


# New Mexico Information Guide



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## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE GHOST RANCH, NEW MEXICO

### WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

New Mexico is an exciting state to visit rich in both natural and historical sites. This guide provides some information on just a few of these many places. For more information contact the New Mexico Tourism & Travel Division, Bataan Memorial Bldg, Santa Fe, NM 87503, 827-5571 (the area code for all of New Mexico is 505). Out of state toll free 800-545-2040 (incl. gas availability). For specific information on some cities use the Chamber of Commerce (CC) address listed.

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The area we now know as New Mexico was first settled by the plains, Apache, Navajo and Pueblo Indians.

Spanish settlers arrived around 1600 establishing a thriving trading culture long before the eastern US was settled. In 1822 the Santa Fe Trail opened the area to extensive trade with the eastern US.

New Mexico became part of the US in 1846 after the war with Mexico, and was made a state in 1912.

### GHOST RANCH

Ghost Ranch in late June has an average maximum temperature in the high 80's and

lows around 60. The humidity is usually fairly low in June but afternoon rain showers are not impossible so one should bring along some raingear. Because of the altitude (6600') and clear, sunny days it is advised to bring a hat, sun screen lotion and chapstick. Insects are usually not a problem but repellent may be useful near water.

### ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque was founded in 1706 and is the largest city in New Mexico with a present metro population of about 400,000.

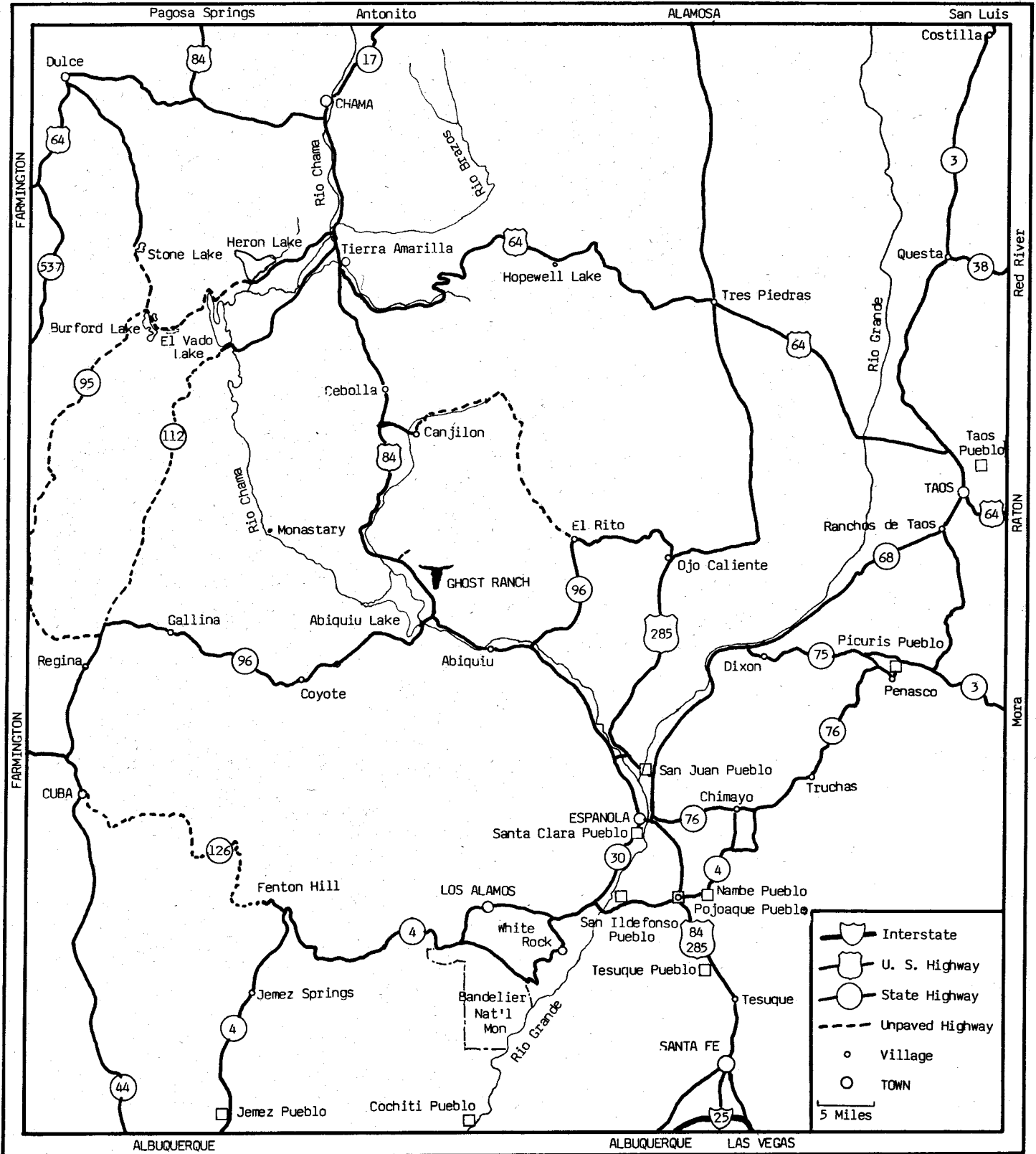
### Places of interest:

OLD TOWN, the original Albuquerque with many shops and restaurants. San Felipe de Neri Church on the north side of the plaza was the first structure completed by the early settlers and has been in continuous use since that time. Old Town is just N of Central & E of Rio Grande Blvd.

MUSEUM OF ALBUQUERQUE has recently moved to its quarters just north of Old Town on Mountain Road. Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat-Sun 1-5, free. 766-7878

RIO GRANDE ZOO, 903 10th St. SW. Daily 10-5, \$1.25/adult, \$.75/child, under 6 free. Rain Forest (many tropical birds & plants) & reptile house have recently opened. 867-5351

# NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO



On the availability of gas, food etc.

Most villages in Northern New Mexico have a gas station, tavern and usually a small store. The towns (Santa Fe, Taos, Espanola and Chama) in addition would

have supermarkets and pharmacies. The nearest store and gas station to Ghost Ranch is in Abiquiu, so please plan to arrive with at least a half a tank of gas. Campers preparing your own meals should pick up supplies before arrival.

INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER, 2401 12th St NW (just N of I-40). The Cultural Center is operated by the 19 pueblos and has a museum, restaurant, gift shops and working artists. Indian dances in plaza, Fri-Sun at 1, 3 & 5 pm. Open Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 12-6. 843-7270

NATIONAL ATOMIC MUSEUM, Kirtland Air Force Base, enter from either the Gibson or Wyoming Blvd. gates. Unique historical collection of nuclear weapons. Energy exhibits and films. Open weekdays 9-5 & weekends 12-5, free. 844-8443

PETROGLYPH STATE PARK contains many fine prehistoric Indian drawings carved into the lava flow. Picnic facilities.

SANDIA PEAK TRAM is the longest in the US. Daily 9-9, except Tues 5-9, \$6.00 adult, \$5.20 senior citizen, \$4.35 child. 298-8518 Dining at base or summit, resrv. (see High Finance restaurant).

At the University of New Mexico

MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY Open weekdays 9-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-5. 277-4404

GEOLOGY MUSEUM & METEORITE MUSEUM, Geology Bldg. Weekdays 9-12, 1-4. 277-2747

CC, 401 2nd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 842-0220.

#### SOME ALBUQUERQUE RESTAURANTS

AL MONTE'S: 1306 Rio Grande NW, 243-3709. Continental. Lunch 11:30-2, dinner 6-10 Tues-Sat. R\*

APPLEGATE'S LANDING: 2120 Eubank NE, 298-1814. Dinner \$4-7. R

BARON OF BEEF: 112 Romero NW, 243-7075. Continental. Dinner \$7-15. R

BLACK ANGUS: 2284 Wyoming NE, 292-1911. Beef. Dinner \$6-12. R

CAMINO REAL DE RON Y MARSHA: 416 Yale SE, 256-7204. Mexican. Lunch & dinner \$2-4. R

THE COOPERAGE: 7220 Lomas NE, 255-1657. Dinner \$4-9. Steak, seafood. R

HIGH NOON SALOON: 425 San Felipe NW, 765-1455. Lunch 11:30-2:30, dinner 5-9:30. R

IVORY CHOPSTICKS: 9800 Montgomery NE, 296-2593. Cantonese, Szechwan & Mandarin. Dinner \$4-7. R

HIGH FINANCE: Sandia Peak, top of tram, 243-9742. R

LA ESQUINA: First Plaza Galeria, 242-3432. Mexican. Lunch Mon-Sat 11-2:30, dinner Fri only 5:30-9. Lunch \$3-4. R

LA HACIENDA: Old Town Plaza, 242-4866. Mexican. Lunch 11:30-2, dinner 5-8:30. \$3-6. R

LA PLACITA: Old Town Plaza, 247-2204. Mexican. Daily 11-9:30. Dinner \$3-6. R

LIQUID ASSETS: 6910 Montgomery NE, 881-6476. Lunch Sun-Fri 11-2:30, dinner 5:30-11. \$3-7. R

MAMA MIA SPAGHETTI HOUSE: 1430 Carlisle NE, 265-4557. Italian. Lunch 11:30-2, dinner 5:30-10. Dinner \$4-6. R

MARIA TERESA: 618 Rio Grande NW, 242-3900. Continental. Daily 5-10:30. R

MONTANA MINING CO.: First National Bank Bldg. East, 266-8746 or Wyoming at Menaul, 294-5089. Steak & seafood. Dinner \$5-12.

OGILVIE'S: 7100 Central SE, 266-5564. Lunch 11-2:30, dinner 5:30-10:30. \$3-10. R

PAPA FELIPE'S: Coronado Center, 883-5305 or 8806 4th NW, 898-2772. Mexican. Daily 11-9. Lunch & dinner \$3-6. R

POWDRELL'S BAR-B-Q: 11309 Central NE, 298-6766. Mon-Thurs 11-8:30, Fri-Sat 11-9:30. Lunch & dinner \$2-5.

TERRITORIAL HOUSE: Corrales, 898-6235. Mexican & steaks. \$3-7. Closed Mon. R

WHITE PALACE: 11231 Menaul NE, 299-9497. Continental. Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30-2, dinner Mon-Sat 6-10:30. Dinner \$8-12. R

\*R=reservations

# The New Southwest's Favorite...



Open 7 Days A Week

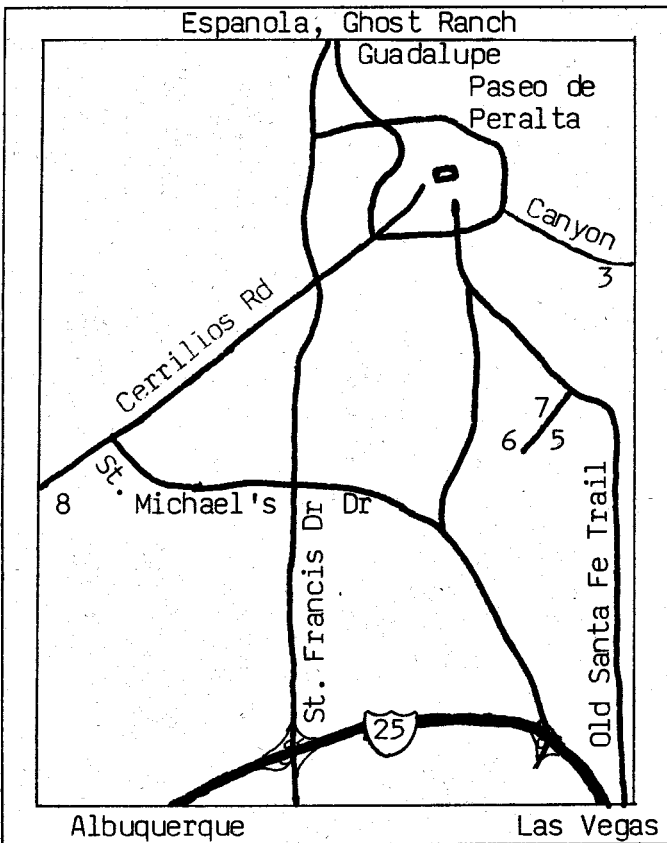
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Monday thru Friday

Louisiana & Central Also in Farmington  
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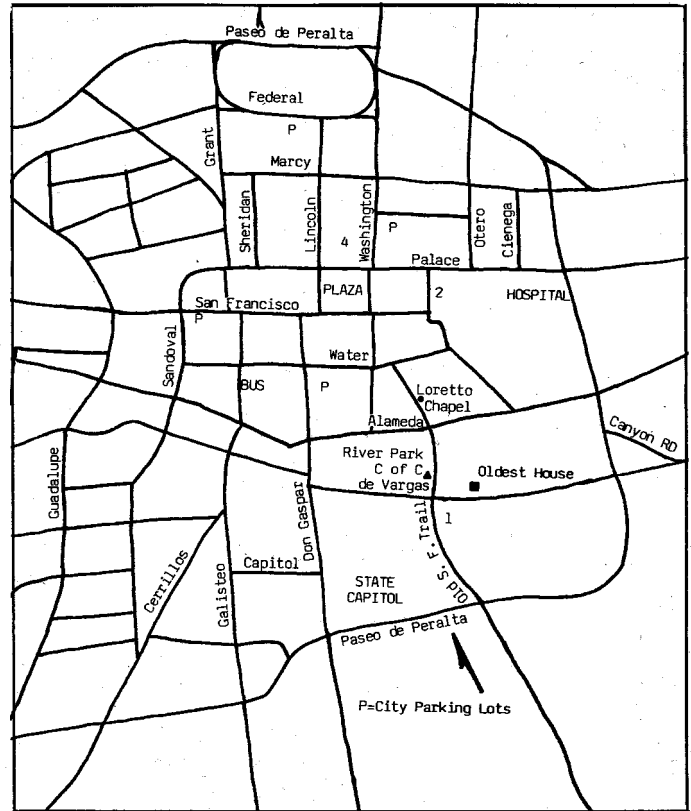
Dinner Reservations  
Accepted

This list of good restaurants has been compiled by our membership. Some of the restaurants, particularly those outside of Albuquerque, accept cash only. The ads appearing in this guide helped offset the printing costs.

SANTA FE



PLAZA AREA



The fastest & easiest route thru Santa Fe from I-25 is St. Francis Dr. which becomes US 84-285. To get to the Plaza from St. Francis, turn right on Cerrillos Rd which joins Galisteo Rd, continue until Galisteo ends at San Francisco St., turn right, the Plaza is one+ block ahead.

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS (2):** Built under the auspices of Archbishop J. B. Lamy. It was the first church between Durango, Mexico & St. Louis to attain the status of a cathedral. East of Plaza.

SANTA FE

Capital of New Mexico and the oldest seat of government in the United States. Settled by Europeans in 1610 & by Pueblo Indians about 400 years earlier. Displaying the distinctive architectural styles of Santa Fe, many historical buildings are within easy walking distance of the Plaza.

**CRISTO REY CHURCH (3):** Is said to be the largest adobe structure in the country. The hand-carved stone reredos date from 1761. Upper Canyon Road.

Partial list of historical points:

**CANYON ROAD:** The center of Santa Fe's art colony and one of the older districts.

**MISSION OF SAN MIGUEL (1):** Originally built in 1626, it was destroyed during the Pueblo revolt in 1680. Rebuilt in 1710. Contains good examples of 18th century religious art. Three blocks south of the Plaza.

**SANTA FE OPERA:** Semi open-air theater. Seven mi. N on US 84 & 285. P.O. Box 2408, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 982-3855.

- 1980 SCHEDULE (thru 8 July)
- 28 June La Traviata, Giuseppe Verdi, sung in Italian
  - 2 July La Traviata
  - 4 July The Magic Flute, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, sung in English
  - 5 July La Traviata

CC, P.O. Box 1928, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 983-7317

**THE PALACE RESTAURANT**  
Burro Alley Plaza (on West Palace)

A restaurant in the grand style of  
the turn-of-the-century French elegance

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
982-9891

**SANTA FE MUSEUMS**

Free Admission  
Open 9 to 5 Monday thru Saturday  
Sundays 2 to 5

**PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS (4):** Constructed  
in 1610, it is the oldest public building  
in the US which has been in continuous  
use. Now a Museum. On the Plaza.

**LABORATORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY (5):** On  
exhibit are great collections of Pueblo  
Indian pottery, Navajo & Pueblo textiles,  
silver, basketry, & arts & crafts of  
other tribes. 1100 block of Old Santa Fe  
trail.

**MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART (6):**  
Contains examples of costuming and folk  
craftsmanship from around the world.

**WHEELWRIGHT MUSEUM (7):** Sand-paintings,  
ritual objects, carved figures and other  
works are exhibited. Closed Mondays.

**MILITARY MUSEUM (8):** Building  
temporarily closed but outdoor exhibits  
of airplanes, artillery pieces, tanks,  
rockets can still be viewed. In the 2600  
block of Cerrillos Road.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**

**BITTER LAKES:** 15 mi. E of Roswell. PO  
Box 7, Roswell, NM 88201, 622-7655.

**BOSQUE DEL APACHE:** 16 mi. S of Socorro.  
PO Box 1246, Socorro, NM 87801, 835-1828.

**MAXWELL:** 24 mi. SSW of Raton. PO Box  
276, Maxwell 87728, 425-6819.

All three of these Wildlife Refuges were  
established for protection of wintering  
waterfowl but have many interesting summer  
residents.

**NEW MEXICO STATE PARKS**

New Mexico has 37 state parks, most of  
which have campsites (\$3). Many are next  
to fishing and boating lakes (some  
swimming). See a state road map for  
locations. A few of the more unusual  
ones are:

**CARLSBAD LIVING DESERT ZOOLOGICAL AND  
BOTANICAL PARK:** 4 mi. NW of Carlsbad via  
US 285. Open 8am-10pm, \$1/adult,  
50¢/child (7-17). Desert plants and  
wildlife, museum.

**SMOKEY BEAR:** in the town of Capitan.  
Gravesite of the famous bear saved during  
a forest fire. Children's program and  
exhibits.

**VALLEY OF FIRES:** 3 Mi. WNW of Carrizozo  
via US 380. Nature trail through the  
Malpais (lava flow). Camping.

**SOME SANTA FE RESTAURANTS**

**BOBCAT BITE:** On Old Las Vegas  
Highway about 5 miles from Santa Fe,  
983-5319. Meat-eaters paradise.  
Tues-Sat 11-7:30 pm. I-M\*

**THE BULL RING:** 414 Old Santa Fe  
Trail, 983-3328. Continental and  
Mexican. Lunch Mon-Fri, 11:30-2:30  
pm. Dinner Mon-Sat, 6:30-10 pm.  
Excellent bar. M-E, R

**CHEZ RENEE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:** 3364  
Cerrillos Rd., 471-1919. Seafood.  
Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30-2 pm. Dinner  
weekdays 5-10, Fri-Sat to 11 pm.  
M-E, R

\*I=inexpensive, M=moderate,  
E=expensive, R=reservations

**THE COMPOUND:** 653 Canyon Road,  
982-4353. Continental European.  
Tues-Sat 6:30-10 pm, Sun to 9 pm. E,  
Reservations required.

**ERNIE'S:** 731 Canyon Rd. Camino  
Canyon Compound, 982-4274. Contin-  
ental & American. Dinner Mon-Sat  
6-9:30. M, R

**GUADALUPE CAFE:** 313 Guadalupe, 982-  
9762. Northern New Mexican & Ameri-  
can. Dinner Mon-Fri 5-10 pm. M

**LA TERTULIA:** 416 Agua Fria, 988-  
2769. Northern New Mexican and  
American. Dinner Tues-Sun 5-9 pm.  
M, R

**THE PALACE:** 140 W. Palace, 982-  
9891. Continental. Dinner Mon-Sat  
6-10:30 pm. E, R

**PERISCOPE:** 221 Shelby, 988-2355.  
Italian & continental. Dinner 6:30-  
9:30 pm Sat. Closed Sun & Mon. E, R

**THE PINK ADOBE:** 406 Old Santa Fe  
Trail, 983-9976. Continental. Lunch  
11:30-2 pm, Dinner 5:30-10 pm. M-E

**THE SHED:** 113 1/2 E. Palace, 982-  
9030. New Mexican. Lunch only 11-  
2:30 pm. I

**STEAKSMITH:** 210 Don Gasper, 988-  
3333. Steaks. Dinner Mon-Thurs  
5:30-10 pm, Fri-Sat to 11 pm. M-E,  
Reservations needed.

## NATIONAL PARKS

CARLSBAD CAVERNS: 27 mi. SW of Carlsbad via US 62 & US 180. Open 7-6, \$3/car. Self-guided natural entrance tour (3 mi.) or self-guided elevator entrance tour (1 1/2 mi.) thru one of the world's largest underground limestone caves. Portable receivers provide commentary. Cave swallows. Bat flights at dusk. 3225 Nat'l Parks Hwy., Carlsbad, NM 88220. M,P\*

MESA VERDE: 10 mi. E of Cortez, CO via US 160. Some of the finest cliff dwellings. M,C,P

## NATIONAL MONUMENTS

AZTEC: just north of Aztec via US 550. Open 8-5, \$1/car. One of the largest & best preserved pueblo ruins. Great Kiva has been restored. M,P

BANDELIER: 12 mi S of Los Alamos via NM 4. Open 8-7:30, \$1/car. Pueblo & cliff ruins unique to North America. M,C,P

CAPULIN MOUNTAIN: 30 mi. E of Raton. Open 7-8, \$1/car. One of the best examples of a volcanic cinder cone in US. Road to rim, trail into crater. V,P

CHACO CANYON: 54 mi. S of Bloomfield via NM 44 and NM 57 (dirt). Ruins of 13 major pueblos and many smaller sites. Open 8-9, free. M,C,P

EL MORRO: 43 mi. WSW of Grants via I-40 & NM 53. Carved onto Inscription Rock are Indian petroglyphs & names of Spanish explorers & pioneers. Open 8-8, \$1/car. M,C,P

\*M=museum, C=camping, P=picniking, V=vistor center

FORT UNION: 29 mi. NNE of Las Vegas, NM via I-25 & NM 477. Between 1851 & 1891, Fort Union protected settlers & travelers on the Santa Fe trail. Open 8-7, \$1/car. M

GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS: 45 mi. N of Silver City via NM 15. Small but interesting prehistoric dwellings in natural cavities. Open 8-7, free. V,C,P

GRAN QUIVIRA: 26 mi. SE of Mountainair via NM 14. Preserves 2 Franciscan mission churches. Open 8-7. V,P

GREAT SAND DUNES: 34 mi. NE of Alamosa, CO via CO 150. \$1/car. 700' sand dunes. V,C,P

PECOS: 26 mi. ESE of Santa Fe via I-25, NM 223, 63. Includes pueblo ruins and the crumbling walls of old Pecos Mission. Open 8-7, free. M,P

WHITE SANDS: 15 SW of Alamogordo via US 70 & 82. World's largest deposit of Gypsum sand dunes. Open 8-7, \$1/car. M,P

More info: National Park Service, PO Box 728, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 988-6375.

## NATIONAL FORESTS

Carson National Forest borders Ghost Ranch property on the north & east & the Santa Fe National Forest lies to south. The National Forests in New Mexico have many picnic and camping areas as well as many fine wilderness areas. For more information and backcountry permits contact: USDA Forest Service IO, 517 Gold SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 766-2444. Forest Service maps (50¢ each). Ranger stations in many towns.

## SOME NORTHERN NEW MEXICO RESTAURANTS

RANCHO DE CHIMAYO: Chimayo, 351-4175. Native New Mexican food. Atmosphere is half the joy of eating here. Daily noon to 10 pm. M, R\*

EL PARAGUA: One block east of Taos Highway on State Road 76, Espanola, 753-3211. Mexican, steaks and sea-foods. Daily 11-9 pm. M-E, R

RIO GRANDE CAFE: In Espanola on Los Alamos Highway one block south of NM 84. New Mexican and American. Weekdays 11-8 pm. I-M

BOCCACCIO'S GOLF CLUB RESTAURANT: 4250 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-7204. Italian and American. Dinner 5-8 pm, closed Mondays. M-E, R

LOS ALAMOS INN: 2201 Trinity, Los Alamos, 662-7211. Buffet. M

PHILOMENA'S: 2470 East Road, Los Alamos, 662-6354. Mexican and American. Mon-Sat 11-8, Sun 12-8. M

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APPLE TREE: 26 Bent St., Taos, 758-3943. Lunch or dinner served in an old adobe house or garden. Mon-Sat 11:30-7:30.

GARDEN RESTAURANT & ICE CREAM SHOPPE: On the plaza, Taos, 758-9483. Open 8 am-10 pm.

LA COCINA: On the plaza, Taos, 758-2412. Mexican & Continental. M, R

MICHAEL'S KITCHEN: N Pueblo, Taos, 758-4178. Mexican & American. I-M

## CHAMA

**CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD:** Day-long excursion train across the Cumbres Pass (10015') on a narrow gauge line. New Mexico Express from Chama to Osier, CO and return. Leaves 10 am and returns 4:30 pm. Fri-Tues. Fares; \$25/adult, \$9/child (11 & under). C&TSRR, Box 789, Chama, NM 87520, 756-2151.

CC, PO Box 306, Chama, NM 87520, 756-2201.

## CHIMAYO

**SANTUARIO DE CHIMAYO:** Earth pit inside chapel reputed to have special curative powers.

## LOS ALAMOS

Where first atomic bombs were designed. Extensive research concentrates on nuclear weapons and peaceful applications of nuclear power & other energy resources.

**BRADBURY SCIENCE HALL:** on Diamond Dr., 1/4 mi. S of Los Alamos Canyon Bridge. Science exhibits on energy research, radiation therapy, etc. Open Mon-Fri, 9-12 & 1-5; Sat-Sun 1-5.

## TAOS

A blend of Pueblo, Northern New Mexican & artist colony. Several museums and some 80 art galleries.

**HARWOOD FOUNDATION:** Ledoux St. Art museum. Open Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4:30, free.

**KIT CARSON HOME AND MUSEUM:** Half block east of plaza on US 64. Home of the famous frontiersman from 1843 to 1868. Rooms furnished in the period.

**MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** 4 mi. S on US 64. One of the Southwest's most splendid Spanish churches.

**RIO GRANDE GORGE BRIDGE:** 10 mi. NW of Taos on US 64. One of the highest highway bridges in the US crossing the Rio Grande some 650' below.

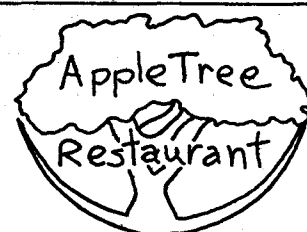
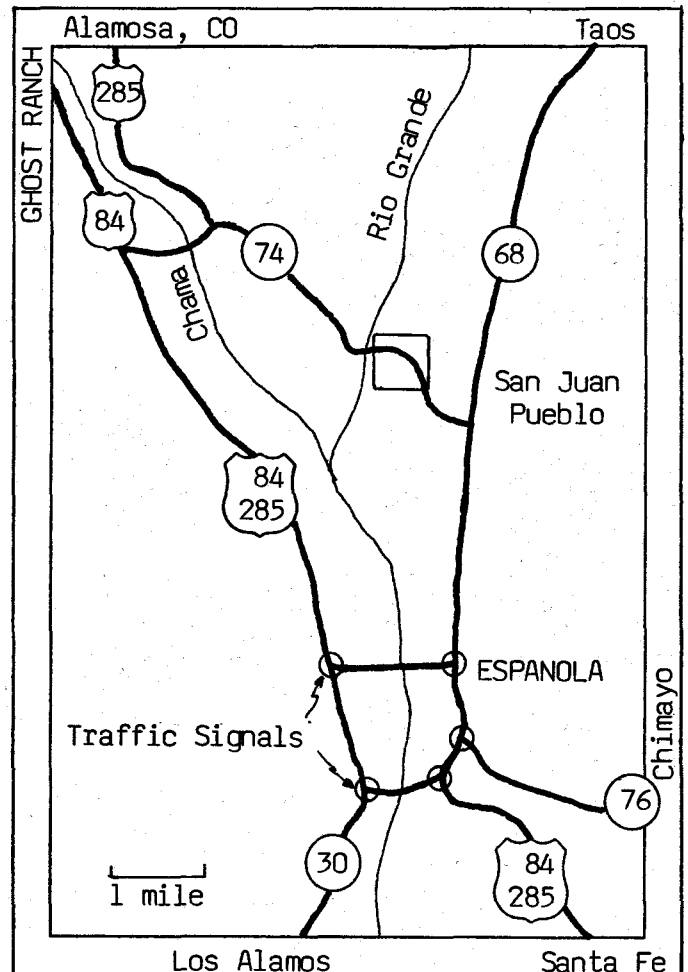
CC, Drawer 1, Taos, NM 87571, 758-3873

## RESTAURANTE Rancho de Chimayo

Serving 12 Noon to 10 P.M.  
Seven Days a Week

Reservations 351-4175 or 351-4444  
Chimayo, New Mexico

## ESPANOLA AND VICINITY



Fine Food  
All Homemade  
Served  
In a Garden

26 Bent St. Taos

758-3943

PUEBLOS

Nearly half of the pueblos are within an hour or so drive from Ghost Ranch and a visit to one should be on everyone's list of stops in New Mexico. Visitors are welcome daily, 8-5, except for Santa Ana which is closed except on feast days. There is an admission charge for Acoma & Taos. Nearly all of the pueblos charge a camera fee which varies from \$2 to \$5 per person. There are also fees for filming, sketching & tape recording. Contact the pueblo governors' offices on arrival. Some of the pueblos are marked on the map on page 2.

Arts and crafts are available at the pueblos where you may negotiate the price with the artist. Many of the shops are in private homes.

Free "Indians of NM" booklet: Travel Division C&ID, Room 167, Bataan Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87503, 827-5571.

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