

AGUA VERDE CASTLE

The Agua Verde Castle is located on the top of a hill southeast of Tucson and north of Interstate 10 in the foothills of the Rincon Mountains. You can obtain excellent views of the Castle while hiking the Arizona Trail about three miles north of the Gabe Zimmerman (Marsh Station) Trailhead.

The castle was built in the late 1970s by Duane Durham and his wife, Ginny, who were reported to be the owners of Desert Greetings. They had two daughters, one of whom is named Laura. As of this writing, the daughters have moved out but Duane and Ginny still live there. The address of the castle is Agua Verde Road and there is an Agua Verde Creek nearby. There is reportedly a railroad track all the way round the castle with a small train on it that the children rode when they were young. A visitor also reported a mean looking life-sized stuffed bear inside the gate. The castle is richly decorated with a different theme for each room. Mrs. Durham has an impressive collection of cast iron stoves. There is an observatory on the grounds



View of Agua Verde Castle from the Arizona Trail – October 2010

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