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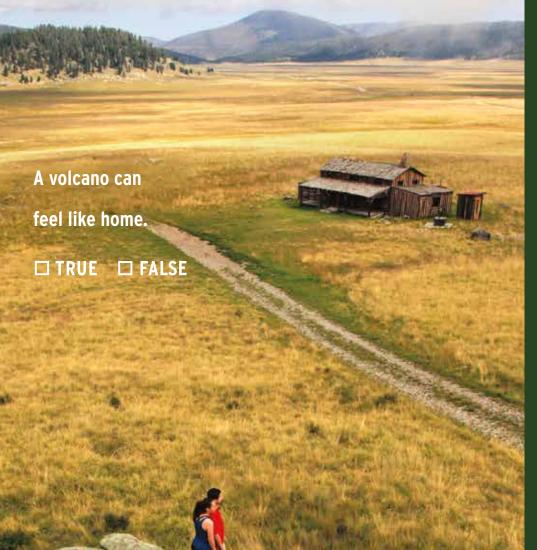




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Bernalillo | Corrales | Cuba | Jemez Springs | Placitas | Rio Rancho | The Navajo Nation Cochiti Pueblo | Jemez Pueblo | San Felipe Pueblo | Sandia Pueblo | Santa Ana Pueblo Santo Domingo Pueblo | Zia Pueblo



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OPEN DAILY: 8AM TO 6PM May 15 to October 15

EARTH SKILLS GATHERING June 6

Learn about primitive skills as regional experts demonstrate fire making, knapping, atl-atl throwing, and more. These skills supported life and culture for thousands of years, and still do in many parts of the world today.

KITES IN THE VALLE

June 20

Bring your kite and help us color the skies! We challenge you to create your own unique kite and to show off your high lying skills. This family friendly event will enchant all with soaring works of art.

PRESERVE DAYS CELEBRATION July 24–26

JUIY Z4–Zb

Come celebrate our 15th anniversary and listen to tall tales at the Storytelling Jamboree (July 25). We will host special activities throughout the weekend to showcase the many accomplishments of past and present staff.

JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELK FESTIVAL September 26

Explore all things elk during this event celebrating New Mexico's second largest elk herd.

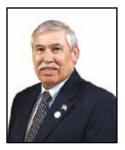
DAILY ACTIVITIES

Explore a super volcano like no other. Whether you delight in the challenge of a strenuous hike or prefer to sit quietly and watch the elk, the preserve offers a great diversity of activities for you to enjoy. With options to hike, bike, fish, horseback ride, or attend a ranger-led program, you'll have some tough decisions to make!

\$20/vehicle entry permit (valid for 7 days)

FREE entry with all federal public land passes

www.vallescaldera.gov





Sandoval County Manager

On behalf of our citizens and business community, I thank you for your interest in Sandoval County.

Letter from

I am confident that our Visitor's Guide will provide you with some great information on what to see, do and enjoy as you plan your next vacation or business trip to New Mexico. Many of our tourism partners have helpful websites which provide detailed information on accommodations, restaurants, outdoor adventures and cultural attractions, allowing you to begin your adventures even before you leave the comfort of your own home.

If you're already here on vacation or business trip, I am sure you would like to find out what you can do and see in a day. The "Day Trip" pages will help you get out and see the beautiful sites throughout our county. Tent Rocks or "Kasha-Katuwe" in the Pueblo de Cochiti is one of nature's fantastic National Monuments that you don't want to miss! The directory will provide you with fingertip access to lodging and restaurants in all areas, in proximity to the sites.

Sandoval County is known for its historic and cultural assets, scenic trails, outdoor hiking, fishing, golfing, entertainment and the various culture activities at our seven Native American Pueblos. Unique experiences include bathing in one of seven natural hot springs, attending a Pueblo Feast Day, or tasting the culinary variety in the region.

To get the most up to date information on events and festivals visit www.SeeMoreofNM.com or call our Sandoval County Visitor Center toll free 1-800-252-0191.

We invite you to spend some time in our County, and I hope you enjoy your visit as much as we enjoy sharing it with you.

SANDOVAL COUNTY, THE CENTER OF NEW MEXICO; THE HEART OF ADVENTURE!

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—Phillip Rios Sandoval County Manager

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Letter from Sandoval Economic Alliance

Sandoval Economic Alliance (SEA) is a private, not-for-profit economic development corporation established to strengthen and diversify the economic base of Sandoval County, New Mexico. The mission of the SEA is to empower companies with creative economic solutions. We invite you to contact and visit with us—we can share some of the newest and most competitive incentives in the country, including closing funds, job training incentive programs, and many other incentives and tax mitigation options. Come and discover what other corporations have—Sandoval County is part of the Greater Albuquerque Metro Area and is unbeatable in its quality of life coupled with a great workforce, low lease rates, low construction costs, low taxes and rapid implementations of your business plans. We are looking forward to meeting you! You are always welcome here!

-Jamie Grindatto President & CEO

For more info., visit SandovalEconomicAlliance.org



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Our History

With history dating back to the time of ancient cave dwellers, Sandoval County has buildings and sites that can turn anyone into a history buff for a day.

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A long history

With a wide array of buildings and artifacts still intact throughout the area, history comes to life in Sandoval County. The area has a historically and culturally rich past, with artifacts suggesting its beginnings as a dwelling site long pre-dating what we know of modern-day civilizations. **Centuries before Don Francisco** de Coronado explored what is now known as Sandoval County and camped near modern-day Bernaillo in 1540, the area was already a thriving and established community. Prehistoric artifacts suggest that cave dwellers once called Sandoval County lands home.

Centuries later, the land was explored by the Spanish, and the area consisting of modern-day Sandoval County was included in one of two partidos, or districts, created in the New Mexico territory. Sandoval County was first established as a separate entity on March 10, 1903, nine years before New Mexico's statehood.

In its present configuration, Sandoval County encompasses 3,716 square miles of diverse geography and people. Over the years, the county has evolved from a primarily rural and sparsely populated area to the home of more than 130,000 people.

On the county's southern edge lies the city of Rio Rancho, a





vibrant municipality that has been among America's fastest-growing cities for more than two decades. This still-budding urban hub is bordered by Corrales, Placitas and Bernalillo, communities that exude semi rural, small town charm.

Moving north and west into the county's outer reaches, you'll find the most scenic open spaces you're ever likely to see. These parts of the county encompass numerous Native American communities, as well as thousands of acres of National Park and Forest Service lands, which are a recreational playground.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in Sandoval County appreciate its diversity, both in geography and culture. We welcome visitors to come and experience this truly wonderful place.

One you start to explore it, you'll be amazed by the rich history of this area and its cultural significance to New Mexico. The more you explore, the more you'll want to stay.

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument

Whether you're looking to study and observe one of nature's most fascinating outdoor laboratories or to hike in fascinating scenery, a visit to the "Tent Rocks" is a must. The cone-shaped rocks are the result of ancient volcanic eruptions and have been formed from wind and rain over the years. Be sure to pack hiking shoes and a camera, and spend some unforgettable time outside. The site is a favorite for those with inquisitive minds, as well as for outdoor enthusiasts.

The Monument is located 55 miles northeast of Albuquerque and 40 miles southwest of Santa Fe, with the most direct access from Interstate 25. Dogs are not allowed on the trails at **Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument**. www.blm.gov.

J&R Automotive Museum

View automotive history in one of Rio Rancho's treasured attractions. Home to a variety of classic cars dating back to the early 1900s, the museum brings to life the history of cars with a display of around 70 vehicles, auto-related memorabilia and a bookstore. www.jrvintageautos.com.

Art Galleries & Shopping

Sandoval County is full of marketplaces, galleries and shops offering art, handcrafted items, antiques and more. From the **Arte de Placitas** Comunity Gallery to the **Gathering Artists Gallery** in Bernalillo and the plentiful galleries and shops in Corrales, you're sure to find an intriguing piece of art or a collectable to take home.

The County has a vibrant arts community and if you're looking for the perfect gift, something to liven up your home, or for a souvenir from your trip, you're sure to find it. Visit SeeMoreofNM. com for more information.

Attractions

From historical and cultural sites to unique experiences, expanses of beautiful wilderness and peaceful lakes, Sandoval County is a playground.

For more info., visit SeeMoreofNM.com



Sandia Lakes

Owned and operated by the Pueblo of Sandia, **Sandia Lakes** offers several options for visitors who enjoy the outdoors. With three fishing lakes, two miles of walking trails, wildlife, and large grassy areas, it is an outdoor playground, full of adventures for any family or group. **Sandia Lakes** is also available for rental for special events, such as weddings or family gatherings. www.sandialakes.net.

Ojito Wilderness

Perfect for hiking, sightseeing or camping, the **Ojito Wilderness** is a desert treasure, complete with hoodoos, steep-walled mesas, and deep arroyos. Bands of multi-colored shale, sandstone, and limestone draw attention to cliff sides. Piñon and juniper are dotted throughout the Wilderness, and rare stands of ponderosa pine can be found tucked into shady recesses. The **Ojito Wilderness** is a popular destination for mountain bikers and is open year round. www.blm.gov.





Coronado Historic Site

Located in Bernalillo, Coronado Historic Site is a site rich in the history and culture that shaped New Mexico. It features the ruins of the Kuana Pueblo, first settled around 1325. The site was originally occupied by Pueblo Indians, and was the northernmost of the Tiwa villages. The Tiwas assistance is said to have sustained Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and his men on their quest for "Seven Cities of Gold," before being abandoned. Murals which were uncovered in a ceremonial kiva on the site were painstakingly restored and are on display. These murals represent some of the finest examples of Pre-Columbian art ever found in the US. www.nmhistoricsites.org.

Hot Springs

Natural hot springs provide the perfect opportunity to slow down and relax while surrounded by scenic beauty. Sandoval County has several natural springs worth visiting, including Jemez Springs, Spence Hot Springs, San Antonio Hot Springs, McCauley Warm Springs, and Soda Dam and Springs.

The **Jemez Springs Bath House** is a non-profit, owned and operated by the Village of Jemez Springs. This historic bath house reflects the tranquility of the Jemez Valley by nurturing the health and well-being of mind, body and spirit. Unwind and rejuvenate with cool or hot natural mineral spring soaks and healing massages by licensed therapists in private treatment rooms. There are unique gifts, clothing items and handmade lotions in the gift shop.

Also in Jemez Springs, you'll find **Giggling Springs**, abundant in several beneficial minerals with healing and therapeutic traits. The pristine waters captured in an outdoor pool well up from the depths of the Valles Caldera—the extinct volcano 17 miles north of Jemez Springs. The location adjacent to Jemez River gives you the chance to cool off. There's a gift shop, beverages and changing rooms on the grounds. www.gigglingsprings.com.

Casa San Ysidro: The Gutiérrez/ Minge House

This historic museum provides a glimpse at the region's unique heritage. Now considered one of the world's most comprehensive collections of New Mexican art and furnishings, Casa San Ysidro shows how ordinary people created extraordinary things. The c.1875 home, restored and expanded by Dr. and Mrs. Ward Alan Minge, combines traditional building techniques and architectural features that evoke New Mexico's Spanish Colonial past. This museum is listed on the State Register of Cultural Properties and El Camino Real de **Tierra Adentro National Historic** Trail. Personalized, guided tours and special programs reveal how family, faith and farms have endured through the centuries in New Mexico. www.cabq.gov/ casasanysidro, 505.898.3915.

Fenton Lake State Park

The Jemez Mountains provide the backdrop for this stunning year-round retreat surrounded by beautiful ponderosa pine forests. **Fenton Lake State Park** is a mellow mountain escape. The Rio Cebolla flows through the park, and there is a fishing







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and canoeing lake too. The park also attracts campers, hikers and cross-country skiers. There's even a fun playground for the kids.

Stocked with rainbow trout from fall through spring, the lake is home to German brown trout, an ideal spot for flyfishing. Although most anglers prefer the warmth and comfort of summer, there is also winter ice fishing. Find food and fishing supplies in nearby La Cueva. www.emnrd.state.nm.us.

Seven Springs Fish Hatchery

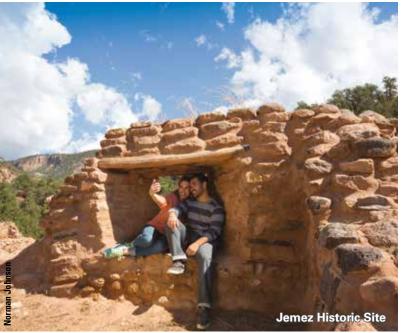
The Hatchery is located about 22 miles north of Jemez Springs and 4 miles north of Fenton Lake. Built in 1936, the hatchery is responsible for the production and distribution of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout, New Mexico's State Fish. Visitors are welcome at **Seven Springs Fish Hatchery** near Cebolla Canyon. The Ice Pond is stocked by the hatchery and open to fishermen ages 12 and under and 65 and older. www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

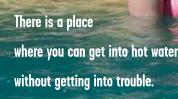
Jemez Historic Site

A short drive from Albuquerque and Bernalillo, and just north of the Village of Jemez Springs, the Jemez Historic Site is one of the most beautiful prehistoric and historic sites in the Southwest. The site was listed on the National **Register of Historic** Places in 1973, and in 2012 it was designated as a National Historic Landmark. It includes the stone ruins of a 500 year old Indian village and the San José de los Jemez church dating to 1610. The village of Giusewa was built in the narrow San Diego Canyon by the ancestors of the present-day people of the Jemez (Walatowa) Pueblo. The name Giusewa refers to the numerous natural hot springs in the area.

In the 17th century, the Spanish established a Catholic mission at the village. The mission was shortlived, and in time, the people abandoned the site and moved to the current location of Jemez Pueblo. The massive stonewalls were constructed about the same time the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The heritage center contains exhibitions that tell the story of the site through the words of the Jemez people. A 1,400-foot interpretive trail winds through the impressive site ruins. There are Educational Programs at the **Jemez Historic Site** and rangers on duty if you have questions.

www.nmmonuments.org/jemez.





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The Pueblos

Sandoval County is home to several pueblos, all with their own unique and beautiful cultures, attractions and events.

For more info., visit SeeMoreofNM.com

Cochiti Pueblo

Traditional Name in Keres: Kayete or Ko-Chits Feast Days: July 14 505.465.2244 www.pueblodecochiti.org (I-25 Exit 264 or 259) Pueblo de Cochiti is located along State Road 16. Cochiti is home to the breathtaking **Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument**. Cochiti Pueblo owns and operates the **Pueblo de Cochiti Golf Course** and a nearby convenience store and pizza restaurant. **Cochiti Lake** offers boating, campsites, scenic overlooks and picnic areas. RV camping, a nature trail and a visitor center can be found at the **Tetilla Peak Recreation Area**, just east of the lake.

Jemez Pueblo

Traditional Name in Towa: Walatowa or Glusewa means "Place at the Boiling Waters" Feast Days: Aug. 2 & Nov. 12 575.834.7235 www.jemezpueblo.org

Jemez Pueblo is home to the Walatowa Visitor Center. The Visitor Center, located at the Jemez Red Rocks scenic area, provides information on the area, national forests and the Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway. The Red Rocks Trail is open for guided hikes which must be scheduled.

The center's gift shop and museum focus on the history and culture of Jemez Pueblo. For snacks, gas, or to shop for crafts, visit the **Walatowa Convenience Store**.

San Felipe Pueblo

Traditional Name in Keres: Kay-Tichi-Tya, means "People of San Felipe" Annual Feast Day: May 1st 505.867.3381 www.sfpueblo.com



A Guided Tour at the Walatowa Visitor

Bernalillo | Hwy 550, 2 miles west of 1-25 | 5am-10pm

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(I-25 Exit 252) San Felipe Pueblo features Indian arts and crafts at Garcia's Gift Shop and West Turquoise Trail Gift Shop. San Felipe Pueblo offers casino gambling and live entertainment at Casino Hollywood.

There are 100 RV spaces with electrical hook-ups and an RV waste disposal site right next to the 24-hour San Felipe Travel Center, which has a restaurant, gift shop and truckers lounge.



Sandia Pueblo

Traditional Name in Tiwa: Turf Shurn Tia, means "Green Reed Place" Annual Feast Day: June 13th 505.867.3317 www.sandiapueblo.nsn.us

(I-25 Exit 234) Sandia Pueblo is located on State Road 313, between Albuquergue and Bernalillo. The Bien Mur Indian Market **Center** has authentic Indian arts and crafts, and the nearby Travel Center offers gas, diesel, a deli and convenience store, discount cigarette sales and a car wash. Sandia Resort and Casino has gambling, a conference center, spa, fine dining and live entertainment in its outdoor amphitheater. Visitors can also enjoy teeing off at the scenic Sandia Golf Club.

Santa Ana Pueblo

Traditional Name in Keres: Tamaya, means "The People" 505.867.3301 www.santaana-nsn.gov

(I-25 Exit 242) Santa Ana Pueblo is located on State Road 313, off US

550 in Bernalillo. Santa Ana owns and operates the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa and the Twin Warriors Golf Club. Nearby is a sister golf course, the **Santa** Ana Golf Club. and the Prairie Star Restaurant. Santa Ana Star Casino features gambling, live entertainment and bowling. The Warrior Gas Station & Convenience Store has everything you need to get you on your way, and nearby Jemez Canyon Dam Overlook has day picnic sites.

Santo Domingo Pueblo

Tradition name in Keres: Kewa, means "Pueblo" Annual Feast Day: August 4th 505.465.2214 www.santadomingotribe.com

(I-25 Exit 259) Santo Domingo Pueblo, on State Road 22, is known for its beautiful turquoise jewelry and its pottery. Various arts and crafts shops can be found at the Pueblo and near the Santo Domingo owned and operated Pueblo Gas Inc., which includes the Kewa Café. Be sure to stop in during Labor Day weekend for the Annual Santo



Domingo Arts & Crafts Market, where artisans from throughout the area sell beautiful pieces of traditional artwork.

Zia Pueblo

Traditional Name in Keres: Tsia Annual Feast Day: August 15th 505.867.3304 www.zia.com

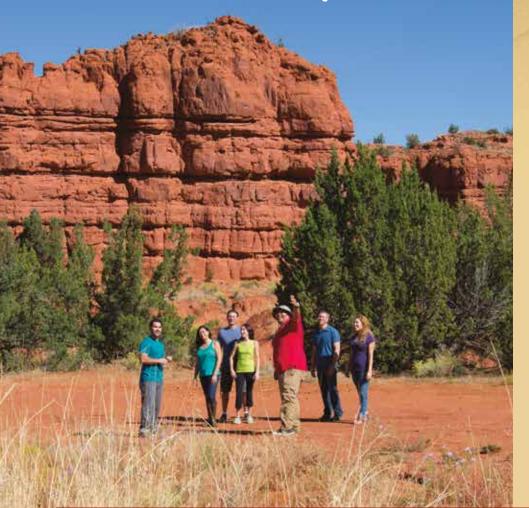
Zia Pueblo is the birthplace of the familiar sun symbol, which adorns the NM state flag. Located off of US 550, Zia Pueblo arts and crafts are sold at the tribal administration complex. The Zia Pueblo Reservation has become a leader in tribal communities for on-location shooting of film projects and major motion pictures. The Pueblo manages the Zia Bernalillo Farmers Market.



The Pueblos

Traditions, Culture & History

it all comes together at the





- Learn about the history in our Interpretive Museum
- Shop for fine jewelry, pottery, rugs and more
- Information about the local area and attractions
- Enjoy our traditional pueblo style foods

(575) 834-7235

Hours: 8am to 5pm Winter: 10am to 4pm

www.jemezpueblo.com





Annual Park 'N the Park 🏉

Fun for the entire family takes place in April each year at Cabezon Park in Rio Rancho with the annual Park 'N the Park Car Show. The car show features over 300 cars of all makes and models (all made before 1982), and the fun continues with arts and crafts vendors, food, music and fun jumps for the kids. For more information, call 505.891.5015.

Placitas Studio Tour 🥖

This annual event takes place Mother's Day weekend throughout scenic Placitas. Explore the unique studios scattered throughout the foothills of the northern Sandias, where vou can meet and talk with the artists about their work. There's painting, wearable art, photography, ceramics, woodworking, glass art, jewelry, mosaics, sculptures, metalwork, and mixed media, including found and recycled objects. www.placitasstudiotour.com.

Annual Old 🏈 **Church Artfest**

New Mexico is known as a hub for artists and incredible pieces of art. The Artfest, displayed at the Old San Ysidro Church in Corrales each May, showcases a wide variety of juried original arts and crafts by local New Mexican artists. 505.301.0042, www.villageinthevillage.org.

Annual Events

There's always something on the calendar, with festivals featuring food, entertainment, art and more, and with traditional annual ceremonies countywide.

For more info., visit SeeMoreofNM.com

Spring

Summer

Fall



Annual Corrales Garden Tour 🌞

Tour-goers over the years have enjoyed getting a close look at the gardens that often hide behind the ubiquitous adobe walls in Corrales. Organized by Corrales MainStreet, the self-quided tour includes six amazing gardens scattered throughout the Village. Held in early June, tickets go on sale in May and are also available the day of the event. www.corrales-gardentour.com.

Pork & Brew §

No summer visit to Sandoval County would be complete without a stop at the Pork & **Brew BBQ State Championships** at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho during the 4th of July weekend. The event brings together the best barbecue vendors from around the region for a three-day festival featuring food, beer, live music, local arts and crafts, dancing and interactive family activities. www.rioranchonm.org.

Annual Corrales Art in the Park

Sandoval County Fair Queen

Get lost in the wondrous creations from talented local artists. Organized by the Corrales Society of Artists, this is a juried art and fine craft sale occurring on Sundays, June to October in the beautiful, tree-lined La Entrada Park in the heart of Corrales. There's food, drink, entertainment and art activities. Admission and parking are free. For a schedule visit www.nmartistsmarket.org.





Placitas Studio Tour Every Mother's Day Weekend Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

Explore the unique studios scattered throughout the scenic foothills of the northern Sandias and get a behind-the-scenes peek at the artistic life of our community. Visit our website anytime to get acquainted with our talented artists.

placitasstudiotour.com

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Sandoval County Fair 🌞

Enjoy good, old-fashioned fun for the entire family at the fair. The experience is made complete with great food, dancing and live music, an exciting rodeo, youth events, livestock exhibits and a parade. Whatever your interests, there's something for everyone at the fair, which takes place in the Village of Cuba, New Mexico each year in late July–early August. www.sandovalfair.org.

Las Fiestas de San Lorenzo 🍥

An integral part of Bernalillo's rich culture and history, **Las Fiestas de San Lorenzo** include a lively schedule of festivities such as a parade, rodeo, car show, and live entertainment. Held in early August at Rotary Park, Las Fiestas focus largely on the ritual dance drama known as los Matachines and is the largest such dance in the region, marking a significant factor in Bernalillo's identity as a community. For more information on this tradition, visit www.townofbernalillo.org.

The Great Southwest Brew Fest \

As the leaves begin to change and the fall air becomes crisp, this exciting event, featuring beer from 25 New Mexico craft breweries and a dozen craft breweries from throughout the Southwest, is held in early September at Loretto Park in Bernalillo. With great options from local food trucks and New Mexico agricultural product producers, there will be interactive lessons on beer and food pairings as well as home brewing. Live music adds to the fun and excitement of the two-day festival. www.nmbeer.org.



Jemez Mountains Elk Festival %

The Festival is an opportunity to experience and learn about elk on the **Valles Caldera National Preserve** and to participate in activities throughout the Jemez Mountains. Free daily activities in September include elk viewing and education booths. Scheduled van tours daily and activities for kids. www.vallescaldera.gov.



Corrales Harvest Festival ¥

This annual event organized by the Kiwanis Club of Corrales, takes place the last weekend of September. Experience the charming Village of Corrales in all of its autumn beauty. Featuring a pet parade, growers market, free tours at the Casa San Ysidro: Gutiérrez/ Minge House and more. www.corralesharvestfestival.com.



rade, including a visit from Santa and ice skating at the **Santa Ana Star Center.** For more information, visit www.rioranchonm.org.

Taste of Rio Rancho ******

Once the hustle and bustle of the holidays settles down, Rio Rancho restaurants have an array of savory treats to offer visitors at the Annual **Taste of Rio Rancho** at the **Santa Ana Star Center**. Twenty-five of Rio Rancho's finest restaurants provide attendees with free samples of their signature foods. A local and tourist favorite, this February food festival is a mustattend. www.rioranchonm.org.

Santa Ana Star Event Center

Those looking for the perfect event venue are sure to find incredible options at the **Santa Ana Star Center**, which encompasses 160 acres and is a major component of the City of Rio Rancho's new downtown. With a variety of options, the state-of-the-art facility features: 26 luxury suites, 500 club seats, a VIP lounge, a club lounge, and four club suites.

The center is located at 3001 Civic Center Circle NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. For more information, call 505.891.7300.

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Hot Air Ballooning

A world-renowned tourist and local favorite for kids and kids-at-heart, the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** is a spectacular weeklong event, held the first week in October. Experience the magic of more than 700 hot air balloons ascending into the sky from Balloon Fiesta Park, enjoy an evening balloon glow, or watch as special shape balloons fill the sky and sail through the crisp air of early fall. www.balloonfiesta.com.

Winterfest Celebration **

The **Winterfest Celebration** at the Rio Rancho City Center is a free way to kick off the holidays with family activities that celebrate the winter season. Expect a pa-

Day Trips

With jaw-dropping natural landscapes and friendly, quaint small towns along the way, there is much to see and do, and it's all within a short driving distance.

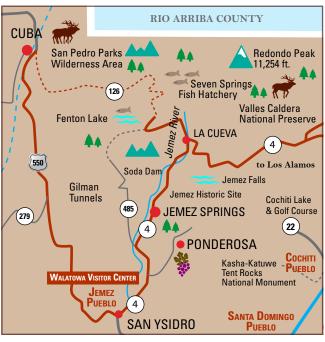
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Jemez Mountain Trail Scenic Byway

Jemez Mountain Trail Scenic Byway is one of the six scenic routes in New Mexico designated as a National Scenic Byway—an honor given to only 55 routes in the nation!

Historical and cultural stops along the way, combined with the breathtaking scenic beauty and unique activities, make this road trip one to remember. Beginning in the **Village of San Ysidro** the only surviving settlement of the original "Pueblos de los Jemez"—follow the course of the Jemez River to the majestic mesas of Cañon de San Diego and **Jemez Pueblo**.

As you continue north, you'll want to have a camera ready to capture the crimson-colored formations known as **Red Rocks**. Options abound on the road ahead with **Ponderosa Winery**, the **Gilman Tunnels**, and the village of **Jemez Springs**. At **Jemez Springs**, you'll find restaurants, art and craft galleries, natural springs, and several bed and breakfast lodging options. Horseback tours, cross country skiing



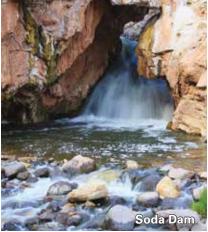
and snowshoeing trips can be arranged nearby.

The fun continues at the **Jemez Historic Site** featuring educational exhibits, a self-guided tour and expansive picnic areas. Stop and marvel at **Soda Dam**, a unique and spectacular natural dam that blocks the Jemez River.

At this point in your excursion, the trail continues in both

directions. To the east lies one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world, Valles Caldera National Preserve, and Bandelier National Monument, which provides an opportunity to explore Ancestral Pueblo dwellings. To the west is Fenton Lake State Park and the town of Cuba which leads to the beautiful Santa Fe National Forest. Jemez Historic Site







Placitas

It's a pleasure to hike or bike one of the numerous trails in the Sandia foothills surrounding Placitas. Enjoy a meal at a locally owned restaurant, take in a Friday night wine tasting at the grocery store, visit Anasazi Fields Winery, stroll through our galleries and fall in love with the peacefulness. Take a drive on SR165 to explore Sandia Man Cave and travel to the top of the Sandias to take in magnificent views of Albuquerque with colorful aspens or snowy slopes, depending on the season. www.placitaschamber.com.



including over 180 species of birds. The **Corrales Bosque Trail** is recommended for its scenic beauty.

You can also take the **Corrales Wine & Bike Tour**, go horseback riding, visit the **Corrales Grower's Market** (www.corralesgrowersmarket.com) to purchase fresh, locally grown produce, visit one of the four vineyards on the **Corrales Wine Loop** or engage with a community of talented and unique artists. Whatever your interests, Corrales' charm and character offer something for everyone.visit www.corrales-nm.org.







Corrales Road

The Village of Corrales offers visitors a chance to step back into the history and culture that shaped New Mexico, set amid a rich and gorgeous agricultural community. The seven-mile stretch of road provides old-style New Mexico charm, complete with diverse shops, art galleries, historic buildings, scenic beauty, and one-of-a-kind restaurants.

Visit Casa San Ysidro: The Gutiérrez/Minge House for a glimpse into the region's unique heritage. Now considered one of the world's most comprehensive collections of New Mexican art and furnishings, this c.1875 home shows how ordinary people created extraordinary things.

The lovely **San Ysidro Church** is a historic church on Church Road in Corrales. It was built in 1868 and added to the National Register in 1980.

In addition to traditional New Mexican architecture and experiences, Corrales is home to the **Rio Grande Bosque Preserve**, where you can observe wildlife,

Route 66

While Route 66 is associated with the diners and motels of the decades past, parts of this historic road in Sandoval County have preserved history of centuries past. Surrounded by rural communities, farming and ranching culture, and beautiful scenery, the stretch of road that was included in the original Route 66, prior to 1938, meanders circuitously through Sandoval County and allows travelers to immerse themselves in the pages of history.

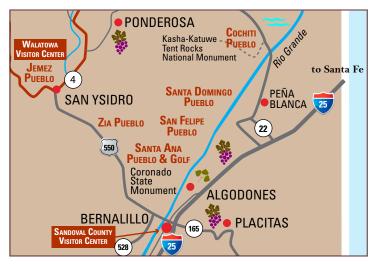
Just off the beaten path between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, take exit 248 to Algodones, a scenic rural community, and head south to the town of Bernalillo, which showcases El Zócalo, an historic 1874 convent listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel. See the artwork of Edward Gonzales, Mateo Romero and others at the **Gathering Artists Gallery**. This stretch of Route 66 is sure to provide a reminiscent glimpse into the history of the region. www.historic66.com.



El Camino Real

Meaning "The Royal Road," this historic and scenic byway follows the Rio Grande from the U.S./Mexico border to Santa Fe. Utilized for over 300 years as the Southwest's main road for travelers, portions of the road along the Rio Grande Pueblo Indian Trail were in use since before the arrival of Spanish explorers.

To explore the parts of the road within Sandoval County, follow NM 16 west to **Cochiti**. Go to **Peña Blanca**, and then to NM 22 toward **Santo Domingo**. In **Santo Domingo** take NM 16, and then travel NM 313 to **San Felipe** and Algodones. The path will take you through three pueblos—**Cochiti**, **Santo Domingo**, and **San Felipe**.





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Sports & Recreation

From hiking, biking, fishing and hunting to water activities or hot air ballooning, we have options for all.



Biking in Valles Caldera

Hiking

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument provide one-of-a-kind hiking experiences amongst rocks formed by ancient volcanic eruptions. Santa Fe National Forest hikes are as plentiful and diverse as the life zones of the forest. With so many elevations and habitat types, there is year-round access to hiking trails in the forest. Popular hikes include Battleship Rocks, Jemez Falls, Las Conchas Trail, McCauley Hot Springs, San Pedro Parks trails and Dome Wilderness. (www. fs.usda.gov/santafe). The Sandia Mountains, close to Albuquerque and Placitas, offer a convenient chance to connect with nature. www.fs.usda.gov/cibola.

Biking

Cyclists will find a peaceful ride in the shade of cottonwoods on a trail that winds through the **Rio Grande Bosque** near Corrales. Intermediate and advanced riders can explore **Guacamalla and Paliza Canyons**. www.newmexico.org/true-outdoors.

Fishing

Sandoval County is the perfect destination for those who love the outdoors and enjoy fishing. San Pedro Parks Wilderness is home to native cutthroat trout. Fenton Lake offers picnic areas, wheelchair accessible platforms and even ice fishing in the winter. San Antonio Creek offers plenty of catch-and-release fishing opportunities. Fly-fishing enthusiasts can enjoy the Rio Cebolla in the Jemez Mountains.

Visitors are welcome at **Seven Springs Fish Hatchery** near Jemez. The Ice Pond is stocked and open to children 12 and younger and adults 65 and older. At **Cochiti Lake**, catch catfish, crappie, bass, bluegill and perch. The **Sandia Lakes Recreation Area** offers several ponds stocked with trout and other fish. www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Hunting

There's more than 30 million acres of public lands open to hunting in New Mexico, with a comparable amount of private land also available. **The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish** publishes the annual Proclamation of Big Game and Furbearer Seasons in late January or early February with specifics for hunters.

A current list of active outfitters or guides can be obtained from New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides, www. nmoutfitters.com or by calling 505.522.9845. Hunting is also allowed on certain tribal lands. Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife, 928.871.6451.

Golf

There are plenty of options throughout the county, with a variety of amenities, difficulty levels and breathtaking views. **Santa Ana Golf Course** has a challenging layout and an unmatched view of the Sandia Mountains. Nearby **Twin Warriors Golf Course** is part of the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa. **Cochiti Golf Course** was designed by Robert Trent Jones Junior and **Club Rio Rancho Golf** is popular with the locals as well as guests. www.newmexico.org/golf.

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Water Activities

The gentle waters of the **Rio Grande** offer family-friendly adventures like kayaking, floating or paddleboarding. Spring is a great time to take a guided trip with **Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures**. You can sail, windsurf and swim at **Cochiti Lake**, which is popular year-round.

Winter Activities

Forest areas throughout the **Santa Fe National Forest**, including wilderness areas, are open to Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Generally, the higher the elevation, the better the snow. An easy 2½ mile loop trail starts near Redondo Campground in the Jemez, but cross-country aficionados will thrive in the challenging **San Pedro Parks Wilderness Area** or the open space at **Valles Caldera**.

Telemark skiers can practice on the west side of **Corral Canyon** and **Upper San Antonio Canyon**. Try the open mountain trails on the east side of **San Antonio Creek**. www.newmexico.org/ski.

Hot Air Ballooning

Year-round hot air ballooning in Sandoval County includes competitive events the third weekend of every month sponsored by Top Gun, the local division of the Balloon Federation of America. The Albuquerque **Erostat Ascension Association** hosts the Friends and Lovers Rally in February (the weekend before Valentine's Day) as well as the Jingle Bell "Non Rally" in December. Our neighbor and partner, the City of Albuquerque, is host to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest, held annually in October.

Rio Rancho Sporting Options

At 5,290 feet above sea level, Rio Rancho offers a mild, high desert climate perfect for sporting events and outdoor adventures year-round. It is New Mexico's fastest growing city with a vast array of scenery, culture, sporting venues and nearby attractions. Visit the hub of organized sports and recreation for bowling, swimming, golfing, dancing, tennis, skating, soccer and more. Be sure to check out the Rio Rancho Aquatics Center and the **Ice Skating Rink**. If you're in the mood for bowling, visit Tenpins & More or Starlight Bowling Center at Santa Ana Star Center. The **New Mexico Soccer Tournament** Complex boasts 22 internationalsized fields, is one of the largest of its kind in the country, and has hosted many prestigious youth and adult tournaments.

The west side has great activities at **Club Rio Rancho**, such as golf, tennis and swimming. There's fine dining, live music and dancing when you're ready to wind down.

Jeep Tours

Jeep tours are for the adventurous traveler who wants to explore our history, culture and land. Tours are guided and personalized and can include seeing ancient petroglyphs, wild horses, and Spanish ruins. Photography tours are available. www.nmjeeptours.com.







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Wineries

New Mexico's sun-soaked soil and cool high-desert nights frame the modern return of wine making to the oldest wine producing region in the country. High desert climate and ideal soil feed Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Johannisburg Riesling, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel and other classic grapes and fruits to produce award-winning wines. Whether you are a wine novice, enthusiast, or expert, there are resources here that will guide you through the Enchanted Wine Trails of New Mexico!

Wineries include Ponderosa Valley Vineyards and Winery, the largest Riesling vineyard in New Mexico. Anasazi Fields Winery, a Placitas gathering spot, is the only winery in America that produces dry, oak finished wines using whole fruit fermentation. Corrales boasts Corrales Winery with an award-winning muscat, Acequia Vineyards and Winery with an intimate tasting room, Pasando Tiempo Vineyards & Winery, a couple's dream become reality, and Milagro Vineyard and Winery whose wines are "Handcrafted from Vine to Wine." In Rio Rancho Matheson Wine Company features red table wines and port wines. You can visit Casa Abril Vineyard and Winery in Budaghers to taste award-winning wines made with Tempranillo and Malbec grapes.

For a complete list of festivals, tours and maps, visit the New Mexico Wine Growers Association at www.nmwine.com.



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Sandoval County breweries feature unique atmospheres and amazing brews. Local lagers, stouts, ambers, IPAs and more are brewed using German-made equipment at **Kaktus Brewing Company** in Bernalillo, featuring food and an outdoor patio.

In Rio Rancho, stop by **Turtle Mountain Brewing Company** which serves up pizzas, calzones and grinders from their woodfired oven, and hand-crafted ales and lagers from their on-premise brewhouse. Fat Squirrel Pub & Grill is a family-friendly, casual yet affordable up-scale English style pub. Enjoy the outdoor fountain and large patio, along with local IPAs, Mexican lagers, and a variety of ales at Las Cazuelas Mexican Grill & Brewery, or stop into the newly opened Blue Grasshopper Brew Pub, featuring New Mexico micro-brews on tap.

Corrales Bistro Brewery has food and live music almost every night of the week. Whatever your tastes, you're sure to find a beer that makes a lasting impression.

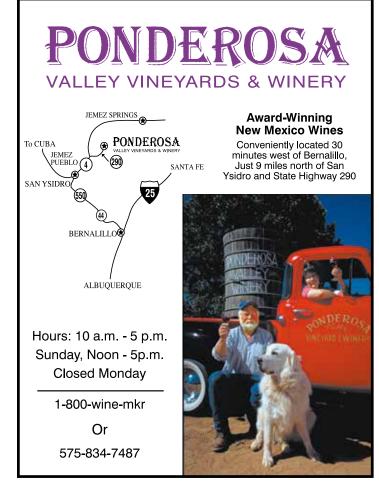




Dining Options

Culture and tradition are visible everywhere in Sandoval County, and the food is a true testament to the unique nature of New Mexico. Many of our restaurants proudly offer traditional New Mexico and Native American dishes, including enchiladas, Indian fry bread, tortillas and, of course, red and green chile. In Rio Rancho, you can find food from across the globe, including everything from BBQ to Vietnamese. In the towns of Bernalillo and Cuba, you will find more traditional New Mexican eateries. Placitas offers elegant dining, and throughout the county there are great locally-owned restaurants. Visit seemoreofnm. com for information—there is something delicious and flavorful for every palate.

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Tao Chinese Bistro (RR)

AMERICAN, INTERNATIONAL,

NEW MEXICAN Range Café (BE) Corn Maiden (BE) Santa Ana Café (BE) Rio Grande Lounge (BE) Atush Bar & Grille (BE) Prairie Star (BE) Casino Hollywood (BE) Wind Dancer Bar & Grill (BE) Flying Star Cafe (CO) Hannah & Nate's (CO) Indigo Crow Cafe (CO) The Spot Cafe (CO) Jemez Stage Stop (JE) Los Ojos Restaurant &Saloon (JE) Ridgeback Café (JE) Trail House Grill (JE) Blades' Bistro (PL) Placitas Cafe (PL) Five Guys Burgers & Fries (RR) Twisters Classic Grill (RR) The Great American Grill (RR) O'Hare's Grille & Pub (RR) Club Rio Rancho (RR) Weck's Restaurant (RR)

NEW MEXICAN

Abuelita's New Mexican (BE) Lupe's Antojitos (BE) Ruby's Tortilleria (BE) Sadie's at the Star (BE) Perea's Tijuana Bar (CO) El Brunos (CU) Cuban Cafe (CU) Del Prado Cafe (CU) Chaco Grill (CU) Little Anita's Express (RR) Burrito Express (RR) Seferino's New Mexican Restaurant (RR) Hot Tamales (RR)

MEXICAN

Latinos Unidos Taqueria (BE) Cazuela's Seafood & Mexican Grill (RR) Federico's Mexican Food (RR) Filiberto's Mexican Food (RR)

DESSERTS/TREATS/COFFEE

Oh My Sweet Cravings (BE) The Chill Zone Frozen Yogurt (BE) Bad Ass Coffee (BE) Menchie's Frozen Yogurt (RR) Café Bella Coffee (RR) Vanilla Bean Frozen Custard & Treatery (RR) Fresh Frozen Yogurt Bar (RR) Mocha Mudd (RR)

PIZZA/PASTA

Village Pizza (CO) CC's Paisano Pizzeria (CU) Dion's (RR) Sal-E-Boy's Pizzeria (RR) Wise Pies (RR) Chalupp's Pizza (RR) Aldo's New York Style Pizzeria (RR) Davido's Pizza & More (RR) Joe's Pasta House (RR)

BREWPUBS

Kaktus Brewing Company (BE) Corrales Bistro Brewery (CO) Fat Squirrel Pub & Grille (RR) The Blue Grasshopper (RR) Las Cazuelas Mexican Grill & Brewery (RR) Turtle Mountain Brewing Co. (RR)

SANDWICHES

Highway 4 Coffee (JE) Alicea's NY Bagels & Subs (RR) Bagel Deli Bakery (RR)

BARBECUE

Rub-N-Wood BBQ (RR)

BOWLING/FOOD

Santa Ana Star Casino (BE) Tenpins & More (RR)

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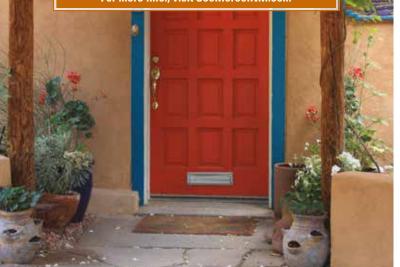
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Wherever you need to go around the county, our public transportation systems can get you there quickly and safely. Be sure to check out all of your options to get around and see all of the great attractions in Sandoval County.

The Rio Metro Regional Transit **District** operates several bus routes throughout Sandoval County including Algodones, Bernalillo, Canon, Cochiti Lake, Cochiti Pueblo, Cuba, **Enchanted Hills, Jemez Pueblo,** Jemez Springs, Pena Blanca, Rio Rancho, San Ysidro, Santa Ana Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, and Zia Pueblo. All bus routes operate Monday through Friday. For more information on bus stops and schedules for the areas of Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties., visit www.riometro.org or call 1.877.660.1110.

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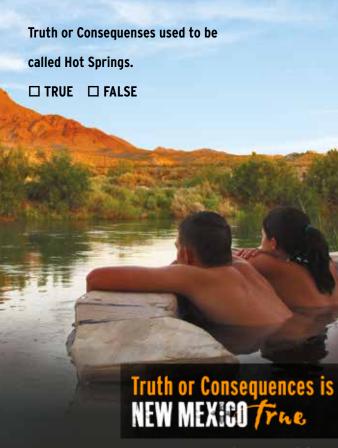
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