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Live in Clarkdale: Where Quality of Life Shines Brightly

Nestled between the Prescott and Coconino National Forests, Clarkdale is a haven of natural beauty, outdoor adventure, and small-town charm. Our crystal-clear nights invite you to gaze at the stars, while our scenic trails and bike-friendly streets encourage exploration by day. Whether you're hiking, kayaking the Verde River, cycling along peaceful paths, or simply soaking in the breathtaking views, Clarkdale offers a lifestyle where nature and community come together.

With a welcoming spirit and a focus on quality of life, Clarkdale isn't just a place to live—it's a place to thrive. Come discover the charm, tranquility, and adventure that make our Town truly special.

CLARKDALE
The Gem of Arizona

History

Delve into the rich tapestry of Clarkdale's past with this brief journey through its history. From its humble beginnings as a model company town to its modern-day revival, each chapter tells a story of resilience and community. For those eager to explore further, the museums scattered throughout town offer immersive experiences that bring the past to life in vivid detail.

EARLY HISTORY

Long before the founding of Clarkdale, the land was inhabited by Indigenous peoples, including the Southern Sinagua, who left their mark on the landscape with their settlements and agriculture.

THE FOUNDING OF CLARKDALE

In 1912, the vision of William A. Clark materialized as he founded Clarkdale, a model company town centered around his United Verde Copper Company smelter. It was a bustling hub of industry and community.

THE UNITED VERDE COPPER COMPANY

The United Verde Copper Company's smelter was the heartbeat of Clarkdale, processing copper ore from nearby Jerome. Despite economic ups and downs, it provided stability and livelihoods for generations.

DECLINE OF THE UNITED VERDE

As the copper in Jerome dwindled, so did the fortunes of Clarkdale. The closure of the mine and smelter in the 1950s left many residents seeking opportunities elsewhere, beginning a challenging time for the Town.

REVIVAL OF CLARKDALE

But Clarkdale's story didn't end there. In the wake of adversity came resilience. With the establishment of the Phoenix Cement Plant, the Town found new life. Empty homes once occupied by smelter workers were repurposed, and a new wave of residents brought fresh energy to the community.

MODERN CLARKDALE

Today, Clarkdale stands as a testament to its past and a beacon of its future. With a population of around 4,900, it embodies the spirit of small-town America while offering a wealth of attractions and opportunities. From its well-preserved historic buildings to its scenic railway, Clarkdale invites visitors to step into its rich tapestry of history and community.

Climate

Clarkdale boasts a climate that embodies the essence of the Southwest. With its high desert landscape and unique geographical features, the Town experiences distinct seasonal variations that contribute to its allure.

Situated at ~3,586ft elevation, Clarkdale blends warm, dry summers with crisp, cool winters—no extremes, just year-round comfort for outdoor lovers and desert-lifestyle seekers.



Clarkdale Climate at a Glance

(High-desert heat + seasonal charm)

Month	High/Low °F	Rain
January	60° / 31°	3 days
February	64° / 34°	3 days
March	70° / 39°	4 days
April	79° / 44°	2 days
May	87° / 51°	1 day
June	98° / 60°	0 days
July	101° / 67°	5 days
August	97° / 66°	6 days
September	92° / 59°	3 days
October	82° / 48°	2 days
November	69° / 37°	2 days
December	59° / 31°	3 days

NOAA 30 year average for 1991-2020 released in 2021



Housing

Nestled in the heart of the Verde Valley, Clarkdale enjoys an optimal location, surrounded by the vibrant locales of Sedona, Jerome, Cottonwood, and Prescott. This strategic positioning has spurred considerable growth in our inviting town. Despite its expansion, Clarkdale proudly preserves its rich history, offering an oasis of small-town charm. Mindful of its roots, the town conscientiously embraces growth, ensuring a harmonious balance between progress and tradition.

HISTORICAL

Founded as a company town by Senator Clark to accommodate workers of the United Verde Copper Company (UVCC), Clarkdale boasts a rich housing history dating back to its establishment, construction of these carefully crafted homes ranged between 1912 and 1930. These homes, now treasured as historic landmarks, were meticulously designed to reflect the architectural trends of their era.

The residential architecture in Clarkdale was meticulously crafted by an in-house team of architects and engineers under the direct supervision of Senator Clark and his son. This careful oversight ensured that each design adhered to the highest standards of the time. The diversity of architectural styles is a testament to this attention to detail, encompassing Bungalow, Craftsman, Eclectic, Vernacular Ranch, English Cottage, Tudor and Spanish Colonial Revival, and Neoclassical influences.

Today, these homes stand as a testament to Clarkdale's commitment to preserving its architectural heritage, offering residents and visitors alike a glimpse into the town's storied past.

NOW AND FUTURE

Embracing a smart vision of growth, Clarkdale is dedicated to providing its community with opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Modern housing developments honor the town's rich historical roots while integrating energy efficiency and sustainable design.

Today, Clarkdale offers a diverse range of housing options—from beautifully preserved historic homes and thoughtfully designed new subdivisions to homesteads on large acreage and serene riverfront properties along the Verde River. This variety reflects the town's inclusive and adaptable spirit, welcoming families, retirees, remote workers, and entrepreneurs alike.

These new developments are strategically planned to enhance quality of life, boasting easy access to scenic trails and promoting walkable neighborhoods. Abundant parks and recreational facilities further enrich the community experience, offering easy access to outdoor activities.

Looking ahead, Clarkdale is poised for expansion with upcoming multi-family and single-family housing projects slated for construction. The town continues to evolve while preserving its distinctive character and fostering a vibrant, inclusive community for generations to come.

Schools in Clarkdale

Educational Opportunities for All Ages



Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School is centrally located in Clarkdale. This tight-knit community school champions family involvement, warmly welcoming parents and local volunteers as active educational partners. The school offers a nurturing, community-infused K-8 education with student performance typically at or above state averages in reading, and solid in math. Its consistent performance in statewide rankings make it a dependable choice for families looking for a personalized, engaged educational experience. Visit their website for more info on programs, events, and enrollment: www.cjsd.k12.az.us.

Mingus Union High School (MUHS) serves the greater Verde Valley—including students from Clarkdale-Jerome, and Cottonwood-Oak Creek—and is home to the spirited Marauders. This mid-sized rural high school offers a well-rounded education with academic, athletic, performance art, and career-focused programs. Recognized as a Title I school, MUHS benefits from strong community support, recent campus upgrades, and a culture of pride and involvement. Visit mingusunion.com to learn more.



Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus (Clarkdale)

Located in the heart of Clarkdale, Yavapai College's Verde Valley Campus offers a wide range of academic and career training programs in a modern, supportive setting. Students can choose from associate degrees, certificates, and even four-year bachelor's degrees. About 40% of Yavapai College's curriculum is available online, providing flexible options for learners of all ages.

The campus is also home to the Southwest Wine Center, Arizona's premier viticulture and enology program. With a 13-acre teaching vineyard and on-site winery, students gain hands-on experience in wine making and sustainable agriculture. Whether pursuing a career in the skilled trades, healthcare, or entrepreneurship, Yavapai College in Clarkdale provides accessible, affordable pathways to success. Learn more at www.yc.edu.

Demographics + Safety



Population
4,900



Average Age
61



Growth Rate
2.81%



Household Income (Median)
\$32,600

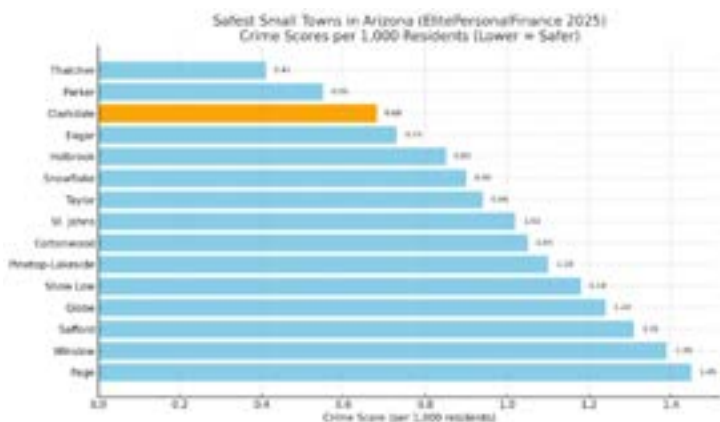


Number of Households
2,480

"Protecting, serving, and connecting with our community."

The **Clarkdale Police Department** keeps our town safe while building strong relationships with the community. Officers respond when help is needed, proactively patrol neighborhoods and spend time connecting with residents through events like National Night Out, the 4th of July pancake breakfast, Coffee with a Cop, and patrolling the Halloween Fest. Our focus is on safety, trust, respect, and community. Clarkdale officers don't just patrol—they play games with children at National Night Out, share stories over coffee with neighbors, coach athletic teams, and even join in school events alongside students. In the 2023 Clarkdale Community Survey, residents identified police services as the most important service in town and rated the department highest overall, with a satisfaction score of 6 out of 7.

Our Officers are more than first responders—they're partners in making Clarkdale a strong, welcoming town.



Verde Valley Fire District is proud to serve as the dedicated fire and emergency response provider for the Town of Clarkdale. With a long-standing commitment to protecting life, property, and the environment, our highly trained firefighters and paramedics respond to a wide range of emergencies, including fires, medical calls, rescues, and hazardous situations.

Our department operates with a strong focus on community safety, education, and proactive prevention. We average over 3,000 calls regionally for service annually, ensuring timely and professional care when it matters most. Our team maintains rigorous training standards and holds certifications through state and national fire service organizations. We are proud to be ISO Class 3 rated, reflecting our excellence in fire protection and readiness.

We are deeply involved in supporting our local community. Each year, we attend Clarkdale's Halloween and Fourth of July events, teaming up with the Clarkdale Police Department to serve a pancake breakfast for residents and families. Our AED program provides Clarkdale Elementary School and many other local businesses with life-saving AEDs, and we offer CPR training to staff members, so they're prepared to act in the event of an emergency.

For emergencies, always dial 9-1-1.

For non-emergency inquiries or services, please contact us at (928) 634-2578 or visit our website at www.verdevalleyfire.org.

Medical

ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Living in Clarkdale means having peace of mind when it comes to healthcare. Residents benefit from convenient access to a wide range of medical services, with major facilities located just minutes away in neighboring Cottonwood.

Verde Valley Medical Center (VVMC) – Cottonwood (3.7 miles from Clarkdale)

A full-service hospital operated by Northern Arizona Healthcare, VVMC offers 24-hour emergency care, inpatient and outpatient services, surgical care, diagnostic imaging, and specialty clinics.

Urgent Care – Multiple urgent care centers in Cottonwood offer walk-in services for non-emergency medical needs.

Primary & Specialty Care Clinics – Cottonwood

Numerous clinics provide family medicine, internal

medicine, pediatrics, women's health, orthopedics, behavioral health, dental care, and more.

Veterans Services – The VA Outpatient Clinic in Cottonwood serves eligible veterans with primary care and other services.

Advanced Specialty Care – For higher-level specialty services, Flagstaff Medical Center (Level 1 trauma center and teaching hospital) is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes away. Additional medical centers and specialists are also available in Prescott, about a 45- to 60-minute drive.

World Class Phoenix Medical Centers – Clarkdale offers small-town charm with big-city access to health care. Just 1.5 – 2 hours away, residents have access to world-class medical centers including the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Banner – University Medical Center in Phoenix, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, and Phoenix Children's Hospital, ensuring top-tier care is always within reach.





View from Mingus Mountain

Verde Valley Region

Tucked between the red rock landscapes of Sedona and the rugged peaks of Central Arizona, the Verde Valley is a place where natural beauty, rich history, and opportunity converge. Whether you're seeking a peaceful place to call home, a thriving environment to grow a business, or an endless outdoor playground, the Verde Valley offers it all.

Living here means embracing a lifestyle shaped by stunning scenery, close-knit communities, and a deep connection to the land. Surrounded by vast national forests and designated wilderness areas, residents enjoy unparalleled access to outdoor recreation while still benefiting from modern conveniences. The region's prime location—just 20 miles from Interstate 17, with easy access to both Phoenix and Sedona—ensures connectivity without sacrificing its serene, small-town charm. Plus, with proximity to a regional airport, travel and business opportunities are always within reach.

Beyond work and home, adventure awaits. The Verde River winds through the valley, offering opportunities for kayaking, fishing, birding, and wildlife watching. Hiking and biking trails weave through the surrounding national forests, while the area's flourishing wine industry invites you to explore award-winning wineries, scenic tasting rooms, and vineyard tours.

Neighboring towns like Sedona, Jerome, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde also add character to the region—offering lively historic districts, art galleries, outdoor adventures, and unique shopping and dining experiences that reflect the area's creative spirit and diverse lifestyle.

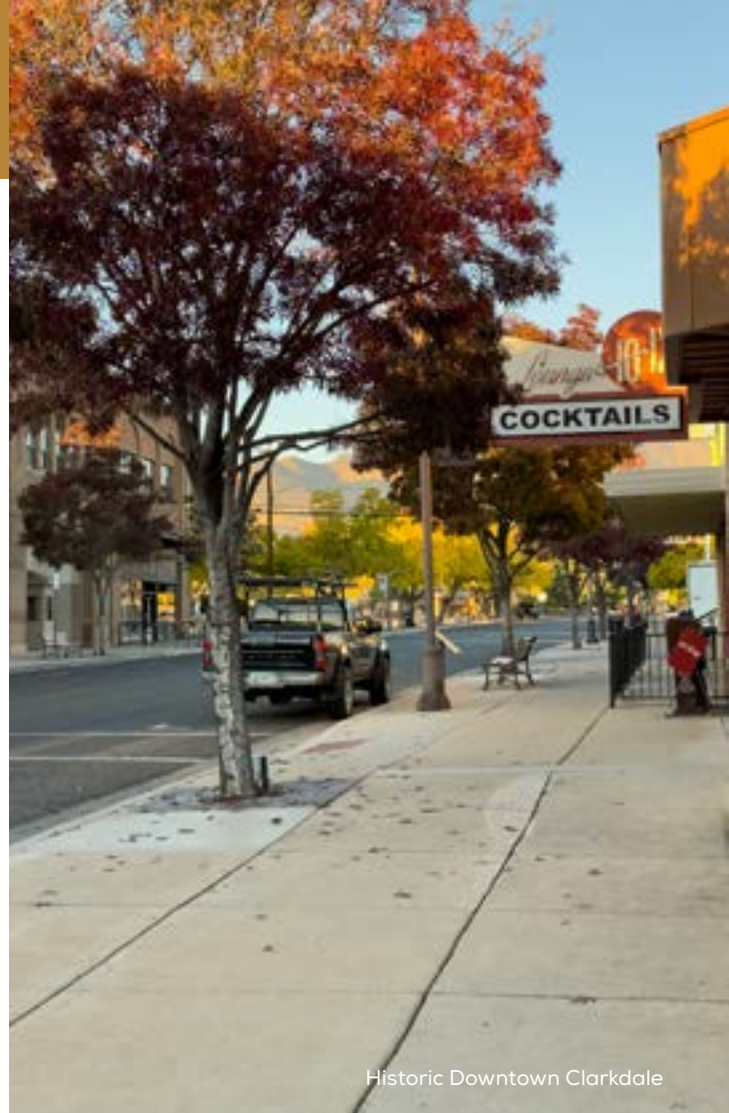
In the Verde Valley, life moves at just the right pace—offering a perfect balance of work, play, and community, all set against a backdrop of Arizona's most breathtaking landscapes.

Work in Clarkdale: A Thriving Hub for Businesses and Careers

Clarkdale is a dynamic community where businesses of all sizes flourish. Home to major employers like Phoenix Cement, Bent River Machine Inc., Mold in Graphic Systems, Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale-Jerome School District, Yavapai College, and municipal services, the Town offers diverse career opportunities. As Clarkdale actively recruits national retailers and fosters a small business-friendly environment, entrepreneurs and employers alike will find the perfect setting to grow.

With ample vacant land for development, robust support for home-based businesses, and workforce training programs through Yavapai College and its cutting-edge trade center, Clarkdale ensures a pipeline of skilled employees for the future. Its proximity to a regional airport, and the only freight rail line in the Verde Valley further enhances connectivity and market reach.

Whether you're launching a startup, expanding an established business, or seeking a fulfilling career, Clarkdale provides the resources, talent, and opportunity to thrive. Come be a part of a community where work and quality of life go hand in hand.



Historic Downtown Clarkdale



Verde Canyon Railroad

Clarkdale Employers

Salt River Materials Group

(Phoenix Cement Company plant)

A major cement production facility in Clarkdale, central to the town's economy

Mold in Graphic Systems

Manufacturer of durable graphic overlays and labeling solutions for industrial equipment.

Clarkdale-Jerome School District

Public school district serving local students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Bent River Machine Inc.

Specialty fabricator of precision machinery and custom-engineered equipment for diverse industries.

Verde Canyon Railroad

Operating scenic train tours through the Verde Valley, a key tourism employer

Yavapai College – Verde Valley Campus (including Southwest Wine Center)

Provides education, wine-industry training, and local employment

Town of Clarkdale (Municipal Jobs: Public Works, Police Department, etc.)

Town government roles across departments like community development, Parks & Recreation, and utilities.

Wine-Related Businesses

Regional winery operations and tasting rooms.

Tourism & Hospitality

Hotels, restaurants, art galleries, Tuzigoot National Monument, and other attractions provide a range of jobs in hospitality, food service, retail, and visitor experiences.



CLARKDALE

The Gem of Arizona



Lower TAPCO
River Access Point

Verde
Canyon
Railroad

Historic
Downtown
Clarkdale
(See map inset)

Clarkdale-Jerome
School District

Taawaki Inn
Rain Spirit RV Resort
Penumbra

Tuzigoot River
Access Point

Tuzigoot
National
Monument

Tavasci Marsh

Verde River Institute

The Farm at
Bent River Ranch

Dead Horse Ranch
State Park

89A

Arizona
Botanical
Gardens

89A

Chateau
Tumbleweed
Winery &
Tasting Room

Bodega Pierce Winery
& Tasting Room

89A

Yavapai College
Verde Valley Campus
& Southwest Wine Center



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CLARKDALE

Clarkdale
Lodge

Hermosillo
Hot Dogs

Clarkdale
Park &
Bandstand

Clarkdale
Historical
Society
& Museum

Clark
Memorial
Clubhouse

Arizona
Copper Art
Museum

Clarkdale
Kayak Co

10/12
Lounge

Stardust Books

Virgin Cheese Co

Smelter Town Brewery

Park Hotel

Newsstand Bar and Cafe

4 MILES FROM CLARKDALE
COTTONWOOD

Play in Clarkdale: Adventure, History & Natural Beauty

From the tranquil flow of the Verde River to the nostalgic echo of historic rails, Clarkdale is a hidden gem where adventure and small-town charm converge. Nestled in the breathtaking Verde Valley of North-Central Arizona, this picturesque town offers a playground of natural wonders, rich history, and unforgettable experiences.

Whether you're paddling along the serene Verde River, hiking through striking red rock landscapes, exploring the ancient ruins of Tuzigoot National Monument, or riding the legendary Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale invites you to explore at your own pace. The Town's vibrant community weaves history into every experience—from strolling through its well-preserved historic district lined with charming shops and cafés to discovering local art and culture. Wine lovers will also find plenty to savor, with tasting rooms and vineyards throughout the area offering a true taste of the Verde Valley.

With outdoor recreation, scenic beauty, and a welcoming atmosphere, Clarkdale is more than just a place to visit—it's a place to immerse yourself in Arizona's best-kept treasures. Let the rhythm of the rails, the echoes of the river, and the flavors of the vineyards guide your journey, and uncover the magic of Clarkdale.

Tourism

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Clarkdale is emerging as a must-visit destination, drawing outdoor enthusiasts eager to explore our scenic trails and the Verde River, as well as history buffs captivated by our rich cultural heritage. Our tourism initiatives have expanded, offering more curated experiences and events that showcase the unique charm of our Town.

This growing interest in Clarkdale has brought positive impacts, increasing revenue for local hotels, restaurants, and shops while strengthening our economy. As tourism flourishes, it supports local businesses, generates tax revenue, and paves the way for new investments in infrastructure and community services—all while attracting even more visitors and businesses to our town.

Whether you're planning your next getaway or simply dreaming of adventure, Clarkdale is ready to welcome you. Visit ExperienceClarkdale.com for travel inspiration and start exploring all that makes our Town an unforgettable destination.

Visit ExperienceClarkdale.com





Parsons Trail Swimming Hole



Sycamore Canyon Wilderness



Outdoor Recreation

In the heart of the breathtaking Verde Valley of North-Central Arizona, the Town of Clarkdale boasts a quality of life that shines as brightly as its stunning natural surroundings.

Unwind down the Verde River for a kayaking adventure or hop aboard the historic Verde Canyon Railroad for an incredible sightseeing experience featuring red rock pinnacles and flowing water. Discover the pueblo ruins of early Indigenous inhabitants at Tuzigoot National Monument. Exceptional opportunities for hiking, biking, fishing, birding, and nature exploration abound along the river, around Tuzigoot, in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area, and on Mingus Mountain.

BIKING & MOUNTAIN BIKING

Cyclists will find plenty to explore—Clarkdale and the surrounding Verde Valley offer scenic road routes, gravel rides, and mountain biking trails through red rock canyons, riparian corridors, and high desert landscapes. Mingus Mountain and Prescott National Forest provide excellent trails for mountain bikers seeking challenging terrain and sweeping views. Clarkdale also hosts an annual criterium event, bringing together competitive cyclists and spectators for a lively celebration of the sport downtown.

BIRDING IN CLARKDALE

Birders will delight in the variety of habitats around Clarkdale, which attract an impressive array of resident and migratory species. The Verde River's lush corridor, combined with nearby canyons and high desert, creates prime viewing for everything from songbirds to raptors and waterfowl. Popular birding spots include river access points, Tuzigoot National Monument, and Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.

VERDE RIVER ACCESS POINTS

There are two public River Access Points (RAP) to the Verde River in Clarkdale. These can be used for hiking, bird watching, fishing, picnicking, photography, canoeing, and kayaking.

CLARKDALE'S VERDE RIVER OUTFITTERS

The Town of Clarkdale licenses commercial companies to operate kayak tours on the Verde River each year. Current outfitters include Clarkdale Kayak Co., Verde River Institute, and Outdoor Adventure Center Tours.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD

The four-hour nature ride on Verde Canyon Railroad into Arizona's other "grand canyon" is an unforgettable adventure. Captivating panoramic views are revealed in every direction. Take advantage of the outdoor viewing platforms while enjoying the canyon sun and cocktails served from the train's onboard bar. As far as the eye can see, wildlife, high-desert foliage, and rugged terrain in a lush riparian habitat abound.

HIKING & CAMPING AROUND CLARKDALE

Clarkdale offers a hiking paradise for outdoor enthusiasts of all levels. Local trails wind through picturesque landscapes with glimpses of rugged terrain and stunning vistas. For a more adventurous experience, venture to majestic Sycamore Canyon or the peaks of Mingus Mountain. Camping ranges from developed sites at nearby Dead Horse Ranch State Park and private RV parks to dispersed backcountry spots in the national forest—something for every style of camper.

TOWN PARKS

Clarkdale's public parks offer spaces to relax, play, and connect with the community. Town Park, located in the heart of historic downtown, hosts concerts and festivals year-round and features a playground, turf, picnic areas, and a historic gazebo. Selma-Mongini STEAM Park provides shaded swings, ramadas, a lit basketball court, butterfly gardens, a tot lot, and walking paths. Meanwhile, smaller neighborhood parks like Caballero, Centerville, Skyline, and Copper Penny serve nearby residents with playgrounds, picnic shelters, sport courts, and open green areas. Together, these parks enhance Clarkdale's quality of life and provide welcoming spaces for residents and visitors alike.

Attractions

For such a small town you might not expect to find such a wealth of cultural offerings, but Clarkdale does not disappoint. Dive into Arizona's past in one of four museums in Town. Explore Clarkdale's National Historic District downtown, and attend any of the myriad of special events hosted by the Town.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD

The four-hour ride on Verde Canyon Railroad into Arizona's other "grand canyon" is an unforgettable adventure. Panoramic views unfold in every direction, with outdoor viewing platforms that let you soak in the canyon sun while enjoying cocktails from the onboard bar. Wildlife, high-desert foliage, and rugged terrain in a lush riparian habitat complete the scene. Before or after your trip, stop by the John Bell Museum at the depot to explore local railroad history and photography.

TUZIGOOT NATIONAL MONUMENT

Explore the legacy of ancient peoples at this remarkable 110-room hilltop pueblo. Tuzigoot sits high above the Verde Valley, offering striking views of the surrounding desert habitats. Learn about the Sinaguan people and explore an on-site museum showcasing centuries-old artifacts.

ARIZONA COPPER ART MUSEUM

Featuring exhibits of copper art and collections for study, created by coppersmiths, soldier artists, and craftsmen—many of whom were masters of their trade. Artifacts on display emphasize American and European works of art from the 16th to the 21st century. The affinities and history of copper are also featured, bringing to life forgotten stories, legends, and mysteries.

CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Through its collections, public programs, and preservation activities, the Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum fosters a deep understanding and appreciation of Clarkdale and the region's rich history.

CLARKDALE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, the Clarkdale Historic District includes numerous blocks of the original Town site, founded in 1912. Clarkdale was one of Arizona's first master-planned communities, designed to provide housing and amenities for copper miners and smelter workers. Today, these historic buildings anchor a vibrant downtown filled with shops, cafés, lodging, and museums—blending the Town's rich past with modern culture.

REITZ RANCH CENTER FOR CERAMIC ARTS

Located on 14 serene acres along the Verde River, Reitz Ranch provides a welcoming environment for ceramic artists of all levels. With a fully equipped open studio, multiple wood-fired kilns, and a collaborative creative community, the Ranch is an inspiring place for potters and sculptors alike.

CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

More than just a place to check out books, Clark Memorial Library is a dynamic hub for community engagement. It offers a wide range of public programs for all ages, from book clubs and youth story hours to author talks and educational workshops. The popular Art in Clark series showcases works by local artists and musicians, providing a vibrant cultural experience for residents and visitors.

WINE & TASTING EXPERIENCES IN CLARKDALE

Clarkdale and the surrounding Verde Valley are a true destination for wine lovers. The area is home to a flourishing collection of vineyards and tasting rooms—offering handcrafted wines that reflect the unique terroir of the region.

TAAWAKI INN & GALLERY

Co-developed with the Hopi people, Taawaki Inn is the only hotel approved by the Hopi Nation outside the reservation. Located at the entrance to Tuzigoot National Monument with sweeping views of the Verde River, it offers guests both comfort and cultural connection. The onsite Tsor'ovi Art Gallery showcases Hopi artistry, from handcrafted Kachina dolls to woven textiles, creating a unique window into Hopi heritage.

Lodging

Whether you prefer boutique charm, historic character, or RV convenience, Clarkdale offers a range of lodging to suit every style of traveler.

TAAWAKI INN

Co-developed with the Hopi people and the only hotel approved by the Hopi Nation outside the reservation. Set at the entrance to Tuzigoot, it gives guests sweeping views of the Verde River and an immersive cultural experience.

CLARKDALE PARK HOTEL

A revitalized historic “bed & brew” in downtown Clarkdale. Originally built in 1915, it offers comfortable rooms (some with kitchenettes) and onsite craft beer.

CLARKDALE LODGE

Housed in an early 20th-century building once used for single men’s lodging, it’s tucked beside the Verde River and steps from the town square.

PENUMBRA

Boutique suites nestled on five acres overlooking the river. Features include fire pits, bocce court, and a private river trail.

RAIN SPIRIT RV RESORT

For RV and trailer travelers, this resort has 63 sites and easy access near the railroad, river, Tuzigoot, and scenic views.

MESCAL CANYON RETREAT AT CANDLEWOOD

A rustic, off-grid bed & breakfast in high desert, with passive solar design and permaculture landscaping.

THE ARIZONA LIGHTHOUSE

A B&B-style stay perched on the hillside. Choose between the “Mountaintop Studio” or “Sunshine Suite” with sweeping views of red rock and Mingus Mountain.

Beyond these, Clarkdale also has a robust selection of Airbnb / VRBO options scattered across the area for those who prefer a more private or home-style stay.



Tuzigoot National Monument



Arizona Copper Art Museum

Restaurants + Shops

SMELTER TOWN BREWERY

Experience finely crafted beers and live music in a vibrant atmosphere at this onsite brewery.

BODEGA PIERCE TASTING ROOM

Sip award-winning wines showcasing high desert terroir in a family-operated tasting room.

CHATEAU TUMBLEWEED TASTING ROOM

Enjoy a relaxed wine tasting experience with panoramic views and artisanal charcuterie plates.

SOUTHWEST WINE CENTER

Immerse yourself in hands-on wine education and tastings at this premier wine industry resource.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD'S COPPER SPIKE & BOXCAR GIFTS STORE

Open to train passengers and the public, the Copper Spike Café serves scratch-made lunches before departures, with Arizona craft beers on tap. Boxcar Gifts, open daily 8 a.m.–5 p.m., offers souvenirs and locally made items. Also at the depot, the John Bell Museum showcases regional railroad history through photography and memorabilia.

THE FARM AT BENT RIVER

Discover organically grown vegetables at a newly opened farm store promoting community well-being.

COPPER CACTUS COFFEE & GIFTS

A relaxing retreat offering coffee, pastries, and curated goods in a collaborative space.

VITAL ESSENCE BODYWORK & BOTANICALS

Rejuvenate with holistic treatments and explore locally made natural products.

ARIZONA BOTANICAL GARDENS & NURSERY

Purchase a wide selection of cacti, succulents, and low-water plants with expert assistance.

STARDUST BOOKS & ART

Browse a treasure trove of new and used books in a literary haven.

PATTY MCMULLEN-MIKLES GALLERY AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE

View diverse art exhibitions in a stunning setting.

OLSEN'S GRAIN FEED STORE

A family-owned business offering pet, livestock, and bird feeds, plus western gifts.

TAAWAKI GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

From handcrafted Kachina dolls to intricate woven textiles, our curated selection offers guests a tangible connection to the rich traditions and artistry of the Hopi people.

CLARKDALE NEWSSTAND BAR & CAFE

A beloved mix of cozy atmosphere, local fare, and seasonal cocktails. Locals and visitors alike can gather at this historic spot to enjoy, dining, cocktails, conversation and new rooftop views.

CLARKDALE KAYAK COMPANY

Housed in the restored Clarkdale Classic Station, the Clarkdale Kayak Company offers guided trips down the Verde River. This downtown landmark also features a bar, outdoor seating, and a food truck court—perfect for relaxing and taking in the charm of historic Clarkdale.

10-12 LOUNGE

Indulge in upscale cocktails and enjoy live music five nights a week at this cozy downtown lounge. With a spacious outdoor patio and welcoming atmosphere, 10-12 Lounge is a favorite local spot for music lovers and night owls alike.

HERMOSILLO HOT DOGS

Sonoran-style hotdogs and Mexican specialties with park views from the patio.

VIRGIN CHEESE COMPANY

Decadent vegan cheeses crafted from pure plant power.

Annual Events

The history and charm of downtown Clarkdale is alive and well, with a thriving community of families, retirees, and creatives who bring fresh energy to this small town. Throughout the year, Clarkdale's beloved Town Park—with its iconic gazebo—serves as a hub for festivals, free summer concerts, and seasonal celebrations. Whether you're a local or a visitor, there's always an opportunity to join in the fun and experience Clarkdale's welcoming spirit.

CLARKDALE CAR SHOW

Held in March amidst a display of cars, trucks, sports cars, antique cars, and street rods in Historic Downtown Clarkdale. Admission is free for the whole family.

CLARKDALE CRITERIUM BIKE RACE

Held in Spring – join the annual criterium bike race in Downtown Clarkdale, featuring races for all ability levels, live music, a beer garden, farmers market, kids' activities, and free tai chi lessons. Whether you're a rider or a spectator, the race brings energy to Town Park each spring.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Join the Town of Clarkdale Parks & Recreation Department for free live music every summer (May through September) at the Clarkdale Town Park Gazebo. Family-friendly entertainment for all ages.

CLARKDALE'S OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY

Experience free family fun in Historic Downtown Clarkdale on the morning of the Fourth of July.

GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Explore crystals, minerals, gemstones, and more at the Fall Gem & Mineral Show in Clarkdale, held in September with free admission.

CLARKTOBERFEST

Held in October – celebrate fall with food, live music, and fun at this unique street fair, concert, and beer garden event.

CLARKDALE BEER FEST

A lively spring event, the Clarkdale Beer Fest highlights Arizona craft breweries alongside great food, music, and a handmade market.

CLARKDALE MARKET

Held monthly on second Saturdays in Feb/Apr/May/Jun/Sep/Oct/Nov and 1st Saturday in Dec. at Clarkdale Lodge—shop local vendors, handmade goods, art, produce, and more.

HALLOWEEN IN CLARKDALE

Enjoy free family fun in Historic Downtown Clarkdale on Halloween, where several streets are closed for safe trick-or-treating.

SANTA COMES TO CLARKDALE

Kick off the holiday season with Santa on the first Saturday in December. Kids can visit, take photos, make crafts, play games, and enjoy hot cocoa with cookies.

MADE IN CLARKDALE ART SHOW

Held in December – discover unique holiday gifts and artwork from talented local artists at this annual show featuring a wide variety of media.

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Embark on a festive adventure at the Verde Canyon Railroad depot, where holiday décor, seasonal treats, and Santa's elves set the stage for a magical train journey to the North Pole.



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Local Government

You can easily connect with our local government and access a wealth of online resources. Whether you're looking to stay informed about Town meetings, access public records, pay utility bills, or learn about local ordinances, our online portal provides a convenient and user-friendly way to engage with your local municipality. Explore our digital services to stay updated and involved in making Clarkdale a great place to live.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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