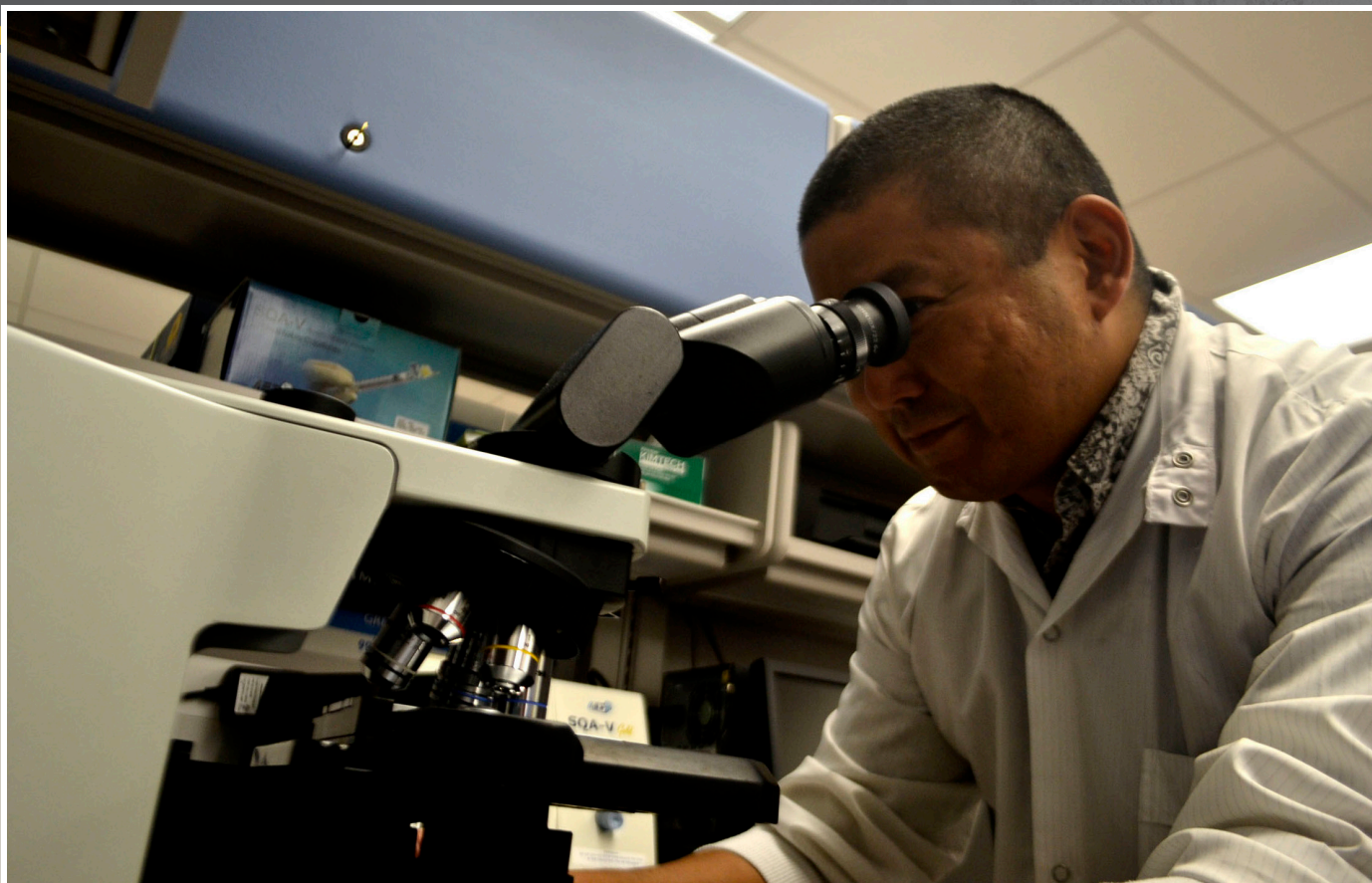
### State Programs

Arizona provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit [www.hud.gov/states](http://www.hud.gov/states) and select “Arizona” from the list.

### County Program

The Housing Authority of Cochise County aims to expand affordable housing options, promote home ownership and improve the quality of housing in Cochise County. Visit [www.cochise.az.gov/housing-authority/home](http://www.cochise.az.gov/housing-authority/home) or call 520-432-8880 for more information.





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# Employment & Economy

## in Cochise County

**AN AREA RICH IN HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** and enchanting themes, Cochise County is perfectly situated between Old West charm and modern economic opportunity. With the proximity of Fort Huachuca, which employs a large percentage of the county's populace, and the proximity of the U.S. border with Mexico, this "Land of Legends" in Southeast Arizona faces some of the same economic challenges as other agricultural parts of the state and nation but is building on its unique assets and technology for a stronger financial future.

Cochise County is home to an abundance of development opportunities thanks to land availability, affordable commercial space, high quality healthcare and education, low taxes and easy access to Interstate 10 and rail transportation. opportunities, a temperate climate, a low cost of living, unique communities, an excellent quality of life and an educated and a highly educated and bilingual workforce, make the area even more attractive for growth. Specifically, the county has been prioritizing cross-border trade, supporting

a growing wine industry, improving county airports and technology infrastructure, and promoting the region to businesses and visitors.

The median age in Cochise County is about 40 years old, meaning the workforce skews a bit older. Median household income is \$48,649, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The state income tax rates range from 2.59 percent to 4.5 percent, with higher brackets paying higher rates.

### **Fort Huachuca**

Established in 1877, Fort Huachuca today develops and tests command, control, communications, computers, combat systems, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. The Army base is the largest employer in Cochise County and the largest economic contributor in Arizona — easy to understand with a population of more than 5,600 military personnel, 8,000 civilians and 11,000 family members. According to Cochise County, Fort Huachuca directly employs about 2,700 civilian workers with an additional 400 civilians employed by other agencies operating

on the installation, including U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and others. The fort also contracts with numerous area firms employing several thousand workers. In 2017, an Economic Impact of Arizona's Principal Military Operations report estimated the annual direct, indirect and induced impact of Fort Huachuca on Cochise County at \$2.9 billion. The employment impact was estimated at 21,327 jobs countywide with \$999.2 million in associated earnings.

### **EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES**

#### **National Resources**

At the national level, websites such as [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com), [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com), [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com) and [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development



organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, [www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org](http://www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org). The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

### Local Resources

#### Arizona @ Work

##### Sierra Vista Comprehensive Job Center

2600 E. Wilcox Drive, Room H-106  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-458-9309

##### Cochise County-Douglas Affiliate Site

515 E. Seventh St.  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-364-8906  
<https://arizonaatwork.com>

ARIZONA@WORK is the statewide workforce development network that provides residents with services and resources to pursue employment opportunities. Services are provided at no charge. Create a resume, find career training resources and start searching a database of job opportunities at <https://arizonaatwork.com/find-jobs>.

#### State of Arizona

<https://hr.az.gov/az-state-jobs>

Employment opportunities with the State of Arizona are posted online. Search by category, agency or location then apply online.

#### Cochise County

1415 Melody Lane, Building G  
Bisbee, AZ 85603 ..... 520-432-9700  
[www.cochise.az.gov/jobs](http://www.cochise.az.gov/jobs)

Create an account with the county's online human resources database to be able to apply to open positions at [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cochise](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cochise).

#### City of Benson

120 W. Sixth St.  
Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-586-2245  
[www.cityofbenzon.com](http://www.cityofbenzon.com)

From the main menu on city's website, click "Human Resources/Job Opportunities" for information about current openings and how to apply for them online or by mailing in a printed application. Candidates should submit a City of Benson application. A resume and/or cover letter may accompany the application but may not be submitted in lieu of an application.

#### City of Bisbee

915 S. Tovreaville Road  
P.O. Box 4601  
Bisbee, AZ 85603 ..... 520-432-6271  
[www.bisbeeaz.gov](http://www.bisbeeaz.gov)

Find employment opportunities within the municipality at its website, <http://bisbeeaz.gov/jobs.aspx>. From there you can see available positions, apply online and email your resume.

#### City of Douglas

425 E 10th St.  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-417-7326  
[www.douglasaz.gov/251/Human-Resources](http://www.douglasaz.gov/251/Human-Resources)

This city lists available jobs within the city at [www.douglasaz.gov/Jobs.aspx](http://www.douglasaz.gov/Jobs.aspx). From there you can download an application, which must be printed and signed then delivered to the Douglas Human Resources Department.

#### City of Sierra Vista

1011 N. Coronado Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-417-4411  
[www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/human-resources](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/human-resources)

An updated online job board for open positions with the city is maintained at [www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/human-resources/job-opportunities](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-departments/human-resources/job-opportunities). Create an account with the website to be able to apply online within the job descriptions.

#### City of Tombstone

613 E. Allen St.  
P.O. Box 339  
Tombstone, AZ 85638 ..... 520-457-2202  
[www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov](http://www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov)

The city lists vacant positions online at [www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov/job-announcements](http://www.cityoftombstoneaz.gov/job-announcements). Find complete job description and apply in person at Tombstone's City Hall, 613 E. Allen St.

### JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

### CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

#### Federal Jobs

Visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) to search for Department of Defense jobs at Fort Huachuca. Or visit Fort Huachuca's human resources office website for links to local job listings at <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-human-resources>.

#### Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange>.

### SELF-EMPLOYMENT

#### Arizona Small Business Development Center

The Arizona Small Business Development Center offers small business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business. Visit [www.azsbd.net](http://www.azsbd.net). Or visit the Cochise College Small Business Development Center in Sierra Vista at 2600 E. Wilcox Drive. Call 520-515-5478 for more information.

#### Sall Business Resources

[www.usa.gov/business](http://www.usa.gov/business)

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.





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# Health Care

## in Cochise County

**THERE ARE MANY HEALTH** care services in Cochise County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a list of community health centers in Arizona, visit the website of the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers at [www.wacommunityhealth.org](http://www.wacommunityhealth.org) and select "Find a Community Health Center Near You" under "About Us."

### DENTAL CARE

The Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners website, <https://dentalboard.az.gov>, can help you find a dentist with its roster lists. Select "Online Services" from the home page and select an option under "Consumer Information" to find or verify a dentist, hygienist or dental assistant. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Office of the Arizona Department of Health Services can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/oral-health/index.php>.

### FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the Arizona Medical Board's online directory at <https://www.azmd.gov/DoctorSearch/DoctorSearch>. You can browse for a provider by name or by specialty. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org). To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Arizona Medical Board at [www.azmd.gov](http://www.azmd.gov) or call 480-551-2700.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.



## FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Yuma, Imperial and La Paz counties are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 22 — the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network. VISN 22 serves more than 1.5 million veterans with eight VA health care systems and 65 community clinics throughout Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico. The closest community outpatient clinic is in Sierra Vista.

### ***Southern Arizona VA Health Care System***

3601 S. Sixth Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85723 ..... 520-792-1450  
[www.tucson.va.gov](http://www.tucson.va.gov)

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson serves over 171,000 veterans in eight counties throughout Southern Arizona and one county in Western New Mexico.

The medical center has 295 authorized beds, providing primary care and sub-specialty care in numerous medical areas.

The following is a list of nearby community-based outpatient clinics and vet centers. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to [www.tucson.va.gov/locations/index.asp](http://www.tucson.va.gov/locations/index.asp).

### ***Cochise County VA Clinic***

157 N. Coronado Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-629-4802

### ***Sierra Vista VA Clinic***

101 N. Coronado Drive, Suite A  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-459-1529

### ***Arizona Department of Veterans Services***

3839 N. Third St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85012 ..... 602-255-3373  
<https://dvs.az.gov>

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Arizona's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

There are several VA service offices in Cochise County and the surrounding area that help navigate the maze of VA services and programs. Veterans can find assistance at the following offices:

### ***ADVS Sierra Vista***

1300 S. Buffalo Soldier Trail  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-458-7150

### ***ADVS Tucson ASVH***

555 E. Ajo Way  
Tucson, AZ 85713 ..... 520-638-2157

## HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis

can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

### ***Benson HealthCare***

450 S. Ocotillo Road  
Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-586-2261  
[www.tmc.az.com/bensonhealthcare](http://www.tmc.az.com/bensonhealthcare)

### ***Canyon Vista Medical Center***

5700 E. Highway 90  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-263-2000  
[www.canyonvistamedicalcenter.com](http://www.canyonvistamedicalcenter.com)

### ***Copper Queen Community Hospital***

7 Bisbee Road  
Bisbee, AZ 85603 ..... 520-432-2042  
<https://cqch.org>

### ***Copper Queen Community Hospital Palominas Rural Health Clinic***

10524 E. Highway 92  
Palominas, AZ 85615 ..... 520-366-0300  
<https://cqch.org/cqch-clinics/copper-queen-palominas-rhc>

### ***Copper Queen Community Hospital – Douglas Primary Care Clinic***

100 E. Fifth St.  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-805-6800  
<https://cqch.org/cqch-clinics/copper-queen-douglas-rhc>

### ***Copper Queen Community Hospital – Tombstone Primary Care Clinic***

7 N. San Diego St.  
Tombstone, AZ 85638 ..... 520-432-2042  
<https://cqch.org/cqch-clinics/copper-queen-community-hospital-tombstone-primary-care-clinic>



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# Family Resources

## in Cochise County

**PICKING UP FROM ONE** place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

### **American Red Cross**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community

resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

### **Arizona Department of Health Services**

150 N. 18th Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85007 ..... 602-542-1025  
[www.azdhs.gov](http://www.azdhs.gov)

The Arizona Department of Health Services protects the health of children and adults in the state through direct care, science, public policy and leadership. It operates programs in the following areas: disease prevention and control; health promotion; community public health; environmental health; maternal and child health; emergency preparedness; and regulation of

childcare centers, assisted living centers, nursing homes, hospitals, other health care providers and emergency services.

Visit the department's website for more information on programs.

### **Cochise County Health and Social Services**

1415 Melody Lane, Building A

Bisbee, AZ 85603..... 520-432-9400

#### **Benson Clinic**

126 W. Fifth St.

Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-586-8200

#### **Bisbee Clinic**

1415 Melody Lane, Building A

Bisbee, AZ 85603..... 520-432-9400

#### **Sierra Vista Clinic**

4115 E. Foothills Drive

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-803-3900

[www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/home](http://www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/home)

The mission of Cochise Health and Social Services is to advocate for and foster a community-centered culture of health through public



programs. Services include immunizations; family planning; vital records; testing for pregnancy, TB and HIV; and more. Visit the website for clinic hours and additional information.

#### **Armed Services YMCA**

[www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org)

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting [www.asymca.org/locations](http://www.asymca.org/locations).

#### **Child Care Aware**

[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

#### **Military OneSource**

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you



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want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

### **Operation Homefront**

[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

### **United Service Organization**

[www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars:

Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to [www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder](http://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder).

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

### **PETS**

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

In Arizona, your pet could face many new outside dangers, including rattlesnakes, mountain lions, coyotes, javelina, bats, woodpeckers and raptors. Urban sprawl, drought and plentiful sources of food and habitat can make your household more attractive to these

kinds of wildlife. Keep dogs, cats, poultry and other domestic animals indoors or in a secure enclosure with a sturdy roof, especially at dusk and nighttime. Always walk pets on a leash.; roaming pets are can become easy prey. Do not feed pets outside, and store their food inside. Download educational brochures to help you handle encounters with wild animals at [www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith](http://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith).

### **Animal Services**

#### **Arizona Game and Fish Department**

Main number ..... 602 942-3000  
Region V office ..... 520-628-5376  
[www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com)

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is responsible for establishing policies and rules for the management, preservation and harvest of Arizona's wildlife for current and future generations. It handles hunting and fishing licenses and boat registrations. The website offers tips about living with — and how to avoid — many of the numerous species across the state.

#### **Cochise County Animal Control Division**

205 N. Judd Drive  
Bisbee, AZ 85603..... 520-803-3550  
[www.cochise.az.gov/sheriff/animal-control-division](http://www.cochise.az.gov/sheriff/animal-control-division)

The Animal Control Division is charged with the enforcement of state law and county ordinances regarding domestic animals with their primary focus being on dogs and cats. Stray animals that are apprehended are placed into two shelters contracted with the county: City of Douglas Animal Shelter (520-805-0557); and the Willcox shelter (520-384-0163). A non-contracted animal shelter in Sierra Vista can be reached at 520-458-4151.

### **Pets for Patriots**

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

### **Veterinary Services**

Veterinary services in Cochise County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association website <https://azvma.org>.







# Education & Academics

## in Cochise County

**FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS** and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Montgomery County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in an Arizona school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Arizona's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, please visit <https://azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/school-childcare/school-immunization-requirements.pdf>. Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, Arizona, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam,

American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though Alabama has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).

### **Choosing a School**

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk

to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

### **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in the state, visit the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools' website at <https://online.asbcs.az.gov/schools/search>.



## HOME SCHOOLING

While Arizona school districts are governed by their own school boards, each Arizona county provides educational services and oversight under the direction of an elected county school superintendent. Visit [www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home-schooling](http://www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home-schooling) to find information on home-school rules and regulations.

### Arizona Families for Home Education

P.O. Box 2035  
Chandler, AZ 85244-2035 ..... 602-235-2673  
[www.afhe.org](http://www.afhe.org)

The AFHE is a statewide organization that has been serving Arizona's homeschooling families since 1983. The organization has information on how to home-school in Arizona as well as information and resources on curricula.

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Arizona, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at [www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch](http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch). Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Benson Unified School District

360 S. Patagonia St.  
Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-720-6700  
[www.bensonsd.k12.az.us](http://www.bensonsd.k12.az.us)

The Benson school district has a primary, a middle and a high school, as well as a digital learning center for Kindergarten through 12th grade. About 1,400 students total have the "Bobcat Pride" of the BUSD.

### Bisbee Unified District #2

519 W. Melody Lane  
Bisbee, AZ 85603 ..... 520-432-5381  
[www.busd.k12.az.us](http://www.busd.k12.az.us)

One elementary school, one middle school and one high school are "Enriching Every Student, Every Day" in the Bisbee school district. About 700 students total are served by the three schools.

### Douglas Unified School District #27

1132 E. 12th St.  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-364-2447  
[www.dusd.k12.az.us](http://www.dusd.k12.az.us)

The Douglas Unified School District serves nearly 3,800 students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades and employs over 200 certified staff. There are five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. Because the DUSD's population is 96 percent, Hispanic, the district has an exceptionally strong Structured English Immersion Program.

### Sierra Vista Unified School District

3305 E. Fry Blvd.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-515-2700  
<https://svusd68.org/>

The Sierra Vista school district serves more than 5,500 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. More than 100 of the school's teachers hold either masters or doctorate degrees, and the district has an 85 percent graduation rate.

### Tombstone Unified School District

411 N. Ninth St.  
Tombstone, AZ 85638 ..... 520-457-2217  
[www.tombstoneschools.org](http://www.tombstoneschools.org)

About 850 students attend the schools of the Tombstone school district, which include two Kindergarten through eighth grade schools, and one high school.

## UNIVERSITIES/ HIGHER EDUCATION

Cochise County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. The Fort Huachuca Education Center provides guidance counselors to help active-duty soldiers and their dependents choose adult education coursework at local schools and online. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

### Cochise College

**Sierra Vista Campus**  
901 N. Colombo Ave.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-515-0500

### Downtown Center

2600 E. Wilcox Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-515-0500

### Douglas Campus

4190 W. Highway 80  
Douglas, AZ 85607 ..... 520-364-7943

### Benson Center

1025 State Route 90  
Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-586-1981

### Fort Huachuca Education Center

Building 52104  
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613 ..... 520-533-2391

### Wilcox Center

470 N. Bisbee Ave.  
Willcox, AZ 85643 ..... 520-384-4502  
[www.cochise.edu](http://www.cochise.edu)

### University of Arizona

#### College of Applied Science & Technology

140 N. Colombo Ave.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-458-8278  
<https://sierravista.arizona.edu>

### Wayland Baptist University —

#### Sierra Vista Campus

500 E. Fry Blvd., Suite M1 and M2  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-459-1610  
[www.wbu.edu/campuses/sierra-vista](http://www.wbu.edu/campuses/sierra-vista)

## LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Cochise County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, <https://azlibrary.gov>, supports libraries in the state with resources and other assistance.

For a full list of libraries in Arizona, visit the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records website at <https://azlibrary.gov/library-directory>.

### Cochise County Library District

<https://cochiselibrary.org>

The Cochise County public library district is a cooperative group of libraries working together to serve the information needs of the area. It has seven independent city libraries and five library district branches in unincorporated areas of the county. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the district's website at <https://bit.ly/32NhU14>.

## EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **Arizona Department of Education:**

[www.azed.gov](http://www.azed.gov)

- **Arizona PTA:**

[www.azpta.org](http://www.azpta.org)

- **Reading is Fundamental:**

[www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)

- **U.S. Department of Education:**

[www2.ed.gov/parents](http://www2.ed.gov/parents)

**Military Child Education Coalition:** Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) for information on programs and resources.

**Tutor.com:** Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.





# Living

## in Cochise County

**COCHISE COUNTY IS CHOCK-FULL** of entertaining activities. From the lively verses and music of cowboy poets to the quiet oasis of local golf courses, you'll find plenty of options throughout the year to get out and have fun.

### ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Cochise County have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

#### Art in the Park

[www.huachuca-art.com/aitp](http://www.huachuca-art.com/aitp)

This two-day festival in October draws some of the finest artists and craftspeople of the Western U.S. For more than 40 years the event has provided a beautiful way to get in some early holiday shopping.

#### Bisbee Mariachi Festival

<https://bisbeemariachifestival.com>

Usually held in November, this music features the sweet sounds of traditional mariachi music, colorful folk dancing, mouth-watering Mexican

food and barbecue, a show and shine car show, kids events and more.

#### Cars in the Park

[www.sierravistacarclub.org](http://www.sierravistacarclub.org)

Held the second Saturday of October in the Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Park, Cars in the Park is the premier car show in southeastern Arizona, with about 300 entries each year. Stroll back in time as a viewer or find the special parts for sale for your own vehicle. Food trucks, raffles, door prizes and more help rev up the fun.

#### Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering

[www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com)

Held in February in Sierra Vista, this gathering rounds up artists from across the U.S. and Canada to share the history of Western culture through the song and verse of real cowboys.

#### Huachuca Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show

[www.huachucamineralandgemclub.info/Gem\\_Show.html](http://www.huachucamineralandgemclub.info/Gem_Show.html)

Be enchanted by gemstones, beads, jewelry, minerals, fossils, meteorites and more at this

free festival usually held in October in Sierra Vista. The family-friendly event features loads of vendors, geode sales/cutting, free gem identification by certified gemologist, exhibits by Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and junior rock hounds.

#### Oktoberfest

[www.explorecochise.com/Annual-Oktoberfest](http://www.explorecochise.com/Annual-Oktoberfest)

Cooling temps every year in September mean Oktoberfest is headed to Veterans Memorial Park in Sierra Vista. One of the largest festivals in the city all year, Oktoberfest features a variety of fine cuisines, live music and dancing, and, of course, Der Biergarten.

#### Sidepony Express Music Festival

<https://sideponyexpressmusicfestival.com>

This quirky, colorful three-day showcase of emerging independent musicians is usually held in November in Bisbee. Multiple venues across the city feature artists performing indie folk, hip-hop fusion, island jam funk, experimental orchestral metal, avant-pop dance rock, western





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psychedelic soul, desert noir, Latin gypsy folklorico fusion, honky-tonk and incredibly more. Hard to believe it's all free.

#### ***Sierra Vista Sips & Skies***

<http://visit.sierravistaaz.gov/events/sierra-vista-sips-skies-home>

Enjoy some of Arizona's best wines, microbrews and distilled spirits, plus some great food, live music and even hiking, at this weekend festival in Sierra Vista.

#### ***Southwest Wings Spring Fling and Summer Festival***

[www.swwings.org](http://www.swwings.org)

These two internationally recognized birding festivals, one usually held in May the other in August, are educational celebrations of the diversity of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects, in their environment — the sky islands in southern Arizona. Free programs, wildlife exhibits, vendors, guided trips and more are all part of the festivities.

### **ARTS**

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Cochise County residents.

#### ***Huachuca Art Association Gallery***

1835 Paseo San Luis

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-803-1078  
[www.huachuca-art.com](http://www.huachuca-art.com)

Art enthusiasts and shoppers can view and purchase exhibits oils, watercolors, metal art, sculptures, wood carvings, pottery pieces, books, original unframed art, prints, notecards and more.

#### ***Klein Center for Performing Arts***

5225 Buena School Blvd.

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-515-2820  
<https://kleincenter.org>

Sharing a campus with Buena High School since 1992, this community center for the arts contains three performance venues: a 1,308-seat auditorium, a 206-seat theater hall and a lecture facility. Rehearsal, classroom, meeting and expo space is also available.

#### ***Sierra Vista Ballet***

1251 Palo Verde Drive

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-458-1560  
<http://sierra-vista-ballet.com>

Children and adults perform and learn ballet with this local troupe which presents "The Nutcracker" annually plus an assortment of other classical ballets each spring. Performances are at the Klein Center for Performing Arts.



**Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra**

21 E. Wilcox Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635..... 520-458-5189  
<http://sierravistasymphony.org>

With a roster of nearly 60 professional musicians, the orchestra performs several concerts a year at the Klein Center for Performing Arts.

**Tombstone Association of the Arts**

383 Allen St.  
Tombstone AZ 85638..... 520-457-2380  
<https://bit.ly/3i2wLsT>

The association's gallery in downtown Tombstone features monthly exhibits of visual art, photography, crafts, quilts and more, all made by locals.

**MUSEUMS**

Learn about Arizona's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

**Amerind Museum**

2100 N Amerind Road  
Dragoon, AZ 85609 ..... 520-586-3666  
[www.amerind.org](http://www.amerind.org)

This unique Native American museum and art gallery is also a private, nonprofit anthropological and archaeological research center, historic property, scenic destination, community gathering place and more. Visit the center's website for information about special events and current exhibits.

**Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum**

5 Copper Queen Plaza  
Bisbee, AZ 85603..... 520-432-7071  
<http://bisbeemuseum.org/bm-museum.aspx>

Once the corporate headquarters of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company,

the museum is at the center of town and at the heart of its history. Artifacts, photographs and historic displays keep the mining town's history alive at this museum, which is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

**Bisbee Restoration Museum**

37 Main St.  
Bisbee, AZ 85603..... 520-249-5742  
<http://bizrm.com>

Three floors of historic items let you see life through the eyes of families in Bisbee's mining heydays. View oddities like a copper high school diploma and more genteel items like wedding dresses, quilts and the equipment used to make them.

**Henry F. Hauser Museum**

2950 E. Tacoma St.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635..... 520-417-6980  
[www.sierravistaaz.gov/museum](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/museum)

Founded in 2000, this museum is named for Henry "Hank" Hauser, a former college football star, avid golfer, career soldier, city council member and city magistrate, school board member and former mayor of Sierra Vista. This museum collects and preserves library and archival materials, photographs, memorabilia and artifacts associated with local history, business establishments, water and ranching.

**The OK Corral**

326 E. Allen St.  
Tombstone, AZ 85638..... 520-457-3456  
[www.ok-corral.com](http://www.ok-corral.com)

Take a walk back in time to the Old West of the 1880s at this historic complex, which includes the actual site where the famous Gunfight at the

O.K. Corral took place involving Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday. A re-enactment of the gunfight is presented several times daily, while the grounds provide added historical context with a historama theater and The Tombstone Epitaph newspaper museum.

**Tombstone Courthouse**

**State Historic Park**  
223 E. Toughnut St.  
Tombstone, AZ 85638..... 520-457-3311  
<https://azstateparks.com/tombstone>

This museum in a courthouse is full of authentic interpretive exhibits on the history of Tombstone and Cochise County, including period sheriff's office, artist drawings and interpretations of the Gunfight at the OK Corral, Wyatt Earp, mining exhibit area, a saloon and gaming room, period lawyer's office and courtroom, ranching, and residents of Tombstone. Visit the website for information about hours and admission.

**PARKS**

History runs deep — literally — in the beautiful natural soundings of Cochise County. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

**Chiricahua National Monument**

12856 E Rhyolite Creek Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643..... 520-824-3560  
[www.nps.gov/chir/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/chir/index.htm)

Monumental natural formations, abundant wildlife and trails aplenty make this park — the traditional haunt of Cochise and other Apaches — truly the "Wonderland of Rocks."



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## GO, TEAM, GO!

You may carry your sports team loyalties with you, no matter where you go, but you can root, root, root for the local favorites too. Check out [www.Govx.com](http://www.Govx.com) for discounted sports and race tickets for current and former military members.



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**Kartchner Caverns State Park**

2980 AZ-90

Benson, AZ 85602 ..... 520-586-4100  
<https://azstateparks.com/kartchner>

These stunning underground caverns feature huge stalactites and stalagmites, complemented with scientific exhibits about how the caverns were formed in the past plus the bats that make their home there today. Visit the website for information about tours and availability of some cavern rooms.

**Coronado National Memorial**

4101 W. Montezuma Canyon Road

Hereford, AZ 85615 ..... 520-366-5515  
[www.nps.gov/coro/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/coro/index.htm)

This 4,750-acre memorial park is operated by the National Park Service and is the beginning of the famous Arizona Trail, with outstanding hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities. Explore the park's Coronado Cave, where Geronimo is rumored to hide out in the late 1800s.

**SHOPPING**

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

**Bisbee downtown shopping district**[www.discoverbisbee.com/shops](http://www.discoverbisbee.com/shops)

Stroll through Bisbee's quaint and historic downtown for a unique mix of independent shops, including Bisbee Olive oil, Mile High

MunCheese, Classic Rock Couture, Bisbee Bicycle Brothel, Optimo Custom Hatworks, Black Sheep Imports and more.

**The Mall at Sierra Vista**

2200 El Mercado Loop

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ..... 520-452-0011  
[www.themallatsierravista.com/en.html](http://www.themallatsierravista.com/en.html)

Anchored by Dillard's and Sears, this 400,000-square-foot mall anchored features national retailers such as Lids, Bath and Body Works, Best Buy, Victoria's Secret and more. It's also the location of the area's only first-run theater, the Cinemark 10.

**SPORTS AND RECREATION**

Whether you're looking to tee off for 18 holes or take in a leisurely spin, you'll find outdoor activities for every level of fitness in Cochise County.

**Cycling**

You can find both technical mountain bike single-track and relaxing paths perfect for family cruises in and around area cities. Popular routes for road bikes include the Path to Higher Education near Cochise College, the 16-mile route to Coronado National Memorial and the 60-mile Bisbee Loop. Favorite local trails for mountain bikers include the 8.5-mile Perimeter Trail, which starts in Sierra Vista, and for more experienced riders, the Brown Canyon Trail. Visit [www.sierravistaaz.gov/visit-sierra-vista/bike-sierra-vista](http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/visit-sierra-vista/bike-sierra-vista) for more information about riding in the areas around Cochise County.

**Golf**

Golfing fans can play through on some of Arizona's best golf courses in this region. Public and country club courses are available in Cochise County, including the 18-hole Mountain View Gold Course on Fort Huachuca, the Pueblo del Sol Country Club in Sierra Vista, San Pedro Golf Course in Benson and the Douglas Golf Club and RV Park. For a list of public and private courses in Arizona, visit [www.golfarizona.com/courses](http://www.golfarizona.com/courses).

**Hiking**

There are more hiking trails than you can shake a walking stick at in the vast natural spaces in Cochise County. Popular paths include trails at the Chiricahua National Monument, Cochise Stronghold and the Huachuca Mountains. The Arizona Trail, a rugged trail more than 800 miles long, begins with 21 miles through mountains near the Mexico border and Sierra Vista. Visit <https://www.explorecochise.com/Hiking-Itineraries> for more information about specific trails.



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