



Welcome to Sun Lakes, Arizona

County: Maricopa
Population: 13,975
Founded: 1972
Square Miles: 5
Distance from
Sky Harbor Airport: 21 Miles
Approx. Drive Time: 25 Minutes
City Sales Tax: 0.0%
State Sales Tax: 5.6%
Average Sales Price: \$309,100



Sun Lakes Oakwood, Golf Course

Sun Lakes is an active adult community comprising five active adult country club communities in three homeowner associations. These include the gated communities of Oakwood and IronWood (IronOaks), and the gated and non-gated communities of Palo Verde and Cottonwood (Cottonwood Palo Verde), and the non-gated community of Sun Lakes 1. Sun Lakes is a master-planned community developed by a single builder, Robson Communities.

Sun Lakes, AZ History

The concept of providing active adults a resort lifestyle was pioneered by Ed Robson in the early '70's. Robson acquired 2,560 acres of farmland in a limited partnership for the Sun Lakes development near Chandler, Arizona, in 1972. Initially, the partnership only sold lots and mobile homes in order to compete with Sun City. Robson survived the energy crisis in the mid-seventies and bought out his partners.

In late 1976, Robson made the decision to switch from offering mobile homes to on-site built single family homes. Sun Lakes continued to flourish during the next two decades despite record-high interest rates in the early 1980s and the downturn in the housing market in the late 1980s/early 1990s. Now sold-out, Sun Lakes is comprised of approximately 10,000 homes, five golf courses, five country clubs, two shopping centers and a medical and education center.