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Find fun for the entire family in Safford

As children escape the halls of schools and temperatures around the state begin to spike, visitors can take time to discover Arizona's hidden treasure – Safford – which offers a variety of activities perfect for any family getaway.

Safford, which is the seat of Graham County, is located at the base of Mount Graham. It's small-town atmosphere is perfect for those looking to escape from the city for a weekend, and there is no better weekend to visit than Memorial Day.

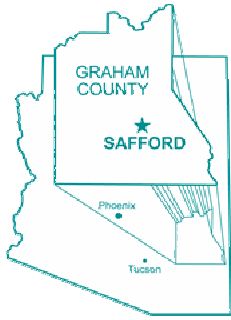
The Gila Valley Family Fest, sponsored by the SAVE Organization has events on May 26, 27 and 28 that range from an antique show to classic car displays to a talent show, and it promises to satisfy the tastes of the entire family.

When traveling to the Family Fest, visitors should not forget to bring their favorite antiques because one of the most popular events an Antiques Road Show-style event, which is Sunday afternoon. Experts are on hand to analyze antiques and tell hopefuls the value – or lack there of –

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of their items. Antiques are also for sale at this event.

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For those less interested in antique items and more interested in antique cars, the classic car show offers an array of restored cars from Ford Model-Ts to late-model Chevrolet Corvettes. Visitors can vote for their favorite car, and the people's choice award is given at 9 p.m. on Friday night. The largest car show of the weekend begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, and it's a must for all gearheads and car lovers.

After shopping at the quilt, antique and craft shows, visitors can spend the evening strolling down Main Street, which offers more shopping and live entertainment. Local performers serenade visitors in the early evening, and the talent show begins at 8 p.m. Acts vary and include dancers, musicians and singers from the surrounding areas.

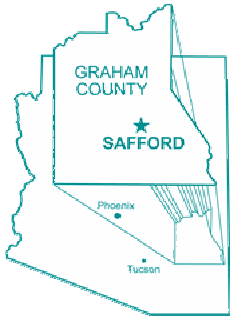
Saturday afternoon also allows for aspiring marksmen to show their stuff at the trap shoot, which is at the Safford Rifle Range. For \$3, shooters can take shots at 25 clay pigeons, and spectators can watch for free.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, bring lawn chairs and blankets to the grass in front of Safford City Hall and enjoy a free blue grass concert by "Just N Time."

After enjoying a night of music and rest in one of Safford many hotels, visitors need not worry about finding entertainment on Sunday and Monday.

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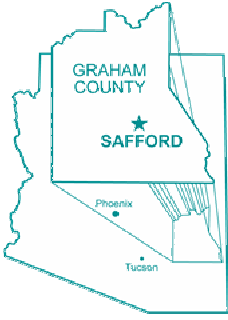
Safford is a short two hours from Safford or three hours from Phoenix and offers plenty of accommodations for weekend visitors, including primitive campgrounds, state-of-the-art RV parks, major hotel and motel chains, conference facilities, bed and breakfasts, guest ranches and more.

Travelers can also enjoy the best Sonoran-style Mexican food in the state and visit a number of historical sites around the county.

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