# COLORADO RIVER STATE HISTORIC PARK

The Colorado River State Historic Park is the original home of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot, an Army supply depot that operated from 1865-1883 during the Indian Wars. The depot depended upon the Colorado River as a transportation highway that allowed steamboats to deliver tons of supplies from the California coast.

In 1904, the abandoned depot became the headquarters for the Bureau of Reclamation's Yuma Irrigation Project. The Yuma Project resulted in the construction of the first dam on the lower Colorado River, and transformed the Yuma Valley into an agricultural powerhouse. **TODAY**, the park tells the story of the past, present, and future of the Colorado River, and its role in the settlement and development of both Yuma and the larger desert Southwest.

The Yuma Irrigation Project heralded the beginning of the river's transformation over the past one hundred years. The Bureau of Reclamation ultimately constructed eight dams on the Lower Colorado River in Arizona. Learn how the dams brought hydropower, flood control, and a secure source of water for farming and growth in the Southwest. Visit the oldest adobes in Arizona. Marvel at the engineering wonder of the Yuma Siphon Project and stroll through the Southern Pacific Railroad and steamboat exhibits, while experiencing early life on the Colorado River at the Southwest's oldest military depot.

Come discover how the Colorado River became the most endangered river in the United States and the challenges it now faces to sustain life in the West for future generations. Your visit supports the preservation of this historic riverfront park.

COLORADO RIVER STATE HISTORIC PARK 201 N. 4th Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364 For hours of operation and admission, please visit our website **ColoradoRiverPark.com** or call 928-329-0471.







### THE YUMA CROSSING DISCOVERY CENTER

The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area has been restoring, preserving, maintaining, and promoting Yuma's history for over 20 years. Stop into the Discovery Center to learn about Yuma's riverfront history and discover the many opportunities to explore the sites, museums, parks, and trails along Yuma's riverfront. Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park

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## THE LEGEND LIVES ON.

The Yuma Territorial Prison is a living museum of the Old West. Surrounded by the Colorado and Gila rivers and the unforgiving desert, the prison opened in 1876 when the first seven prisoners were locked in the cells that they themselves hacked from the granite hillside. Over the decades, the prison held 3,069 prisoners-including 29 women-inside its granite and adobe cells. They were convicted of crimes ranging from polygamy to murder. The cells, main gate, and guard tower are still standing, providing visitors with a vivid picture of Yuma over a century ago, in one of the territory's most recognizable historic landmarks.

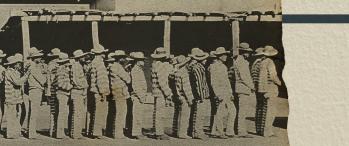


At the Yuma Territorial Prison, step back into the history of the Old West for a glimpse of convict life in the Arizona Territory. Climb the guard tower for the best view of the Colorado River and follow in the footsteps of former inmates through the original Sally Port.

In the museum, experience prison life through photos, artifacts, and exhibits including turn of the century medical equipment. Put on a replica prison uniform and create your own commemorative mug shot.

As featured on popular television programs, "Mysteries at the Museum" and "Ghost Adventures", get acquainted with Pearl Hart, "The Girl Bandit", and look for ghosts in the prison cell block and cemetery where 129 prisoners are buried. Venture into the infamous "Dark Cell", if you dare.

All of these experiences and more await you at the historic Territorial Prison. Your visit supports the preservation of this historic treasure.





220 N. Prison Hill Road, Yuma, AZ 85364 For hours of operation and admission, please visit our website **YumaPrison.org**, or call 928-783-4471.







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#### YUMA TERRITORIAL PRISON MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Before escaping the prison, browse the gift shop located at the museum entrance and find a piece of the wild west to take home with you.





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## JEWEL OF HISTORIC YUMA

Come, visit the ever-so-charming 19th century home of Yuma's merchant prince, E. F. Sanguinetti. Enjoy a cup of tea! Surrounded by lush gardens, his home is now a museum of the Arizona Historical Society.

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