

# SCENIC DRIVES TO/FROM SEDONA



## RED ROCK / SYCAMORE CANYON LOOP

This drive takes you into the heart of Sedona's magnificent Red Rock Country. The route hugs to the foot of those colorful cliffs, and offers the option of four scenic side trips.

Dry Creek Road leads to some of Arizona's most scenic hiking trails such as Boynton Canyon, Fay Canyon, Long Canyon, Doe Mountain, Bear Mountain, and many more.

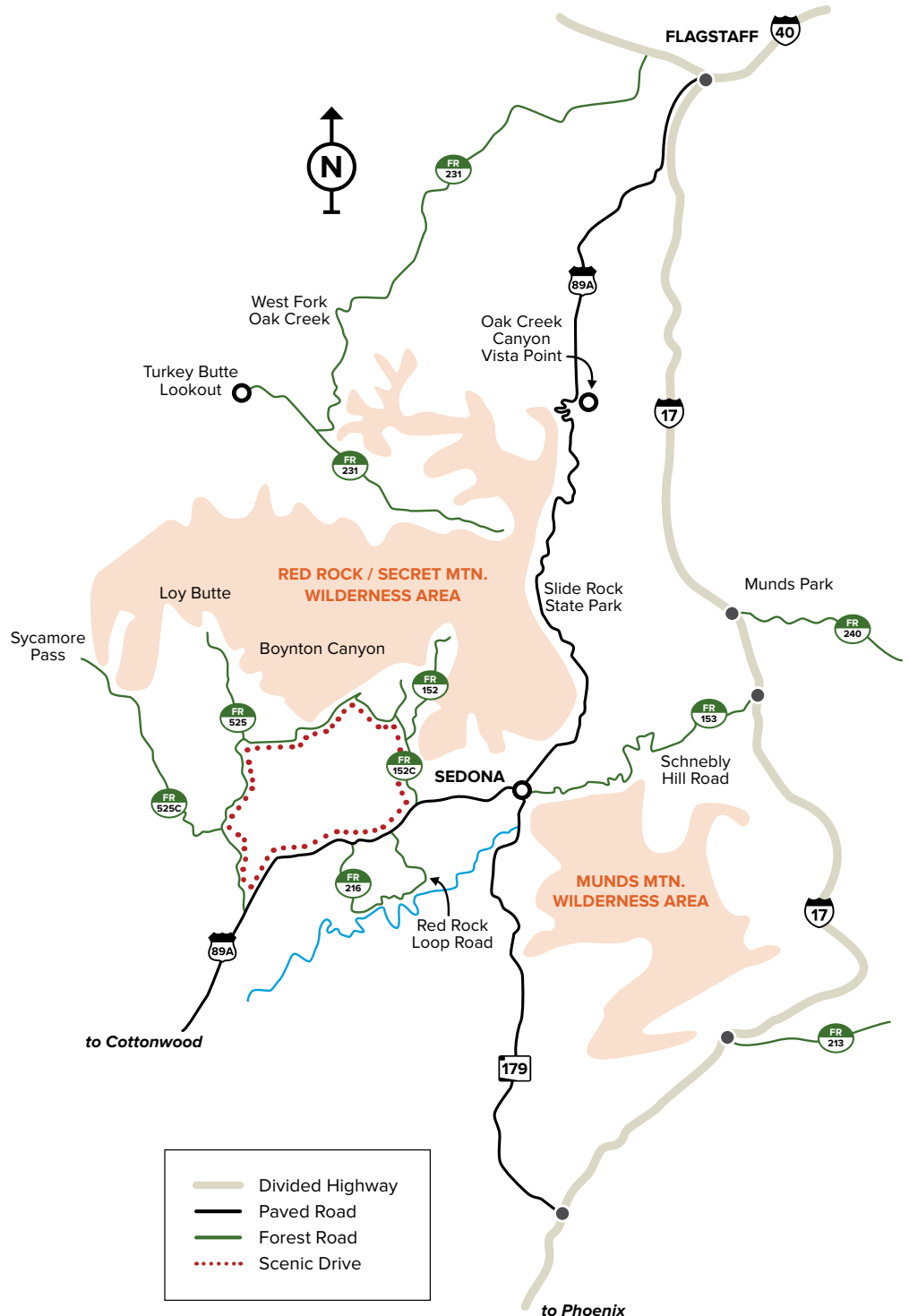
Venture forth to find perfectly preserved ancient Native American Heritage Sites.

### HALF DAY to FULL DAY

- Take **State Route 89A** through West Sedona to **Dry Creek Road (FR 152C)**
- Turn north and proceed along **FR 152C** for 2 miles to **Vultee Arch Road**, and another 2.5 miles to the intersection with **Boynton Canyon Road**
- **FR 152C** continues southwest (left)
- In about 4 miles, **SR-152C** intersects **FR 525**. From here, turn north (right) to the Loy Butte spur or south (left) to continue the drive.
- In another 4 miles, **FR 525** intersects with **FR 525C** (Sycamore Pass Spur). This road will take you to the east side of Sycamore Canyon.
- Continue south 5.5 miles to **SR-89A**, and another 5.3 miles on pavement back to Sedona.

*Please note:*

**FR 152C** is paved to Doe Mountain Trailhead. The rest of this route is unpaved and can become muddy and slippery when wet.



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## DESERT CANYON LOOP

This is a drive through scenic high desert country where you'll see colorful canyons, cultural sites, lush oasis, picturesque ranches and out-of-the-way Native American ruins.

The route skirts the lower elevations of Arizona's rim country where red rock canyons spill out from under thick basalt flows. The road cuts through two of these canyons, and offers access to a third along the way.

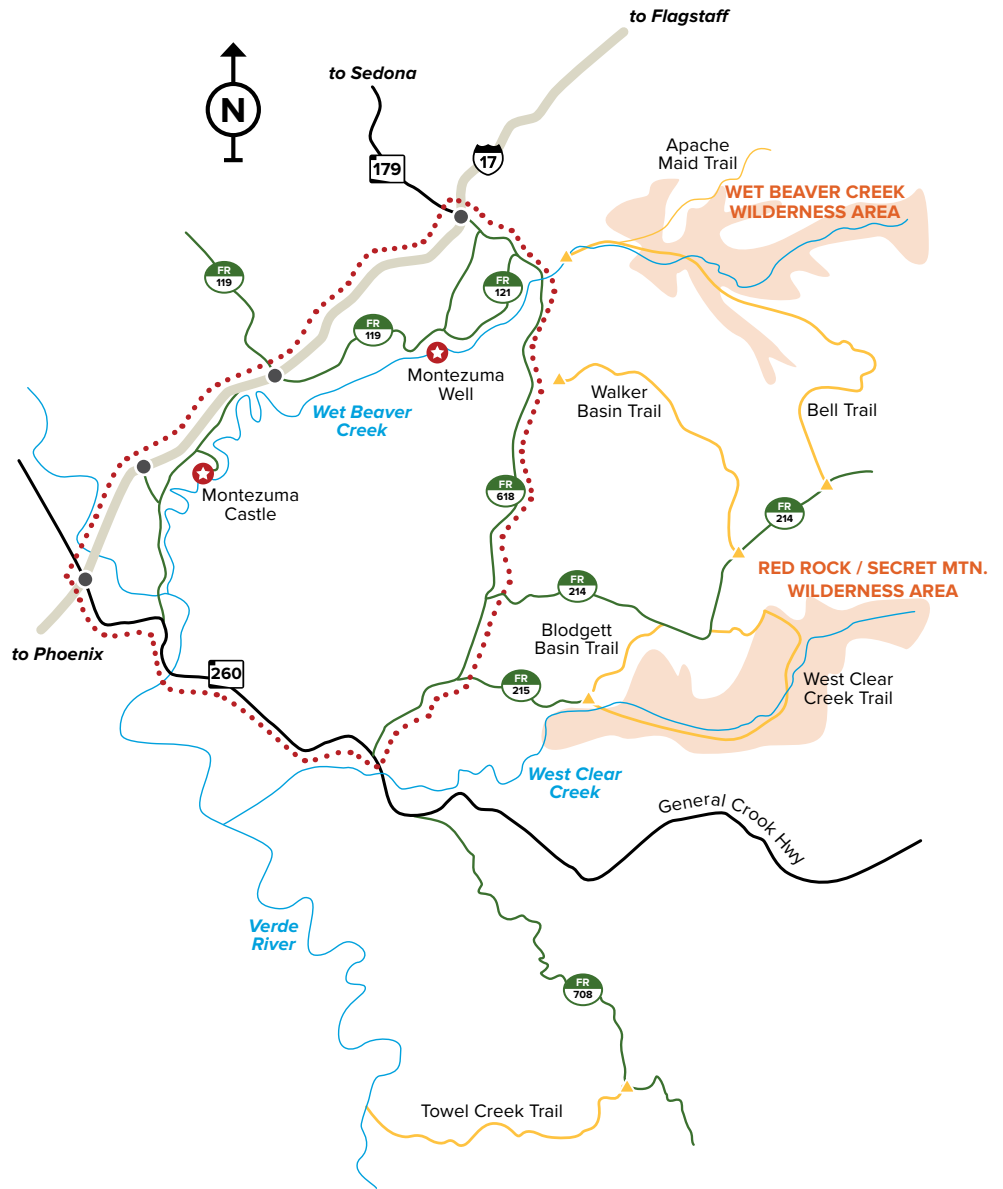
Roadside signs point the way to a number of hiking trails, and a few spur roads leading into the back country. Keep an eye out for roadrunners, coyotes, and javelinas as you drive.

### HALF DAY

- From Sedona, take **State Route 179** to the junction with I-17
- Continue southeast under the highway onto **FR 618**
- Follow this road along the base of the Mogollon Rim, 13 miles to **SR-260** (General Crook Highway) and turn west (right) 9 miles back to I-17

*Please note:*

The road is a bit rough, requiring slow speeds. **FR 618** is graveled and suitable for passenger car; however, it can become soft and slippery when wet.



Divided Highway	Scenic Drive
Paved Road	Trailhead
Forest Road	Trail

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## OAK CREEK CANYON / I-17 LOOP

Aptly named one of the most scenic roads in the country, North State Route 89A will amaze travelers of all ages. Ancient towering Sycamore trees cover the curved two lane road that parallels every twist and turn of Oak Creek.

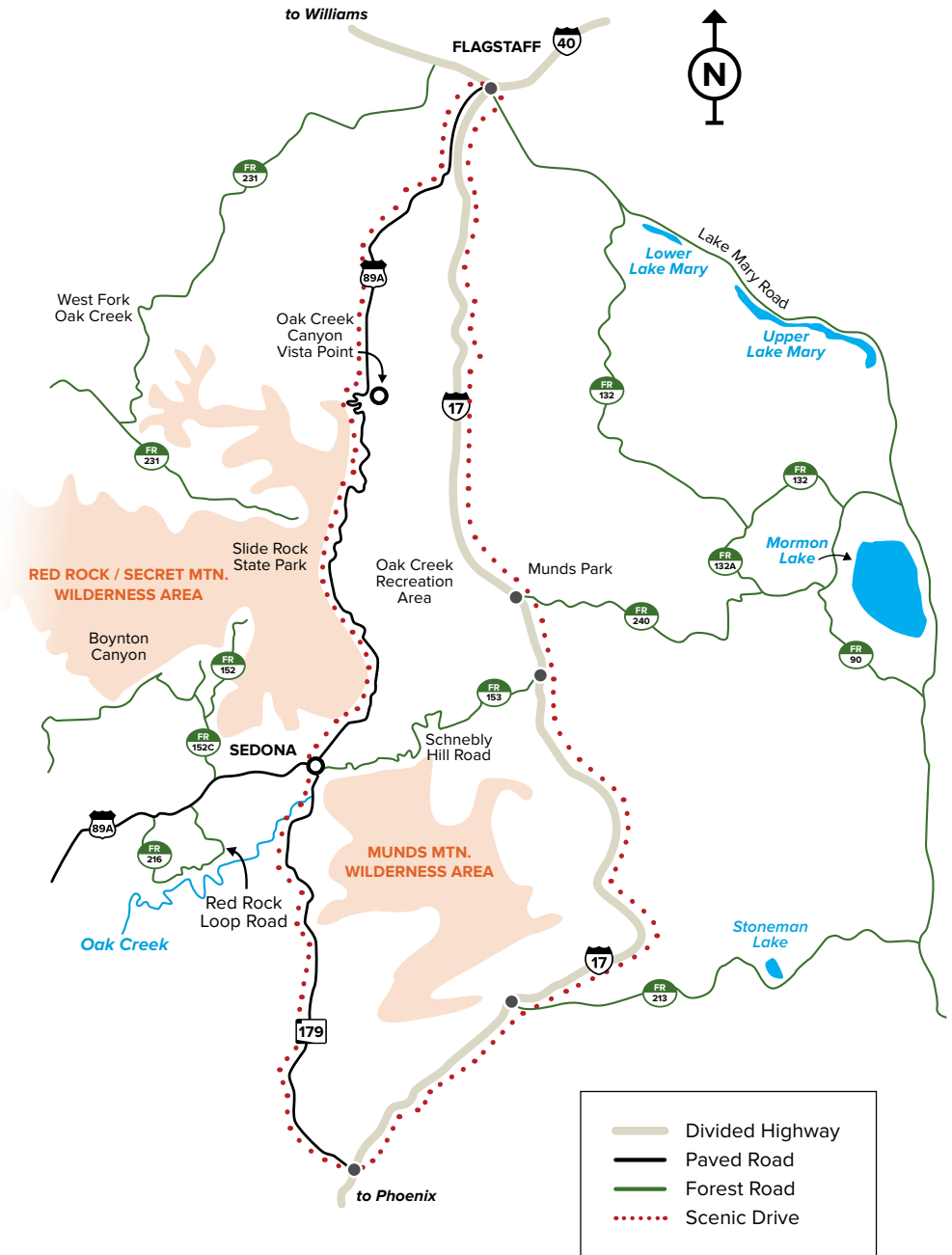
Rustic cabins and B&Bs offer a safe haven for weary wide-eyed travelers. Time seems to slow while fishing, hiking, exploring, and staying the night in this lush forest.

Save time to visit Slide Rock State Park, and be sure to fill up your water bottles with fresh spring water across from Stove Top Trailhead. Oak Creek Canyon is truly the place to disconnect with devices, and connect with nature.

### HALF DAY

- From Sedona, go north 15 miles on **State Route 89A**, to the top of Oak Creek Canyon, where there is a scenic viewpoint
- Continue north 8 miles to the **I-17** junction.
- Turn left onto **I-17** (north) to visit Flagstaff, or turn right onto **I-17** (south) to return to Sedona
- Travel south on **I-17**, for 38 miles to the **State Route 179** junction
- Exit and go on **State Route 179**, for 14 miles back to Sedona

**Total Trip Time:**  
Approximately 3 hours (75 miles)



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## PAGE SPRINGS LOOP LOOP

Discover the fertile lands that produce award winning wines in Arizona. In Page Springs and Cornville, soil that resembles that of Tuscany, produces mouthwatering wine varietals such as Grenache, Syrah, Shiraz, and Mouvedre.

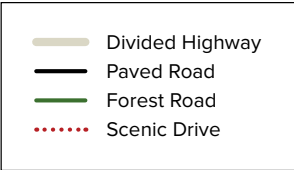
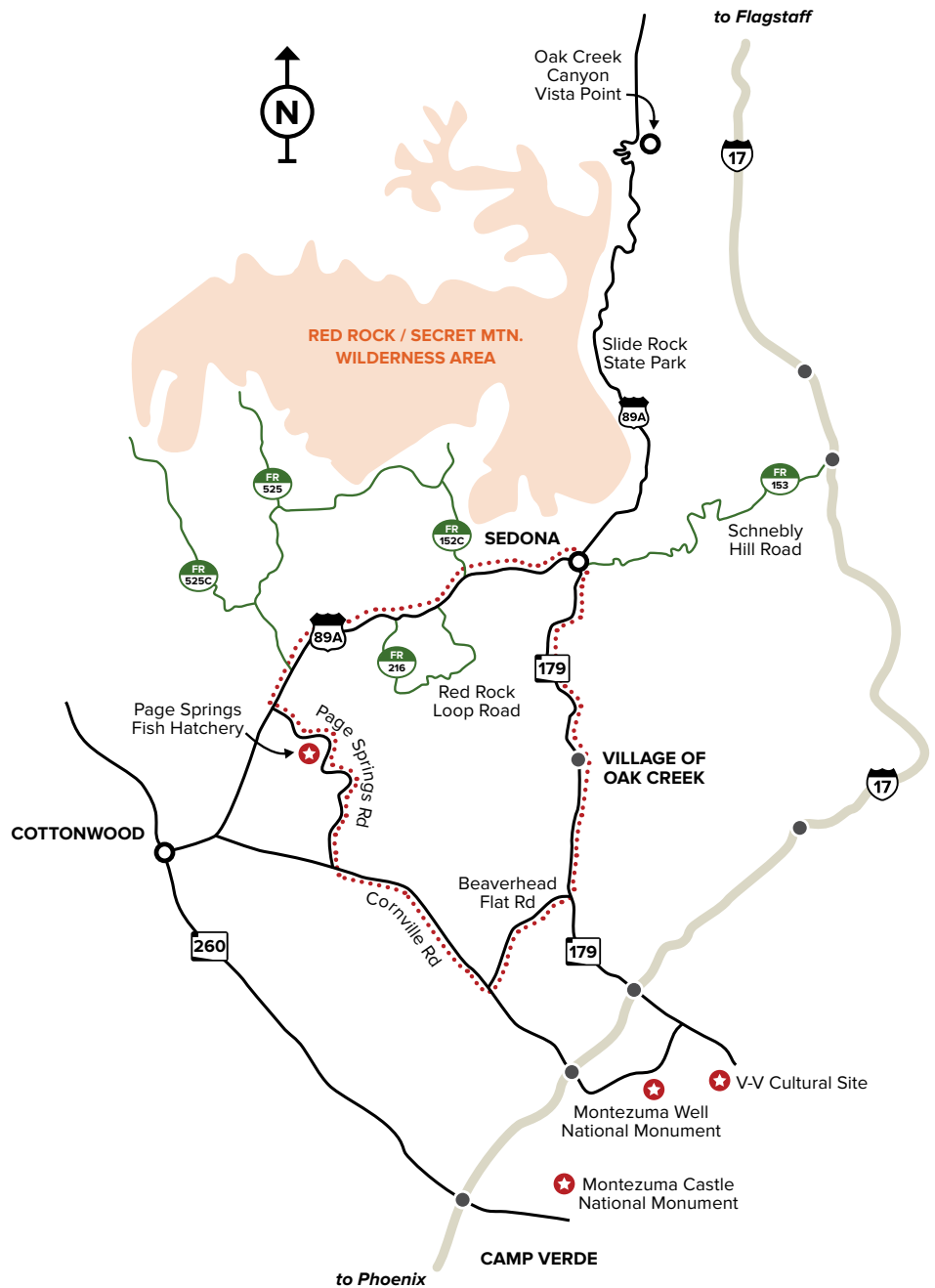
Wine tasting rooms dot the twisted road which follow the fresh, spring waters of Oak Creek. Unique eateries lure visitors with creative dishes and local wine flights. Bring hiking shoes and water, as driving the six miles of Beaverhead Flat Road reveal dozens of well-maintained trails into the wilderness.

Take in the sights of Red Rock Country for the first time when driving the Red Rock Scenic Byway into the Village of Oak Creek. Iconic red rocks, like Bell Rock and Courthouse Butte, take over the vast high desert landscape offering a photographers paradise.

### LESS THAN 2-HOUR DRIVE

- From Sedona, drive 12 miles west on **SR-89A** to **Page Springs Rd**
- Travel 3 miles to the entrance to the Page Springs Fish Hatchery (There are several wineries on **Page Springs Rd** as well)
- Continue to **Cornville Rd** (CR 30)
- Turn left onto **Beaverhead Flat Rd** (CR 78) and travel 7 miles to **SR-179**
- Turn left at **SR-179** and find the Village

*Total Trip Time:*  
Approximately 1 hr, 45 mins (40 miles)



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## RED ROCK LOOP ROAD

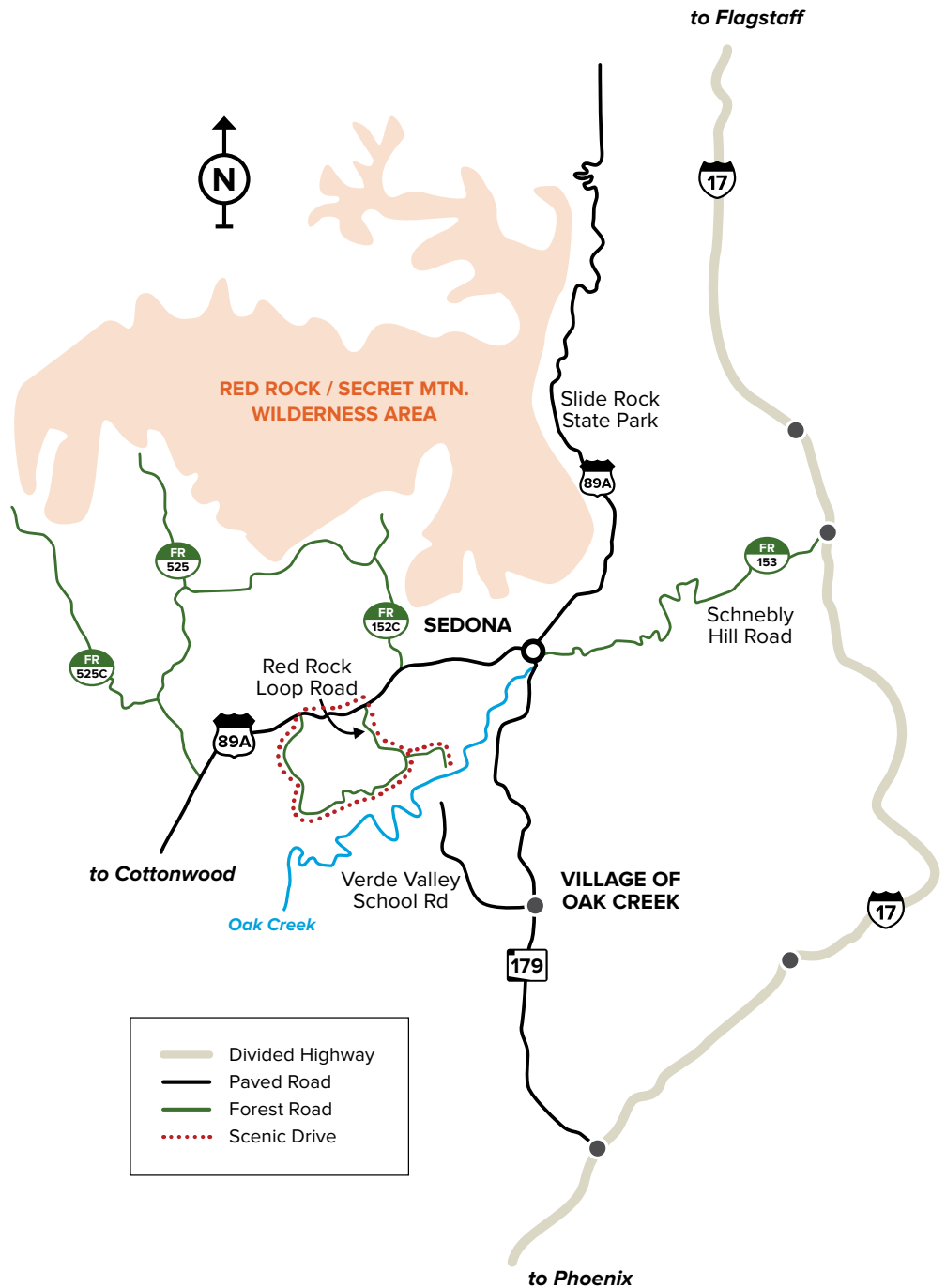
This gorgeous loop connects Upper and Lower Red Rock Loop roads for a short and sweet scenic experience.

Start by heading to Red Rock State Park; a 286-acre nature preserve and environmental education center with stunning scenery. Trails throughout the park wind through manzanita and juniper to reach the banks of Oak Creek.

Round out a day of education and inspiration by visiting Red Rock Crossing. This area offers picnic tables, an abundance of serene watering holes and picture perfect views of Cathedral Rock.

### LESS THAN 2-HOUR DRIVE

- From Sedona, drive west on **SR-89A**
- Turn left on **Lower Red Rock Loop Rd.** The entrance to the Red Rock State Park is on your right after 2.9 miles on **Lower Red Rock Loop Rd.**
- After Red Rock State Park, the road becomes **Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.**
- At the bottom of the hill, turn right on **Chavez Ranch Rd.**, then right on **Red Rock Crossing Rd.** to Crescent Moon Recreation Area
- Follow the roads back to **Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.**
- Turn right to return to Sedona on **SR-89A**



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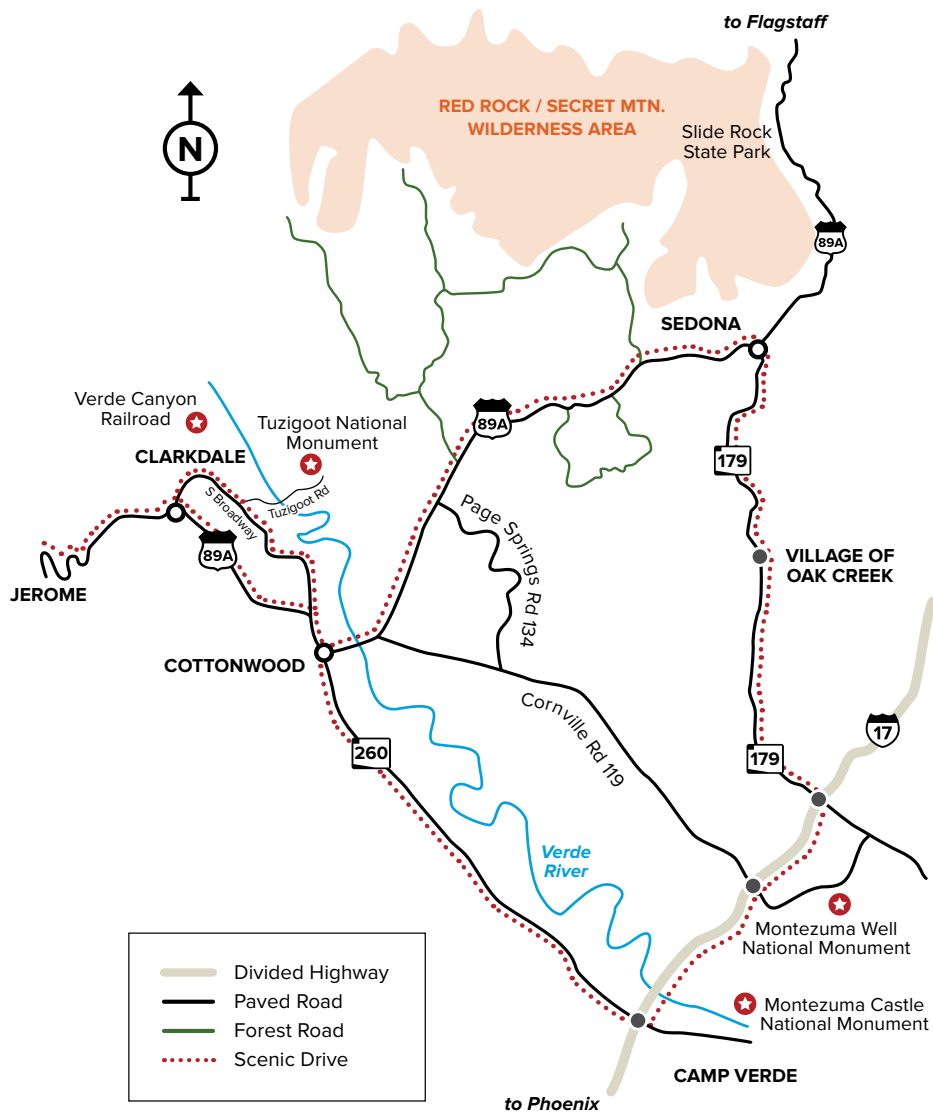


## VERDE VALLEY LOOP

The Verde Valley offers many attractions, local wine and spirits, culture, heritage, and family friendly surprises: drive this loop to discover them all! Learn about the region's vast history at the National Monuments on the loop. Small art towns line the route offering fresh food, funky galleries, local wine, rare festivals and plenty of culture to absorb. Variety of attractions offer a portal into a different world, perfect for an energy packed day trip with family and friends. Stunning 360 degree views of Sedona, Jerome, Flagstaff peaks and Mingus Mountain are visible around every corner.

### FULL DAY

- From Sedona, take **SR-179** through the Village of Oak Creek to I-17 and head south toward Camp Verde
- Take **Exit 289 (Middle Verde Rd.)** and travel east. Look for signs to *Montezuma Castle National Monument* and *Montezuma Well (Native American Ruins)*
- Continue to Camp Verde and Fort Verde State Historic Park
- Take **SR-260** toward Cottonwood to the Out of Africa Wildlife Park
- Continue west on **SR-260** to Cottonwood, turn left onto S. Main St., where you will drive through "Old Town" and follow the road to Clarkdale for a couple miles before turning north on **Tuzigoot Road** (which leads to *Tuzigoot National Monument*—a prehistoric Native American Ruin)
- Continue on the old road to Clarkdale and follow signs to the Verde Canyon Railroad (4-hour train trip on a historic route) depot
- Continue through Clarkdale, north to **SR-89A** and climb the twisting road up Cleopatra Hill, the spectacular must-see setting of Jerome
- Return to Sedona, soaking in distant views of Flagstaff's San Francisco Peaks and Sedona's massive red-rock formations as you descend Cleopatra Hill and continue through Cottonwood on **SR-89A**



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## GRAND CANYON LOOP

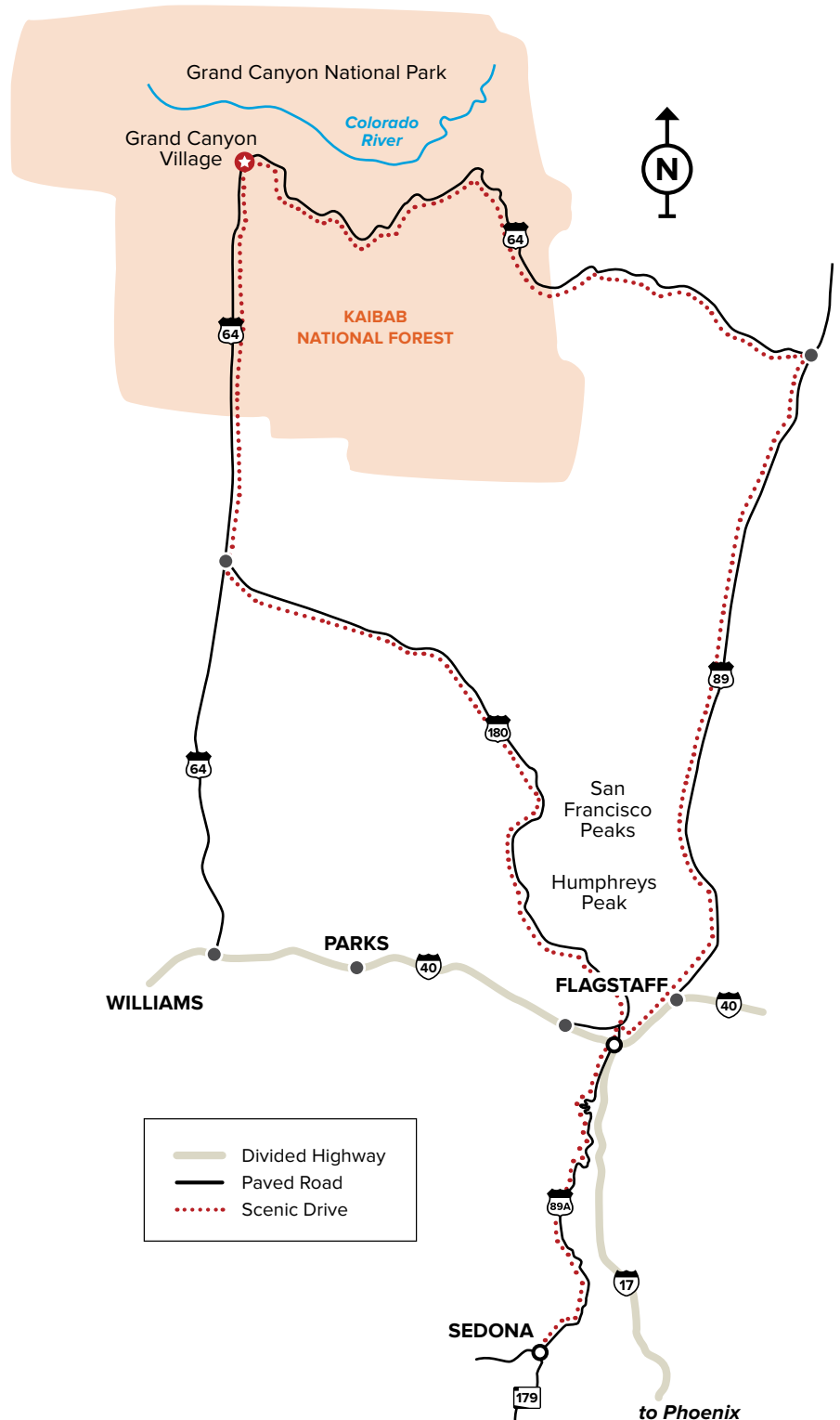
Make Sedona your hub and head north. This scenic route circles the base of the majestic snow-capped San Francisco Peaks and the golden Aspen forests surrounding Flagstaff.

Visit the Navajo reservation for culture, education, and handmade collectibles. The Grand Canyon is a natural wonder everyone should visit at least once. Don't let the rim hold you back; go further to explore from the air, land or water.

The National Monuments of Wupatki, Walnut Canyon and Sunset Crater each leave a lasting impression of awe and wonderment.

### FULL DAY

- Travel north on **SR-89A** through Oak Creek Canyon. Continue north through Flagstaff to **U.S. Route 180**, which heads northwest through the Kaibab National Forest
- After intersecting with **SR-64**, continue north to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon
- Follow **SR-64** east along the rim, passing the historic lookout tower at Desert View, the last visual of the Grand Canyon
- Travel through the Navajo reservation to **U.S. Route 89**
- Turn north (left), 1 mile to historic Cameron Trading Post. Upon leaving, turn south (right) back onto **U.S. Route 89** towards Flagstaff, and enjoy another startling view of the San Francisco Peaks as you travel past Wupatki, Sunset Crater Volcano and Walnut Canyon National Monuments (the loop connecting Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monument is another scenic drive)
- After passing through downtown Flagstaff and heading south on **I-17**, exit onto **SR-89A** and descend the switchbacks through Oak Creek Canyon into Sedona



*Note:* Please check the road conditions during winter months.

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## SEDONA / JEROME / PRESCOTT LOOP

On one side of Mingus Mountain lies Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Jerome: a beautifully preserved ghost-town hanging off the side of a mountain.

These towns thrive on their fertile wine growing landscapes, a wild riparian river, copper mining remnants and fresh farm to table foodie finds. On the other side of Mingus Mountain awaits the vibrant festival driven city of Prescott, AZ.

Prescott offers arts, culture, Mead (honey wine) and the excitement of the world-renown Whiskey Row.

### HALF DAY to FULL DAY

- Take **SR-89A** south to Cottonwood and turn left onto **E Cottonwood Dr / SR-89A**
- Continue to follow **SR-89A**, and climb the twisting road up Cleopatra Hill—the spectacular must-see setting of Jerome
- From Jerome, continue on **SR-89A** for 26 miles, turn left onto **SR-89** for 3 miles
- Enter the next roundabout, and take the second exit onto **SR-89 S**, continuing about 4 miles to Prescott
- From Prescott, take **SR-69** for 14.8 miles, turn left onto **SR-169 / E Cherry Rd**
- Continue for approximately 15.2 miles and merge onto **I-17** north, via the ramp on the left, toward Flagstaff
- Return to Sedona, via **SR-179** (exit **298**) through Village of Oak Creek (or **SR-260** through Cottonwood)

