

## Awe-Inspiring Vistas, Beautiful Red Rock



“In our daily lives we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful,  
but gratefulness that makes us happy.”

~ Albert Clarke

Because of Sedona’s elevation, don’t be surprised to see a little snow if you visit in early spring, as we did here. Since we had come to Arizona from Wisconsin for spring warmth (and some spring training), we were a little disappointed, but not for long. The contrast of the white snow on the red rock was quite a beautiful sight, and since the day warmed up nicely, the snow was soon a beautiful memory.

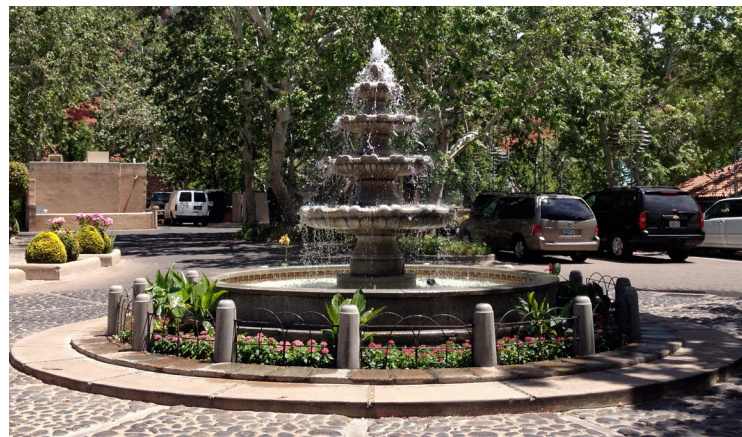
Sedona after a spring snowfall is pretty spectacular. The snow piled up on trees and deck railings but not on the roads, which worked out nicely. As beautiful as it was, the rest of the photos in this section contain blue skies and sunshine. With an extreme monsoon season, October boasted lush, green landscapes and still offered great contrast with the red rocks for absolute beauty, as well as perfect 85 degree temperatures.



After several trips to Sedona over several years, I think I am in love. For a relatively small area, Sedona has a plethora of great things to see and do. Everywhere you turn you will see magnificent rock formations of varying hues, heights and textures. The sun casts shadows that deepen the reds, so the colors change with the time of day. At every lookout I find myself thinking, "This is a glorious area of the country and I am so blessed to be here." Regarded by Native Americans as sacred, Sedona has a way of instilling inner peace, tranquility and spirituality for many visitors. Could it be the



red rocks and the warmth of the sun? Is it the Native American history and their beliefs – or the vortexes with their energy flows? Or is it the combination of all of the above? Aside from the natural beauty, talented artists present their creations at rows and rows of wonderful shops all along the city streets. When you need to eat, there is quite an assortment of restaurants and if you like music with your dinner, that's an option as well. And the shopping. I love the shopping! Bring on the shopping! Sedona has it all – and then some.



Shopping in Sedona

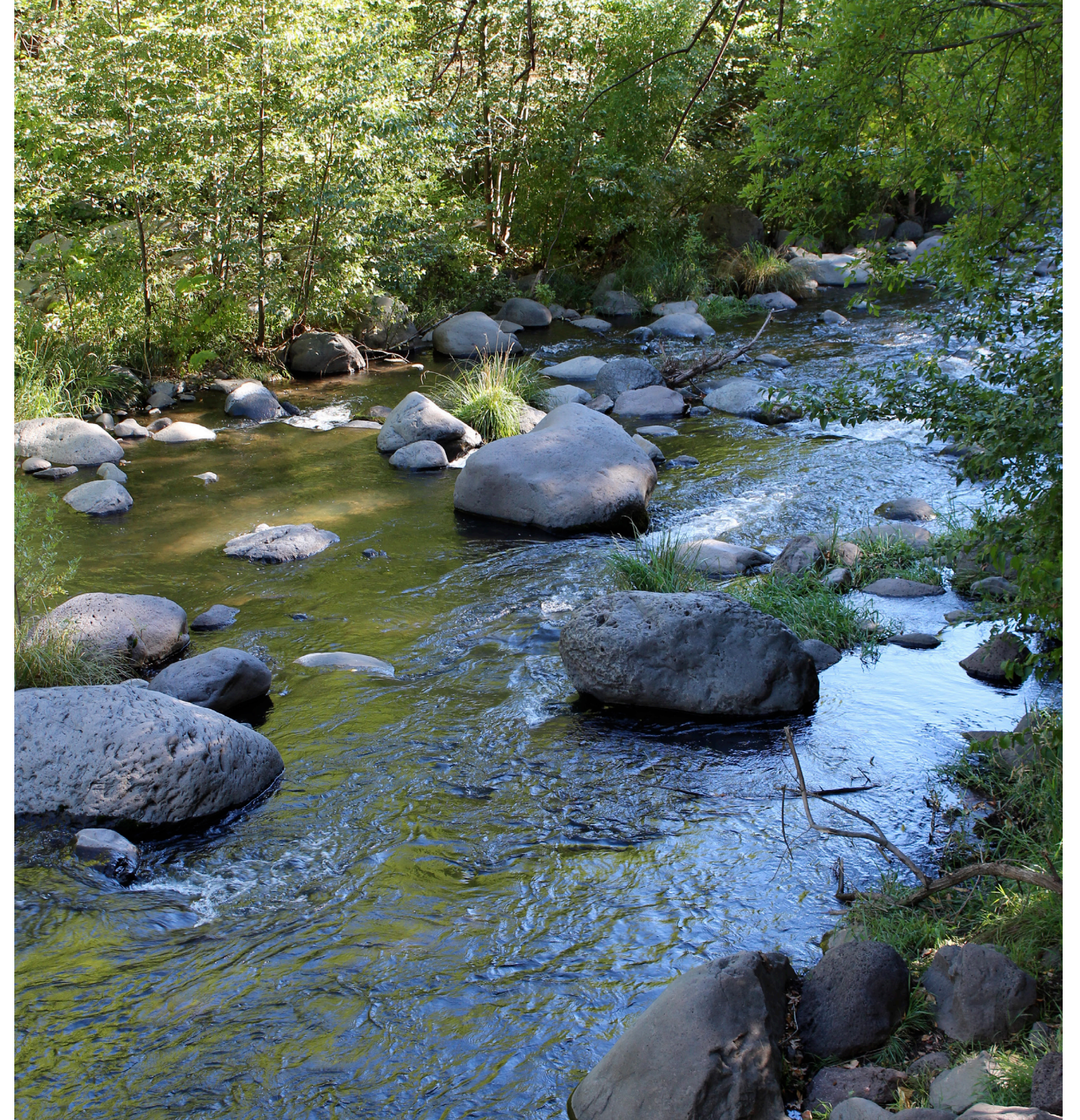


Red Rock Crossing





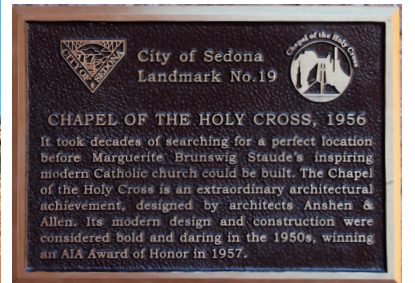
Slide Rock State Park in Oak Creek Canyon



Oak Creek near Indian Gardens in Oak Creek Canyon



Three of Sedona's Icons – A) Cathedral Rock, B) Bell Rock and C) Courthouse Butte



Chapel of the Holy Cross

“...it is the way of the Native American Indian that love and compassion is the strongest of all and to forgive and to ask for forgiveness is a way of healing and bringing you to your true talents, the true love that you hold within you, and the true power you have been given by the Creator...”

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