

Welcome to the  
**VERDE RIVER**  
*String of Pearls*

**VERDE VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER  
 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE PATHWAY**

**Traditional Use Garden**

The Pathway passes a Native American Traditional Use Garden. The Garden is a cooperative project with the Verde Valley Ancestral Garden Association. The Garden is composed of three segments: (1) gathering plants; (2) farming of corn, beans, squash and cotton; and (3) agave. This is an accurate representation of the types of plants that would have been used by the people who once lived in this ancient village.

**Outdoor Classroom**

An outdoor classroom is just beyond the Garden.

**This is an Archaeological Site**

This area is the property of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center and NOT public land.

This property was investigated by two archaeology contract firms in anticipation of a future housing development. During these investigations it became apparent that the area contained an ancient village of Sinagua pit houses dating as early as A.D. 540. The site is recorded with the Arizona State Museum and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office.

The Verde Valley Archaeology Center became aware of the historical significance of the property and contacted the owner, Mr. Scott Simonton. After negotiations, Mr. Simonton donated the property to the Verde Valley Archaeology Center for preservation and educational opportunities.

**Wayside Exhibits**

To provide an educational experience as you walk the pathway, there are a number of interpretive exhibits that tell the story of the people who lived in this area almost 2,000 years ago.

The interpretive exhibits and benches are provided through the generosity of members of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. They are acknowledged on the exhibits and benches.

Additional information on each area can be found by visiting a matching web page by using the QR Code located on each exhibit.

**You Are the Key to Your Safety**



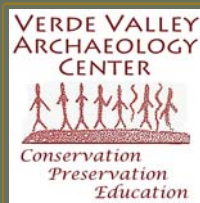
The Pathway is not always staffed. If you proceed you are assuming all liability for your own safety.



Cellphone reception is good on the Pathway. Call 911 if assistance is needed.



Stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water during your hike.



Trail materials were provided through the generosity of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.



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**Please Stay on the Trail**



No bikes or other motorized vehicles except ADA mobility aids.



Pack it in ... Pack it out! Please use the refuse container in the parking area.



Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints. This site is still an active research project.



Pick up after your pets and keep all dogs on leash.

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