

Online Information

The Ghost Town Mystery

Fascinating Facts

Tombstone and Arizona

- Tombstone founder Edward Schieffelin discovered silver in the area in 1877. Silver and gold mining was big business over the next seven years until rising underground water forced a stop to mining operations.
- By 1863, one in every four people in Arizona was a miner.
- The famous gunfight at the OK Corral was an example of the lawlessness that marked Tombstone in the late 1800s. President Chester Arthur even threatened to send in military troops to restore order!
- Tombstone's nickname is "The Town Too Tough to Die!"
- Tombstone supplied manganese to the government during World War I, and lead during World War II.
- In 1884, the Boot Hill Graveyard was declared to be full and officially closed to burials.
- On September 30, 1962, Tombstone was named a National Historic Landmark.
- Arizona has more than 100 ghost towns, including Bumble Bee, Gunsight, Ruby, Copper Creek, Crown King, Fort Misery, and Jerome.
- Arizona leads the nation in copper production. Copper is used in wiring and in coins, like pennies!
- A saguaro cactus grows arms only after it is about 15 feet tall and about 75 years old! The biggest saguaro cacti are about 200 years old.
- The town of Bisbee is known as the "Queen of the Copper Mines."
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