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**1. Best Activity for the Family-
Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon
Center**

The mission statement of Audubon Arizona begins with connecting people with nature. Located on the South side of the Salt River in a 600 acre City of Phoenix Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area; offering a family friendly

and educational experience. Admission is free and there is a wide variety of outdoor activities to take part in; including hiking, nature walks, wildlife encounters and riding trails.

Location: 3131 S. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85040
<http://riosalado.audubon.org/hours-and-information>

2. Best Food and Drink- Blossom Asian Cuisine

Blossom Asian Cuisine is located in Tolleson on Lower Buckeye Road. The menu features pork, beef, chicken, seafood and vegetarian entrees as well as soups and appetizers. Lunch and dinner service are served everyday and the menu offers exciting options that will satisfy your every craving. Check this place out next time you're craving Asian cuisine.

Location: 8350 W. Lower Buckeye Rd. Tolleson, AZ 85353
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Blossom-Asian-Cuisine/116172298411131>





3. Best Downtown Activity- 32nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Faire

The theme this year is "Celebrating 32: 32 Countries and 32 Parades". The Faire at Hance Park is featuring 3 stages of Irish music and dancers, a kid's area, food and beverage's and the Soul Friend exhibition at the McClland Library. The Faire starts at 10 am at Hance Park west side of the Irish Cultural Center March 14, 2015.

<http://stpatricksdaysphoenix.org/>

4. Best Arts & Culture Event- 5th Annual Carnaval Do Brazil

This concert event brings a reflection of Brazil's national pastime to the heart of Phoenix. Guests can enjoy Brazilian bands, samba dancers, performances, Brazilian costumes and authentic Brazilian food. Tickets are required and the event is 21 & over.

Location: 441 W. Madison St. Phoenix, AZ 85003

<http://www.carnavalevent.com/>



5. Best Place for a First Date- Trailside Pointe Park



This park features two lighted basketball courts, a grill, ramadas, restrooms, spray pad for children and lighted sand volleyball courts. This park also features a pond with a walking trail that is along the edge. The park is open from 5:30am – 10pm.

Location: 7215 W. Vineyard Road. Phoenix, Arizona 85339

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/t-parks>

6. Best Kept Secret- Tres Rios Wetlands

The Tres Rios Wetlands is a 35 acre constructed wetland complex for wastewater treatment. This area is a premier birding area and offers excellent viewing opportunities to the knowledgeable birder. Over 150 species of birds have been spotted at the wetlands. Other wildlife in the area includes muskrat, raccoon, skunk, bobcat and beaver. A trail runs along the creek and portions of the trail have universal accessibility.



Location: S. 91st Ave. Tolleson, AZ 85353

<http://www.wildlifeviewingareas.com/wv-app/ParkDetail.aspx?ParkID=116>



7. Best Neighborhood Spot- Taqueria El Fundador

Taqueria El Fundador features home style cooking for a great price. Street tacos, menudo, burritos, tortas and horchata are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This place is the spot for authentic Mexican food.

Location: 3245 W. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85009

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Taqueria-El-Fundador/111365872229797?ref=hl>