

Attractions & Activities

Canyon Ridge, Chama NM

Chama is a village of approximately 1,200 people and is located eight miles south of the Colorado border and a bit west of the center of New Mexico. The altitude is just under 8,000', and the nearby San Juan Mountains climb to 12,000'. The Chama Valley offers exceptional recreational activities in the summer and winter, and the altitude variation provides a diversification of plant and animal life. Chama Valley is a wonderful get-away destination for hiking, boat excursions, fishing, horseback riding and the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Enjoy all of the state and private parks, local shops stocked with wonderful finds, and chuck wagon dinners with cowboy poetry reading, historic walking tours, fossil hunting, and panning for gold; all sure to revive the Spirit of the West.

Distance from New York City – 2,020 miles, Los Angeles – 854 miles, Chicago – 1,318 miles

Chama Valley Chamber of Commerce 800-477-0149 www.chamavalley.com

Tourist Attractions

Steam Railroad – 500 Terrace Avenue, Chama, NM | 575-756-2151 **Chama**

Built in 1880, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is the most spectacular example of steam era mountain railroading in North America. www.cumbrestoltec.com

Santa Fe Southern Railway – 410 S. Guadalupe Street, Santa Fe, NM | 888-989-8600 **106 miles***

Ride a freight train through high desert scenery on this four hour trip from the historic depot in Santa Fe to Lamy, a sleepy little village reminiscent of turn-of-the-century Wild West Days. www.TheTrainInSantaFe.com

Cross of the Martyrs – 617 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM | 505-984-6760 **106 miles***

During the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, 21 Franciscan Friars died in the fight between the natives and the Spanish. A single white cross sits on a terraced hill overlooking Santa Fe to honor those holy men. The path that leads up to the cross is paved and has handrails. As you walk the path there are plaques that describe the sights you can see from your position on the hill. This is a great place for a quiet walk, especially during a spectacular sunset.

Turquoise Trail – Santa Fe & Albuquerque, NM | 505-438-8711 **106 miles & 168 miles***

Venture off the freeway and onto the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway. The Scenic and Historic Area encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico, linking Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Enjoy a breathtaking view from atop Sandia Crest, then drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid, and Cerrillos, now coming alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums and restaurants. www.turquoisetrail.org

Durango Train – 479 Main Avenue, Durango, CO | 888-872-4607 **110 miles***

Take a ride back through time behind a historic coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive. Enjoy the sites and sounds of yesteryear on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad as it winds through 46 miles of the San Juan National Forest to the old mining town of Silverton, Colorado, a National Historic Landmark. www.durangotrain.com

Historic Downtown Durango – Durango, CO**110 miles***

Downtown Durango is a Nationally Registered Historic District, home to historic boutique hotels, award-winning restaurants, acclaimed art galleries, eclectic shopping, and unique Durango events. Downtown Durango offers a true sense of the heart and soul of this mountain town. From unique, world class restaurants and dozens of one-of-a-kind retailers, to quintessential Durango events that celebrate the diversity of the region, Historic Downtown Durango offers up a magic that inspires artists and musicians, fuels pride of residence, engenders fun, and epitomizes the coveted “quality of life.” www.downtowndurango.org

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument – 40 miles SW of Santa Fe, NM | 505-761-8700**126 miles***

The tent rocks were little known before their elevation to national monument status in January 2001, but now the area has improved access and facilities, and sees a steady stream of visitors. Kasha-Katuwe is a Keresan phrase meaning 'white cliffs', Keres being the traditional language of the pueblo tribes of northern New Mexico. The teepee-like formations cover a small area but are quite remarkable and unique in the Southwest - hundreds of white, pinkish or grey spires, sharply conical in shape, lacking any covering vegetation, that occur in several groups on the east side of Peralta Canyon, on the Pajarito Plateau. www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/rio_puerco/kasha_katuwe_tent_rocks.html

International Balloon Fiesta – 5000 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE, Albuquerque, NM**168 miles***

For nine days in October, the New Mexico skies are painted as hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. Whimsical special shapes and Balloon Glows create a magical landscape for spectators to wander. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta will leave you awestruck and wanting more. www.balloonfiesta.com

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway – Albuquerque, NM | 505-856-7325**168 miles***

A trip on the world's longest aerial tramway transports you above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain a distance of 2.7 miles. See some of nature's more dramatic beauty unfold before you. At sunset the desert skies produce a spectacular array of color, and your vantage point from the observation deck atop 10,378 foot Sandia Peak in the Cibola National Forest affords an 11,000 square-mile panoramic view of the Rio Grande Valley and the Land of Enchantment. Located on the eastern edge of Albuquerque in the Sandia Foothills at the end of Tramway Road. www.sandiapeak.com

Historic Old Town Albuquerque – Albuquerque, NM | 505-319-4087**168 miles***

Take a walk through history around Albuquerque's Old Town, the serene village that has been the focal point of community life since 1706. Visit historic San Felipe de Neri Church and relax in the Rose Garden. Shopping in Old Town is a truly delightful experience. Unique items from around the world, as well as those that are distinctly Southwestern, can be found in more than 150 shops, boutiques, galleries and artist studios. www.albuquerqueoldtown.com

Four Corners – 1/2 mile from the junction of Highways 160 & 41 | 928.871.6647**193 miles***

One of the most unique landmarks - The Four Corners. This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. This location is very remote as you will experience when visiting. The original marker erected in 1912, was a simple cement pad, but has since been redone in granite and brass. The Visitor Center is open year round, and features a Demonstration Center with Navajo artisans. Navajo vendors sell handmade jewelry, crafts and traditional Navajo foods nearby. Picnic tables and self-contained restrooms are available. Services and accommodations are very limited to small cafes, grocery stores and self-service gasoline stations within a 30 mile radius. It is recommended that you have plenty of water, food, snacks, hand wipes and extra toiletries when visiting. The area is very remote, no running water, no electricity, no telephones.

www.utah.com/playgrounds/four_corners.htm

Galleries

Blue Heron Gallery – 612 Terrace Avenue, Chama, NM | 575-756-1055

Chama

The Blue Heron Gallery is a working pottery studio located in Chama. The gallery is the workplace of potter Leslie Cavell Trimble. She has been a potter for 30 years, specializing in hand thrown and hand built stoneware pots. All pottery in the gallery is made by Leslie, one piece at a time. www.bluheron.com

Tierra Wools – 91 Main Street, LosOjos, NM | 888-709-0979

12 miles*

Visit the more than 100 year old weaving studio & showroom to see a glimpse of a time when the Rio Grande weaving tradition maintained village artisans though long cold winters. Then, Rio Grande weavers quenched a deep thirst for color, harmony and spirituality by weaving for family, church and community. www.handweavers.com

More Art & Crafts Information – www.artsandcrafguild.org

Website lists Northern New Mexico artists, galleries, and shows.

Resorts, Lodging, Golf

Vista del Rio Lodge –2595 US Hwy 84-64 , Chama, NM | 505-756-2138

Chama

Make the Vista Del Rio Lodge in Chama your home away from home. They're convenient to Abiquiu, Taos, Santa Fe, and Durango. Their hotel is rated "3 diamonds" by AAA, and opened for business in 1995. They offer a free continental breakfast, and you can get copies or send and receive faxes through the business center. You can also relax in the hot tub, or step out the back door and walk along or fish from the Chama river. www.vistadelriolodge.com

The Lodge & Ranch at Chama, 16253 S. Hwy 84, Chama, NM | 505-756-2133

Chama

Sometimes it's tough, sometimes it's not, whether you are operating in the real wilderness or simply in the wilds of the corporate world. At The Lodge, life is clearly not so tough. They go to great lengths to make your stay as fulfilling and personally rewarding as humanly possible. From the world class facilities and cuisine, to the personal attention you not only expect but deserve, the entire staff is committed to your comfort, enjoyment and fulfillment. As one guest recently commented, "The Lodge is magnificent, the scenery and wildlife spectacular, and the hunting and fishing is beyond compare. But it is the people, both at the Lodge and in the field, who make every return visit a truly memorable experience and the absolute highlight of our season." www.lodgeatchama.com

The Gandy Dancer Bed & Breakfast, 299 Maple Avenue, Chama, NM | 505-756-2191

Chama

This renovated house boasts seven bedrooms with private baths and king or queen-size beds. A hearty breakfast is served in the dining room. www.gandydancerbb.com

The Springs Resort & Spa – 165 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-264-4168

48 miles*

Stay in the luxury hotel. Play at Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Rejuvenate at the Spa. Relax in one of 18 outdoor mineral pools situated next to the San Juan River. www.pagosahotsprings.com

Pagosa Springs Golf Club – #1 Pines Club Place, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-731-4755

48 miles*

A spectacular Public Resort Facility with 27 championship holes. Ponderosa pines line the fairways making the course both beautiful and challenging. Golfers are surrounded with magnificent views of the San Juan Mountains.

www.golfpagosa.com

Cattails Golf Course – 6615 N. River Road, Alamosa, CO | 866-959-7597 **76 miles***

This is the place to get away from the crowds and enjoy a relaxed round of golf. Cattails Golf Course is a cotton wood tree lined golf course with many wet lands through out. The golf course sits just north of the famous Rio Grande River with a 360 degree view of the Sangre DeCristo and San Juan Mountain Ranges at 7600' elevation. We invite you to explore our web site and see what you can enjoy with little effort. Let us remind you why you play Golf!

www.alamosacattails.com

Black Mesa Golf Club – 115 State Road 399, La Mesilla, NM | 505-747-8946 **84 miles***

Dramatic vistas of the sprawling valley climbing to distant mountains serve as an inspiring backdrop at Black Mesa Golf Club. Fairways, framed by arroyos, hug the natural ridgelines and valleys of sandstone foothills like lava leading to undulating greens in box canyons and beneath rocky ridges. Every hole shaped by the surrounding landscape like an artist forming a delicate piece of pottery. www.blackmesagolfclub.com

Towa Golf Course – 40 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, NM | 505-455-9000 **106 miles***

This course, located at the new Buffalo Thunder Resort in the heart of beautiful Northern New Mexico, offers challenging golf, amazing southwestern vistas and first-rate service. Twenty-seven of the 36 holes, designed by Hale Irwin and William Phillips, are now open for your enjoyment and golfing pleasure. A first class Clubhouse and Golf Shop features a full service restaurant and bar complete with meeting facilities. Located 12 scenic miles north of Santa Fe on Highway 84/285, Towa already has become one of the top public golf courses in the Southwest. Play Towa and experience golf's newest legend! www.towagolf.com

Angel Fire Resort – 10 Miller Lane, Angel Fire, NM | 575-377-6401 **119 miles***

A full service resort, offering lodging with full suites and spacious rooms, a fine dining restaurant, as well as a casual restaurant & cantina. They offer an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse, or you can ride more than two miles to one of New Mexico's highest peaks, where you'll enjoy a panoramic view of the valley from 10,650 feet. Once you're up there, take time to hike around the groomed trails or enjoy a big picnic lunch. You can always work it off by hiking your way back down! www.angelfireresort.com

Isleta Casino & Resort – 11000 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM | 877-747-5382 **168 miles***

Hotel – Relax & enjoy amenities such as luxury linens and 40" flat screen TV's.

Casino – You name it, they've got it! Slots, Bingo, Poker and more.

Golf – 27 holes, 3 challenging courses, and a state-of-the-art clubhouse.

Dining – Seven restaurants featuring both specialty and casual dining.

Spa – Immerse yourself in an oasis of bliss at their luxurious spa.

Meet – Over 30,000 square feet of meeting space and 18,000 square feet of ballroom space for your event.

Entertain – Enjoy national acts and world class boxing in their showroom, or concerts at their outdoor amphitheater.

"Lush" best describes this rolling course with plenty of mounding. The contrast between pristine, well-maintained fairways and dense rough reminds you why you're supposed to keep the ball in the short grass! www.isletaeagle.com

Rafting

Los Rios River Runners – 4003 S. Highway 68, Taos, NM | 800-544-1181 **95 miles***

Raft the white-knuckle whitewater of the world-famous Taos Box. Float through the spectacular Chama river canyon and sleep under the stars. www.losriosriverrunners.com

Kokopelli Rafting Adventures – 551 W. Cordova Road, Santa Fe, NM | 800-879-9035 **106 miles***

Raft and kayak the Rio Grande and Rio Chama rivers in New Mexico. Class IV whitewater rapids to serene Class 1 canyon floats. www.kokopelliraft.com

Parks & Preserves

El Vado Lake State Park – Chama, NM | 505-476-3355 **Chama**

Located in New Mexico's northern mountains, El Vado Lake State Park offers fishing, boating, water-skiing, and winter cross-country skiing. www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/elvado.htm

Heron Lake State Park – Chama, NM | 505-476-3355 **Chama**

A picturesque lake set among tall pines, Heron Lake State Park has been designated a "quiet lake" where boats operate at no-wake speeds only. This park is known for its excellent sailing, fishing, cross-country skiing, and hiking. www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/heron.htm

Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park – 4821 Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-264-4515 **48 miles***

Experience this priceless jewel, Rocky Mountain National Park! Catch the glint of Rocky's many facets: the brief morning alpenglow on a peak, a glimpse of a wary wild creature in the brush, the glitter of sunshine in a stream, the grandeur of a mountain sunset, the solitude of a trail less traveled, the splendor of the starscape free of man-made light, the exhilaration of the view over the clouds, the uplift of birdsong from the branches, or the haunting night music of bugling elk. www.rockymountainnationalpark.com

Rio Grande National Forest – 1803 W. Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO | 719-852-5941 **77 miles***

The Rio Grande National Forest is 1.86 million acres located in southwestern Colorado and remains one of the true undiscovered jewels of Colorado. The Continental Divide runs for 236 miles along most of the western border of the Forest. The Forest presents myriad ecosystems; from 7600' alpine desert to over 14,300' in the majestic Sangre de Cristo Wilderness on the eastern side. The Forest embraces the San Luis Valley, the largest agricultural alpine valley in the world and includes all or parts of four Wilderness Areas (South San Juan, Weminuche, La Garita and Sangre de Cristo). The Forest also is the headwaters of the Rio Grande River and has the moonscape wonder of the Wheeler Geologic Area, established by Theodore Roosevelt in 1911. The Anasazi were visitors here and many of their sites remain. Denver is 4-hours north and Albuquerque is 4-hours south. For the outdoor enthusiast, the Rio Grande NF has recreation and adventure opportunities for the heartiest of souls, or enjoy the backcountry from the Cumbres & Toltec Narrow Gauge Railroad which runs from Antonito, Colorado across the Forest to Chama, New Mexico. Whether walking, driving or riding, the Rio Grande NF has something for everyone. Long summer days in the 80's transition through a colorful and crisp fall to what can be an extreme winter, with temperatures often dipping well below zero and, in some years, frequent snows. www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande

Carson National Forest – 208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM | 575-758-6200 **95 miles***
The Carson National Forest is one of five National Forests in New Mexico. Some of the finest mountain scenery in the Southwest is found in the 1.5 million acres covered by the Carson National Forest. Elevations rise from 6,000' to 13,161' at Wheeler Peak, the highest in New Mexico. Our objective is to maintain that natural beauty.
www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson

Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River – 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM | 575-758-8851 **95 miles***
The Rio Chama, a major tributary of the Rio Grande, flows through a multi-colored sandstone canyon whose walls grow to 1,500 feet. The river runs through areas that are designated as wilderness or as wilderness study areas. Towering cliffs, heavily wooded side canyons, and historical sites offer an outstanding wild river backdrop for the angler or float boater. Co-managed by BLM and the US Forest Service, the Rio Chama offers the perfect family weekend, with something for everyone – paddling, trout fishing, hiking, exploring dinosaur tracks, and simply relaxing in the shade. The Rio Chama is a Wild and Scenic River, and was designated by Congress in 1988. To protect the river environment and maintain an opportunity for a high quality experience, boating use has been limited since 1990.
www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/rio_chama_wsr.html

Santa Fe Plaza – 100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM | 505-983-7317 **106 miles***
Known as the Plaza, this historic area is marked by a central park lined with huge shade trees and benches. It is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Many of the buildings surrounding the park stand just as they did during colonial Spanish times. Aside from the numerous shops, hotels and restaurants, you will also see a number of famous landmarks. Be sure to visit The Palace of the Governors, St. Francis Cathedral and Loretto Chapel. The Plaza is also where the Spanish Market and the Santa Fe Indian Market are held.

Valles Caldera National Preserve – Santa Fe, NM | 866-382-5537 **106 miles***
A private ranch until 2000, then Congress created it from a well-known ranch known as “the Baca Ranch” in New Mexico’s volcanic Jemez Mountain Range. This 89,000 acre property is situated inside a collapsed crater. Studded with eruptive domes and featuring Redondo Peak (11,254'), this old ranch property is now being developed to explore a new way of managing public lands. The preserve is open to the public but we guarantee you’ll find the visit unlike any other you’ve had in a park or national forest. They keep the numbers of visitors small for any activity so you’ll feel like you have the place to yourself. Don’t expect big crowds, a shortage of parking, or a shop full of trinkets. Instead, they offer a chance to get out and really experience a sense of solitude. You’ll see wildlife, beautiful vistas and learn about the preserve’s rich history and geology. From northern NM: Take Highway 84-285 from Espanola. Hwy 30 through Santa Clara Pueblo, and then Hwy 502 to Los Alamos. The route is well marked. www.vallescaldera.gov

Santa Fe National Forest – 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM | 505-438-7840 **106 miles***
The Santa Fe National Forest is one of the five National Forests in New Mexico. The National Forests are America's great outdoors, here to serve the American people at work and play. Some of the finest mountain scenery in the Southwest is found in the 1.6 million acres covered by the Santa Fe National Forest. Elevations rise from 5,300 to 13,103 feet at the summit of Truchas Peak, located within the Pecos Wilderness. Our objective is to maintain that natural beauty.
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe>

Albuquerque Biological Park – 2601 Central Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM | 505-768-2000 **168 miles***
The Albuquerque Biological Park includes the Albuquerque Aquarium and the Rio Grande Botanic Garden. Their mission is to provide the public with exciting recreational opportunities and to foster environmental awareness, education and stewardship. www.cabq.gov/biopark

Wildlife West Nature Park – Edgewood, NM | 877-981-9453 **168 miles***

New Mexico's premier facility and attraction dedicated to native wildlife and ecology, located just minutes east of Albuquerque in Edgewood, New Mexico. The park encompasses 122 acres of land, much of which has remained undisturbed throughout the development of the facility. All of the animals are non-releasable, either due to injury or some other factor that makes life in the wild impossible for them. Wildlife West's intensive animal enrichment program encourages natural behaviors in feeding, play, and other areas to ensure that the animals are as mentally and emotionally healthy as possible. The park includes an approximately 1/3 acre pond, complete with observation blinds, which is home to a host of native species and is visited annually by a variety of migratory birds. The zoo is privileged to have a large, well trained staff of volunteers and members of the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps who support the efforts while experiencing the satisfaction of contributing to a worthy and worthwhile cause. The park has become a regional center for concerts, festivals, and other events. www.wildlifewest.org

Museums

San Juan Historical Society & History Museum - Corner of First & Pagosa Streets, Pagosa Springs, CO **48 miles***

Learn how the pioneers lived in the Pagos Springs area from the 1890's to the early 1900's. Open mid May through mid September. www.pagosamuseum.org

Fred Harman Art Museum – 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-731-5785 **48 miles***

Fred Harman, who died in 1982, was one of the founders of the Cowboy Artists of America. In addition to becoming one of the country's foremost painters of the American West, he was also the creator of the world-famous cartoon strip, "Red Ryder and Little Beaver." Fred Harman was also an established sculptor and illustrator. He was likewise a great humanitarian. www.harmanartmuseum.com

Ghost Ranch / Florence Hawley Ellis Museum of Anthropology – HC 77, Abiquiu, NM | 505-685-4312 **58 miles***

The Ghost Ranch Museum in Abiquiu is home to the Florence Hawley Ellis Museum of Anthropology. Extensive displays are designed to tell the amazing story of twelve thousand years of successive habitation of the Gallina-Chama-Rio Grande drainage by peoples of different ethnic makeup and cultures. The museum also displays contemporary work by Indian, Spanish and Anglo artists and artisans who carry on the traditions of the peoples that have inhabited this area. www.ghostranch.org/museums--activities/florence-hawley-ellis-museum-of-anthropology.html

Ruth Hall Museum of Paleontology - US 84 Abiquiu, NM | 505-685-4333 **58 miles***

Located in the Ghost Ranch Conference Center, this museum displays a complete Coelophysis cast skeleton, to remains from great alligator-like reptiles. www.nmculturaltreasures.org/cgi-bin/instview.cgi?recordnum=RUTH

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture - 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, NM | 505-476-1250 **106 miles***

Presenting the diverse stories that illuminate the art and history of Native America through two millennia. www.miaclab.org

New Mexico Museum of Art – 407 West Palace, Santa Fe, NM | 505-476-5072 **106 miles***

The state's oldest art museum, featuring more than 20,000 works of art from the Southwest. www.mfasantafe.org

Museum of International Folk Art - 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, NM | 505-476-1140 **106 miles***

The World's largest collection of folk art from around the world. www.internationalfolkart.org/visitors/faq.html

Albuquerque Museum of Art & History – 2000 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM | 505-243-7255 **168 miles***

The museum features art of the Southwest as well as 400 years of Albuquerque history with permanent displays and special exhibitions. www.cabq.gov/museum

Festivals

OspreyFest, Heron Lake, Chama, NM | 800-605-2411 **Chama**

Annual event held in July. Osprey are plentiful in many areas of the United States, but their return to the rivers and lakes of northern New Mexico, after a long absence, has been exciting for both local residents and birders from around the country. OspreyFest at Heron Lake State Park celebrates their return and is designed to surprise and delight birders and wildlife enthusiasts of all ages. www.ospreyfest.com

Four Corners Folk Festival, Reservoir Hill Park, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-731-5582 **48 miles***

Annual event held over Labor Day weekend, featuring a variety of folk bands. On-site camping available. www.folkwest.com

Music in the Mountains – Pagosa Springs & Durango, CO **48 miles & 110 miles***

Music in the Mountains puts all the expression and intensity of ¡Pasión! into their Festival season, featuring orchestra, chamber music, and conservatory performances of classical and world music. www.musicinthemountains.com

High Road to Taos Art Tour, Between Santa Fe & Taos | 866-343-5381 **100 miles***

This scenic route from Chimayo to Vadito takes you to galleries and studios of artisans along the High Road between Santa Fe and Taos. With nearly 60 stops, this tour takes place on the last two weekends in September and offers woodcarvings, paintings, jewelry, wind chimes and more. Northern New Mexico's vibrant fall colors are on display, and you can feast on traditional fall foods. www.highroadnewmexico.com

ARTfeast, Santa Fe, NM | 505-603-4643 **106 miles***

ARTfeast, held annually in February, is heralded as one of the most inspired reasons for a getaway. The weekend of festivities celebrates the City's different world-class chefs and restaurants, an international array of vintners, original designer fashions and unique homes, along with nationally and regionally prominent artists represented by members of the Santa Fe Gallery Association. All of this fun and food helps young people develop the skills needed to creatively respond to life. www.artfeast.com

RODEO! de Santa Fe, 3237 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM | 505-471-4300 **106 miles***

The Annual "RODEO! de Santa Fe" is sanctioned by the PRCA so there are names you will see and hear about in the world of professional rodeo. This rodeo began in 1949 when Gene Petchesky and Austin "slim" Green had a dream and the determination to organize a rodeo in Santa Fe. This dream exceeded their expectations and became what is today, one of the top 100 rodeos in the nation. www.rodeodesantafe.org

Santa Fe Wine Festival, 334 Los Pinos Road, Santa Fe, NM | 505-471-2261 **106 miles***
New Mexico is the country's oldest wine-producing region, so what better place to savor a glass of Chardonnay, Syrah, Viognier or other varietals than this annual festival in early July devoted to the glories of the grape? You can buy bottles to take home directly from more than a dozen New Mexico vintners. There's also live music, food and handmade arts and crafts for sale. Held at El Rancho de las Golondrinas. www.santafewinefestival.com

Whitehawk Antique Show, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM | 505-992-8929 **106 miles***
This annual pair of antique shows held every mid-August has become a popular summer event for serious collectors and browsers alike. Three days of the Annual Antique Ethnographic Art Show, featuring ethnographic and tribal art from around the world, are followed by three days of the Annual Invitational Antique Indian Art Show.
www.whitehawkshows.com

Burning of Zozobra & Santa Fe Fiesta, Santa Fe, NM **106 miles***
The streets are filled with joyous shouts of "Viva la Fiesta" during early September, when the oldest community event in the U.S. takes place. The week-long festivities commemorate the reoccupation of Santa Fe led by Don Diego de Vargas in 1692, a dozen years after the Pueblo Indian Revolt. The city pulls out all the stops for this annual celebration, starting with the Burning of Zozobra, the dramatic torching of a 49-foot tall marionette that groans and grimaces as he goes up in flames and fireworks at Fort Marcy Park, burning everyone's troubles from the past year. His ending marks the beginning of Fiesta, filled with music, dance, food, the beloved Children's Pet Parade, religious ceremonies and more. Blending pageantry with revelry and treasured traditions, Fiesta is a favorite time for visitors and locals alike!
www.santafefiesta.org

Santa Fe Wine & Chile Festival, 551 W. Cordova Road #723, Santa Fe, NM | 505-438-8060 **106 miles***
Devoted to the fruitful pairing of wine and chile, this late September annual fiesta has become a favorite with food and wine connoisseurs across the country. It features more than 110 wineries and nearly 50 Santa Fe chefs participating in seminars, cooking demonstrations, guest chef luncheons, winemaker dinners, the famous Grand Food & Wine Tasting and the Gruet Golf Classic. www.santafewineandchile.org

Taos Winter Wine Festival, Taos Ski Valley, NM | 505-438-8060 **106 miles***
Annual festival held in late January/early February. Seminars and dinners are hosted in the Town of Taos and in the Village of Taos Ski Valley. www.skitaos.org/WINE_FESTIVAL

Santa Fe River Fest & Fishing Derby, De Vargas Street, between Guadalupe & Sandoval | 505-820-1696 **106 miles***
Be inspired, engaged, and entertained at the Annual Santa Fe River Festival and Fishing Derby held in June. The festival is a community event in celebration of the river, presented by the Santa Fe Watershed Association and sponsored by the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and local businesses. The Santa Fe River has traditionally been the heart of the community, though often neglected and abused in the past years. A festival celebrating the river is a great way to reconnect with and create awareness of this rich resource. The Festival is held at De Vargas Park in downtown Santa Fe. With river activities, live animals, games, crafts for youth and adults, river walks, music, and watershed-related booths, there will be something for the whole family. Children 11 years and under are also invited to participate in the Fishing Derby in the Santa Fe River. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food to enjoy on the grass while listening to great live music. www.santafewatershed.org

Spanish Market – Santa Fe Plaza, 100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM | 505-982-2226 **106 miles***

Annual event held in July with the generous support of the Qwest Foundation, the rich Hispanic culture of northern New Mexico is celebrated on the Santa Fe Plaza. A popular event for residents and visitors alike, Spanish Market features handmade traditional arts by over 200 local Hispanic artists as well as continuous live music and dance, art demonstrations and regional foods. A separate youth exhibition area also features the work of some 100 emerging artists. The Market provides a unique opportunity for visitors to enjoy a taste of New Mexico's vibrant Spanish culture, both past and present. www.spanishcolonial.org

International Folk Art Market – Museum Hill, Santa Fe, NM | 505-476-1197 **106 miles***

Annual event held in July, showcasing work of more than 100 Artisans from 40 countries. www.folkartmarket.org

Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festivals – Albuquerque, NM | 505-292-7457 **168 miles***

The Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festivals have become an Albuquerque and New Mexico tradition since their inception in 1989. Held three times a year in March, October and November, each fair attracts tens of thousands of buyers from almost every state, as well as New Mexico residents and collectors from around the world. These highly-ranked, juried shows feature the work of hundreds of the nation's most outstanding artists and craftspeople. Visitors can shop and purchase directly from the artists, and also enjoy the food court, complete with wine sampling. There are also artists' demonstrations, children's activities and a variety of entertainment, making it a fun event for the entire family. The March and November Festivals are held in the Manual Lujan Building at the EXPO New Mexico Fairgrounds. October's Festival is held under the "big white tent" at I-25 and Paseo Del Norte and has become an Albuquerque landmark during Balloon Fiesta. www.riograndefestivals.com

Horseback Riding, Hunting, & Fishing

BackRhoads Outfitters – 569 Buckman Road, Chama, NM | 405 714 4696 **Chama**

In the fall of 1987, Rick Rhoads began guiding hunters on the family farm and ranch near Guymon, Ok under the name Panhandle Outfitters. In just a few short years, Rick and his dad, Jerry, grew the business into a multi-state, multi-species outfitting business. The name BackRhoads came to life in 2000, and finally in 2008 the name Panhandle Outfitters was formally retired. Other changes took place in 2008 when Mike Plant of Atlanta, GA became part owner; additionally Phillip DeLong of Edmond, OK began handling most of the customer relations and assisting Jerry with day to day operations. Mike and Phillip bring new energy, enthusiasm, and insight to the business and will assume vital roles in the future; however, the Rhoads family, including Anna Marie, remains the "life blood" of BackRhoads. You can certainly expect the same personal service and level of commitment you have come to appreciate over the years. We are sure those of you who joined us for a hunt again this fall would agree we haven't missed a beat. If you have skipped a year or two, we'd sure like to see old friends and reminisce about past hunts as we help create a few new memories. In early 1997 Rick moved to the mountains of northern New Mexico just south of the village known as Chama. Once you make a trip to this scenic and game-rich area, you'll quickly see why he never left. This diversity of elevation provides for equal diversity of terrain and habitat which is home to elk and mule deer 365 days a year. The creeks are brimming with wild trout, and the ponds are full of the kind that will take your fly reel down to the backing. Fall in this region is something to behold. From spectacular aspen colors to the incomparable bugling of bull elk, it's easy to see why many of our friends and customers keep coming back year after year. Be careful though, because much like Rick, you may find that you just don't want to leave! www.backrhoads.com

Northern New Mexico Elk Hunts – 10 Elk Hill Road, Chama, NM | 575-756-1910

Chama

At Northern New Mexico Elk Hunts, they offer the finest in outfitting and guiding. Their hunting is all done on private land in Northern New Mexico. www.elkhunts.cc

Rancho Escondido de Chama – Chama, NM | 575-756-1521

Chama

Their 5,000 acre privately owned ranch consists of wooded hills and open grassy meadows, with elk, deer and turkey, and occasionally bear, and is located near Chama, New Mexico at an altitude of about 8,000'. The moderate terrain and abundance of roads provide for easy access to the prime hunting areas. Although we have resident elk, they are basically a migratory animal, and our ranch is ideally located to take advantage of this annual trek. We do not provide food and lodging, but there are several motels, restaurants and RV parks available in nearby Chama, just three miles from our entrance gate. Our experienced guides will provide transportation from your lodging to the ranch hunting areas, help locate the game, field dress and deliver carcasses to a meat processing facility located nearby. We also provide excellent fishing, and our hunters fish free for large Rainbow trout in the Chama river, or in our annually stocked, aerated lakes. Barbless hooks only, and limit of 2 fish per day per hunter. www.ranchoescondidodechama.com

Heron Lake Guide Service – HC 75, Los Ojos, NM | 505-588-9653

12 miles*

Don Wafley, Professional Guide has been fishing most of his life. While initially working as a guide part time, demand for his services grew to the point that in 1999 he decided to retire from the "real world" and he began the Heron Lake Guide Service full time. www.fishheronlake.com

Astraddle a Saddle – 531 County Road 139, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-731-5076

48 miles*

Specializes in delicious barbeque and prime rib dinners in their rustic cabin with horse drawn wagon or sled rides and scenic horseback riding. All in the beautiful mountains of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. www.astraddleasaddle.com

Wolf Creek Anglers – 001 Brown Drive, South Fork, CO | 719-873-1414

90 miles*

Wolf Creek Anglers is Southern Colorado's premier fly shop and fly fishing guide service. Their full service fly shop has the industry's best product lines, such as Sage, Simms, Winston, Patagonia, Umpqua, RIO, Redington, Ross Reels, and many more! Whether you are a beginner looking for a start, or an advanced angler looking to upgrade, they have the expertise to ensure that you get the right equipment for the right situation. Through their guide service, they are able to offer their clients the best waters, private and public, that Southern Colorado has to offer the fly fisherman, including the Rio Grande, Conejos and San Juan rivers, along with many creeks, streams and lakes! www.wolfcreekanglers.com

Skiing, Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Hiking, Mountain Biking

Chama Chili Ski Classic – Chama, NM | 575-756-1926

Chama

Held over Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Weekend, the Chama Chile Ski Classic is a classical cross country ski race. www.chamaski.com

Cumbres Adventure Tours – Hwy. 17, Rio Grande National Forest | 719-376-2161

15 miles*

Cumbres Adventure Tours is permitted by the US Forest Service and is fully insured. Located between LaManga Pass and Cumbres Pass in the Rio Grande National Forest at just under 10,000 feet elevation. Annual snowfall is 465 inches. The season typically runs from November - April. ATV rentals available.

Snow Country Adventure Tours – 4871 Hwy. 160 East, Pagosa Springs, CO | 970-264-7669 **48 miles***
Specializing in guided snowmobile rides for Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek, Colorado. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, they have a ride for you. www.snowmobilepagosa.com

Pajarito Mountain – Camp May Road, Los Alamos, NM | 505-662-5725 **99 miles***
Situated on the east slopes of the Jemez Mountains above Los Alamos, NM. It has 40 trails on 300 skiable acres, 1200' vertical, 5 chair lifts and one surface lift. Open to the public - anyone can buy tickets or season passes - and with miles of groomed trails, lots of bumps, tree skiing, a brand new terrain park, and no crowds and minimal lift lines, it is New Mexico's best kept skiing secret. During the summer, an extensive trail network provides great XC and lift-served mountain biking and hiking. www.skipajarito.com

Sangre de Cristo Mountains – Santa Fe, NM | www.sdcmountainworks.com **106 miles***
Website lists various trails in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and how they best suit the activity of your choice.

Red River Ski Area – 400 Pioneer Drive, Red River, NM | 575-754-2223 **123 miles***
Silverado. Goldrush. Lucky Strike. You'll find a gold mine of great runs in this old mining town turned "Ski Town of the Southwest." At Red River Ski and Snowboard Area the attitude is laid back, the people are friendly, and with an average of 18' of snow each year and plenty of sun, conditions are great. With our mixed terrain, ski-through replica of a mining camp, and terrain park, our mountain keeps skiers and boarders of all abilities entertained and challenged. With a blanket of sparkling snow and blue skies overhead, Red River is a winter wonderland. Bundle up, grab your gear-or rent it here-and get ready for cool outdoor adventures. Red River Ski and Snowboard Area, located right in the center of town, is a short walk from most lodges. Just learning, or want to polish your skills? The professional instructors in our highly-respected ski school offer group and private lessons for skiers and snowboarders at all levels.
www.redriverskiarea.com

Wolf Creek Ski Area – Hwy. 160, San Juan, Rio Grande National Forest | 970-264-5639 **160 miles***
You are in for a treat at one of Colorado's oldest and finest ski resorts. Their trademark is friendly employees and abundant, light powder snow. Wolf Creek is a high alpine ski resort 10,300' at the base, and 11,900' at the summit. Sunscreen and sunglasses are necessary in the high altitude sun. The weather conditions can change rapidly so be prepared with extra clothing and goggles. Take it easy on your first day at higher elevations and drink plenty of water before driving up the mountain. www.wolfcreekski.com

Restaurants

Elk Horn Café – 2663 South 84-64 Highway, Chama, NM | 505-756-2229 **Chama**
The 60 seat cafe is one of the most popular eateries in northern New Mexico. The Elkhorn Cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, and serves up favorite New Mexican specialty dishes as well as delicious home-style fare. Breakfast at the Elkhorn Cafe is a great way to start your day! The outdoor patio offers open-air dining and beverages in-season. www.elkhornlodge.net/cafe.html

Paisano's Pizza – 2209 South State Road 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-2674 **Chama**

The Original Taco House – 2205 Hwy. 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-1233 **Chama**

Bar-B-Que Place – 1749 Hwy 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-2989 **Chama**

Branding Iron Restaurant & Lounge – 1511 South Hwy 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-9195 **Chama**

The Village Bean – 423 Terrace Street, Chama, NM | 505-756-1663 **Chama**

Cookin’ Books – 2449 S. Hwy 84-64, Chama, NM | 505-756-1717 **Chama**

Café and deli, featuring elk and buffalo burgers, along with other home cooking.

Chama Grill – 2412 S. Hwy 84-64, Chama, NM | 505-756-2256 **Chama**

Fina’s Diner – 2298 S. Hwy 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-1060 **Chama**

Viva Vera’s Mexican Kitchen – 2202 South Hwy. 17, Chama, NM | 505-756-2557 **Chama**

A lively Tex-Mex restaurant featuring enchiladas, tacos, burritos, and other tasty meals. Golden, puffed sopapillas served with honey are brought to the table with your meal. Patio seating available, overlooking the meadow.

Cliffview Restaurant – 724 Hwy 512, Tierra Amarilla, NM | 505-588-7842 **15 miles***

Rio Chama Steakhouse – 414 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM | 505.955.0765 **106 miles***

Located in the historic Barrio de Analco, Rio Chama serves the finest prime and choice dry aged steaks, chops and seafood. Come dine by a roaring fire inside thick adobe walls or dine outside on one of our two beautiful patios Rio Chama is the destination for lovers of high quality steaks. For those who prefer to dine on the lighter side Rio Chama offers a wide variety of seafood, chicken and vegetarian dishes.

Chama River Brewing Company – 4939 Pan American Freeway, Albuquerque, NM | 505.342.1800 **168 miles***

Award-winning, hand crafted ales and lagers brewed by our brewer; high quality steaks, seafood, pasta and sandwiches, all prepared fresh on premises by our chef using the highest quality ingredients; an elegant dining experience in one of our intimate dining areas; a huge, copper-clad bar for quaffing and people-watching; private dining area for functions and events; a comfortable cigar lounge for relaxing fireside with your favorite smoke and four large-screen plasmas for sports viewing.

Shopping

Long John Dunn House Shops – 124 Bent Street, Taos, NM | 505-758-8110 **95 miles***

A shopping center that offers everything from clothing to toys to jewelry. A deli is located on-site.

Historic Taos Plaza – 104 W. Plaza, Taos, NM **95 miles***

The Historic Taos Plaza features a number of specialty shops that carry authentic New Mexico products. Jewelry, artwork and food are among the items sold at this mall.

Santa Fe Outlets – 8380 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM | 505-474-4000 **106 miles***

Outlet mall featuring 29 outlet stores and one restaurant.

DeVargas Center - 564 North Guadalupe, Santa Fe, NM | 505-982-2655 **106 miles***

Find shopping, dining, and entertainment just steps away from the heart of Santa Fe. Choose from tech gifts, specialty cookware, books, videos, furniture, wedding attire and more.

Animas Valley Mall – 4601 East Main Street, Farmington, NM | 505-326-5465 **110 miles***

Located on Main Street in Farmington, this mall offers a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment experiences.

Cottonwood Mall – 10000 Coors Bypass NW, Albuquerque, NM | 505-897-6571 **168 miles***

New Mexico's newest addition of malls to the area. There are over five department stores and 135 shops. Located in the mall is a nine screen movie theater. Open seven days a week.

***Approximate distance from Canyon Ridge.**