



Welcome to the City of Cottonwood!

Cottonwood—it's the perfect destination. Centrally located in the Verde Valley, residents and visitors enjoy the many benefits of the scenic Verde River. Founded in 1879 and incorporated in 1960, the city was named for a circle of 16 Cottonwood trees near the river. The vibrant greens of the riparian area blend with hues of red, gold and limestone in the mesas and canyons surrounding Cottonwood.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park and the Verde River Greenway are within the city limits. Recreational opportunities abound. Active community members and visitors enjoy bicycling, world class hang gliding off 7,726' Mingus Mountain, sky diving, hot air balloon rides, hiking, river rafting and equestrian activities. The Verde Santa Fe and Pine Shadows Golf Courses provide year-round fun in the sun. Wildlife and bird watching opportunities are plentiful. The panoramic beauty of Cottonwood and the Verde Valley is unsurpassed.

Cottonwood is the commercial hub of the Verde Valley. It is home to an industrious population of 10,000 residents who are part of a larger population of 40,000 people in the upper Verde Valley. The city encourages a positive business climate. The expanding Cottonwood Airpark and Cottonwood Municipal Airport provide excellent opportunities for businesses. Old Town Cottonwood offers a small town atmosphere with eclectic shopping opportunities and cultural experiences. The excellent Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce can assist visitors with questions about relocation. The City of Cottonwood's economic development director, Casey Rooney, can assist with ample business opportunities.

Visitors will enjoy staying in one of Cottonwood's lodging establishments to attend exciting annual activities including Verde River Days, Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival, Cottonwood Gem and Mineral Show, Chocolate Walk, Fantastic Family Fourth of July and the Cottonwood Christmas Parade. Stay in Cottonwood and travel to National Parks' Montezuma Castle and Well or Tuzigoot National Monument. The Grand Canyon is a day's excursion. Visit the red rocks of Sedona, mountainside town of Jerome, or ride the Verde Canyon Railroad into the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. Next, enjoy a chuck wagon supper and live Western stage show at the Blazin' M Ranch.

Cottonwood welcomes and relishes its diversity and is "respectful of its past and focused on its future." Cottonwood residents enjoy a wide variety of housing opportunities within the city limits. The Cottonwood Area Transit System is renowned statewide. Verde Valley Medical Center is Cottonwood's largest employer, and its life-saving cardiac intervention program is nationally recognized. Other successful businesses in Cottonwood manufacture products that are shipped globally.

This city cares about its children and youth. An excellent school system includes K-12, Yavapai College and Old Dominion University. The college is dedicated to preparing a quality workforce. The Verde Valley Senior Center provides opportunities and services for elders.

Cottonwood's city government is devoted to enhancing the quality of life for its residents and visitors. The Cottonwood Parks and Recreation slogan is the mayor's favorite: "We make the good life better." Welcome, and enjoy your stay!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Joens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Joens, Mayor
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