

# Things to do around Yuma

- **The Yuma Quartermaster's Depot**, which was organized by the U.S. Army in 1865 in order to supply army facilities throughout the Southwest.
- **The Imperial National Wildlife Refuge** is the wintering area for thousands of species of birds and waterfowl in an area totaling almost 26,000 acres. Not only a premier destination for birding enthusiasts, it also offers several scenic hiking trails, sites for picnicking and a visitor center that will gladly help birders identify the birds they have seen.
- **Yuma Proving Ground Heritage Center**. Located on YPG, this museum details the past history of YPG and carefully outlines the amazing variety of military testing that has occurred since it was first used in the 1940s during World War II. Bring picture identification, car registration and insurance papers for access to the post.
- **Yuma River Tours**. Boat trips up and down the Colorado River. Call 783-4400 for more information.
- **Colorado King River Boat**. Paddle river boat with leisurely tours up and down the Colorado River. Call 782-2412 for more information.
- **Kofa National Wildlife Refuge**. Once part of the King Ranch, this area today offers ample opportunities to see rare desert bighorn sheep while camped out in the pure desert air. It is located north of Yuma, just off Highway 95.
- **Palm Canyon**. Located north of Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, this scenic canyon is the only place in Arizona where palm trees grow wild. It's an interesting hike and it is not unusual to see swifts and hawks riding the thermal currents of the canyon walls.
- **Quartzsite** is a bit farther north on Highway 95, but the annual rock show that attracts hundreds of thousands of winter visitors held during January and February should not be missed. Call the Quartzsite Chamber of Commerce, 928-927-5213, for a full schedule of events for the bustling little town during the winter months.
- **Painted Rock Petroglyphs**. Located at Exit 108 from Interstate 8, just a few miles short of reaching Gila Bend, this park offers a fabulous array of Native American rock art and a hosted campground October through April.
- **Adair Park**. Located north of Yuma off Highway 95, this facility offers nine different pistol, rifle and archery ranges that are in use all winter. For detailed information on planned events, visit Sprague Sports or call 726-0022.
- **Saihati Camel Farm**. A working farm specializing in breeding Arabian camels and other exotic animals. For more information call (928) 627-7511
- **Center of the World**. The town of Felicity Calif., is an official Center of the World. Featuring granite remembrances, chapel, 15-foot sundial and Sculpture and post office. Take Interstate 8 to Felicity, exit 164 then right
- **Cocopah Indian Museum**. Tribal beadwork, arts and crafts are available in the museum/gift shop. For directions and information call (928) 627-1992
- **Roxaboxen Park**. Based on the book by Alice McLerran, you can use your imagination and the rocks in the part to create your own fun. Located at 8th St, and 2nd Ave in Yuma.
- **St Thomas Mission**. Father Garces founded the original mission on these grounds in 1780 at the Ft Yuma Indian Reservation. The Catholic Church was built in 1922, a replica of the original mission destroyed in an Indian uprising in 1855. Call (760) 752-0283 for directions and information.

## FAVORITE EVENTS

- **The Colorado River Crossing Balloon Festival** is a family event where balloons light up the sky, and food and music can be enjoyed by all. For more information, go to [www.caballeros.org](http://www.caballeros.org).
- **The Yuma Birding and Nature Festival** offers the community and visitors watchable Yuma wildlife through seminars and field trips. For more information, go to [yumabirding.com](http://yumabirding.com).
- **Midnight at the Oasis** has over 900 vintage cars on display along with concerts and booths for those interested in cars and entertainment. For more information, go to [www.caballeros.org](http://www.caballeros.org).
- **The Yuma County Fair** offers entertainment, agriculture, contests, exhibits and rides for the young and young at heart. For more information, go to [www.yumafair.com](http://www.yumafair.com).
- **The MCAS Yuma Air Show** offers civilian and military aviation history from World War I up to the present, along with high flying acts. For more information on the air show, go to [www.yumaairshow.com](http://www.yumaairshow.com).
- **Scorpions Baseball** offers area residents America's favorite pastime along with favorites such as peanuts, hot dogs and contests. For more information, go to [www.goldenbaseball.com](http://www.goldenbaseball.com).
- **The North End Classic** offers professionals, amateurs and youth bicycle riders a chance to compete and enjoy music, food and entertainment at the same time. For more information, go to [www.yumabikeclub.com](http://www.yumabikeclub.com).
- **The Annual Jaycees Silver Spur Rodeo** offers western entertainment, food, parades and much more. For more information go to [yumajaycees.org](http://yumajaycees.org).
- **Somerton Tamale Festival** Celebrate the Region's Best Tamales. Enjoy music, food and entertainment.
- **Yuma Lettuce Days** Celebration of agriculture in Yuma County. Children's activities, agricultural machinery display, farmer's market, Contests, music, entertainment, food, vendors.
- **Two Rivers Renaissance Faire** Charm of an Elizabethan Village is recreated with demonstrations of entertainment and olde world crafts. Music, food, entertainment and vendors. For more information, go to [tworiversfaire.com](http://tworiversfaire.com)

Find more events at [www.eventsinyuma.com](http://www.eventsinyuma.com).