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## *Welcome to Cave Creek, Arizona*

County: Maricopa  
Population: 5,476  
Founded: 1950's  
Square Miles: 38  
Distance from  
Sky Harbor Airport: 35 Miles  
Approx. Drive Time: 43 Minutes  
City Sales Tax: 3.0%  
State Sales Tax: 5.6%  
Average Sales Price: \$579,100



Cave Creek. Black Mountain

Cave Creek, recreational-resort communities, offer a pleasant blend of older historical theme of Cave Creek with the newer planned community of Carefree. Both towns are nestled in the Arizona foothills, directly north of Scottsdale and approximately 15 miles northeast of Phoenix. Cave Creek, which was settled in the late 1870s, became a booming mining camp during the 1880s. The surrounding natural scenery is spectacular, with massive piles of granite boulders and an abundance of desert growth that thrives at the 2,300 foot altitude.

Cave Creek is a community so embroidered into the surrounding landscape that it is difficult to determine where it begins. Because of the low-density development, residents share the area with deer, bobcats, cardinals, coyotes, javelinas, coveys of quail and an occasional mountain lion.

The area's man-made attractions include many unique homes perched on the mountains; Carefree Conference Resort, renowned for its facilities; Carefree Sundial, the largest and most accurate in the Western Hemisphere; the huge Kachina doll at Tonto Hills; Frontier Town, a recreation of an Old West town; and Cave Creek Museum, one of the best in Arizona.

## Cave Creek, AZ History

The miners who flocked to the area in search of riches in the early 1870s and the ranchers who came for the plentiful grasses and water a couple of decades later helped shape both the history and the future of Cave Creek. Cave Creek grew out of an area by a spring near the present-day Rancho Manaña, a Golf Course that was called Cave Creek Station in 1877. By 1886, there were enough children in the area to warrant a school. A one-room schoolhouse was built near the intersection of Schoolhouse and Cave Creek roads. Many longtime Creekers tell of riding their horses to school there as late as the 1960s and 70s.