Welcome to Scottsdale, Arizona
A world-class community

Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is nestled at the foot of the McDowell Mountains in the Valley of the Sun. 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 businesses of all kinds. Scottsdale consistently ranks among the nation’s best places to live, with top-rated schools, award-winning parks, low crime and a vibrant economy. Old Town Scottsdale is home to many restaurants, retail shops, art galleries and resort hotels. Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve is a permanently protected Sonoran Desert habitat encompassing nearly 48 square miles. 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 250,000 residents enjoying the rich diversity of experiences offered within the city’s 185 square miles.
All Work and All Play

Business
Scottsdale is one of the state’s leading job centers with a robust economy anchored by bio-life science companies, high-tech innovation, financial services, tourism and corporate headquarters. Scottsdale is home to nearly 18,000 businesses supplying more than 150,000 jobs. SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with Arizona State University. Scottsdale’s downtown, Old Town Scottsdale, is an emerging center for high-tech businesses. Farther north, the Scottsdale Airpark is the city’s largest employment area and the Scottsdale Cure Corridor is a partnership of premier health care providers and biomedical companies.

Tourism
With great weather, fantastic scenery and a calendar full of special events, Scottsdale is a popular tourist destination in Arizona. Millions of 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 several billion dollars. Annual tax revenue generated by domestic visitors was estimated around 47 million dollars — 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 hundreds of thousands of spectators and millions of television viewers. Scottsdale resorts annually host Fiesta Bowl teams and Old Town becomes a focal point for pep rallies and fan parties. The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction headlines a week of automotive attractions and becomes the star of more than 40 hours of live television coverage. The Waste Management Phoenix Open unfolds at TPC Scottsdale, featuring more national TV coverage and the largest, loudest galleries in golf. The Scottsdale 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. Old Town 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 Top Attractions

1. Pinnacle Peak Park
2. Preserve Gateway and Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve
3. TPC Scottsdale
4. WestWorld
5. Scottsdale Airport/Airpark
6. McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7. Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt
8. Scottsdale Fashion Square
9. Old Town Scottsdale
10. Scottsdale Historical Museum
11. Scottsdale’s Museum of the West
12. Scottsdale Stadium
13. SkySong
The Best Park in the Nation!
The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park captured the 2019 ELGL Knope Award for the nation’s best park or open space, beating out 31 competitors in a national contest sponsored by Engaging Local Government Leaders. This award symbolizes not just one of the best open spaces in the nation but also showcases the management of public places that make communities special. The Railroad Park and the city of Scottsdale would like to thank all of our citizens and supporters for their role in helping the park receive such a meaningful recognition.

The 30-acre McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, located in the heart of Scottsdale, is the most unique park of its kind in the country. The park entertains approximately one million visitors annually.

Take a ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and the 1950-vintage Allan Herschell carousel. Immerse yourself in the massive model railroad museum. Play on one-of-a-kind playgrounds, enjoy shopping and ice cream, or just relax in the grass under a tree in one of the nation’s most fun and beautiful parks.

Learn more at TheRailroadPark.com

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Railfair: October 12–13, 2019
All aboard! The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park celebrates all things railroad with model train displays and exhibits and a wide selection of the park’s seldom seen vintage railroad equipment on display along with special presentations on railroad and Arizona history. Take a free tour of the Roald Amundsen Pullman car and the Scottsdale Railroad Museum.