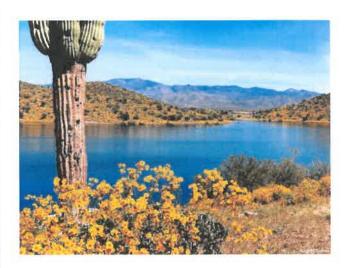


Congratulations Peoria! Making USA Today's Top 10 List

USA Today names Peoria as one of the best places to experience the outdoors



Listed among beautiful places like the Grand Canyon National Park, Aspen, Colorado and Niagara Falls, New York, the city of Peoria was named one of the top 10 unique destinations to experience the outdoors by USA Today.

"We know that our city's treasure is the perfect combination of beautiful desert spaces, mountains, trails and the vast, cool waters of Lake Pleasant," said Mayor Cathy Carlat. "Even though we might like to keep it all to ourselves, we are truly thrilled to share our amazing

amenities on the national stage so more people will be able to discover why Peoria is the place to be."

USA Today selected Peoria, the only Arizona city on the list, for its proximity to Phoenix, the Sonoran Desert, and Lake Pleasant. This is the second time this year that USA Today has featured Peoria, naming 10 Peoria sights that "hit it out of the ballpark" previously. Also, in the last year, the city of Peoria has been recognized for the Best Place to Get a Job, Best Ballpark in the Valley, Best City to Raise a Family and the No. 1 Best City to Live in Arizona.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition as it is a testament to Peoria's many outdoor offerings," said Communications and Tourism Director Jennifer Stein. "Peoria has been focusing on its tourism efforts by positioning the city as a premier destination and seeing our efforts pay off with recognition like this is incredibly rewarding."

