



Suggestions for Seeing the Sights in Northern Arizona

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Innkeepers Mark and Debbie will continue to refine this as we are able to experience more of this spectacular and diverse area of the American Southwest. We only recommend what we know.

Please book tours and activities ahead – we will help you after you arrive, but popular places are often sold out ahead, and places like Antelope Canyon can only be seen on a tour – so don't be disappointed. Please read through all of this, as there are so many options and different places to go. Feel free to reach out and we'll help you make decisions.

As you start to make your travel plans, our biggest advice is to make sure to save some time to spend here at the inn, enjoying the pine forest views from your room or out on the patios or decks. Summer brings the hummingbirds, fall the beautiful colors, new life in the spring and a wonderland of snow if you're lucky in the winter. Yes, we are full 4 seasons here at 7,000 feet elevation. Wildlife share our land year-round, and sunsets and sunrises are inspiring. This inn in the pine tree forest is secluded, peaceful and relaxing, and is perfect for romance or a getaway for solitude. You never have to leave, as you can have all your meals here now, but look at the rest of this document for all there is to do in the area.

Williams

There is shopping, dining, classic car rides, and quirky tourist stops in our little town, along with the thrill of a nostalgic drive down Route 66. There are many events throughout the year including classic car shows, craft shows, performances and more for you to check out when you are here <https://experiencewilliams.com/>. During the warm months, there is a "Wild West Show" nightly at 7:00pm in the center of town. Golfers will enjoy playing a round at Elephant Rocks <https://www.elephant-rocks.com>, a beautiful course – and at this altitude, your ball will fly!

We highly recommend going to Bearizona <https://bearizona.com/> which was named the #3 Wildlife park in the country by USA Today. It is in the forest, so the setting is amazing with a wide variety of North American animals, mostly those found in the west. There is a drive through section with bears, buffalo, wolves & more, along with a beautiful walk through area with bear cubs, otters, jaguars, javalinas and more. Not to be missed are the 3 grizzlies they rescued in 2020 in the walk-thru section. Imagine seeing grizzly bears up close and personal – if you are at their habitat at 10:30am, you can go behind-the-scenes and see them up close in their lock out area and hear about their care and training. Plus, the zoo keepers are always doing impromptu shows in the walk-through section where you can see birds or small mammals. Canyonlands Restaurant is in the park as well. The VIP Tour is an add-on for those who want to see so much more of why those animals are so happy. If you can't get enough animals at Bearizona, the Grand Canyon Deer Farm is also nearby <http://www.deerfarm.com/home.html>. We love the Deer Farm where the deer come right up to you – and you can squeal like a kid.

The Canyon Coaster Adventure Park opened in 2022, along with the restaurant and bar. The park will continue the build out with more activities but the Mountain Coaster (an alpine slide which you right up and control your speed coming down the mountain) is open year-round and a Summer Tubing Hill is open in the warm months, and Snow Tubing is fun for all from November through Spring because they make snow. Bring your winter gear and have a blast going down the mountain. They are open at 10am every day. <https://canyoncoasteradventurepark.com/>. Check it out and you'll be screaming like a kid.

Williams is home to a UTV adventure tour company for those desiring an adrenaline rush and amazing sights. Grand Canyon UTV Tours offers guided trips through the forest north to the Grand Canyon, South through the forest and off-road to the eccentric cliff-side little town of Jerome, all at certain times of year. You drive your own vehicles with a guide vehicle. 1-4 people rent the UTV, with all trips leaving from Williams. <https://www.grandcanyonutvtours.com/>

You might want to go to "Gunfighter Canyon," an indoor shooting experience where you are instructed in how to shoot everything from old time pistols to automatic machine guns. They are open 10am-8pm right on Route 66 and have many packages to choose from www.gunfightercanyon.com. Don't forget to ride our little zipline cars!!

Enjoy the stores in town – and definitely don't miss the Poozeum for the largest collection of fossilized dinosaur poo, yet, you read that right. And the most eccentric place has to be "Cars of the Mother Road" on the corner of 4th Street and eastbound Route 66. See all the amazing vehicles as you reminisce about the "good old days."

How about some horseback riding? Getting out in the forest and letting the horse do the trekking is a great way to see more with less effort. MD Ranch offers 1 or 2 hour trail rides in the Kaibab forest in the warm weather months, headquartered at the KOA just east of Williams <https://mdranchllcaz.com/>. Call MD Ranch to book or inquire about availability at 480-331-7893. The horses go back to the San Tan mountains for riding adventures in the desert during the winter months.

How we wish we were able to offer in-room massages for our guests; please know that we will continue to try to make this happen. But in the meantime, there are 3 massage options in studios in town. They do fill their schedules early, so make arrangements ahead if you'd like to try them out. Tifni and her team at Rehab & Relax Massage Therapy can be reach at 928-266-2293 or <https://rehabrelax.amtamembers.com/>. Charlene's Massage Therapy can be reached at 928-241-0587 and is located in the Lush Salon. Therapeutic Massage by Julie is located at 517-582-7534. Our guests have enjoyed all 3 of these therapy groups.

Williams is truly magical during the holiday season, as the whole town is lit up and decorated, but the real high highlight of the season is The Polar Express Train which runs nearly nightly with 5:30pm and 7:30pm trains to the North Pole from early November through the first few days of January. While the Sheridan House doesn't accommodate children under 16 years old, everyone who wants to experience the magic of Christmas, and is a kid at heart, will love going on the Polar Express. Tickets sell out so book in advance: <https://www.thetrain.com/events/polar-express/>.

In the winter, you'll want to check out the town's new winter tubing at the Canyon Coaster park. <https://canyoncoasteradventurepark.com/>. Skiing and boarding is great at Snowbowl north of Flagstaff <https://www.snowbowl.ski/> about an hour away.

Grand Canyon National Park

The Grand Canyon is huge and planning a trip there can be a daunting task. While rafting the canyon, mule rides to the bottom with a stay at Phantom Ranch, trips to Havasu Falls and even lodging on site fill up months or even more than a year in advance, there are plenty of tours and options to witness the majesty of the canyon that can be planned for an upcoming trip. Just realize that more than 6 million visitors a year spend time at the South Rim, so planning ahead, especially in the busy summer months, is valuable.

You can spend an hour or a few days just seeing sights on the South Rim, which is 1 hour from the Sheridan House.

There are so many ways to see the canyon and many tour options, with a variety of price ranges and time commitments. Much information can be obtained on the park's website <https://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm>. In your planning, keep in mind that the North Rim is 4.25 hours from here (and is part of the national park service). It is 3 hours to the West Rim (on Native American land and home to the Skywalk and the new tandem zipline) <https://www.grandcanyonwest.com/grand-canyon-west.htm>.

If you'd like a very comprehensive experience with absolutely no effort on your part, we recommend 3 exceptional tours, **each of them picking you up and dropping you off here at the Sheridan House**. Nothing could be easier – no driving, no parking issues, no wondering where to go, and lunch is included! You will learn so much about the grandest place on earth and leave with a much richer understanding of one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. *We are happy to make reservations for you for either of these tours, if you desire:*

- 1) SPECIAL DEAL ONLY FOR SHERIDAN HOUSE INN GUESTS with Above and Beyond Grand Canyon Tours.** This husband/wife small business is now offering our guests \$100 off (for 2 adults) either the PRIVATE Grand Canyon Daily Tour or the PRIVATE Grand Canyon Sunset Tour. Sometimes you just want to see this grandest of all places with just the 2 of you, perhaps to celebrate a special moment in your life. <https://www.aboveandbeyondgrandcanyontours.com/service-page/private-daily-tour> 928-766-7957. You'll need to call or send them an email to get the discount. If you have a group bigger than 2, their beautiful vans can hold you all, and they pick you up here (after breakfast for the daily tour – you are back late afternoon in time for dinner - and mid-day for sunset tour, which will bring you back after dark). Snacks, drinks and lunch are included – and the sunset tour includes a cheese board and a no-alcohol bottle for toasting (you can bring your own wine if desired). Molly and Cory have 25 years combined experience as Grand Canyon tour guides. Being a private tour, it is personalized for the individual needs of the guests, and the use of a high-powered spotting scope will give you some close-up views down to the river. Above and Beyond Tours also does tours of Sedona and Page available.

- 2) **SPECIAL DEAL ONLY FOR SHERIDAN HOUSE INN GUESTS with Grand Day Tours.** Everyone we've ever known who has had Keaton as their tour guide has loved his commentary on the history, ecology and geology of the Grand Canyon. He now has his own company, and everyone gets him as the guide for an all day small group tour. He is offering \$40 off for a reservation for guests staying at the Sheridan House. You can book online at <https://www.granddaytours.com/> and use the Promo Code: SHERIDAN to receive the discount. Snacks, drinks and lunch at Maswik Lodge are included, along with a wonderful field guide you get to take home to remember your special day at the grandest of all places. Pick up is here at 8:30 and you return late in the afternoon.
- 3) **Canyon Dave Tours** <https://www.grand-canyon-tours-1.com/> 877-845-3283. The founder of this Williams-based tour operator was a geologist at the Grand Canyon, and all of their tour guides are as passionate about the Canyon as Dave is. We love the hands-on interaction of this tour, as you'll get to touch and see rock samples of all the layers of the canyon, and learn about the flora and fauna you see in front of you. The all-day tour starts with pick up at 8:30am, includes lunch, and returns about 5:30pm. Their 15-passenger vans are rarely full and you may even have the tour to yourself.

We have had guests take a private tour (up to 6 people in an SUV) with Arizona Private Tours <https://www.arizonaprivatetours.com/> which will also pick you up and drop you off here at the Sheridan House. They also offer tours of Sedona, ruins, up to Page with Horseshoe Bend and Antelope Canyon and the wine country.

A tour focusing on the formation of the Grand Canyon from a Biblical perspective has been fascinating for our guests. "A Different View Tour" has morning, full day & sunset rim tours (4 or 8 hours of tour time). Operated for more than 20 years by Canyon Ministries, you can meet inside the park, or you can ride the train to the park and they bring you back to Williams in the evening. www.canyonministries.org. They are #1 on Trip Advisor.

Some people really enjoy taking **The Grand Canyon Railway Train** from Williams to the South Rim, avoiding all the traffic and parking hassles, although note that your time at the canyon is limited. You arrive at 11:45am and depart the canyon at 3:30pm. Here is the link to the information (they have many different options and services, and you can ride a different car each way): <https://www.thetrain.com/>. They also have add-on bus trips to take you to a few favorite viewpoints on the South Rim, with an option for a buffet lunch – that is a day you don't have to do any planning but can just sit back and enjoy the ride without having to stress about getting back in time. Please note that while it takes an hour to drive, the train is a meandering trip through the forest and takes 2.25 hours each way; depending on your ticket there are refreshments on the train, and all cars have a host and entertainment. It's a great journey. If you opt to see the canyon on your own once you depart the train, we'll help you plan what to see and where to eat when you check-in here, and there are free shuttles to take you all around the South Rim.

Not everyone has time for an all-day in-depth tour but would like some history and to see the highlights without much stress. There are a couple of tour companies we'd recommend:

- 1) Grand Canyon Jeep Tours & Safaris <https://grandcanyonjeeptours.com/> has been operating at the canyon for 25 years, and offers the longest running 4x4 tour. What is awesome is that they are the only company with access to forest back-roads which by-pass the front entrance of the park which often has backups. You meet your custom safari vehicle outside the park and get a jeep ride through the forest to a secret entrance to the canyon. They offer a wonderful sunset tour, which we highly recommend or you'll see on their website tours with combined air and land or walking tours. We just found these tours and have had a number of guests take them, thoroughly recommending them.
- 2) You might wish to take a Pink Jeep Tour if you don't have much time. These are 2 or 3 hour tours, picking up the jeep just outside the park entrance at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center in Tusayan where you can also see the IMAX movie. That is about a 50 minute drive from here. Here's the link to their tours: <https://www.pinkadventuretours.com/tours/grand-canyon-tours/>. Note that these jeep tours go on roads, no off-roading, so are scenic tours, rather than wild tours.

The concessionaire at the park offers some tours as well. You meet at the Grand Canyon and are taken to various viewpoints by motor coach to give you some history and get to the popular spots easily. <https://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/plan/interpretive-bus-tours/>

Another fun way to see the canyon is to rent bikes – you can get around faster than walking, but bikes aren't allowed on the rim trails. They have a variety of options including transporting you to one end for you to bike back as well as actual tours. It is often a good way to escape some of the crowds <http://bikegrandcanyon.com/>.

The most dramatic way to see the canyon is by helicopter. There are numerous companies, but we have been very impressed with Papillon <https://www.papillon.com/>.

A totally unique way to view the canyon is on a 3-hour scenic rim mule ride <https://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/plan/mule-rides/> (this is not the trip to the river with a stay at Phantom Ranch that must be booked a year out – spots are often available for this shorter and easier ride).

All that being said, we are just 1-hour from the South Rim by car, and you can easily explore it on your own for a day or more. Some people will do an organized tour one day and then drive there another day and stay for sunset, or go early for sunrise, the most spectacular spectacles of color at the Grand Canyon. One hour before the sun dips below the horizon is the “golden hour” and is a must-see time if you possibly can, and the weather allows. We are happy to help you plan where to witness it. **And, make sure we give you all the information about our “Secret Spot” you can easily drive to for the sunset (or anytime), although it does require an easy 1-mile hike through the forest to reach it. We will tell you about it at check-in.**

The National Park Service offers a variety of guided hikes <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/guided-hikes.htm> offering the chance to learn more about the canyon, and check the daily schedules for ranger-led talks at various places and times at the South Rim.

Miles of rim trail walks are available, but for those who wish to be more adventurous, a hike into the canyon is an adventure of a lifetime. Please know that these are all extremely strenuous, even short hikes, and both terrain and weather conditions make them inherently risky. Research and prepare ahead if you plan on hiking into the canyon <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/day-hiking.htm>. There are many turn-around points on both the Bright Angel and South Kaibab trails into the canyon. It is never advisable to plan to hike to the bottom of the canyon and back to the rim in one day – almost all “Rim to Rim” hikers take multiple days to complete the trek.

If you do want to hike into the Canyon, going with an outfitter/guide, even for a day hike, is really advisable for your peace of mind and safety – they know the canyon and they have the equipment to make your trip to that most special place the best experience possible. We can highly recommend: 1) Above and Beyond Tours (see above) – Corey is licensed to lead hikes into the Canyon, so reach out for him at 928-766-7957 <https://www.aboveandbeyondgrandcanyontours.com/> 2) Only Grand Canyon Day Hikes <https://onlygrandcanyondayhikes.com/> who provide everything you need – including picking you up right here, providing all your equipment, and planning your hike based on the weather and your abilities. A personal tour guide – what could be better for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

You can check the website for dining options in the park <https://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/dine/> The best restaurant, with more than 100 years of history, is El Tovar (<https://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/dine/el-tovar-dining-room-and-lounge/>). Lunch is available until 2:00pm and dinner from 5:00pm, but you will need to reserve in advance for dinner seating, and you might want to bring a change of clothes. Please note, you can't really see the sunset from inside the restaurant, as the views are looking down into the canyon. You can also get food and drinks in the lounge anytime.

Make sure to order your picnic to take from us if you are exploring the canyon on your own and don't want to spend the time or hassle finding food to eat.

NOTE: if you live outside the USA, the National Park Service has changed their fees for most of the big and popular western USA national parks. Please see the document we put together about your options: <https://www.sheridanhouseinn.com/wp-content/uploads/USA-Non-Resident-National-Park-Fees.pdf>

Sedona & Oak Creek Canyon

Sedona is also about an hour from here. While the area has, unfortunately, become extremely crowded, the red rocks of Sedona are simply spectacular, and the drive through Oak Creek Canyon between Sedona and Williams is such an oasis of lush beauty in this desert state – you don't want to miss it, even if just driving through on your way to or from Phoenix. There are hiking trails or walking paths for every level of fitness throughout the area to see the rock formations up close and personal. Cathedral Rock, from Red Rock Crossing, is the iconic view in Sedona, and the Church of the Holy Cross is built into the rocks for a spectacular setting to see. Red Rock State Park has many breathtaking views and Slide Rock State Park is truly unique with its natural water slides. Not to be missed hikes include Devil's Bridge and West Fork, although please realize how incredibly crowded they can be year-round.

We have a packet with materials and maps we can give you at check-in, and here is a trip planning guide to Sedona: <https://visitsedona.com/trip-planning/>. We also highly recommend taking a Pink Jeep Tour out of Sedona; we think it's the best way to explore the red rocks as you can get so much further than just walking. There are a number of tours, but their signature tour is Broken Arrow, which everyone loves. The combo tour with the Scenic Rim Tour is truly the best around. <https://www.pinkadventuretours.com/tours/sedona-tours>.

If you don't want to deal with the hassles of driving and parking in Sedona at all, Arizona Private Tours <https://www.arizonaprivatetours.com/> can pick you up here for a private tour in an SUV for up to 6 people. With the crowds of Sedona, this sure makes it easy for you.

There is a shuttle bus system in Sedona this year operating on the weekends to get to popular hiking trails – we have information about that we can give you at check in or see this link: <https://sedonashuttle.com/>

If you'd like to do some hiking in Sedona, we have found an incredible outfitter who will give you an amazing adventure and private tour based on your abilities – get away from the crowds! Check out Southwest Outside Adventures: <https://southwestoutside.com/>

There is also wonderful shopping – go to Tlaquepaque for the best and prettiest shopping, rather than uptown. Dining is art in Sedona. Our favorite Chef, Lisa Dahl, who has 5 restaurants in Sedona, was recently named the top female chef in Arizona. Check out her amazing creations at Mariposa Latin Inspired Grill <https://www.mariposasedona.com/> – named one of the most romantic and our favorite, which is once again open for both lunch and dinner – Butterfly Burger, Dahl & DiLuca Ristorante, Pisa Lisa & Cucina Rustica. Other wonderful restaurants we love are The Hudson, Elote, Mole, and the Mesa Grill. Hudson and Mariposa offer outstanding views.

Verde Valley and the Wine Country Loop Day Trip

People are very surprised to hear that Arizona has its own Wine Country. It's about 1.5 hours from here and can be a loop trip with some other sights, and some good wine tasting. It's called the Verde Valley and is just south and west of Sedona. The underground cold springs allow them to grow grapes in this arid state. You can visit the Montezuma Castle, Montezuma Well, and Tuzigoot National Monuments while in the area, all of them Indian ruins. There are a number of tasting rooms in the area, but our favorite winery DA Ranch in Cornville <https://daranch.com/>. You'll never believe you are in AZ if you go and it's way different than your typical tasting room. It's an Event Center but are open for tasting and exploring their gorgeous and lush property on days without events and are always closed on Mondays (always check the calendar on their website). Here is information on the Verde Valley Wine Trail <https://vwinetrail.com/>. You can also visit Jerome (a very eccentric old mining town now haunted and built on a cliff) and have a meal at The Asylum or the Haunted Hamburger <http://azjerome.com/jerome/>.

We've kayaked on the Verde River in that area – it's shallow only small rapids – is a great relaxing time on the water. There are a number of outfitters if you do a search. Something else to do in that region is the Verde Canyon Railroad, a much more scenic train than the Grand Canyon Train, and they offer many special trips <https://verdecanyonrr.com/>. There is also a beautiful lake, Watson Lake, just outside of Prescott <https://www.prescott-az.gov/recreation-area/watson-lake-park/>. More to do than a day, but you can choose what you might like best.

Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, & water trips out of Page

Some of our guests here for a few days go to Antelope Canyon and Horseshoe Bend, near Page, AZ. It's a long day, as it's nearly 3 hours away, but the iconic views are worth it and can't be fully described. The slot canyons are all on sacred ground of the Navajo Nation and are only accessible with a Navajo Guide (because of flash flooding, that is for your safety as well). Most popular are tours into the Upper or the Lower Antelope Canyons, both of which now require stairs. The Upper canyon has stairs at the end while the Lower one has considerable stairs, mostly down. Due to the extreme popularity of the area, Navajo families have made commercial tours into some other areas of the vast canyon network – all of them spectacular and very similar in views.

We highly recommend a private tour of Secret Antelope Canyon (requiring a walk through sand to the opening but no stairs) and a much easier – and private – way to see nearby Horseshoe Bend is the Combo Tour with Horseshoe Bend Tours <https://horseshoebendtours.com/>. You get a jeep ride, much less walking and a canyon all to yourselves. We send lots of guests on this tour, and we've noticed that they are filling up sooner. The tour lasts 3 hours.

For the other Antelope tours, here is link to the operators: <https://navajonationparks.org/guided-tour-operators/antelope-canyon-tour-operators/>. We have taken Ken's Tours to Lower Antelope a couple of times and found the tour amazing <http://lowerantelope.com/>. We believe they now have a combo tour with a boat ride. Our guests have highly recommended the Dixie Ellis Company <https://antelopelowercanyon.com/>. Another tour which often has last minute availability and is just as amazing a slot canyon is Canyon X – opened more recently on Navajo land. We've seen pictures from guests and it is amazing and not as crowded <https://www.antelopecanyon-x.com/>.

Another must-do that we loved is a guided kayaking trip through Antelope Canyon (not the underground slot canyon, but the calm waters that lead eventually into the slots). This is flat water (an arm of Lake Powell) kayaking in some of the most breathtaking canyon scenery imaginable. <http://www.lakepowellhiddencanyonkayak.com/>. They offer a variety of different trips, but we did Antelope Canyon – if you book the 1:30pm trip you'd still have time for breakfast here first. They also have a new kayak and hike into the back end of Lower Antelope. Another company offering kayaking in Antelope Canyon is <https://antelopecanyonboattours.com/>. For exploring on your own, you can rent kayaks or paddleboards here <https://lakepowellpaddleboards.com/>.

If you want to see a bit of Lake Powell (one percent of it), we recommend two boat tours. We've done them both – Antelope is more dramatic but both tours are great. There is a 1-hour tour of the flooded part of Antelope Canyon (same as the kayak tour above) with Antelope Canyon Boat Tours <https://antelopecanyonboattours.com/>. This takes off from Antelope Point Marina. The Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas offer a boat tour in Antelope Canyon and we've taken the Navajo Canyon Boat Tour, both easy day trips to see a little of the glorious Lake Powell <https://www.lakepowell.com/marinas/boat-tours>. A mail there at the marina at the Rainbow Room is beautiful.

Another must stop is Horseshoe Bend, with its truly iconic view of the Colorado River bending around the start of the Grand Canyon. It is just outside of Page and does require a considerable walk up and down hills from the parking lot (\$10 fee), but worth it. Float trips through Glen Canyon on the Colorado River going around Horseshoe Bend <https://www.riveradventures.com/glen-canyon-float-trips/glen-canyon-float-trip-experience/> are also available out of Page.

If you'd rather not drive all that way, the Grand Canyon Adventures tour company has daily trips that depart from Flagstaff and go to Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend and to the Glen Canyon Dam/Lake Powell, with lunch included. <https://www.dothecanyon.com/antelope-canyon-horseshoe-bend>

A stop on the way to or from Page is in Cameron, the start of the Navajo Nation, at the Trading Post for some Indian Fry Bread or a Navajo Taco, along with shopping for authentic Native American art and décor. We don't recommend going to Monument Valley on a day trip, as it's just too far, but could be visited on the way between here and any of the Utah parks.

National Monuments in the area

There are two National Monuments north of Flagstaff that can easily be visited while seeing the sights in Flagstaff, or after driving Desert View Drive in the Grand Canyon. Wupatki has well preserved ancient Indian pueblos to see, some of which don't require a lot of walking <https://www.nps.gov/wupa/index.htm>. Sunset Crater National Monument is an ancient volcano cinder cone when the land here was very different <https://www.nps.gov/sucr/index.htm>. You'll see a lot of fire damage in the area.

Hiking the other canyons – Sycamore and Walnut

Walnut Canyon National Monument is south of Flagstaff and features ancient Indian cliff dwellings you can hike to. Various levels of hiking are available <https://www.nps.gov/waca/index.htm>. Sycamore Canyon is the second largest canyon in Arizona and parts of it are just a short drive from Williams. During rainy seasons the Sycamore Falls are spectacular. Hiking can be strenuous although hikes along the rim are fairly easy <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coconino/recarea/?recid=81577&actid=104>.

Flagstaff – and Snowbowl Ski Area and Flagstaff Snow Park

Yes, there is skiing in Arizona and it's just 50 minutes from Williams at Snowbowl, offering reasonably priced lift tickets, rentals, lessons, along with a variety of terrain and dining options <https://www.snowbowl.ski/>. Flagstaff Snow Park sells out every winter weekend for tubing fun <https://www.flagstaffsnowpark.com/> so get your tickets ahead. During the warm weather months, the scenic gondola is open at the Snowbowl for outstanding views up Arizona's Humphrey's Peak <https://www.snowbowl.ski/summer/>. We loved it – a 22-minute ride with amazing view. Other attractions in Flagstaff include: Flagstaff Extreme with ziplines and high ropes adventure courses <https://flagstaffextreme.com/>, the Lowell Observatory <https://lowell.edu/>, the Botanic Gardens with butterfly area, historic museums, Route 66 history, events and festivals, along with a wide variety of shopping and dining experiences <https://www.flagstaff.com/>. In the fall, you can't beat hiking or taking a scenic drive to see the golden aspens north of Flag. Lots of spring, summer & fall hikes can be taken from the road heading up to Snowbowl, and Lockett Meadow, although very crowded in the fall, is a beautiful hike in the aspens.

Day Rafting Trips/Trips to the River/Grand Canyon Caverns

It is not possible to get to the Colorado River within the confines of Grand Canyon National Park unless you hike, take the mules, or get in on a multi-day rafting trip. However, there is a one day whitewater rafting trip on the Colorado River that leaves from Peach Springs, which is about 1.25 hours from here and travels the river on Hualapai Indian Tribal Lands <https://grandcanyon.com/tours/south-rim-tours/one-day-whitewater-self-drive/>. It is very expensive, but is the only white-water rafting that can be done on a day trip in the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon Caverns are also in Peach Springs and various tours and dining options are available <https://gccaverns.com/>.

Attractions east of Flagstaff

Many guests make a day out of seeing the sights east on I-40. There are two National Parks close to each other, about 2 hours from Williams. There is the Petrified Forest National Park <https://www.nps.gov/pefo/index.htm> and the Painted Desert is a national park within the Petrified Forest. There is a Visitor Center, hiking and driving tours within both locations. A trip out that way isn't complete without a stop in Winslow – made famous for “standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona” in the song, “Take it Easy” by the Eagles. The Turquoise Room Restaurant at the La Posada Hotel in Winslow offers award-winning dining <http://www.theturquoiseroom.net/>. The Meteor Crater Natural Landmark is west of Winslow and offers tours daily <https://meteorcrater.com>. Last, Twin Arrows Casino Resort is a large full-scale casino just east of Flagstaff on Navajo land <http://www.twinarrows.com/>.

Area lakes and other hikes

Cataract Lake, Kaibab Lake, Whitehorse Lake and Dogtown Lake are all located in and around Williams, and offer easy relaxing hikes. Bald Eagles can often be seen at Dogtown. We have a packet of the area, including beautiful Sycamore Canyon, when you check in. Miles and miles of other trails and hikes of all strenuous levels, including hiking in ancient lava tube caves, are in the area. Check out these sites for trails in the area: www.alltrails.com <http://arizonahiking.org/> <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kaibab/recreation/hiking/?recid=11652&actid=50>