

Payson Image

The Mountain Town with a Western Heritage

The Mountain Town

Payson, Arizona, boasts a mountain climate measurably cooler than its neighbor to the south, Phoenix. Its perpetually blue skies invite clean industry, devoid of pollution, and form a wonderful cover for the vast pine forest, open spaces, and wildlife of the Rim Country.

As a place to live, Payson treasures a simpler life, with the slower pace of a rurally situated small town atmosphere. Payson prides itself on a lifestyle built on strong family values, with lots of outdoor recreation suitable for every member of the family, from grandparents to the youngest child. And, you will find that Payson's heart is as big as the forest it resides in, with people who genuinely care for each other and are always there to help. As well, Payson has a rich historical past that delights folks with its museums, festivals, and other world class events.

Our Western Heritage

Payson prides itself on its Western Heritage and the feelings and events that are a part of the town. Each year we host Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association events including "The World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo". We also hold a major High School Rodeo. We host various western flavor events such as The National Mounted Shooting Championships at our Event Center. We are a major part of the Hashknife Pony Express Ride as well.

Our western feeling is enhanced by the western architecture at the south entrance to town, and our new western style bank at Main and the Beeline. In addition, Main Street has always had a western feel, anchored by the famous Oxbow Saloon, and other historic sites in the immediate area.

To complete our western image, you will see real cowboys and lots of colorful personalities wherever you go in our town. If you're lucky, you may even see a Long Rider on his way through to a distant destination.

Payson-----The Mountain Town showing off its Western Heritage

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