

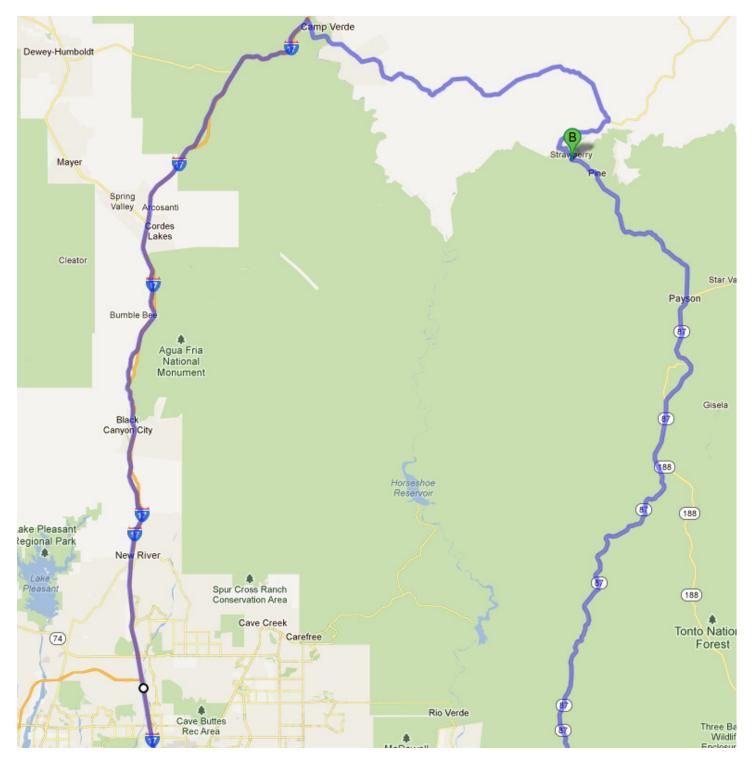
Directions:

	 Head west on W Washington St toward N 1st Ave About 1 min 	go 0.5 m total 0.5 m
•	2. Turn right onto N 7th Ave About 3 mins	go 0.8 m total 1.3 m
9	3. Turn right to merge onto I-10 E toward Tucson About 3 mins	go 2.2 m total 3.5 m
Ì	4. Take exit 147A to merge onto AZ-202 Loop E About 12 mins	go 13.0 m total 16.5 m
)	5. Take exit 13 for Country Club Dr	go 0.3 m total 16.8 m
0	6. Turn left onto AZ-87 N/N Country Club Dr Continue to follow AZ-87 N About 1 hour 22 mins	go 75.3 m total 92.1 m
)	 At the traffic circle, continue straight onto AZ-260 W/AZ-87 N About 22 mins 	go 16.0 m total 108 m
1	8. Turn left onto Fossil Creek Rd About 1 min	go 72 total 108 m
	Total: 108 mi -	- about 2 hours 4 min
) 5	Strawberry, AZ	total 0.0 mi
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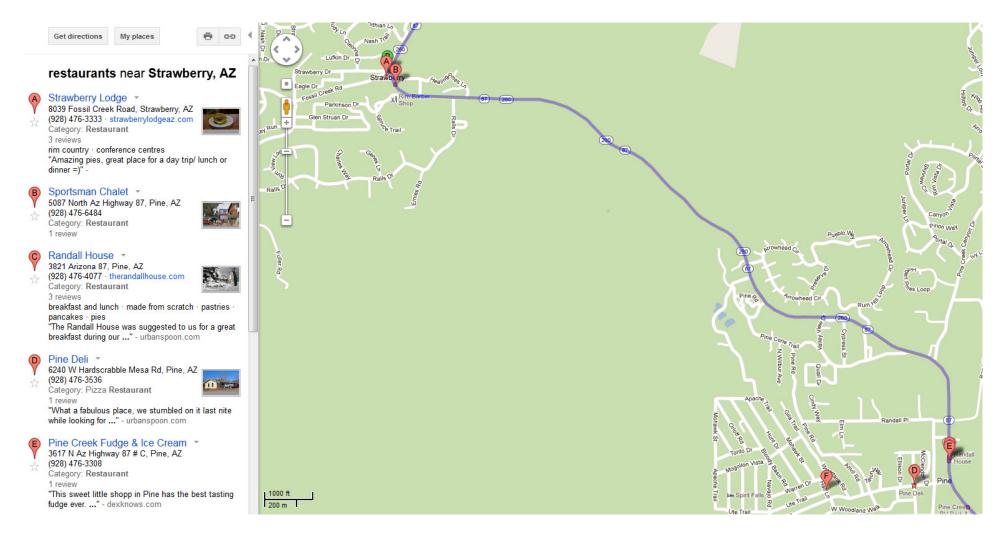
Map:







Food in Strawberry:





Tonto Natural Bridge State Park: Fees Park Entrance Fees: Adult (14+): \$5.00 Youth (7–13): \$2.00 Child (0–6): FREE

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park

Five Day Schedule: This park is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The park is open from 9 am to 5 pm (with last entry at 4 pm) on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, & Mondays. Read about five day schedule.

Youth Ambassador & Americorps at Tonto Natural Bridge

Read Arizona State Park Youth Ambassador Kelly's blog about helping Americorps volunteers at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, near Payson.

The Americorps group consisted of 11 young people who worked on hauling dirt for trail improvements, planting Willow saplings; scraping chipped paint from the wooden board walk; sealing a wood fence; helping to decrease water erosion; and more. <u>Read full blog and see photos</u>.

Tucked away in a tiny valley surrounded by a forest of pine trees, **Tonto Natural Bridge State Park** has been in the making for thousands of years. It is believed to be the largest natural travertine bridge in the world. The bridge stands 183 feet high over a 400-foot long tunnel that measures 150 feet at its widest point.

The discovery of the small and beautiful valley between Pine and Payson was documented in 1877 by David Gowan, a prospector who stumbled across the bridge as he was chased by Apaches. Gowan hid for two nights and three days in one of several caves that dot the inside of the bridge. On the third day, he left the cave to explore the tunnel and green valley surrounding it. Gowan then claimed squatter's rights.

In 1898 he persuaded his nephew, David Gowan Goodfellow, to bring his family over from Scotland and settle the land permanently. After a week of difficult travel from Flagstaff, the Goodfellows arrived at the edge of the mountain and lowered their possessions down the 500 foot slopes into the valley by ropes and burros.

Today, visitors can stand on top of the bridge or hike down below to capture the true size and beauty of this geologic wonder.

How did the Natural Bridge form?

Learn about the geology of Tonto Natural Bridge on the Science page, and read more about its history in the Feature Story.

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Looking through a section of the natural bridge at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park.



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