



DAY TRIP TO GOLDFIELD

From Apache Junction · Pinal County, Arizona



GOLD MINING

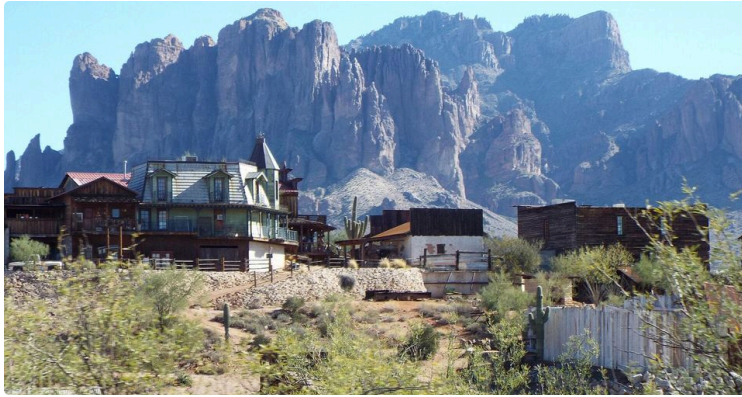


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OPEN DAILY

Privately run attraction on the old townsite. Open seven days a week; each attraction is ticketed separately.

Goldfield is ten minutes from Apache Junction, so spend the morning in town and the afternoon farther up the Apache Trail. Each attraction is ticketed separately, and there's food on site. On weekends from November to April, gunfight shows run every hour from noon.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9 a.m. | Leave central Apache Junction on the Apache Trail (AZ 88), about 10 minutes. |
| ☐ 9:15 a.m. | Coffee and a pastry at the Coffee Cantina, open from 9. |
| ☐ 10 a.m. | The shops, train and mine tour open. Ride the narrow-gauge train first; it leaves every 35 minutes. |
| ☐ 11 a.m. | Take the 25-minute mine tour, then the museum. |
| ☐ Noon | On weekends from November to April, catch the first gunfight. Then lunch at the Mammoth Steakhouse & Saloon. |
| ☐ 1:30 p.m. | Next door, Lost Dutchman State Park charges \$10 per vehicle with one person or \$20 with two to four. Walk one of its trails at the foot of the Superstitions. |
| ☐ 3:30 p.m. | Drive on up the paved Apache Trail to Tortilla Flat , about 20 minutes. Its saloon and store stay open until 6 p.m. |
| ☐ 5 p.m. | Head back to Apache Junction, about half an hour. |

From Phoenix, Goldfield is about 55 minutes by Loop 202. Leave by 8:15 a.m. to start with coffee.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Main street and the Superstitions.** False fronts with the cliffs behind are the classic shot. The cliffs face west, so late-afternoon light warms them.
- **The headframe and depot.** Frame the wooden headframe and Goldfield Station against the mountains.
- **The train.** The narrow-gauge train loops the town on 1.5 miles of track. Film it from beside the line, not on it.
- **The gunfights.** Weekend shows from November to April. Get to the front early for a clear view and steady video.
- **Details.** The turreted Victorian house, the jail and the old machinery around town make good detail shots.
- **Professional shoots.** Need the management's consent. The site doesn't mention drones.



USGS topographic map, 1900 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	6 mi, about 11 min each way from central Apache Junction. From Phoenix: 39 mi, about 53 min.
OPEN	Daily. Shops 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; train and mine tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; coffee shop 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The saloon's summer hours vary, so call ahead.
ADMISSION	The official site lists no entry fee for the town. Train and mine tour: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 ages 5 to 12, under 5 free. Museum: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors 65 and over, \$5 children, under 8 free.
TIME ON SITE	The site doesn't give a total. The train ride takes 20 minutes, the mine tour about 25 and the bordello tour 30 to 35.
FOOD	On site: the Coffee Cantina & Bakery for coffee, brunch and lunch, Miner's Grill & Ice Cream Parlor, and the Mammoth Steakhouse & Saloon, which closes on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.
RESTROOMS AND SHADE	The official site doesn't say.
GUNFIGHTS	November to April, Saturdays and Sundays, on the hour from noon to 4 p.m.
ROAD	Paved all the way on the Apache Trail (AZ 88). Any car.
PHOTOGRAPHY	Professional photography needs the management's consent. The site doesn't mention drones.
WEBSITE	goldfieldghosttown.com

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 33.45889, -111.48722 · 33°27'32"N
111°29'14"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arizona/goldfield/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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