Charm for Days: The Strawberry Inn

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After a massive remodel and relaunch in 2016, <u>The Strawberry Inn</u> has become one of Northern Arizona's most charming properties for staying and playing.



With its signature windmill that can be spotted from the road, it is hard to miss The Strawberry Inn, located in the small town of Strawberry in Northern Arizona. Charm is oozing from the property, even at first glance: red doors, rocking chairs, large porch swings, white fencing. The best part? You feel like you have the inn all to yourself, as it only hosts a handful of rooms and, though they are on call for any need you may have, there is no on-site staff.

The Strawberry Inn rooms are cozy, full of thoughtful touches and have a casual, chic cabin appeal, full of warm woods and a palette of gray, white and metal. While the rooms are hip enough to host a girlfriend's getaway or a romantic escape, nothing feels too fancy or off-limits, so families definitely feel welcome in these quarters. And kiddos will have the best time swaying the day away on the rocking chairs and porch swings or running around the property, end to end.



The rooms are stocked with local menus, maps of nearby hiking trails and other ideas for filling your time in Strawberry and nearby Pine. For such small towns, Strawberry and Pine have plenty to see and do—and The Strawberry Inn is proximate to it all.



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A few our picks for seeing and eating in Strawberry and Pine:

Old County Inn Though the pizzas take 30 minutes to prepare, they are worth the wait. Grab a seat on the large, twinkle light-lined patio and

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play bean bags in the open air to pass the time.

<u>THAT Brewery.</u> Come for the beer, stay for the grub. This no-frills, kid-friendly brewery dishes up stellar burgers and top brews, like the Strawberry Blonde and Batch 98.

Mamajoe's Italian Grill Directly across the street from The Strawberry Inn, Mamajoe's offers up delectable Italian eats in a casual setting.

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Take a short drive to the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park where you can embark on several different hikes (some of which are easy and family-friendly) to see the awe-inspiring natural wonder. Not in the mood to break a sweat? There are lookout points, too. Speaking of "look out," keep an eye on roaming javelina and deer.

The Randall House Craving a super-hearty breakfast? Head to The Randall House—part restaurant, part gift shop—and order up satisfying a.m. eats (like the amazing blueberry pancakes) and decadent hot cocoa that was whipped up on the stove.