



Welcome to Scottsdale, Arizona

A world-class community

Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is nestled between Paradise Valley and the McDowell Mountains. Scottsdale is a premier community known for a high quality of life with attractive residential, working and shopping areas. It is an internationally recognized visitor destination and a thriving location for business.

Scottsdale consistently ranks among the nation's best places to live, with top-rated schools, award winning parks, low crime and a vibrant economy. Downtown Scottsdale is home to many restaurants, retail shops, art galleries, and hotels. Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve, in the city's northern reaches is the largest urban wilderness area in the United States. There are recreational opportunities for everyone with many golf courses, tennis courts, parks, pools, bike paths, and trails.

Scottsdale was founded by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott in 1888, but was not incorporated until 1951 when Scottsdale was a small community of 2,000 residents situated on about two square miles of land. Today, Scottsdale has more than 230,000 residents spread across 185 square miles.





All work and all play

Business

Scottsdale is one of the state's leading job centers with a diverse economy built on medical research, high-tech innovation, tourism and corporate headquarters. Scottsdale is home to nearly 18,000 businesses supplying over 150,000 jobs. The high-tech innovation center SkySong, located just a few miles from Downtown, is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with nearby Arizona State University. Downtown is an emerging center for high-tech businesses. Farther north, the Scottsdale Cure Corridor is a partnership of premier health care providers and biomedical companies seeking to advance medicine and patient care through cutting-edge research.

Tourism

With great weather, fantastic scenery and a calendar full of special events, Scottsdale is among the most popular tourist destinations in Arizona. More than 9 million people visit Scottsdale annually. The city boasts many hotels and resorts, restaurants, and spas. That activity adds up to big business. The annual economic impact of Scottsdale visitors is estimated at more than \$4 billion. Annual tax revenue generated by visitors was estimated around \$38 million – representing about one in every five city tax dollars.

Special Events

Every January through March, Scottsdale captures the national spotlight with an eclectic mix of sport and cultural events that draw thousands of spectators and millions of television viewers. Scottsdale resorts annually host both Fiesta Bowl teams and the city's Downtown becomes the focal point for pep rallies and fan parties. The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction headlines a week of local automotive attractions and becomes the star of more than 40 hours of live TV coverage. The Waste Management Phoenix Open unfolds at the Scottsdale Tournament Players Club, featuring more national TV coverage and the largest, loudest galleries in golf. The All Arabian Horse Show – among the largest horse shows in the nation – and Scottsdale's festive Parada del Sol Parade and Rodeo follow later. In March, Major League Baseball takes center stage. Downtown Scottsdale serves as the spring home of the San Francisco Giants and makes the city a headquarters for visiting fans and media from across the nation.



Scottsdale's Top Destinations



WestWorld



Pinnacle Peak Park



TPC Scottsdale



Preserve Gateway



Scottsdale Airport /
Airpark



McCormick-Stillman
Railroad Park



Scottsdale Fashion
Square



Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt



Downtown Scottsdale



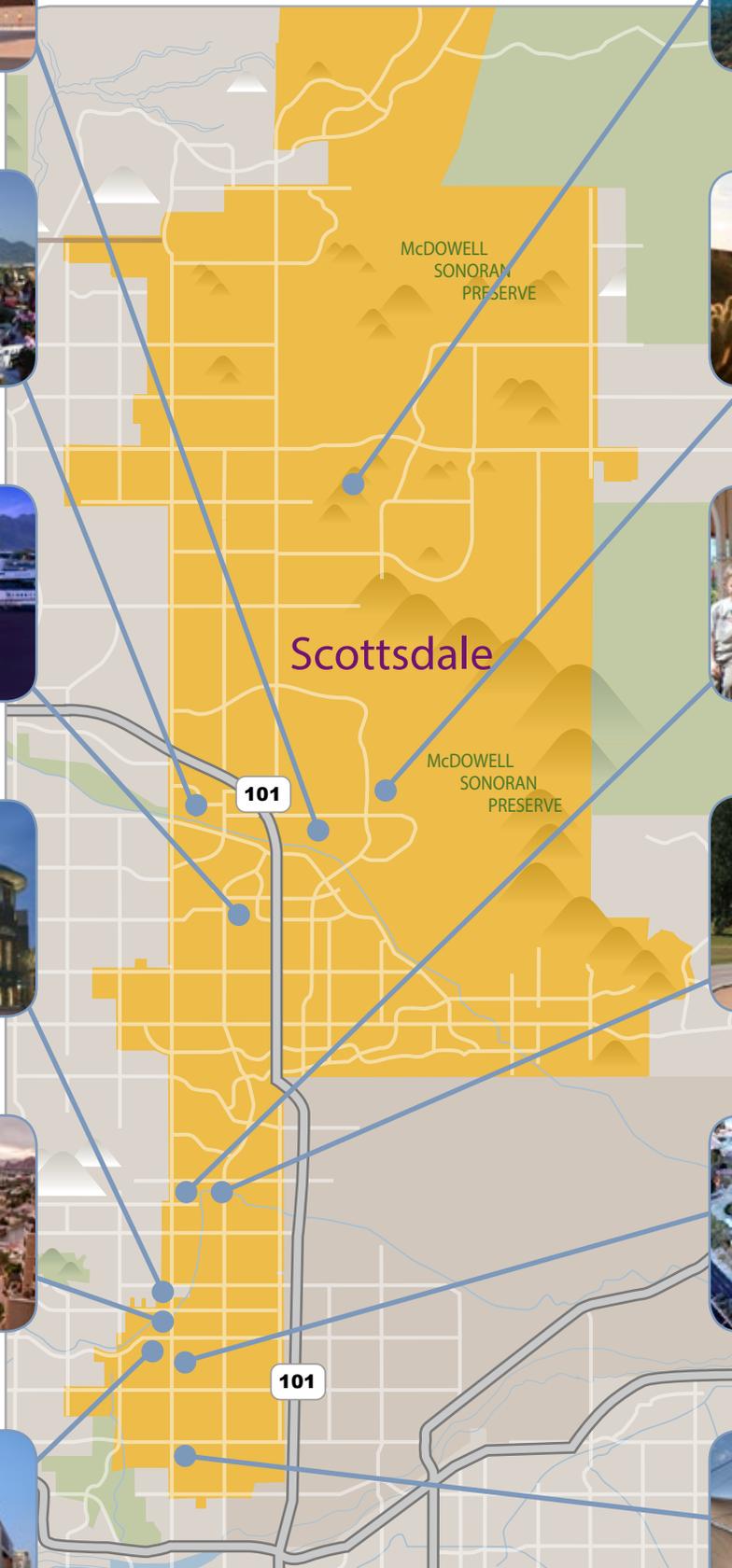
Scottsdale Stadium



Scottsdale Museum of the West



SkySong the ASU Scottsdale
Innovation Center



A museum without walls

Scottsdale's innovative and longstanding public art program makes the city a special place, contributing to the community's creative, cultural, and economic vitality. The program is one of several managed by the Scottsdale Cultural Council, the non-profit agency focused on art and culture in Scottsdale. Here are some examples from the world-class Scottsdale Public Art collection.



photo by Sean Deckert

Diamond Bloom

by Curtis Pittman



photo by Jeff Zischke

Sonoran Seed Pods

by Jeff Zischke

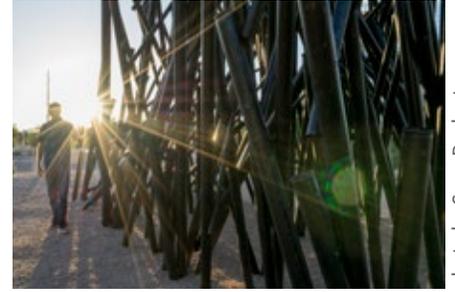


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Industrial Pipe Wave

by Christopher Fennell



photo by David Hewitt

Copper Falls

by Bob Adams



Pillars of Thought

by Mags Harries



photo by Chris Loomis

Hidden Histories

by Elizabeth Connor

Canal Convergence

The Scottsdale Waterfront shimmers and glows during Canal Convergence, an annual weekend of engaging and inspiring events and innovative large-scale installations by local and international artists. Canal Convergence is hosted by Scottsdale Public Art and has quickly become a regional attraction, adding to Scottsdale's cachet as Arizona's premier arts and cultural destination.

