

# Mescal, Arizona

North of the tracks near Mescal, Arizona sits a little piece of movie-making fame. Can you picture an Old West town where life was tough but simple, survival was paramount, and disagreements were settled with gunfights? Mescal, Arizona represents that mixture of real life and movie themes. If you have watched the movie "Buffalo Soldiers," the remake of "Tombstone," "The Outlaw Josie Wales," or television's "Little House on the Prairie," then you have already seen Mescal. This small town is the sister site to Old Tucson Studios and has served as the filming location for many western movies, T.V. shows, and commercials. Visitors can tour the movie town to get a glimpse of life in the Wild, Wild West.

Mescal is more than a site for western movies. The real community of Mescal can also show us something of the struggle for survival. Life out in the Southwest was hard and dangerous, resources were not readily available, and the conditions weren't always suitable for raising food. Early settlers in this area worked long hard days under the sun to provide for their families. Surviving was a job in itself and was the main focus of one's life. While we can't believe everything we see on the silver screen, we can respect the hard work and determination shown by the real people of Mescal.

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