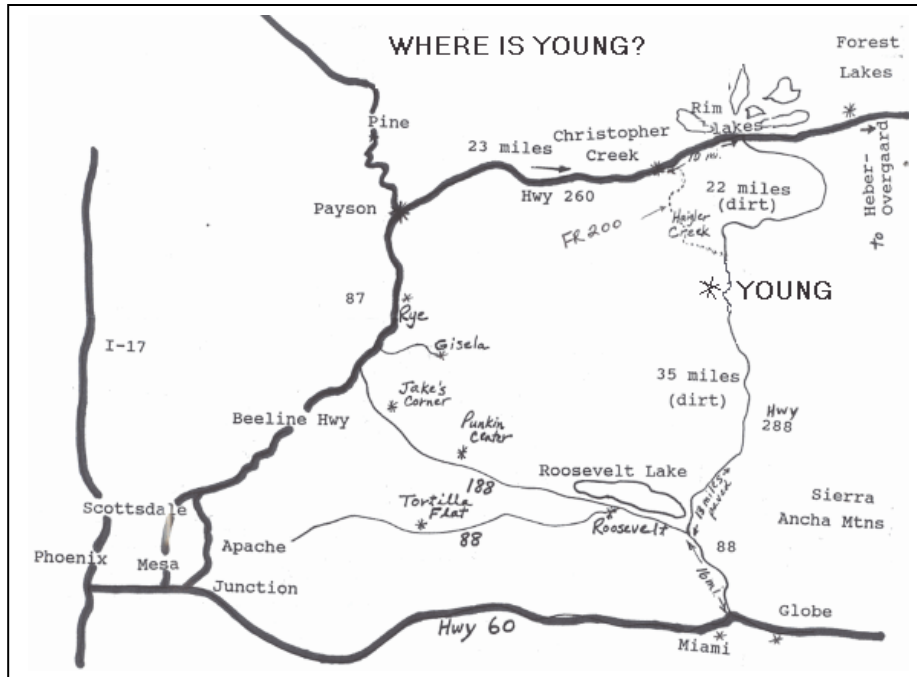


Pleasant Valley Almanac

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Where is Young?

... approximately 70 miles northeast of the Phoenix metro area as the crow flies. From Mesa & other East Valley cities, it is about 2 ½ - 3 hours drive to Young via Hwys 87 & 260.

From Payson: drive east on Hwy 260 approx 31 miles up onto the Mogollon Rim to the Young Road (Forest Road 512). Sign says, "Desert to Tall Pines Scenic By-way". Turn right and travel the 21 miles through forest and about 6 more miles to **our office, across from the fire station, 47518 N AZ Hwy 288.**

From Globe: travel north on Hwy 188 15 miles to Hwy 288 turnoff. **Take 288 North**, across the Salt River bridge and continue north through the Tonto Natl Forest. About half of the total 35 miles on Hwy 288 are now asphalted. When wet, the dirt section of this road can be slick and dangerous. It is only 2 miles from where you enter Young to our office on the north side of the highway, 47518, across from the fire station.

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 single- or twin-engine aircraft. It is located on the mesa about 3 miles north of the central part of Pleasant Valley; along Forest Svc Rd 200. More information is available at www.azpilots.org Be sure to arrange for someone to pick you up, as there are no facilities.

Environment

Young is an unincorporated small town, formally called Pleasant Valley, with a mile high elevation surrounded by the Tonto National Forest. There are miles of trails to explore, hunt, ride on horseback and camp on. Contact the Payson Ranger District office about which roads allow Off Highway Vehicles 928-474-7900. The US Forest Service sells firewood cutting permits also. Most areas in town offer mountain views and an abundant, potable water supply. Pleasant Valley is 5,150 to 5,350 feet elevation, has 4 mild seasons and a 6-8 month growing season. Gardens and fruit trees can

flourish in Young's "Zone 7" climate. Creek beds are lined with sycamores, black walnuts, willows, cottonwoods, AZ alder, wild grapes and blackberries. News spreads via Facebook group pages, at local events & on bulletin boards at local businesses.

Weather: Most of our annual precipitation is received during winter and the late summer months of July & August. 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 95 +/- to lows of 45-60. Winter snow storms range from a dusting to 2+ feet! Daily weather and forecasts can be found at www.weather.gov zip code 85554

Restaurants: Enjoy breakfast & lunch Wed - Sun at the **Pleasing Palate** next to the Pleasant Valley Inn in the middle of town. 8 - 1:30 928-462-0018 Open Thurs, Fri & Sat nights for dinner, too!

Saddle Tramp across Hwy 288 from the Cherry Creek Store is typically open Tuesdays through Sundays for breakfast, lunch and early dinners.

Bruzzi Vineyard on Hwy 288 across from the Thrift Store is a wine tasting bar, also serving bottled beers. Fri, Sat & Sunday afternoons - meat & cheese or veggie platters. Special meals are offered Friday and Saturday evenings, by reservation. Sunday brunch is fabulous! Check their Facebook page for updates. Wine tastings & sales. 928-462-3314

Antlers Café & Bar - Hwy 288 south of the school reopened Memorial Day weekend 2022 with the original menu and their succulent desserts. Now serving grass-fed beef hamburgers!! Outdoor seating is available during the fair weather months. Enjoy lunch or dinner Thursdays thru Saturdays. 928-462-3265

History and Community Events

Pleasant Valley began as a cattle ranching community in the 1870's. There was a brutal 5-year, "to the last man" feud between the Grahams and Tewksburys between 1887 and 1892.

The town's name was changed because Miss Ola Young served 50 years as the first Postmaster.

Summer Activities: There are many archaeological and historical sites in the area. Annually, the 3rd weekend in July, Young celebrates Pleasant Valley Days with a parade and tours of the battle sites and other historic places of the "Pleasant Valley War". Tour the museums and enjoy team ropings and gymkhanas in the arena. Or venture out of town to swimming holes in creeks flowing thru the Tonto National Forest.

Community Services

Buddi's mini market sells both unleaded gasoline and diesel from pumps that operate round the clock using cards for payment. Cherry Creek Store is also open 7 day a week and has some livestock feed as well. Revolution Auto Parts has expanded to carry some hardware, gardening and cleaning supplies. Pleasant Valley Tire shop on Whiskey Alley is also a busy place! Many services in Young are provided only because of local people who volunteer their time.

There is a Veterans organization, a Veterans' Retreat Center, an LDS church, and 2 non-denominational Christian groups that gather regularly to worship.

Mechanics, auto parts store, and tire repair shop are here to support motorists. Our public library is tied to the Gila County Library system. There are 4-H clubs, FFA, & various other activities for children sponsored by the PTO. The PV Historical Society and Community Council coordinate various affairs, including the annual Gila County Fair in September. Other activities come and go depending on interest.

The U.S. Mail is delivered 6 days a week from Globe. UPS delivers weekdays. FedEx delivers as needed.

Midvale Telephone Exchange provides local service and DSL fiberoptic Internet access. Hughes and Wild Blue offer satellite Internet service. The public phones in town (at the Post Office and school) provide free local calls, and non-coin long distance. Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile cell phone service work well off our repeater cell tower.

Arizona Public Service provides electricity. A local man picks up garbage weekly. Satellite TV reception is available through Dish Network or Direct TV. Three propane companies deliver gas & lease tanks here.

Emergency/Medical

The Gila County Sheriff's Office rarely needs to respond to calls from Young. The PV Medical Clinic is run by Cobre Valley Medical of Globe Miami. A physician's assistant is on duty every Thursday. Emergencies are handled by a local paramedic & first responders and local

volunteer fire fighters. We have enhanced 911 response services: addresses are connected to phone lines. Residents can purchase air evacuation membership with PHI medical evacuation helicopter company to avoid huge bills for transportation to hospitals; also covered under Medicare. Payson's hospital is connected to the Banner Health system.

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PLACES TO EAT and STAY THE NIGHT IN YOUNG

The historic **Antlers Café & Bar**, open for lunch & dinner Thursday - Saturday; open Sundays in the summer 928-462-3265

The **Pleasing Palate** 928-462-0018 has served breakfast, lunch & dinner. Call for winter hours of operation.

Bruzzi Vineyard menu and weekend hours can be found on their FaceBook site: Bruzzi Vineyard 928-462-3314

Saddle Tramp - Lunch or Dinner; Catering, too! - in the middle of town; South side of Hwy - watch for sandwich sign

Hitchin' Post grab -n- go food, drinks, coffee, ice cream / desserts on north end of the Post Office Bldg - open Mondays - Saturdays

Poverty Gulch log cabin Book via Air B-n-B or VRBO

Tipi Glamping on redwood deck is both heated & cooled; has outdoor bat facilities. Book via AirBNB

Cohea Ln 4 bdrm 2 bath 2-story home Book via VRBO

Cherry Creek Lodge bed-n- breakfast offers rooms with private baths and meals booked to meet your needs; on Forest Rd 54 about 7 miles south of Young 928-462-4027

Pleasant Valley Inn: 10 rooms; 9 with queen beds/double occupancy available 928-462-3593

Plus 3 bdrm 2 bath manufactured home for larger parties

3 larger facilities are available for retreats, reunions, weddings, etc. Consult VRBO or AirBNB for additional options!