

You know you live in Arizona when

1. You think Taco Bell is the local phone company.
2. You notice your car overheating before you drive it.
3. You no longer associate bridges or rivers with water.
4. You can hear the weather forecast of 115 degrees without flinching.
5. You can be in the snow, then drive for an hour...and it will be over 100 degrees.
6. You discover, in July it only takes two fingers to drive your car, because your steering wheel is so hot.
7. The best parking is determined by shade.....not distance.
8. You run your air conditioner in the middle of winter so you can use your fireplace.
9. You realize that "Valley Fever" isn't a disco dance.
10. You can make sun tea instantly.
11. Hotter water comes from the cold water tap than the hot one.
12. It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation and yet all the streets are totally empty of both cars and people.
13. You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
14. Sunscreen is sold year round and kept right at the checkout counter.
15. You put on fresh sunscreen just to go check the mail box.
16. Some fools will market mini-misters for joggers and some other fools will actually buy them.
17. Worse.....some fools actually try to jog.
18. You can pronounce Saguaro, Tempe, San Xavier, Canyon de Chelly, Mogollon Rim, and Cholla.
19. You can understand the reason for a town named "Why"
20. You can fry an egg on the hood of a car in the morning.
21. ou know hot air balloons can't rise because the air temperature is hotter than the air inside the balloon.
22. No one would dream of putting vinyl inside a car.
23. You see two trees fighting over a dog.

24. You can say "Hohokam" and people don't think you're laughing funny.
25. You see more irrigation water on the street than there is in the Salt River
26. You have to go to a fake beach for some fake waves
27. You hear people say "but it's a dry heat!"
28. You buy salsa by the gallon.
29. Your Christmas decorations include sand and 100 paper bags.
30. You think a red light is merely a suggestion.
31. All of your out-of-state friends start to visit after October but clear out come the end of April.
32. You think someone driving wearing oven mitts is clever.
33. Most of the restaurants in town have the first name "El" or "Los."
34. You think 60 tons of crushed red rock makes a beautiful yard.
35. Your house is made of stucco and has a red clay tile roof.
36. Vehicles with open windows have the right-of-way in the summer.
37. Most homes have more firearms than people.
38. Kids ask, "What's a mosquito?"
39. People who have black cars or black upholstery in their car are automatically assumed to be from out of state or nuts.
40. You know better than to get into a car with leather seats if you're wearing shorts.
41. You can finish a Big Gulp in 10 minutes and go back for seconds.
42. You know a swamp cooler is not a happy hour drink.
43. You actually get these jokes and pass them on to other friends from Arizona
44. You take rain dances seriously.
45. You've signed so many petitions to recall governors you can't remember the name of the incumbent.
46. When a rainy day puts you in a good mood.
47. When you drive two miles around a parking lot looking for a shady place - even in the dead of winter.

- 48 You "hug" a cactus only once in your lifetime.
49. When you have to look up "mass transit" in the dictionary.
50. A hundred ten in the shade is sorta hot, but you don't have to shovel it off your driveway.
51. You wear a bola tie.
52. The beer is chilled and filled with chili.
53. A haboob happens.
54. Petrified doesn't mean scared.
55. Standin' on the corner sounds good.
56. The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a bit chilly.
57. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
58. You would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.
59. You can attend any function wearing shorts and a tank top.
60. You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
61. You notice your car overheating before you drive it.
62. Your house is made of stucco and has a red clay tile roof.
63. You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.
64. People break out coats when the temperature drops below 70
65. Most people will not drink tap water unless they are under dire conditions.
66. You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
67. The A/C is on your list of best friends.
68. Monday Night Football starts at 7:00 instead of 9:00
69. A formula less than 30 SPF is a joke, and you wear it just to go to the Circle K.
70. Announcements for Fourth of July events never end with "in case of rain..."
71. You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
72. You discover that you can get a sunburn through your car window.

73. You break a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.
74. Everyone's smiling and talking about the great weather on rainy days.
75. You have to explain to out-of-staters why there is no daylight savings time
76. Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
77. The reporters, trying to prove a point, actually BURN the egg they're cooking on the sidewalk.
78. You give up on the idea of washing your car until October, because the dust storms will just get it dirty again anyway.
79. You know what a dust devil is.
80. Umbrellas are not for rain. In fact, they aren't waterproof.
81. Eight Scottish bagpipers from Canada, dressed in full regalia, pass out from heat prostration in February.
82. A parade for the Phoenix Suns is held at 12:00 noon in June and 500,000 people turn out in 110 degree weather

My observations....

1. We on average have only 18 day above 110.
 2. The length of the day is critical since the intense sun affects the heating of the mountains, etc.
 3. Our dry heat..... yes you do sweat especially if doing work outside. dry means it will feel 10 degrees less than the temp, but if it is 110 the 100 is hot. At 11 pm it probably will be in the 90s but without the sun it is comfortable. Actually until 95 outside is ok, just avoid the direct sun, 95 in the shade is fine (like 85)
 4. Drink a lot of water, use sunscreen,
 5. Get car windows tinted and use windshield shade, sunglasses a must.
 6. June 21 starts the monsoon season the average rainfall in the monsoon season is 2.71
- . Dust storms, haboobs. These create dust clouds where traffic stops and no visibility. These are south of Phoenix on the way to Tucson, Phoenix area, Tucson area, west valley, palm springs ca all have different soils.

8. While driving along Grand or a highway watch for dust devils, they are fun to see. They are small funnel clouds like tornados, only 1 foot wide blowing along. Not very strong at all just a formation of dust that may last for a minute. Rare to see
9. Door handles have cloth covers to avoid burning hands,
- 10 Keep curtains closed in hot weather
11. Most food stores offer to pack fish in ice
12. Some people freeze water bottles so they stay cold longer,
13. Car batteries last only a few years but AAA guarantees them for 5 to 10 years.
14. Didn't before but now wear shorts 5 to 6 months a year. Worn a jacket maybe a few times this year
15. July 5th the first time it rained, broke a record one day with 0.02! Virga is rain that evaporates before hitting the ground.
16. Weather people still say warm until over 110.
17. No water in rivers.
18. Low 90s perfect for outdoor eating at restaurants peak temps at 3pm
19. No traffic, no lines in restaurants in summer

Arizona Facts and Trivia

1. Arizona is a right-to-work state. The law states no person shall be denied the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of non-membership in a labor organization.
2. The Arizona trout is found only in the Arizona.
3. The saguaro cactus blossom is the official state flower. The white flower blooms on the tips of the saguaro cactus during May and June. The saguaro is the largest American cactus
4. Arizona leads the nation in copper production.
5. Petrified wood is the official state fossil. Most petrified wood comes from the Petrified Forest in northeastern Arizona.
6. The bola tie is the official state neckwear.
7. The Palo verde is the official state tree. Its name means green stick and it blooms a brilliant yellow-gold in April or May.
8. The cactus wren is the official state bird. It grows seven to eight inches long and likes to build nests in the protection of thorny desert plants like the arms of the giant saguaro cactus.

9. Turquoise is the official state gemstone. The blue-green stone has a somewhat waxy surface and can be found throughout the state.

10. Arizona is home of the Grand Canyon National Park.

11. The ringtail is the official state mammal. The ringtail is a small fox-like animal about two and one-half feet long and is a shy, nocturnal creature.

12. The amount of copper on the roof of the Capitol building is equivalent to 4,800,000 pennies.

13. Arizona observes Mountain Standard Time on a year round basis. The one exception is the Navajo Nation, located in the northeast corner of the state, which observes the daylight savings time change.

14. The battleship USS Arizona was named in honor of the state. It was commissioned in 1913 and launched in 1915 from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

15. World War II brought many military personnel to train at Luke and Thunderbird fields in Glendale.

16. The Castilian and Burgundian flags of Spain, the Mexican flag, the Confederate flag, and the flag of the United States have all flown over the land area that has become Arizona.

17. In 1926, the Southern Pacific Railroad connected Arizona with the eastern states.

18. The geographic center of Arizona is 55 miles (89 kilometers) southeast of Prescott.

19. Arizona's most abundant mineral is copper.

20. Bisbee, located in Tombstone Canyon, is known as the Queen of the Copper Mines. During its mining history the town was the largest city between Saint Louis and San Francisco.

21. The state's most popular natural wonders include the Grand Canyon, Havasu Canyon, Grand Canyon Caves, Lake Powell/Rainbow Bridge, Petrified Forest/Painted Desert, Monument Valley, Sunset Crater, Meteor Crater, Sedona Oak Creek Canyon, Salt River Canyon, Superstition Mountains, Picacho Peak State Park, Saguaro National Park, Chiricahua National Monument, and the Colorado River.

22. The Arizona tree frog is the state official amphibian. The frog is actually between three-quarter to two inches long.

23. Once a rowdy copper mining town, Jerome's population dwindled to as few as 50 people after the mines closed in 1953.

24. The original London Bridge was shipped stone-by-stone and reconstructed in Lake Havasu City.

25. The capital of the Navajo Reservation is Window Rock.

26. The state's precipitation varies. At Flagstaff the annual average is 18.31 inches; Phoenix averages 7.64 inches; and Yuma's annual average is 3.27 inches.

27. Crops include 2%; pastureland 57%; forests 24%; and other uses are 17% in land-use designation.
28. The Arizona ridge-nosed rattlesnake is perhaps the most beautiful of all eleven species of rattlesnakes found in Arizona.
29. The colors blue and gold are the official state colors.
60. Located in Fountain Hills is a fountain believed to be the tallest in the world.
61. Four Corners is noted as the spot in the United States where a person can stand in four states at the same time.
62. The age of a saguaro cactus is determined by its height.
63. The Apache trout is considered a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act.
64. Rising to a height of 12,643 feet, Mount Humphreys north of Flagstaff is the state's highest mountain.
65. The Hopi Indians of Arizona are noted for growing their multicolored corn.
66. Barry Goldwater, a famous public official, senator, and presidential candidate was born in Phoenix.
67. In 1939 architect Frank Lloyd Wright's studio, Taliesin West, was built near Phoenix.
Grand Canyon's Flaming Gorge got its name for its blazing red and orange colored, twelve-hundred-foot high walls.
68. Grand Canyon's Disaster Falls was named to commemorate the site of a previous explorer's wreck.
69. Grand Canyon's Marble Canyon got its name from its thousand-foot-thick seam of marble and for its walls eroded to a polished glass finish.
70. The world's largest solar telescope is located at Kitts Peak National Observatory in the city of Sells.
71. At one time camels were used to transport goods across Arizona.
72. Between the years 1692 and 1711 Father Eusebio Kino focused on area missionary work. During the time many grain and stock farms began.
73. A person from Arizona is called an Arizonan.
74. Phoenix originated in 1866 as a hay camp to supply Camp McDowell.
75. The famous labor leader, Cesar Estrada Chavez, was born in Yuma.
76. Tombstone, Ruby, Gillette, and Gunsight are among the ghost towns scattered throughout the state.

77. If you cut down an endangered cactus like this Saguaro in Arizona, you could face up to a year in prison.
78. It can take up to 100 years for a Saguaro cactus to grow an arm in areas of low precipitation.
79. There are 685 recorded deaths to date that have occurred at the Grand Canyon from both accidents and healthrelated issues.
80. Of the 55 people who have accidentally fallen to their death from the rim of the Canyon, 39 of them were male. Eight of those men fell while hopping from one rock to another to pose for that perfect profile picture.
81. Billy the Kid killed his first victim named Frank “Windy” Cahill in Bonita.
82. If you stood four 1,300-foot tall skyscrapers on top of each other, they still would not reach the rim of the Grand Canyon.
83. The world’s largest solar telescope is located at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Sells.
84. The legendary 1881 Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in the Arizona Territory town of Tombstone is considered the most famous shootout in the American Old West, and lasted only 30 seconds.
85. There is more than 1 billion years’ worth of rock exposed at the Grand Canyon.
86. Arizona is large enough to fit all of New England plus the state of Pennsylvania inside of it.
87. Women in Arizona were granted the right to vote eight years before national suffrage.
88. There aren’t any dinosaur fossils at the Grand Canyon because the rocks are way older than the dinosaurs. The only fossils you’ll find are things like corals, sponges and trilobites.
89. Arizona has the largest percentage of land designated as Indian lands, and 21 federally recognized American Indian tribes.
90. Colossal Cave is one of the biggest dry caverns in the world, with stalactites with names like Bonecrusher and Fang.
91. One Native American tribe called the Havasupai Indians actually live inside the Grand Canyon in a village located near Havasu Creek.
92. Next time you enjoy a refreshing margarita, thank Arizona. The country’s first barrel of tequila came out of Nogales in 1936.
93. Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh with an astrograph telescope at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff on February 18, 1930. Sorry about the “not a planet anymore” thing, bro.

94. Arizona was good to music in the '90s: The Meat Puppets, Jimmy Eat World & The Gin Blossoms among others were all from Arizona.
95. It's illegal for donkeys to sleep in bathtubs. Take of that what you will.
96. You can find roadrunners running up to 17mph from their enemies in Arizona. Dynamite-wielding coyotes remain harder to spot.
97. The best preserved meteor crater in the world is in Winslow, Arizona.
98. Jerome Grand Hotel, once a hospital for the town's miners, is believed to be one of the most haunted places in Arizona.
99. Arizona has 13 species of rattlesnakes, more than any other state.
100. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright began building his desert studio Taliesin West in 1937, and used it as his winter home.
101. Although Arizona is the sixth largest state in area, only about 17 percent of it is privately owned. The rest goes to public forest and park lands, state trust lands, and Native American reservations.
102. The comic strip "The Family Circus" was created by Paradise Valley native Bil Keane, and is sometimes set in Scottsdale.
103. Every American president since Herbert Hoover has stayed at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix, except for President Obama.
105. Mine Inspector is an elected government position in Arizona.
106. The Apache Trout Fish is only found in Arizona.
107. The roof of the Capitol building of Arizona has a copper roof equivalent to 4.8 million pennies.
108. Possibly Arizona's most famous criminal, Ernesto Miranda, is the man responsible for mandated Miranda laws.
109. The world's tallest Kachina doll stands in Carefree, Arizona at 39 feet tall.
110. The Arizona Cardinals are the longest running continuous franchise in the NFL, dating back to 1898.
111. The sun shines in Phoenix and Tucson 85 percent of the year, even more than Florida and Hawaii.
112. Arizona is the only state besides Hawaii that does not observe Daylight Savings time.
113. The films "Casablanca," "Indiana Jones and the Temple Of Doom," "Tank Girl," "Planet of the Apes," "Natural Born Killers," "Wayne's World," "Raising Arizona," "Star Wars: A New Hope" and "Return of the Jedi" were filmed all or in part on Arizona soil.

114. Arizona has almost double the amount of wilderness area as the entire Midwest.
115. Morton Salt has been mining a salt deposit in unincorporated Glendale since the mid-1980s that is about 40 square miles wide and more than half a mile thick.
116. The world's oldest rodeo is in Prescott—but the oldest continuous rodeo is in Payson.
117. For a few hundred bucks a night you can sleep 22 stories underground in a hotel room of sorts in the Grand Canyon Caverns in Peach Springs. Not for claustrophobics.
118. Most historians agree that the westernmost Civil War battle took place in 1862 at Picacho Pass, 50 miles northwest of Tucson.
119. In 1973, the bolo tie was designated as Arizona's official state neckwear.
120. About 150 people are bitten by rattlesnakes every year in Arizona.
121. The most common rattlesnake in the Grand Canyon has an unusual pink hue, that blends in with the rocks. Not cool.
121. The sundial in Carefree, Arizona is one of the world's largest, measuring 90 feet across.
123. The last volcanic eruption in Arizona took place sometime around A.D. 1064, and created Sunset Crater near Flagstaff.
124. In 1956, two planes detoured over the Grand Canyon's airspace for a better view and ended up colliding directly over the canyon. The FAA was created in 1958 as a result.
125. The Queen of Mystical Rock-n-Roll herself, Stevie Nicks, was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix.
126. According to the National Weather Service, the biggest snowfall ever recorded in Phoenix measured one inch once in 1933 and again in 1937.
127. The unexplained incident now known as "The Lights Over Phoenix" occurred on March 13, 1997 when Phoenix residents and even the governor claimed to have seen a stationary aircraft in their sky for 106 minutes described as "otherworldly."
128. Arizona has 3,928 mountain peaks and summits, more mountains than any one of the other Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).
129. Arizona's disparate climate can yield both the highest temperature across the nation and the lowest temperature across the nation in the same day.
130. There are more wilderness areas in Arizona than in the entire Midwest. Arizona alone has 90 wilderness areas, while the Midwest has 50.

131. Arizona has the largest contiguous stand of Ponderosa pines in the world stretching from near Flagstaff along the Mogollon Rim to the White Mountains region.
132. Yuma, Arizona is the country's highest producer of winter vegetables, especially lettuce.
133. Arizona is the 6th largest state in the nation, covering 113,909 square miles.
134. Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, two of the most prominent movie stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, were married on March 18, 1939, in Kingman, Arizona.
135. Covering 18,608 sq. miles, Coconino County is the second largest county by land area in the 48 contiguous United States.
136. Arizona grows enough cotton each year to make more than one pair of jeans for every person in the United States.
137. Famous labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez was born in Yuma.
138. Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch in Picacho, Arizona is the largest privately-owned ostrich ranch in the world outside South Africa.
139. The world's largest to-scale collection of miniature airplane models is housed at the library at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona.
140. Located on Arizona's western border, Parker Dam is the deepest dam in the world at 320 feet.
141. South Mountain Park/Preserve in Phoenix is the largest municipal park in the country.
142. Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, located about 55 miles west of Phoenix, generates more electricity than any other U.S. power plant.
143. Oraibi, a Hopi village located in Navajo County, Arizona, dates back to before A.D. 1200 and is reputed to be the oldest continuously inhabited community in America.
144. Built by Del Webb in 1960, Sun City, Arizona was the first 55-plus active adult retirement community in the country.
145. Many of the founders of San Francisco in 1776 were Spanish colonists from Tubac, Arizona.
146. The Saguaro cactus is the largest cactus found in the U.S. It can grow as high as a five-story building and is native to the Sonoran Desert, which stretches across southern Arizona.
147. Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, grew up on a large family ranch near Duncan, Arizona.
148. The average state elevation is 4,000 feet.

149. The Navajo Nation spans 27,000 square miles across the states of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, but its capital is seated in Window Rock, Arizona.
150. The hottest temperature recorded in Arizona was 128 degrees at Lake Havasu City on June 29, 1994
151. The coldest temperature recorded in Arizona was 40 degrees below zero at Hawley Lake on January 7, 1971.
152. A saguaro cactus can store up to nine tons of water.
153. The state of Massachusetts could fit inside Maricopa County (9,922 sq. miles).
154. The westernmost battle of the Civil War was fought at Picacho Pass on April 15, 1862 near Picacho Peak in Pinal County
155. There are 11.2 million acres of National Forest in Arizona, and one-fourth of the state forested.
156. Wyatt Earp was neither the town marshal nor the sheriff in Tombstone at the time of the shoot-out at the O..K. Corral. His brother Virgil was the town marshal.
157. The Sonoran Desert is the most biologically diverse desert in North America.
158. Bisbee is the Nation's Southernmost mile-high city.
159. The two largest man-made lakes in the U.S. are Lake Mead and Lake Powell, both located in Arizona.
160. The longest remaining intact section of Route 66 can be found in Arizona and runs from Seligman to Topock, a total of 157 unbroken miles.
161. The 13 stripes on the Arizona flag represent the 13 original colonies of the United States.
162. The negotiations for Geronimo's final surrender took place in Skeleton Canyon, near present day Douglas, Arizona, in 1886.
163. Kartchner Caverns, near Benson, Arizona, is a massive limestone cave with 13,000 feet of passages, two rooms as long as football fields, and one of the world's longest soda straw stalactites: measuring 21 feet 3 inches.
164. You can carry a loaded firearm on your person, no permit required.
165. Arizona has one of the lowest crime rates in the U.S.A.
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168. Arizona became the 48th state and the last of the contiguous states on February 14, 1912

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