



Sedona Ranger Station Centennial Celebration

May 20, 2017, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
250 Brewer Rd.

This free public event celebrates the centennial of the historic Ranger Station house, originally built for use as the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station in 1917 and now part of 3.4 acres owned by the city of Sedona for public enjoyment. The house is the oldest building in Sedona; it and an adjacent barn built in 1934 are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are designated as Sedona Historic Landmarks.

The Sedona Historic Preservation Commission is hosting the celebration.



Please join us for these activities

- § Both the house and barn will be open for viewing along with displays of historical photographs of the Ranger Station.
- § Visitors can view the park master plan that proposes to restore and renovate the structures and develop a community park.
- § Display of a restored 1942 fire engine from the Sedona Historical Society.
- § Music by The Rice Brothers: Classic Country & Western with flashes of 50's-60's-70's Rock & Country Folk
- § Two food trucks, 3's in the Trees and Yaqui Taqueria, will have food available for purchase. Complimentary ice cream.
- § Sedona Historic Preservation Commissioners will be available to answer questions about historic preservation and the city's landmark program.



Background: The U.S. Forest Service sold the property in 2005 to a private owner. The city purchased it in 2014 to preserve the historic buildings and develop a park in the historic center of Sedona.

Park design: The park master plan calls for the house to be used as a community meeting and event space, and the barn renovated to accommodate art exhibitions, concerts, performances and private events such as weddings. Improvements will be designed to respect the historic character of the site. Non-historic structures have been removed to prepare for future park construction. Learn more about the city's plans at sedonaaz.gov/rangerstation.

Ranger Station, 250 Brewer Rd.

Property history and details

House

- In 1915 Sedona District Ranger Jesse Bushnell pushed for repairs of the U.S. Forest Service log cabin and the addition of an outhouse. He apparently had the support of Forest Supervisor Raymond E. Marsh, who in 1917 wrote to the District Forester in Albuquerque of plans to build a three- or four-room house. "We want to build the best house that can be built here for \$650.00..." he wrote. Bushnell received standard Forest Service architectural plans for a three-room dwelling. A few months later Marsh wrote again, asking to revise the construction budget: "Owing, however, to the high cost of materials at this time and the long distance (36 miles) over poor roads it is necessary to haul the material, it is doubtful the house can be completed" on time and on budget. Apparently these problems were resolved as the existing house, which replaced the log cabin, was completed that year.
- The house was later converted to offices and the barn was used as a work space for the Sedona Area Forest Service Fire Office.
- The house features simple Arts and Crafts architectural elements such as exposed rafter tails, open eaves, a porch and narrow clapboard siding. The interior includes the original fireplace, mantel and light fixtures.



Barn

- The 2,000-square-foot wood barn includes a second-story hay loft above two horse stalls. It was built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which employed thousands of citizens during the Great Depression. About half of all corps projects were conducted on behalf of the Forest Service.
- The symmetrical design, provided by the Forest Service, is an intact example of vernacular American barns and agricultural buildings.
- Interior features include rustic wood walls, a tall brick chimney (now gone) in center of the one-story section with a metal stovepipe that is still visible from the exterior.

Source: National Register of Historic Places nomination report, which was accepted in 2008. [Read and download the report and historic photos.](#)

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