

(the Humpback), and the Navajo woman Chief (Khinibaihi), surrendered at the spot where Colonel Washington held council with the Navajo Chief Mariano Martinez and Headmen in 1849. The "Long Walk" as it was called was made by an estimated 10,000 Navajos. The journey was a very grueling 350 mile stretch to Ft. Sumner at Bosque Redondo, New Mexico, to be held as captives of the United States government for 4 years until the signing of the "Navajo Treaty of 1868. To compare their "Long Walk", it was more severe than the World War II "Bataan Death March" where the captured American soldiers walked 63 miles and then traveled by train from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell.

Under the guidance of Father Leopold Osterman the first mission was established in 1904. While Navajo Agent Ruben Perry was attempting to force Navajo children into school at Ft. Defiance he was overpowered and held captive by Doyalthi'ih (Silent One) and his followers for 2 days. Later the soldiers captured the rebels and were sent for a year to Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay and then later moved to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

**COTTONWOOD**

At the time soldiers established a camp in 1874, **Cottonwood** at that time had no name. As the community developed and more settlers moved in, it took its name from a circle of sixteen large cottonwoods growing about one-quarter of a mile away from the Verde River.

Because of a severe problem with mosquitoes which raised in thick clouds from stagnant pools left by receding floods, the town

was stricken with malaria and dysentery. They used a drug called quinine which is a white crystalline alkaloid with a very bitter taste. Almost insoluble in water, it dissolves readily in alcohol and other organic solvents. It was sold at \$4.00 an ounce and could be bought only when it was in surplus at Camp Verde. By 1879, nevertheless several families had settled there and the United States Post Office was established on March 6, 1879. Today **Cottonwood** is a thriving community.

**THE HISTORIC OLD TOWN ASSOCIATION COTTONWOOD**

For tourists coming in, there is no end to the entertainment. **Cottonwood** is the hub of the wheel, the heart of the Verde Valley, the books to be read between the bookends of Prescott and Flagstaff, Jerome, Sedona, Page Springs' and Camp Verde's wineries, the Verde Canyon Railroad, Blazin'M Ranch, a multitude of State and National Parks, and Ancient Indian Ruins.

Added to **Cottonwood's** appeal are: the newly renovated Old Town Center for the Arts featuring guest sounds of top notch talent such as R. Carlos Nakai, F-Stop Restaurant's world fusion cuisine now offers Friday and Saturday Dinners A La Carte or Prix Fixe, Crema with fresh gelato, now serves meals and music too, the Old Town Jail's upcoming renovation may possibly house the Verde Valley Wine Consortium, and there's a new Self-Guided Walking History Tour compiled by The Cottonwood Hotel. Other music venues include Bear's Earth Gallery, Heart and Soul, Kactus Kate's, The Green Garden, and, spontaneously, other



*Car Cruz-In, 1950s Car Cruz-In (photo courtesy Historic Old Town Cottonwood Association)*

Main Street locations.

Adding to the ease of arrival, Arizona Department of Transportation has approved remarking of Historic 89A signage through town plus the towns of Jerome, Clarkdale, and Sedona and Oak Creek areas. Flagstaff and Prescott now have local flights if you don't have a private plane for the Cottonwood Airport, which is also the site of RedRock Skydiving Jump Zone.

The OTA is collaborating with Ledbetter Law Firm to update and reinstall neon lighting to the antique Shep's Liquors sign, converting it to welcome folks to **Old Town**, and possibly to be a directional to the new parking lot. The old Willy's is reopening under new ownership as Bing's Burger Station with outside retro signage, soon to be another nostalgic eatery. Other established restaurants include Nic's and the Tavern Grille, Hog Wild, and the newer Thai Palace, Green Garden and Conchos Mexican.

During your stay, accommodation options include: The Historic Cottonwood Hotel, which has been lodging to stars including Mae West and John Wayne; The Sundial Motel for its old stone courtyard and artistic flair; and The Annabel Inn, **Cottonwood's** first Bed & Breakfast and an eco-friendly 3-Leaf European Cottage.

For more information please visit [www.oldtown.org](http://www.oldtown.org)

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Four Seasons highlight the quality of life that is experienced in the Town of **Eagar**. Whether it's the winter skiing, fall colors, warm spring weather, or cool summer nights, the Town of **Eagar** serves as a central point to the region's recreational opportunities.


In the late 1800's the **Eagar** family homesteaded this part of northeastern Arizona. Central to several small homesteads, the town was formed under the name "Union" as a symbol of the unity among the small settlements in the area. Incorporated in 1948, the town changed its name back to **Eagar** in honor of the original homesteaders.

The Town of **Eagar** is a community that values its pioneer, ranching, forestry and agricultural heritage, and its rural /

family-oriented lifestyle. At an elevation of 7,000 feet, **Eagar** lies at the crossroads of several major thoroughfares in north-eastern Arizona.

Today, natural resources are still a part of the community's industries. Two power plants form a substantial portion of the town's employment base, while ranching, timber related industry, retail, and industries in support of the popular tourist trade help to diversify the town's economy. A low crime rate, small town atmosphere, easy access to major transportation hubs, and an affordable quality of life make **Eagar** a popular choice for small business expansion or relocation.

So whether your visit is for a short time or extends into a full-time stay, we welcome you.



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For more information contact the **Eloy Chamber of Commerce** at (520) 466-3411.

**FLAGSTAFF**

In 1540 the Spanish conquistadors explored Northern Arizona to find riches of gold. They wrote in their memoirs about meeting the Hopi, Yavapai, and Havasupai Indians, who gathered pinon nuts and hunted mule deer near the Peaks.

A big business during that time was the Arizona Lumber and Timber Company, and because of the railroad which ran through **Flagstaff** the company grew and so did the town. Many people gravitated toward **Flagstaff** because of its growth such as Americans, Hispanics, Basques, African-Americans and the Chinese.

As the United States turned 100 on the 4th of July, 1876, a group of people from the east built a flagpole out of a Ponderosa pine tree and raised the American flag in Antelope Park. Seven years later the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was constructed through Antelope Park. The town was named for the flagstaff which was still standing. Before long, local interest in nearby Indian ruins, now encompassed within Walnut Canyon National Monument gained momentum. The ruins were discovered by lumber magnate Michael Riordan. Over the next 25 years Riordan was probably best known for exploiting the ruins and removed numerous artifacts, but around 1891 local citizens began to get alarmed at the scale of looting and destruction of ruins. The Chamber of Commerce recognized the tourist value of the ruins, condemning the mutilation of the cliff dwellings in 1891. It wasn't until 1904 when the ruins became part of the San Francisco Mountain Forest Preserve that protective precautions were taken to secure the ruins.

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