



DAY TRIP TO CHLORIDE

From Kingman · Mohave County, Arizona



SILVER MINING



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LIVING TOWN

A residential town of 229 people (2020 census), with shops, a café, an inn and a museum that keep weekend hours.

Chloride is 35 minutes up US 93 from Kingman, close enough for a half day. Go on a Saturday if you can. The gunfight show runs then, and the shops at Cyanide Springs open for it. Add the walk out to the Purcell murals and you have a full morning.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:30 a.m. | Leave downtown Kingman and head north on US 93. Turn right on Chloride Road, which is paved into town. The drive takes about 35 minutes. |
| ☐ 10:05 a.m. | Stop at the Mineshaft Market, which a March 2026 visitor found open as a shop and visitor center with town maps. Then walk past the jail, the old depot, the bank building and the Baptist church. |
| ☐ 10:45 a.m. | Walk or drive out to the Purcell murals, about a mile and a half east of town on a rough dirt road. Look for the petroglyphs on the rocks nearby. |
| ☐ 12 p.m. | On Saturdays, the gunfight show at Cyanide Springs. The shops there open on show days. |
| ☐ 12:45 p.m. | Lunch at Yesterday's Restaurant, open Friday to Sunday as of March 2026. |
| ☐ 2 p.m. | Head back down US 93. About 6 miles south of the Chloride turnoff, the Mineral Park historical marker stands at Mineral Park Road. Mineral Park itself is inside a working copper mine and closed. |
| ☐ 2:45 p.m. | In Kingman, the Arizona Route 66 Museum on Andy Devine Avenue is open daily until 5 p.m., last entry 4:30. Adults \$10. |
| ☐ Dinner | Mr. D's Route 66 Diner, at 105 E. Andy Devine Ave in Kingman, is open daily until 8 p.m. |

Coming from Las Vegas? US 93 runs south past Hoover Dam to the same turnoff. Leave by 8 a.m. to reach Chloride by 10.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The Purcell murals.** Bright paint covers granite boulders, on faces up to about 30 feet high. Step back to fit a whole boulder in the frame, and don't touch the paint.
- **The petroglyphs.** Older rock art sits on the boulders nearby. Low, raking light brings out the pecked lines. Look, but don't touch.
- **Storefronts and yard art.** Weathered false fronts and yard art fill the streets around town. Shoot from the street, since most yards are private.
- **The gunfight.** Good for video. The show starts at noon under a high sun, so expect hard shadows.
- **The depot and the bank.** The old railroad depot and the Arizona Central Bank building each make a strong single-building portrait.
- **Chloride from above.** The 2009 panorama in our gallery was taken from a granite outcrop near town. High ground shows the street grid against the Cerbat Mountains.



USGS topographic map, 1886 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	23 mi, about 34 min each way from downtown Kingman. From Las Vegas: 88 mi, about 1 h 55 min.
OPEN	Chloride is a residential town, open to visitors all year. Most shops and the museum open only on weekends. We found no official schedule, so call the Chloride Chamber of Commerce at 928-565-4888 before a long drive.
GUNFIGHTS	The Kingman tourism office lists high noon every Saturday at Cyanide Springs, and only the first and third Saturdays in July and August. A visitor in March 2026 was told first and third Saturdays. Check before you go.
FOOD	Yesterday's Restaurant was serving Friday to Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in March 2026. On other days, eat in Kingman.
RESTROOMS	None listed for visitors in the sources we checked.
WATER	None listed. Carry your own, especially for the walk to the murals.
ROAD	Paved from US 93 into town, fine for any car. The road to the murals is rough dirt, and the Kingman tourism office advises high clearance or four-wheel drive.
ON FOOT	The town is small enough to walk. The murals are about 1.3 miles from town on foot.
RESPECT	People live in the old houses. Stay off private yards, and stay out of the mine ruins east of town, which are closed to the public.
SEASON	Fall through spring. Summers are hot.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 35.40970, -114.19720 • 35°24'35"N
114°11'50"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arizona/chloride/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.