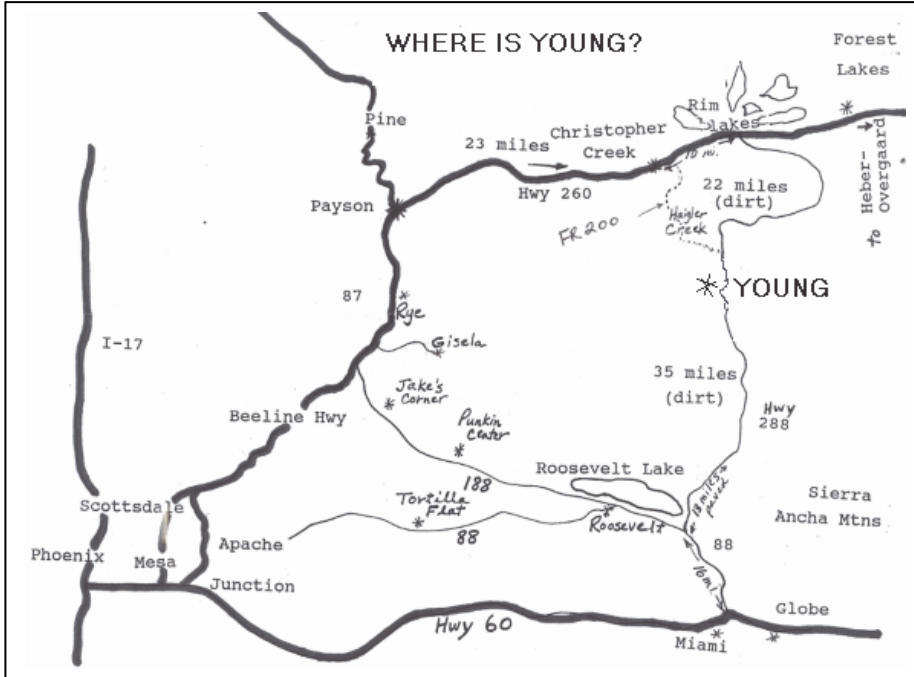


# Pleasant Valley Almanac

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## Where is Young?

Young is approx. 80 miles northeast of the Phoenix metro area as the crow flies. From the east side of the Phoenix metro area, it is about 2 ½ - 3 hours drive to Young.

**From Payson:** travel east on Hwy 260 approx. 32 miles up onto the Mogollon Rim to the Young Road (Forest Road 512). The sign says, "Desert to Tall Pines Scenic Byway". Turn right and travel the 14 miles of dirt road plus 11 miles on the asphalt road to our office, adjacent to the Post Office .

**From Globe:** travel north on Hwy 188 15 miles to Hwy 288 turnoff. Cross the Salt River bridge and continue north into the forest. About half of the total 35 miles on Hwy 288 are now asphalt. When wet, this road can be slick and dangerous. It is five miles from where you enter Young to our office on the north end of the Post Office building, east side of town.

**By Air:** One can fly into the **airstrip located on Tonto National Forest land that parallels Forest Road 200 (also sign posted as Chamberlain Trail)** an unpaved, unlighted 4200-foot runway suitable for twin-engine aircraft. It is located on the mesa about 3 miles north of the central part of Pleasant Valley. More information is available at [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org) Be sure to arrange for someone to pick you up, as there are no facilities.

## Environment

The town of Young is located in Pleasant Valley, surrounded by the Tonto National Forest, which attracts campers, hunters and fishermen. There are miles of trails to explore on horseback, or foot. Contact Pleasant Valley Ranger District office about which roads allow quads 928-462-4300. Most areas in Young offer breathtaking views of the mountains around it.

Pleasant Valley is a mile high valley with a rich water supply. The elevation ranges from 5,100 to 5,300 feet, which makes for 4 mild seasons and a 6-month growing season. There is a tremendous variety of native vegetation. Gardens and fruit trees flourish in Young's "Zone 7" climate. The creek beds are lined with sycamores, black walnuts, willows, cottonwoods, and Arizona alder.

**Weather:** Winters can be wet with average 2" – 8" snow storm accumulations. A rare, heavy snowstorm can dump 2 feet and create a power outage. The average high temperature in January is 51 degrees. Low temperatures rarely dip below 10 F.

Summer temperatures swing 40 - 50 degrees from daytime highs of 90-95 to lows of 45-60.

Rainfall averages 22" annually. Young had 33" in 1992, a very wet year! Monsoon storms begin in late June. Gardeners begin planting frost-resistant veggies in March. Frosts (and/or snow) happen as late as early June. Daily weather is available at [www.noaa.gov/](http://www.noaa.gov/) or [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com).

## Antler Restaurant/Bar

The only place to dine for lunch and dinner is the Antler Café, located on Hwy 288 south of the school. The food alone is worth the trip to Young, as it is prepared by a five-star chef. They open at **11:00 am Wednesday thru Sunday 7 pm**. If you need to be in Young on Mondays or Tuesdays, bring a packed cooler, see what you can find at the Cherry Creek Store or the mini market at Buddi's Gas Station. Or, do food preparation of your own in accommodations with kitchenettes.