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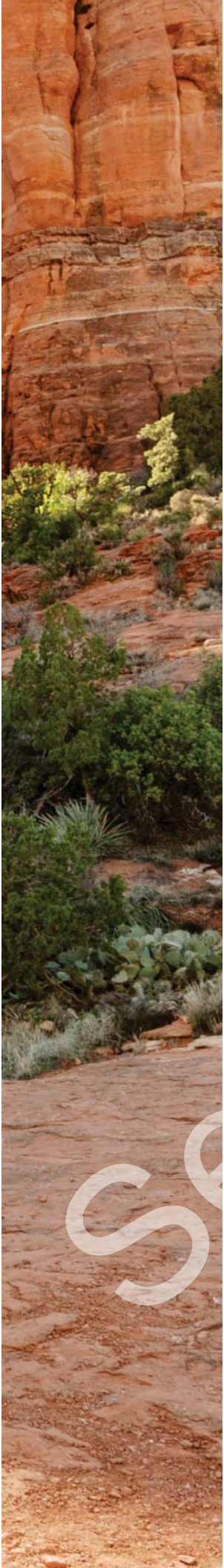
TO TAKE STUNNING NORTHERN
ARIZONA PHOTOS



In honor of our weddings issue, we spoke with three local photographers about where they take couples looking for those spectacular Northern Arizona pictures. And from iconic red rock shots to beautiful Oak Creek photos, here are their top picks. Visit sedonamonthly.com to see directions, tips from the pros on photographing each location and a few additional places where you can capture breathtaking photos.







HAILEY GOLICH

Horseshoe Bend (Opening Spread)

You've probably seen thousands of images of Horseshoe Bend (it's off to the right in the picture). But you've probably never seen one that looked quite like this. You can only get this photo if you book a private tour with Horseshoe Bend Slot Canyon Tours. The company will take you to this private overlook, which is just to the left of the public one.

"If you try to do something like this over at the public overlook, you'll probably never get a photo like this because there's going to be hundreds of other people on the edge with you watching sunset. If I'm ever recommending something in that area, I always say, 'Take the private tour, and go at sunset,'" says Hailey Golich.

Cathedral Rock (Opposite Page)

You can find this view roughly two thirds from the Cathedral Rock trailhead, just to the right of the trail.

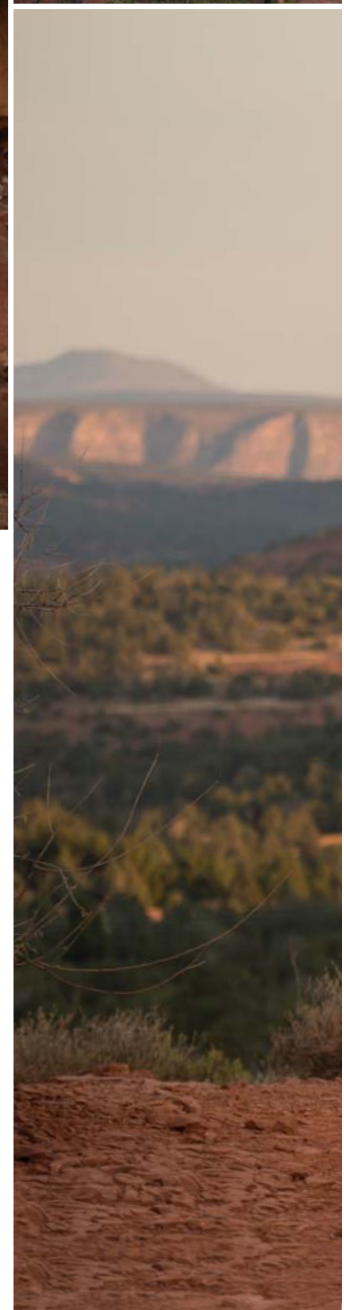
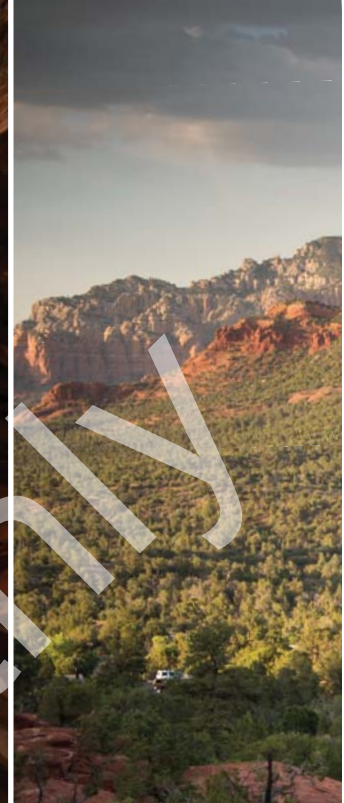
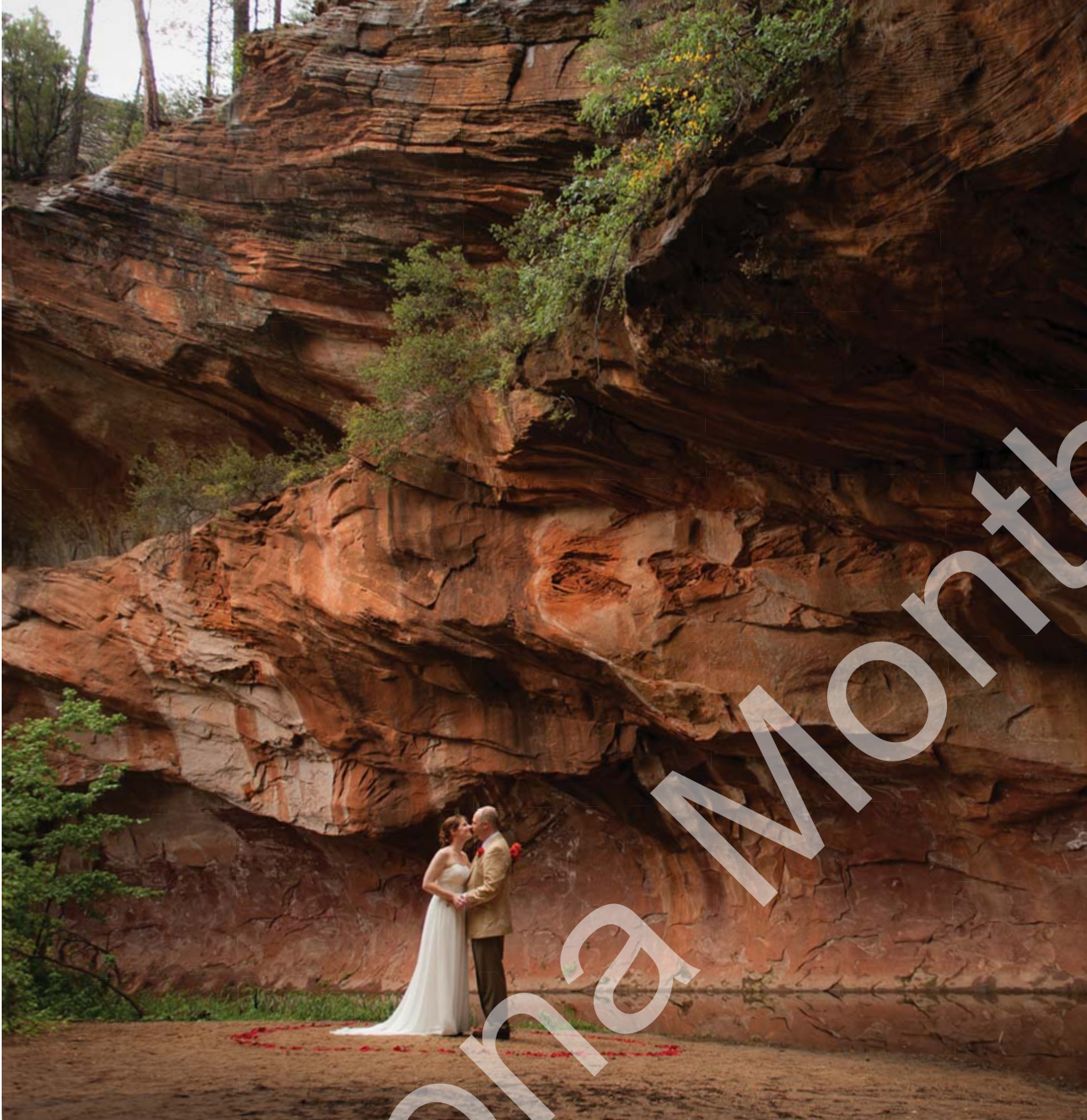
"A lot of people are attracted to that spot because you have more of the prominent red rock in the background. You're much closer to the red rocks versus a lot of the other places are more vista views," says Hailey. "People really like Cathedral because you're surrounded by these huge red rocks. And you can get up close to them."

Merry Go Round Rock (This Page)

You'll need to have a high clearance vehicle to reach this spot, Merry Go Round rock.

"This is my personal favorite place in Sedona out of anywhere. It keeps it private. You typically won't see a lot of other people here," says Hailey. "It's a really unique rock feature that you don't get anywhere else either. The fact that there's a hole in the rock underneath that you can stand out on this point. This spot in particular has more of those vista views where you have those distant red rocks versus right in front of you or right behind you."

All photos by Hailey Golich, owner of Hailey Golich Photography.
Visit haileygolich.com to see more of her work.



ANDREW HOLMAN

West Fork (This Page)

“It gives you that classic Oak Creek Canyon feel. Of course, “you have the water, and it’s also a great spot to go if it’s the warm summer months because it offers a lot of relief,” says Andrew Holman. “It has a lush feeling and just gives that classic Arizona canyon look and feel.”

Yavapai Vista (Opposite Page, Top)

“It gives you picture-perfect views of Bell Rock and Courthouse Butte. It also gives you almost a 360-degree view of the rocks from a little different vantage point than Bell Rock would give you,” he says.

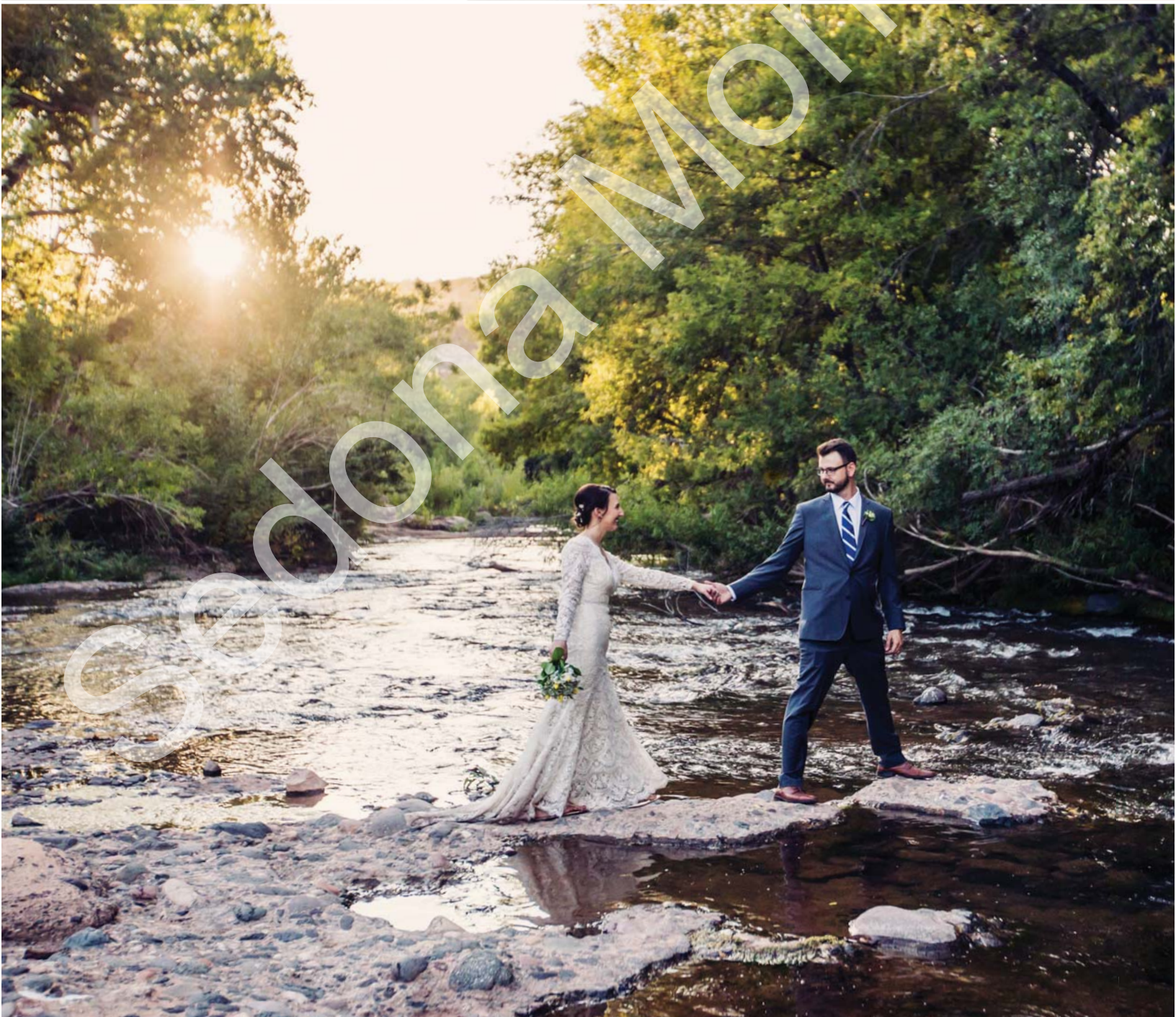
Lover’s Knoll (Opposite Page, Bottom)

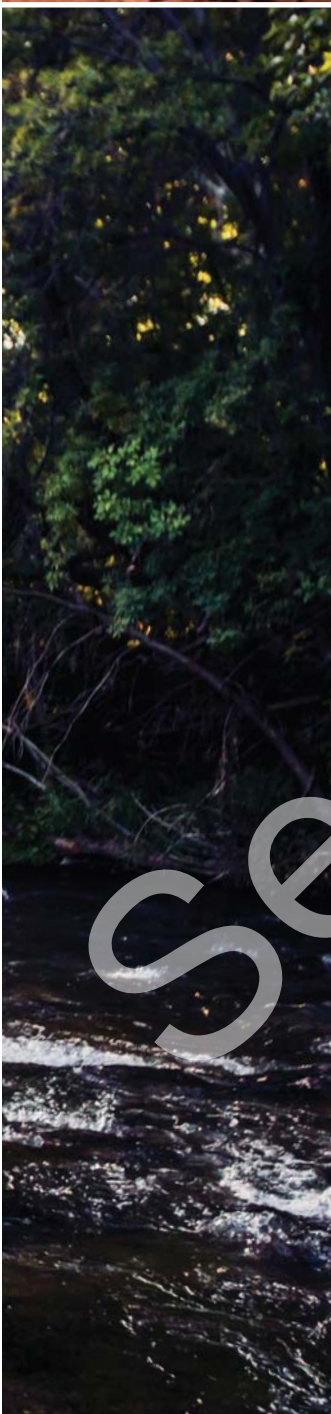
“Lover’s Knoll gives you a unique perspective of not just of Cathedral Rock, but the rock surrounding it, because you’re up on a little mesa,” says Andrew. “And it’s very exposed to the elements. There’s no obstructions. There’s no trees. There’s not really much of anything that’s going to get in the way of that.”

All photos by Andrew Holman.

Visit andrewholman.com to see more of his work.







MARIANNE BROWN

Little Sugarloaf (This Page)

You can access this spot that's just south of Chimney Rock from the Thunder Mountain trailhead.

"You can see the sunset behind you, and you can overlook town and Thunder Mountain," says Marianne Brown. "This is a spot where you can really see every part of Sedona."

Templeton Trail (Opposite Page, Top)

To access this site, follow the Templeton Trail for about five to 10 minutes to see sweeping views of Cathedral Rock.

"Cathedral is the most famous rock in Sedona. As an outsider, it's easy to see why it is famous for a reason. From both directions, the sunset lighting is so pretty. When it sets behind Cathedral, you get the sun flare when the light is illuminating Courthouse and Lee Mountain and everything else in the distance. Your vista in both directions is pretty spectacular," says Marianne.

Page Springs (Opposite Page, Bottom)

To find this place, you can park at Page Springs Cellars winery in Cornville and then walk behind the winery to Oak Creek. Marianne says she loves photographing couples there due to the variety of scenery the location offers.

"It's awesome because it has the sandstone 'beach' exposed and the river in the background and the trees. It's really pretty in the fall, with the changing leaves. The sun literally goes right down the middle of Oak Creek," says Marianne. "If they're looking for something other than red rocks or just a variety, that's a good photo spot for a super green background." •

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