



## ***Daytrips around Lake Havasu City***

- **Ahakhav Tribal Preserve**

Take AZ 95 south to Parker. Follow 95 through center of Parker and after turning left on 95 you will pass Arizona Ave. Continue straight, still on Rte 95 until you see signs for the Hospital. Turn right on Mohave Road, still following signs for the Hospital. Watch on your right for a sign for the Preserve. Follow that road into the Preserve – it does become a dirt road. Continue past their Nursery and their Offices and you will end up in a parking lot near the Colorado River backwater. Park there and follow the paths. This preserve was set aside to restore and protect the natural ecosystem of the lower Colorado River and to recreate the native habitat of the area. There is a re-vegetation project which covers over 200 acres on the Preserve. This is an ongoing project so this project area continues to grow as they continue their plantings. The sites and plantings are native to the area and are cottonwood, willow and mesquite trees. They have deepened the backwater and reopened the flow of the river. A trip to this Preserve will give you an opportunity to see many species that find their home here, including beavers and an array of birds such as the Great Blue Heron and the Vermillion Flycatcher. There is a grassy park that is equipped with Ramada's, grills, a gazebo, shaded playground and restroom facilities. It is a day use only area and there are canoe rentals available. Fishing permits are under the jurisdiction of the CRIT Fish and Game and boating is limited to trolling motors and canoes only. This is a place you can really relax and enjoy nature the way it was intended.

- **A Trip to the Colorado River**

Diamond Creek Road, Indian Route 6, is a great idea for a road trip to the Colorado River. Located off Rte 66, in Peach Springs, you can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy nature at its grandest. A permit is required in order to travel on Diamond Creek Road, as it is located on the Hualapai Indian Tribal land. The permit may be obtained at the Hualapai Lodge (address is listed below). The Hualapai Indians offer a glorious viewpoint for their guests. Diamond Creek Road is a 25-30 mile drive from main route 66 and most of it is gravel. Although very passable in a conventional automobile, it does take approximately 50 minutes to an hour and you will probably need a car wash when you arrive back. It is a fun trip with such wonderful scenery and is just plain a great time. This is a great day for a family, a couple, or just any visitor looking for great viewing of the Colorado River. The Hualapai Lodge offers guests a secluded atmosphere with all the modern amenities as well as the Diamond Creek Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. **Hualapai Lodge, Peach Springs, AZ 86434-0538 phone: (928)769-2230**

- **Bill Williams River**

South on AZ 95 to between mile marker 161 and 162 on lake side

As you travel south on the AZ 95, you will cross the Bill Williams River, which is marked. Just past that bridge is a wonderful spot that is marked as an Overlook Scenic View. Stop there and get a glimpse of the breathtaking view of Lake Havasu. As you get back on AZ95 south watch to the right for mile marker 161. Just past that on your right, before mile marker 162, you will come upon the US Fish and Wildlife Office, Visitor Center and walkway. They are presently open Monday thru Friday, 7:30AM – 4:30PM, with the hopes of weekend openings in the future. Take the wonderful walkway along a jetty over Lake Havasu. Completed in 2004, this walkway will take you on a peaceful stroll down a jetty where the plant life is all labeled and the opportunity to see a tremendous amount of birdlife presents itself. You might see anything from Turkey Vultures to Mourning Doves to Coots to Killdeer to Herons and Egrets, as you relax and spend some peaceful time absorbing the environment that surrounds life on the Colorado River. This facility boasts several fishing stations and if you arrive early enough you will find fishermen waiting for the gates to open at 7:30AM Monday thru Friday. It also sports a boat launch for non motorized vessels, which protect the wildlife. Visit the Visitor Center and take the opportunity to read the literature that they have readily available on our area. The Visitor Center there is staffed by experts in the field of wildlife and natural habitats and more than helpful. Just north of this facility, as you head back to Lake Havasu City, there is a turn off that takes you along the Bill Williams River through a section of the Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge. Please watch for and abide by the signs that are posted for your safety.

- **Keepers of the Wild**

13441 East Highway 66, Valentine, AZ **(928) 769-1800**

**Website: [www.keepersofthewild.org](http://www.keepersofthewild.org)**

Take AZ 95 north to 40 east to Kingman. Take historic route 66 to Valentine. Between mile markers 86 and 87.

**Keepers of the Wild** have always been dedicated to the dignified rescue of exotic animals. Internationally recognized, it is our goal to build a facility that will be the standard for all future animal parks with educational and research facilities that span all ages; and diverse programs that offer our visitors artistic and cultural experiences indicative of the countries that our animals come from. We will keep to the high "no breeding" standards that we started with and strive to make the public aware of the challenges faced by some of the world's most exotic and beautiful animals. The Nature Park encompasses 175 acres, held in Trust, to provide our animals with a permanent, life-long home featuring spacious natural habitats... including beautiful rock formations, vegetation, natural springs and much more! Existing buildings have been renovated to provide for office space & a food-prep kitchen. Our medical center and facility maintenance buildings are in progress. This non-profit organization is creating habitats for abused and neglected animals and currently is home to 150 animals and is under the leadership of the founder, Jonathan Kraft. From monkeys to tigers, livestock to reptiles, a variety of birds and even a rare Siberian Tiger call Keepers of the Wild home.

Guided Safari Tours are offered four times daily at 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Snacks and ice cream are available in our gift shop.

**Park hours:**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Open daily year round (weather permitting)

Closed on: Tuesday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Check the website for rates and more info!

- **Chloride**

Oldest continuously inhabited mining town in AZ, nestled in the pocket of the Cerbat (sirbat) Mountain Range.

From Lake Havasu City take AZ95 north to Route 40 east to Kingman. Take the Beale Street exit (2<sup>nd</sup> Kingman exit – also says Rte 93 north to Las Vegas). Take 93 north until you see the exit for Chloride off to the right.

Chloride, population 200-250, is at an elevation of 4000 feet. It was named for the silver chloride found in the hills in this area. Silver chloride is used in photographic emulsions and antiseptic silver solutions.

Chloride, which had a population of 5000 during 1899 silver strike, is well known for the now famous Chloride Murals in a canyon above the town. Painted by Roy Purcell in 1966, taking four months, have been called by the artist himself as "The Journey: an inner search for self".

Indian petro glyphs also dot the boulders surrounding Chloride.

The Visitor Center is located at the Mineshaft Market in the heart of the town. Shop owners sell Arizona made items, handmade art and jewelry. There is the historic post office and train station that is a popular tourist spot.

- **Grand Canyon Caverns (928)422-3223**

US Route 66 between Kingman and Seligman – take the Andy Devine Blvd (Rte. 66) exit off Route 40 in Kingman and follow that northeast about 65 miles. Just past Peach Springs, 12 miles from the center, you will see a turn to the Grand Canyon Caverns on your right.

It took 35 million years for Mother Nature to create this natural wonder. You will travel 21 stories below earth's surface via an elevator to view these glorious caverns. The air is drawn in from the Grand Canyon through 60 miles of limestone caves and crevasses. These caverns are rare because they are considered a dry cavern, which make up only 3% of all the caverns. All tours are guided and ½ of the tour is wheelchair accessible. The trails are concrete and are approximately ¾ of a mile long. For those of us who tend to be claustrophobic, these caverns are huge – it is said that they could place 3 football fields in them.

There are so many breathtaking views, a fifteen (15) foot sloth and a mummified bobcat. They offer off-trail exploratory cavern tours and they also offer an exciting Flashlight Tour to really heighten your experience.

There are outdoor activities from hiking, biking (with a bike rental facility), swimming, horseback riding, and telescopes with a viewing platform for night star gazing.

Heading back toward Kingman in Peach Springs, there is a wonderful gift shop at the Hualapai Lodge. It is located on Hualapai Indian Nation land and they sell authentic Indian crafts. Stop in and take a browse around before you journey on.

- **OATMAN AND THE GOLD MINE**

Take AZ 95 north to 40 west to Topock (exit #1). Follow route 66 to Oatman.

Visiting Oatman is just a fun thing to do – a once in a lifetime experience, unique in its very own way. Walk along the wooden sidewalks and visit the old time shops just because you can. Stop in at the very old hotel where Clark Gable and Carole Lombard spent their wedding night. As you stroll the main street and journey down the alley ways you will be followed by the very inquisitive wild burros that don't seem all that wild. Just watch out – they do their own thing – so watch where you step. Have fun, relax and enjoy a step back in time.

After you have had your fill of this unique visit drive a little further on the famous route 66 and visit the Gold Mine. Visit the gift shop and have a bite to eat.

Continue on Route 66 to Kingman (if you like switch back roads and if you are not driving an 18 wheeler) and see what the original Rte 66 was like from Chicago to Los Angeles. Once you reach Kingman hop back on Rte 40 west and return to our piece of paradise, Lake Havasu City.

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**Lake Havasu Convention and Visitors Bureau Official Visitor Information Center**

420 English Village – Lake Havasu City – 86406 – Open daily: 9.00am – 5.00 pm (not on Sunday) –  
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