

# Half-Day Excursions



## Take a Hike

- **Usery Mountain Recreation Area**  
Located in northeast Mesa, this park is 3,648 acres set at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The trails within the park are very popular with enough elevation to offer spectacular vistas of surrounding plains. An easy, relatively short hike is the Merkle Trail. Another favorite is the Wind Cave Trail, reaching high onto the mountain side, allowing hikers into the adjacent Tonto National Forest.
- **Picnic Lunch**  
Usery Mountain Regional Park offers a day-use picnic area and a group picnic area. The day-use picnic area includes a table, barbecue grill, drinking water and restrooms at each site. *These sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

## Gambling Galore

- **Casino Arizona**  
A quick five-mile ride from downtown Mesa with free shuttle service. Choose from six distinct restaurants serving carefully prepared food to fit every taste. Guests will find 1,500 ticket-pay multi-denominational slot machines, including 80 high-limit slots, live Blackjack, 50 poker tables and live fast-action Keno.
- **Ft. McDowell Casino**  
Experience the winning feeling with live bingo, card room, live Keno, 775 slot machines. There are six restaurants and lounges to fit your needs.
- **Rancho de Tia Rosa**  
Family owned restaurant with authentic Baja coastal cuisine. Experience Old Mexico as you dine with your group and enjoy the unique décor.

## Canyons and Cowboys

- **Dolly Steamboat**  
Cruise the secluded waterways of Canyon Lake. Admire breathtaking flora and fauna of the lower Sonoran desert.
- **Barleen's Arizona Opry**  
Relax in a comfortable, air-conditioned theater and enjoy a hearty, home-cooked meal. After dinner, enjoy an unforgettable evening of family entertainment! Seasonal.

## Downtown Delights

- **Arizona Museum of Natural History**  
Museum of cultural and natural history, permanent and changing exhibitions on Arizona and the Southwest, from the old west to the space age, from dinosaurs to conquistadors. Hands-on exhibits for all ages.
- **Sidewalk Cafes**  
Enjoy many choices for lunch on Main Street.
- **Boutique and Antiques Shopping**  
Browse the many antiques stores along Main Street.



## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

- **Hohokam Stadium**  
Home of the Cactus League Chicago Cubs' Spring Training. Spend the afternoon enjoying peanuts, hot dogs and a good old-fashioned baseball game.
- **Organ Stop Pizza**  
Pizza, pasta, a 15-foot salad bar and a 700-seat dining room. Home of the Mighty Wurlitzer, one of the largest and finest theater organs in the world.

## Fly Like an Eagle

- **Commemorative Air Force Museum**  
Home of the "Sentimental Journey", the most authentically restored WWII B-17 flying today.
- **Anzio Landing**  
Located at Falcon Field Airport, enjoy an Italian dinner with panoramic views and military memorabilia.

