**New Mexico Camping Destinations**

NM SP Reservations <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamToerica.com/welcome.do> NM State Parks offers additional FIRST COME /FIRST SERVE camping sites in conjunction with the inventory on Reserve America. You may contact the Park directly to check availability.

NM – Due to altitude just about everything north of Las Cruces is frozen solid in the winter and the nights start to get below freezing by mid-October This includes Santa Fe.

NM highway rest stops often allow a 24 hour stay.

NM **Albuquerque** <https://www.visitalbuquerque.org/> - New Mexico’s largest city, sits in the high desert. Old Town is filled with historic adobe buildings. The world’s largest hot air balloon festival takes place each October. Clear blue skies, calm winds and mild temperatures are the norm in Albuquerque, encouraging year-round hot air ballooning.

Special RV Lots are set up for just the balloon fiesta event Reservations can only be made online and parking is done rally style meaning first come, first parked. Both dry camping and water/electric sites are available. Many like the South Lot because fees are less, many balloons land near the South Lot and there is a free shuttle to sites closer to the fiesta center. \*\*The Presidents/ VIP East and West/ and Premium RV sites sold out in less than a day after they were offered online with many frustrated by online site crashing in October 2018.

<https://balloonfiesta.com/index.php/rv-information?page=guest-guide/rv-information>

NM Albuquerque 87121, 14500 Central Ave SW, 505-352-8000 **Route 66 RV Resort** <http://rt66rvresort.com/> - located 14 miles west of Albuquerque at Exit 140 on Interstate 40. 100 Concrete-Paved sites with electrical hookups, picnic tables and fires rings. Showers, swimming pool, pickleball & laundry. Convenience Store & dog park <https://bookings.rmscloud.com/obookings3/Search/Index/9334/90/?Rd=1&Y=1>

NM Alamogordo 88310, 409 Dog Canyon Rd, **Oliver Lee Memorial State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/oliverleestatepark.html> is a state park of New Mexico, United States, whose two tracts preserve a canyon in the Sacramento Mountains and Oliver Lee's historic 19th-century ranch house. Enjoy a short walk on the Riparian Nature Trail or a challenging hike up the Dog Canyon Trail. Campground <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/OliverLeeActivities.html> has 7 sites with water and electric. Improvements are being made to the campground in 2018 which has reduced the number of hookup sites temporarily. <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com/campsiteFilterAction.do?sitefilter=Camping&startIdx=0&contractCode=NM&parkId=430037>

NM Capulin 88414, 44 Volcano RD, **Capulin Volcano National Monument** <https://www.nps.gov/cavo/index.htm> - a U.S. National Monument located in northeastern New Mexico that protects and interprets an extinct cinder cone volcano. There is a spiral Volcano RD that climbs the cone but vehicles 26ft & over are prohibited to drive to the top of the volcano. You can hike the rim. A day use area.

NM Carlsbad 88220 - **Carlsbad Caverns NP** <https://www.nps.gov/cave/index.htm> - Hidden beneath the surface of the Chihuahuan Desert are 119 caves. If you are driving or towing an RV, or driving a bus, please pull into the first parking lot at the visitor center on your left and drive to the rear of the lot for RV/bus parking. RV campgrounds in nearby White City were poorly rated. Consider staying at **Brantley Lake State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/brantleylakestatepark.html> - The southernmost lake in New Mexico is an oasis of water, wildlife, plant life, gorgeous sunsets and stunning night skies. Located twelve miles North of Carlsbad, NM. 51 Developed Campsites with electric.

NM Angel Fire 87710, 10 Miller LN, 800-772-7718 Angel Fire RV Resort <https://angelfirervresort.com/> - Concierge desk, Jogging track, Playground, Complimentary coffee in lobby, Onsite laundry, Pet Friendly with dog park, Showers: Free, Located within 10 miles of Angle Fire Ski Area, Wireless Internet (free), Outdoor Hot Tub, Common laundry facilities for a fee. All sites offer full hook-ups including water, sewerage, digital cable, WIFI. <https://www.inntopia.travel/Ecomm/Listings/SupplierDetail/6547367/en-US/?supplierid=6620281>

NM Deming 88030, 9880 Stirrup RD SE, 575-546-6182 **Rockhound State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/rockhoundstatepark.html> **-** 23 Electric Sites, Water in Campground, RV Dump Station, Restrooms with water, Showers, Vault Toilets, LTVer recommended. <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/rockhound/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NM&parkId=430026>

NM Embudo 87531, New Mexico 68, **Rio Grande del Norte National Monument** <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/new-mexico/rio-grande-del-norte-national-monument> - BLM land comprised of rugged, wide open plains at an average elevation of 7,000 feet, dotted by volcanic cones, and cut by steep canyons with rivers tucked away in their depths.  The Ri­o Grande carves an 800-foot-deep gorge through layers of volcanic basalt flows and ash.  Among the volcanic cones in the Monument, Ute Mountain is the highest, reaching to 10,093 feet. The Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, Wild Rivers Visitor Center is located in Cerro, NM, at 1120 Cerro Road. Go north from Questa on NM 522 and turn left on State Road 378; the Visitor Center is about 17 miles from the turn off. The Rio Grande & Red River merge in the park. About 40 miles from Taos NM. Multiple campgrounds <https://www.campendium.com/rio-grande-del-norte-national-monument> but only Pilar and Rio Bravo Campgrounds have hookups.

NM Faywood 88043 - **City of Rocks State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/cityofrocksstatepark.html>

- gets its name from the incredible volcanic rock formations. The “city” is a geologic formation made up of large, sculptured rock columns, or pinnacles, rising as high as 40 feet and separated by paths or lanes resembling city streets. Camping w hookups: $15 City of Rocks is best visited in late fall, winter or early spring, when temperatures are mild and rattlesnakes are more likely to be dormant. The park offers 52 campsites, including full RV hookups, cactus-rich botanical garden. modern restrooms with hot showers. 50-amp sites can be reserved on line but 30-amp sites are first come, first served. <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/CityofRocksActivities.html>

NM Holloman AFB 88330, **White Sands National Monument** <https://www.nps.gov/whsa/index.htm>- The visitor center and Dunes Drive is located directly off of Highway US-70 between the cities of Alamogordo (15 minutes away) and Las Cruces. The entrance to the monument can be found between mile markers 199 and 200 on Highway US-70. White Sands is the world’s largest gypsum dune field. Because the sand here is made of gypsum crystals, even when the weather is boiling, the sand stays cool on your feet. Dunes Drive is an eight-mile (13 km) scenic drive that leads from the visitor center into the heart of the gypsum dunefield.<https://www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/driving-dunes-drive.htm> The 16-mile (26km) round-trip drive takes approximately 45 minutes. However, you may want to allow additional time to explore the dunes, take photos, and/or learn about the natural and cultural history of the world's largest gypsum dune field. Along the road, you will find outdoor exhibits, hiking trails, picnic areas, vault toilets, and parking areas. The first five miles of Dunes Drive are paved and the last three miles are a hard-packed gypsum sand road. The road is suitable for cars, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and buses. From time to time, White Sands Missile Range performs [missile tests](https://www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/monument-closures.htm) that may close Highway 70 to traffic. Depending on the nature of the testing, Dunes Drive may also be closed during missile tests for visitor safety

 No RV/car camping within the monument. The closest public campground is the above [Oliver Lee State Park,](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/oliverleestatepark.html) which is about 24 miles (39 km) southeast of white sands.

NM Las Cruces 88011, 15000 Aguirre Springs Rd, **Aguirre Springs Campgrounds** <https://www.blm.gov/visit/aguirre-spring-campground>

- on BLM land. The high wall, needle-like spires of the Organ Mountains curve dramatically around the campground. 55 individual campsites that are at a first come, first served basis. No hookups and pit toilets. Water is only available at the entrance to the campground by the Camp Host Site area.

NM Las Cruces 88011, **Three Rivers Petroglyph Site** <https://www.blm.gov/visit/three-rivers-petroglyph-site>At this spectacular archeological site, an interpretive trail from the parking lot winds its way among 21,000 petroglyphs scattered across a low ridge at the edge of the Tularosa Basin. These images of birds, animals (and maybe a few space aliens) date back to between about 900 and 1400 AD. A small Jornada Mogollon pueblo ruin is nearby and Sierra Blanca towers above to the east.

This BLM land is located30 miles south of Carrizozo via US 54. Campground only has 2 RV sites with water & electric hookups. No reservations.

NM Logan 88426, 1800 540 Loop, **Ute Lake State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/utelakestatepark.html> - This reservoir on the Canadian River is one of the longest lakes in the state at nearly 13 miles, and boasts a beach and variety of fun water sports. The campgrounds offer a variety of camping experiences, including the Yucca Campground, designed for RVs. 37 reserveable campsites with electric and water. Wifi available. Opens March 29 -November1. Can be very hot in summer <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/ute-lake/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NM&parkId=430032>

NM Los Alamos 87544, 15 Entrance Rd - **Bandelier National Monument** <https://www.nps.gov/band/index.htm>

- Ancestral Pueblo people had moved from this area to pueblos along the Rio Grande. After over 400 years the land here could no longer support the people. The park is dedicated to preserving the homes and territory of the Ancestral Pueblo People. Most of the pueblo structures date to two eras, in total from 1150 to 1600. Juniper Family Campground is located near the entrance to the park, just off Highway 4. First come first served, no reservations are taken, and rarely needed. Restroom with running water, no electrical hook-ups or showers available, active bear territory, pets not allowed on any park trails. <https://www.nps.gov/band/planyourvisit/juniper-family-campground.htm>

NM Paraje 87007, 167 Casa Blanca RD, Dancing Eagle Cacino RV Park <http://www.dancingeaglecasino.com/rv-park.aspx> – located at Interstate 40 & Exit 108. 34 total sites with 5 Pull-Thru Sites, 20, 30, and 50 amp hook ups, Close proximity to Casino, Travel Center, Marketplace @ Dancing Eagle, The Great American Diner, and Ace Hardware, $10 + tax Full Hook Up. For reservations, please call (505) 552-7730

NM Pena Blanca 87041, 82 Dam Crest RD, 505-465-0307 **Cochiti Lake** <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/visitors/projects.cfm?ID=L403520> - located on the Rio Grande, about half way between Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Cochiti Dam is one of the ten largest earthfill dams in the US. Cochiti Lake is located within the boundaries of the Pueblo de Cochiti Indian Reservation. The lake is an ideal location for all paddle, wind surfing, and sailing craft. The lake is also a popular fishing spot. The two campgrounds are the Cochiti campground and the Tetilla Peak Campground. Both showers, dump station, and restrooms. The Cochiti campground <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233461> has multiple hiking trails and is comprised of four loops. Juniper Loop campsites have electric hookups and some have water. Elk Run and Ringtail Loops are non-electric and have community water spigots. All sites in Buffalo Grove Loop have water and electric hookups. The Tetilla Peak Campground <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233649> consists of two loops. Cholla Loop includes 36 individual campsites, each with an electric hookup, table and grill. All electric campsites have shelters, and water spigots are located throughout the campground. This loop also provides a dump station and large restroom and shower building. A partially paved road winds through Coyote Loop, which has 10 sites, each with a table and grill’ This COE recreation area is LTVer recommended.

NM Nageezi 87037, **Chaco Culture National Historical Park** <https://www.nps.gov/chcu/index.htm> - the massive buildings of the ancestral Pueblo peoples still testify to the organizational and engineering abilities not seen anywhere else in the American Southwest. It is a Dark Sky Park and gives night sky programming. Gallo Campground <https://www.nps.gov/chcu/planyourvisit/camping.htm> located one mile east of the Visitor Center, is open year-round. Tucked among the fallen boulders and cliffs of Gallo Wash, the campground offers camping in a rugged environment, surrounded by petroglyphs, a cliff dwelling, inscriptions, and a high desert landscape. There is no shade. The only potable or drinking water is at the visitor center. There are no showers or hook-ups but there are flush toilet restrooms. Very isolated park <https://www.recreation.gov/unifSearchResults.do>

NM Pena Blanca 87041, 82 Dam Crest RD, **Cochiti Lake** <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Cochiti-Lake/> – COE located about 25 minutes from Santa Fe. The lake offers two public recreation areas for your enjoyment: the Cochiti Recreation Area on the west side of the lake and the Tetilla Peak Recreation on the east side. Each recreation area has a boat ramp for launching vessels. A visitor center is open to the public near the Park Headquarters. Scenic overlooks are on both sides of the lake. Tetilla Peak Recreation Area is open April - October while Cochiti is opened year-round. Cochiti Lake is a No-Wake lake. The west side campground’s Juniper Loop has 32 individual campsites with electrical hookups and The Buffalo Grove Loop offers RV camping in 7 pull-thru and 9 back-in sites. All sites have 50 amp electrical and water hook-ups*.* The east side’s Cholla Campground (aka Loop A) includes 34 individual campsites, each with an electric hook-upFor Campground Reservations call 877-444-6777 or <https://www.recreation.gov/>

NM Ramah, 87321, HC 61 Box 43, (505) 783-4226 x801, **El Morro National Monument** <https://www.nps.gov/elmo/index.htm> - A reliable waterhole hidden at the base of a sandstone bluff made El Morro (the headland) a popular campsite for hundreds of years. Here, Ancestral Puebloans, Spanish and American travelers carved over 2,000 signatures, dates, messages, and petroglyphs. Hike <https://www.nps.gov/elmo/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm> the easy Inscription TrailA must–see! If you only have an hour or less, you will definitely want to take the trail to [the pool](https://www.nps.gov/elmo/learn/nature/pool.htm) and past hundreds of Spanish and Anglo inscriptions, as well as pre–historical petroglyphs. It will be easy to see why El Morro was proclaimed a National Monument. This loop trail is paved, 1/2 mile in length. If you have at least 1 1/2 hours, and lots of energy, hike **the Headland Trail** which is a 2–mile loop includes the Inscription Trail, and continues to the top of the bluff. There, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the Zuni Mountains, the volcanic craters of the El Malpais area, and the El Morro valley. A 250-ft. elevation gain and the uneven sandstone surface makes this a slightly strenuous hike. Sturdy walking shoes and water, particularly in the hot summer months, are necessary. El Morro National Monument operates only nine-site campground year-round. <https://www.nps.gov/elmo/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm> Each site has a graveled tent pad, picnic table and ground grill for fires. During the warmer months, water is available in spigots. Once the overnight lows begin to reach freezing temperatures, water is turned off for the season. There are no hookups for RVs. The length limit on all motor homes is 27 feet overall. Sites are available by self-registration on a first-come, first-served basis. Campsites are fee free. LTVer recommended.

NM Roswell 88203, 545 Bottomless Lakes RD, 575-624-6058 **Bottomless Lakes State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/bottomlesslakesstatepark.html> - Located just 14 miles southeast of Roswell. The unique lakes at this park are sinkholes, ranging from 17 to 90 feet deep. The greenish-blue color created by aquatic plants. Activities include scuba diving, non-motorized boating, hiking trails and playground. Lea Lake Campground has 6 full hook-up campsites, 26 sites with water/electric hook-ups, dump station, WIFI & restrooms with showers. LTVer recommended. <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/bottomless-lakes/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NM&parkId=430002>

NM San Jon 88434, Oak AVE, **San Jon Municipal Park -** Free no hookup camping with easy access off I-40. Bathrooms have flush toilets & cold running water. The South exit had quite a dip where others have scraped bottom, so best to avoid that exit.

NM **Santa Fe** <https://santafe.org/> - Has a downtown shuttle <https://www.santafenm.gov/route_maps_and_schedules> and has a walking map. <https://www.santafe.org/images/Embed/3729-walk%2520Santa%2520Fe.pdf> 7,200-foot elevation so stay hydrated. **Georgia O’Keeffe Museum** <https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/> **- galleries** are located at 217 Johnson Street in downtown Santa Fe. The Museum does not have a designated parking lot and it's small and easily seen within an hour. There is also New Mexico Museum of Art <http://nmartmuseum.org/> Ride thrilling rapids of the mighty Rio Grande. Sample chocolate which the town is famous for. Hike the Aspen Vista Trail at the Santa Fe Ski Basin. Walk Canyon Road, a mile-long stretch of famous galleries and boutiques or head over to the new and vibrant [Railyard District](https://santafe.org/railyard/), with its upscale galleries and art space. You'll find more [galleries](https://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Galleries_and_Studios/) devoted to Native American art as well as contemporary and traditional arts of the Southwest in downtown Santa Fe Plaza. Consider Santa Fe Skies RV Park - Since the Santa Fe Skies RV Park sits on a ridge just outside of town, you get a panoramic view of the entire Santa Fe area. 98 sites with water and electric and free wifi. <http://www.santafeskiesrvpark.com/>

**Santa Fe National Forest** has RV camping.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/santafe/recreation/camping-cabins>
NM Santa Fe 87501, 740 Hyde Park Road, - **HYDE Memorial State Park** <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/hydememorialstatepark.html>- a short drive from Santa Fe - Only 7 RV sites with electric - <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/HydeParkActivities.html> and <https://newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/map_of_Hyde-Memorial/r/campgroundMap.do?page=map&search=site&contractCode=NM&parkId=430013>

NM **Tucumcari** <http://www.visittucumcarinm.com/>

- the Route 66 town time \*almost\* forgot, just a few miles off US 40 is an opportunity to cruise through one of Route 66’s most iconic little towns. The half-thriving, half-abandoned stretch of Route 66 in Tucumcari tells the whole story of the town… Its days of business; its days of decline; and its steadily growing revival. Home to some of Route 66’s best neon. <http://www.tucumcarinm.com/visitor-guide.php>

NM White Sands 88002- **White Sands Missile Range Museum** <http://www.wsmr-history.org/index.htm> - you can trace the origin of America's missile and space activity and outside is the missile park with 50 rockets.