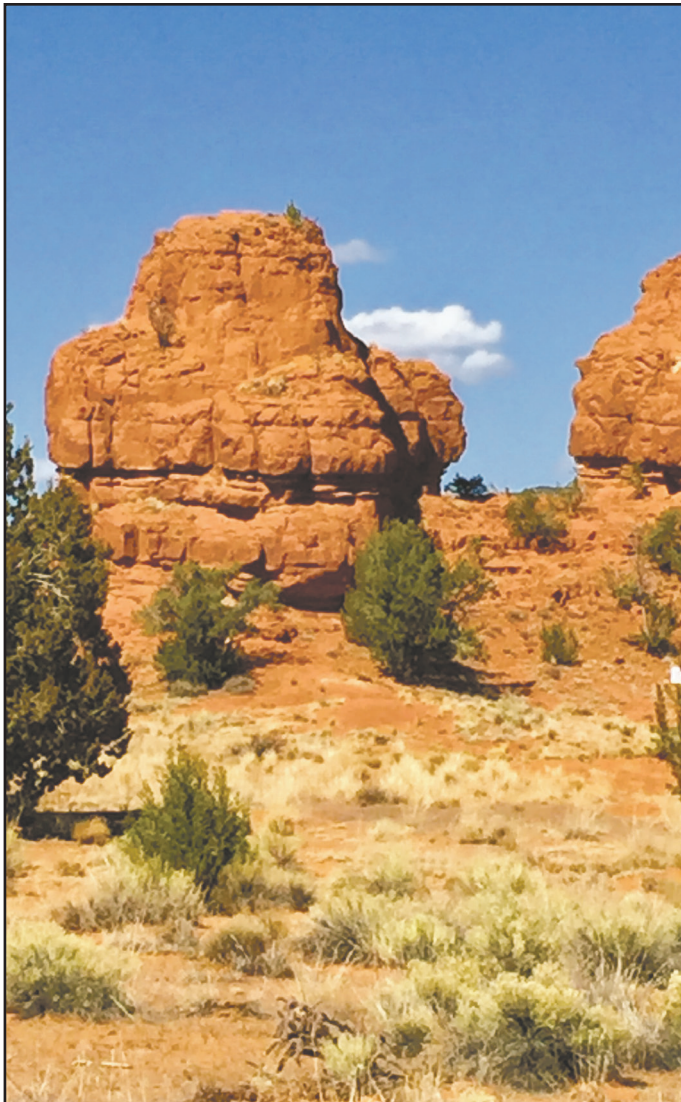


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Please remember to dispose of all trash properly, be careful with camp fires, and travel safely!

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Columbine Pottery/  
EarthTek Farms  
Sandoval County Fire  
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# Jemez Springs Shows Resilience in a Post-Covid World with New Improvements While Keeping Its Familiar Charm

By Erica Asmus-Otero, InPress, LLC

Life as we knew it has forever changed as we emerge from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. As with many tourism dependent communities in New Mexico, the Village of Jemez Springs felt the impact but is quickly rebounding. Yet through it all, it was to the Jemez Valley that many fled for comfort from the anxiety that pervaded their lives since the pandemic began.

But retreating to Jemez Springs is nothing new. In fact when the valley was first settled by the Jemez people, they dubbed the pueblo village, “Walatowa” which means “this is the place.” It’s not hard to imagine why they chose that name. Jemez Springs is still the place many go to retreat -whether that comes in the form of a hot springs soak, hike in the forest, or just getting a bite to eat in the village.

There is a resilience to the people who have settled and continue to live here, especially post-pandemic. In fact, the small but lively village is flourishing in many new ways, while still maintaining its familiar charm.

New fiber optics are also being installed for better internet access in the village. And the Santa Fe National Forest has acquired 2,012 acres of land known as the Valley of the Spirit Ranch. This is one of the largest acquisitions in the forest’s history. This acquisition will benefit locals and visitors of the village with access to several hiking trails and an undeveloped hot spring. The land is also home to the largest peregrine falcon nesting area in the Santa Fe National Forest.

Plaza buildings will become retail space for village businesses to grow, and administrative buildings will be relocated to the Jemez Springs Community Park, known

to locals as “Leybaland.” If the Plaza is the heart of Jemez Springs, it could be argued that Leybaland is slated to become the lifeblood of the Village. Discussions are in the works to use the space for a live concert series, community events, and the Jemez Springs Community Edible Food Forest in coordination with Jemez Sustainable Solutions.

Organizers of the Edible Food Forest will actually encourage visitors to pick fruit, berries and vegetables from the numerous fruit trees, shrubs, and bushes that will be planted at Leybaland. Tree costs will be covered by donors, many who will plant trees in honor of a loved one. The forest will become one of the only, if not the only, Edible Food Forest of its kind in the state. As with the Food Forest, the community of Jemez Springs has always found new ways to innovate the historic village.

One forward-looking effort, which aims to take advantage of the dark night skies in Jemez Springs, is to make the village an International Dark Sky Community. Jemez Springs’ neighbor 17 miles north, Valles Caldera National Preserve, became the latest national park in New Mexico to become an International Dark Sky Park. Valles Caldera is one of only six super volcanoes in the world, known for its rich night sky where the Milky Way is visible to the naked eye. Legislators are working with the village to purchase dark sky compliant lighting in the Plaza and throughout the community with the goal of creating a Dark Sky corridor from Jemez Springs to Bandelier National Park. The village will continue efforts with Valles Caldera and Jemez Historic Sites on astro-tourism opportunities in the future.

Not far from Valles Caldera, at the junction between NM-4 and

NM-126, a former pizza restaurant will become the area’s only take-out liquor store. But in the village, there are many options in which to grab a cold one and have a tasty meal. Second Alarm Brewhouse is changing ownership, along with its menu and beer offerings, and will soon be known as the Jemez Mountain Brewhouse. The firehouse theme will change and plans are in the works for outdoor dining overlooking Virgin Mesa, an expanded kitchen, and open air brew room.

The owner of Cañon del Rio, Jemez Hot Springs and now the Laughing Lizard Inn will be opening a small cafe near the Inn. Other staple eateries, including Los Ojos Restaurant and Saloon, have a varied menu including New Mexican favorites and a wide variety of drinks, along with live music on designated days. The historic property has even been used as a movie backdrop. Next door, Highway 4 Cafe has a delectable menu with a number of Instagram-worthy pastries that taste as good as they look, along with ever changing breakfast and lunch items. The Cafe has an outdoor patio as well in which to relax with a cup of coffee.

A visit to Jemez Springs without a stop at one of the village’s hot springs or bath houses would be like visiting Montana without seeing Yellowstone - it’s a no brainer! Though the recently renovated Jemez Spring Bath House was closed for several months due to the pandemic, they are welcoming clients again on July 5. This historic property is a state historical site and is even rumored to have a friendly resident ghost! The Bath House backs up to the Jemez River and has several indoor soaking tubs, massage service and handmade items sold in their quaint gift shop.

For an outdoor experience

with a view of the mesa, visitors may soak in any one of four varying temperatures pools at Jemez Hot Springs, just five minutes from the Plaza. For spa services, both Canon del Rio and Adobe Morning Day Spa offer spa packages and massage.

The natural beauty of Jemez Springs is complemented well by the historic and cultural assets of the area and its people. Cultural treasure Jemez Historic Site gives visitors a tactile experience where they may walk the 1.5 mile path along the remnants of the 16th century San Jose de Guisewa church, built by Franciscan priests after the Spanish missionaries arrived. Points of interest, such as a kiva, are marked along the self guided path. The Site recently opened a state-of-the-art museum filled with artifacts that have been excavated on site, including pottery sherds and arrowheads. Jemez Welcome Center (Walatowa Visitor Center), on the route to Jemez Springs, also features a museum, gift shop, and art for sale by Jemez pueblo artists. Visit the Center’s website for Red Rocks Canyon trail re-openings and workshops which will resume once the pueblo reopens.

Local art embodying the richness of Jemez Springs natural and cultural beauty may be purchased at galleries like Jemez Artisans, Jemez Fine Art, Jemez Mountain Pottery and Sculpture, with unusual finds at WEEKENDS. Look for interesting workshops and art installations in the Plaza led by the diverse and ever-changing artists in residence at Mission Street Arts in association with the Jemez Springs Public Library.

Just as the village’s new improvements complement the historical features of the area, so too does the laid back yet enthusiastic energy of the village. After all, “this is the place.”



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Spence Hot Springs  
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Lots of beautiful nature!

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La Cueva National Rec Area Picnic Ground  
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Emergency Call Box  
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State Park  
Hidden Valley Sporting Goods  
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Forest Road 376

Aspen Ridge Alpacas

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Yet still even more beautiful nature!

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Sierra Los Pinos

Large Cluster Mailboxes

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More natural beauty? Yes!

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Just look at that view!

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The vista goes on forever!

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Lots of beautiful nature!

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La Cueva Fire District Boundary

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Drive carefully up here.

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## The Jemez Valley History

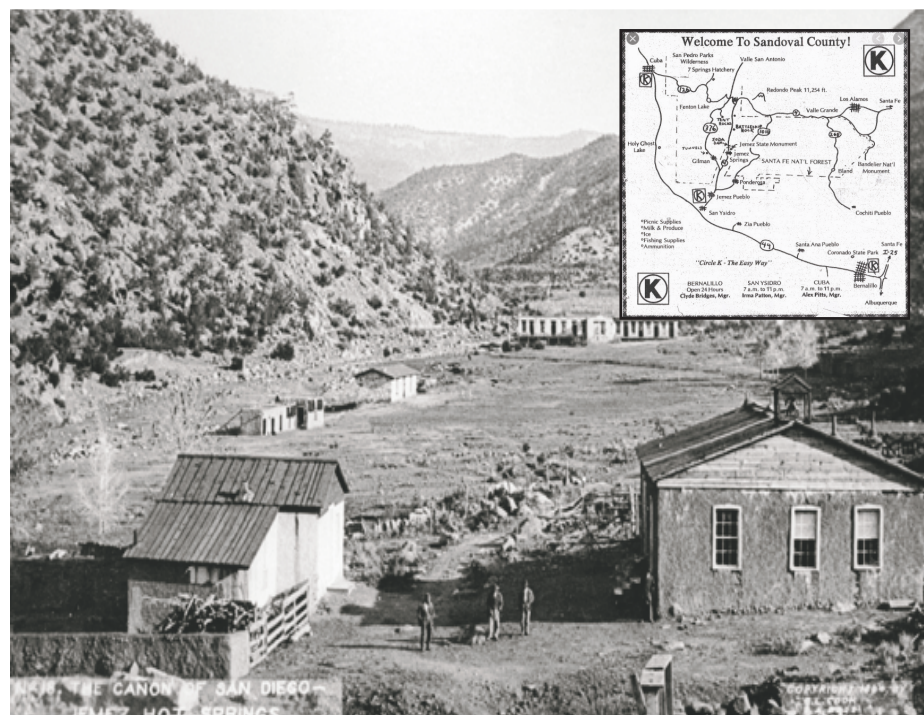
### <https://jemezvalleyhistory.org>

With community involvement, the Jemez Springs Public Library is building a digital archive of historical information about the Jemez Valley and surrounding areas to include known human history as well as the unique geology and natural mineral hot springs.

The geographical scope of this history archive is roughly the southwestern part of the Jemez Mountains: bounded on the north by Fenton Lake, Seven Springs and Hwy. 126; on the east by the Valles Caldera; on the south by the Village of San Ysidro; on the west by the Nacimiento Mountains and the Village of Cuba. While Los Alamos and the Pajarito Plateau are important

in the area's history, that part of the Jemez is well-served by other online resources. The map below in a Circle K ad from the Sandoval County Review, September 4, 1978, illustrates roughly the area covered in this history.

The human scope of this history is an overview of explorer and land grant eras and more detailed information from families in more recent times (approximately 1870-present). There is no attempt to appropriate the telling of the history of the Jemez Pueblo peoples; links to online historical information created by the Jemez Pueblo and Jemez Historic Site are included.



Jemez Springs circa 1890 courtesy Jemez Springs Bath House



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# Tips for Your Adventure in the Jemez Mountains

by Alan Bray

## General Santa Fe National Forest West/Jemez Mountains

- Connectivity for phone, internet, and text is sketchy in the mountains. Do not count on downloading directions, campground descriptions, etc. Spending some time online before your trip can pay big dividends.
- If you are serious about exploring the Jemez buy an SFNF map. Some places to buy them on NM 4 are Walatowa Visitor Center, and Jemez Ranger Station. On NM 126 Amanda's Country Store and Hidden Valley Sports carry USFS maps. SFNF maps can be bought at online stores (e.g., Amazon has it).
- There are hundreds of cool things to see in the Jemez, plus a handful of world-class attractions. If you have not seen any of the big five you should: Jemez State Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve, Bandelier National Monument, Kashe Katuwi Tent Rocks National Monument, and the Puye Cliff Dwellings. Each one is a national treasure, and each an adventure.
- SFNF roads open around April 15, Campgrounds are usually open mid-May to October. For specific forest roads, trails, and campground information go online to [www.fs.usda.gov/santafe](http://www.fs.usda.gov/santafe) and select recreation.

## Camping

(please fully put out campfires)

- Organized Campgrounds with 6 – 10 electric sites: San Antonio & Fenton Lake State Park (reservations: San Antonio – [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) Fenton - [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com)).
- Organized campgrounds with central vault toilets and central water: San Antonio, Fenton Lake, Vista Linda, Redondo, Jemez Falls, Paliza, Riana, Juniper, Cochiti Lake.
- Dry camping SFNF campgrounds (no amenities, often near a stream): Respect the Rio.
- Puerco, Resumidero, Coyote Canyon, Tetilla Peak (north Cochiti Lake).
- Dispersed Dry camping is allowed

in most of the Santa Fe Nat'l Forest – please pack out what you pack in. Tents and RVs allowed - no amenities, just you and the forest! Forest roads with extensive dry camping include: FR-376, FR-10, FR-36, FR-103, FR-93, FR-534, FR-100, FR-99, FR-539, FR-289 and many more.

• Backpacking is most popular in the Jemez' Wilderness areas: San Pedro Parks, Bandelier, and Dome Wildernesses and the Valles Caldera Preserve. Call ahead and/or check websites for current conditions and trail status.

## Hiking

• SFNF Trails - [www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/santafe](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/santafe) has a list of Forest Trails organized by Ranger District. Ranger district offices can provide trail status, directions, trail maps, etc. The Jemez ranger districts are Jemez, Cuba, Coyote, & Espanola – contact info provided on district pages on USFS website.

• Short hikes - the easiest way to find a hike less than 30 – 60 minutes is to explore the fishing and recreation sites, trailheads and parks on NM 4 and NM 126. All have trails (formal and informal) and all are well worth a walk.

## Scenic Drives

• Exploration by car! If you are looking for an overview of the area

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or just a relaxing day cruising the forest a scenic drive can be the answer!

- An SFNF map provides guidance on road quality, but staying with major forest roads (e.g., FR-376, FR-10, FR-100, FR-99, NM 4) and dry weather is always a good start for selecting a safe drive route.
- Ranger Stations are a really good

source for road conditions but call before your trip – Rangers are busy and often the person with the info you need is in the field that day – but they will call back.

- Online hiking sites can be helpful also, but make sure the date of their report is current.

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### Fishing

Jemez Fishing in General:

- All Jemez waters require a NM state license to fish.
- Trout are the primary target, and in open regulation waters a 5 fish bag per person can be kept daily.
- 12 Jemez streams are classified as special regulation (limited bag, tackle) waters by NM (with Red, Green and Xmas Chile segments – see the NMDGF regulations provided with your NM fishing License).
- Streams are typically small and light tackle and stealth help.
- Stocked Rainbows are in many streams (e.g., Jemez, San Antonio, Las Vacas, Cebolla, and both public lakes (Fenton and San Gregorio). Check the NMDGF website (Weekly Fishing & Stocking Report) or jemezcentral.com for stocking dates.
- Wild Brown Trout managed waters include the Rio Guadalupe and East Fork of the Jemez River, but brown trout are also numerous in the San Antonio, Jemez, Cebolla, Rio Puerco East, Peñas Negras, Chama, and many other small streams.
- Rio Grande Cutthroat waters: Rio Cebolla (above hatchery), Upper Rio de las Las Vacas and all San Pedro Parks Wilderness waters, Frijoles and Capulin on the Banderlier, and in the north Canoñes, Polvadera, and Chihuahueños Creeks.



### Bicycling

Bicycling opportunities in and around Santa Fe National Forest are plentiful. With the exception of designated Wilderness, most trails are open to mountain biking. Most forest roads also work well for mountain biking. For street riding, there are some very scenic roads and byways. However, what makes these roads scenic, steep mountain roads with curves leading to grand vistas, also makes the roads dangerous to bicyclists in places. The roads may be narrow in places, even if they are state highways. The most popular areas for bicyclists are the foothills east of Santa Fe, trails near Los Alamos and the south Jemez area.

If you pack something in, please pack it back out. Please don't litter!

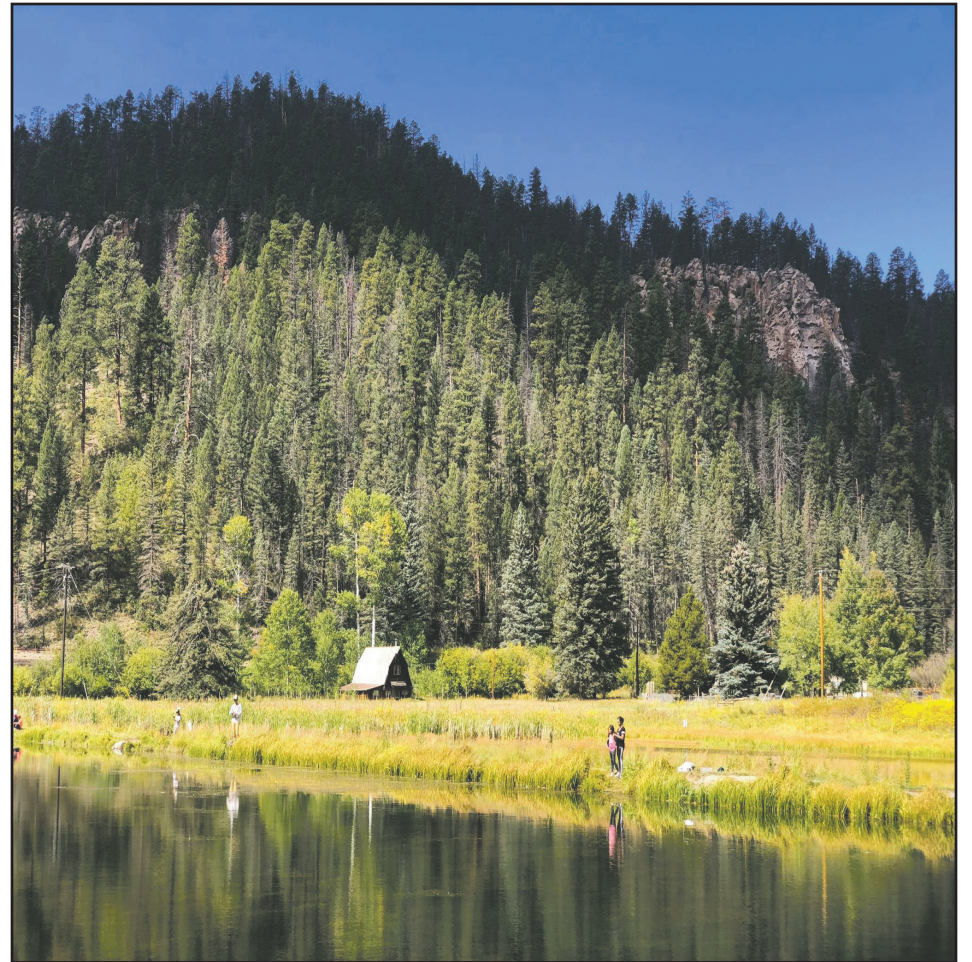


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## Winter is great fun here too!

### Winter Activities

General 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. Backcountry travelers should always be alert for the possibility of avalanche activity, and should understand the inherent dangers of remote winter travel.

There are no areas specifically managed or recommended for sledding, tubing, or snowmobiling on the

Santa Fe National Forest.

Snowmobile use is never allowed in Wilderness areas.

### The Valles Caldera in Winter

Winter is a spectacular time to visit the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The preserve has miles of trails for the adventurous skier and snowshoer. Remember that you are traveling in an environment with unpredictable wildlife, changing weather conditions, deep snow, and snow covered streams. Your safety is not guaranteed. Be prepared for any situation and know the limits of



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your ability. With a little bit of preparation, many exciting activities await you. Be sure to layer up with insulating, waterproof clothing, wear sunglasses, use sunscreen and carry water.

### Some important tips for Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing

- There are no groomed trails. All unplowed roads and trails are open to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
- None of the streams have bridges. Carry a USGS topographic map and a compass and know how to use them. Cell coverage is very limited in the backcountry.
- Talk with park rangers before you leave on any trip. Some preserve areas could be closed to skiing or

snowshoeing to protect wildlife.

- Include allowances for limited daylight, snow conditions, temperature extremes, and the number of people in the group, their experience and physical condition.
- Learn as much as you can about winter survival.
- Narrow racing skis are great for groomed trails, but provide little surface area to break trail.
- Dress properly and know about layering for severe winter temperatures to prevent chilling and overheating.
- Remember, safety is your responsibility.

### Seasonal Conditions

Snow volume varies from year to year so call the entrance station (575-829-4100, option #3) for current conditions. The ski and snowshoe season usually lasts from mid-December to mid-March. The trails are open all year to hiking, biking, and equestrian riding.



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# Art in the Jemez

## Jemez Fine Art Gallery

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[www.jemezfineart.com](http://www.jemezfineart.com)

An artist collective of local artists living and working in the Jemez Mountains. The south gallery features unique shows that rotate frequently. Workshops, classes, demonstrations and special events are planned throughout the year. Stroll the walkway south from the Village Plaza about a quarter mile to the gallery and experience work in a wide range of styles. They also have fine art prints, cards, and postcards.

## Jemez Artisans Gallery

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Jemez Springs

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[www.JemezArtisans.com](http://www.JemezArtisans.com)

The Jemez Artisans Gallery is an artist cooperative where seven local

artists display their unique and popular handmade creations. Located just south of Jemez Springs in the old Post Office building on Highway 4, Artisans celebrated their 11th year in March.

The Gallery has easy access with plenty of parking and follows COVID-safe protocols. Summer hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. For more information, call Jemez Artisans at (575)829-3018 or visit their website at [www.JemezArtisans.com](http://www.JemezArtisans.com). They are also on Facebook!

## Jemez Mountain Pottery

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575-829-3579

Jemez Mountain Pottery features beautiful handmade Raku clay pottery and multi-media sculpture by Linda Vozar Sweet made at her studio alongside the gallery. Many amazing and unique fine art pieces include spirit bowls, wall hangings,

and figurative sculpture as well as utilitarian pieces such as bowls, cups, and lamps. You will be in wonder at the rare glazes and imaginative approach Linda intertwines in all her work.

## Mission Street Arts

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Artist Residencies and Community Events in Jemez Springs New Mexico, Mission Street Arts, located in the awe-inspiring Jemez Valley, exists to further the artistic vision of resident artists and the community by providing facilities in a scenic and supportive environment for artists and involvement in our community through workshops, studio visits, and exhibits. We welcome artists working in diverse fields including stone-carving, sculpture, painting, drawing, performance, printmaking, textile arts, and writing. Check the website for info and how to apply. [www.missionstreetarts.com](http://www.missionstreetarts.com)



Artist Raymond Sandoval



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## Fenton Lake

By Rose Fenton  
President Friends of Fenton Lake

If you have never been to Fenton Lake State Park, you need to include it on your “places to see” list. This tiny bit of heaven is truly breathtaking and within an hour and a half drive from Albuquerque or Santa Fe. The lake is man-made, fed by the Rio Cebolla, and named for Reverend Elijah McLean Fenton who homesteaded there with his family.

Its drainage area has histor-

-ically been subjected to fires and these in turn have resulted in high ash and silt loads that are filling the lake. A group of Jemez business owners and residents have formed the Friends of Fenton Lake, a 501 3c organization devoted to helping the lake and Park be all they can be. Park facilities improvement and lake de-silting are our primary goals. Please donate to the Friends of Fenton Lake and help us save this beautiful resource - all money raised goes to directly to the lake.

As New Mexico rises from

the pandemic we will be sponsoring events such as fishing derbies and clean-ups at the lake – join us! A \$30 membership to the group provides a one-year pass to the lake and the money goes directly to support Fenton Lake. For more information email [friendsoffentonlake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffentonlake@gmail.com).

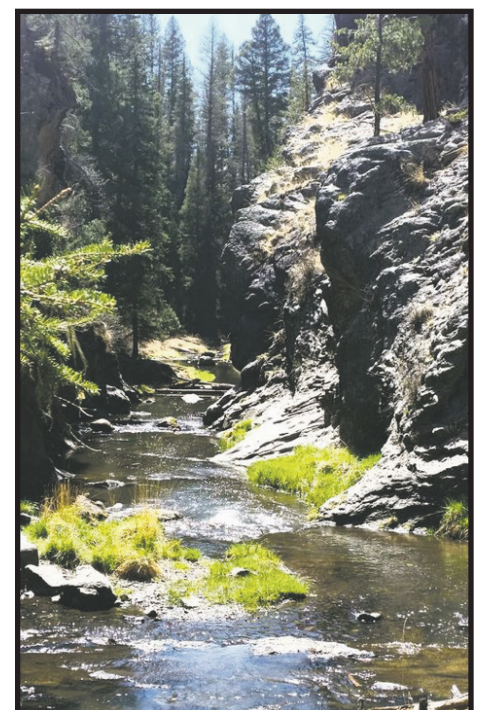
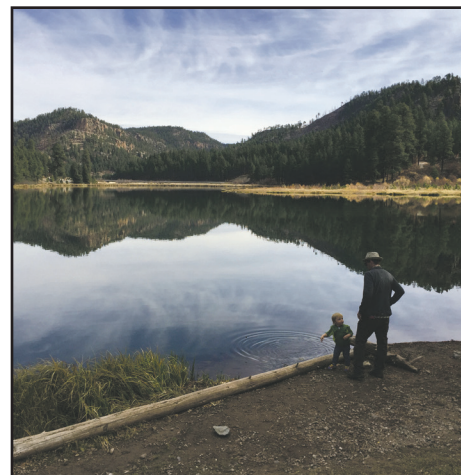
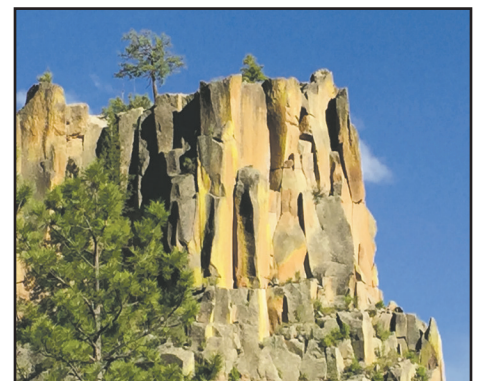


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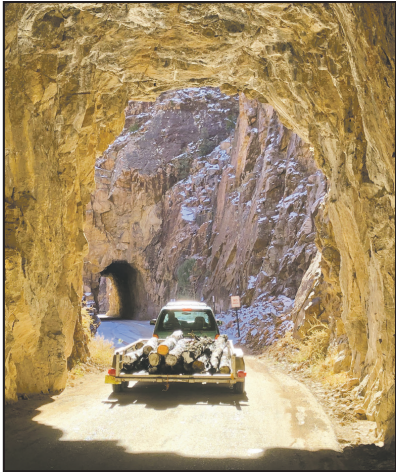


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# The Historic Sites Will Bring the Spirits Back

by Dorothy Noe

## Jemez Historic Site

Located just north of the village of Jemez Springs at 18160 Highway 4, the Jemez Historic Site, once known as the Jemez State Monument, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2012. To check on times and days the site is open, call (573) 829 – 3530 or [matthewbarbour@state.nm.us](mailto:matthewbarbour@state.nm.us) or <http://nmhistoricsites.org/jemez>.

Upon visiting this site you can stroll through the ruins of Guesewa, a 700 year old village that includes a reconstructed Kiva, a ceremonial structure that can still be found in today's pueblos. The largest structure, however, is the reconstructed Spanish mission church that was built in 1621.

The Visitor Center has been refurbished and features historical

exhibits, recently excavated artifacts and pamphlets for a self-guided interpretative trail through the site.

Like other New Mexican museums, the Jemez Historic Site has a \$5 admission for adults while children 16 and younger are admitted free. New Mexican residents with ID are free on Sundays and New Mexican seniors with ID can appreciate the site for free on Wednesdays. During the first Sunday of the month, all New Mexican residents can enter for free. A special \$7 two-day pass admits the holder to see both the Jemez Site and the Coronado Historic Site. Guided tours for school children are available upon request.

This Historic Site is open year-round Thursday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## Coronado Historic Site

For many years it was believed that Francisco Coronado and his 300 men, seeking their fortunes by finding the fabled Seven Cities of Gold, camped near the Kuaua Pueblo during the winter of 1540-41. Recently unearthed artifacts – bits of metal chain mail, for example – have proven he was there.

The 900 rooms of Kuaua Pueblo, a Tiwa speaking people, began around 1,300 AD and is situated on prime real estate with spectacular views of the Rio Grande and the Sandia Mountains beyond. By using the interpretive trail that winds through the pueblo one realizes the enormity of its size.

The trail leads to the painted, ceremonial kiva which will be opened to the public once COVID-19 has run its course. The

original paintings, however, can be viewed in the Mural room at the Visitor Center along with a small museum and gift shop. The Visitor Center itself is of historic significance as it was designed by the architect credited with reviving New Mexico's Pueblo style - John Gaw Meem.

About 12 miles from Albuquerque, one takes exit 242 off I-25 and head west on Rt. 550. Immediately after crossing the Rio Grande look for the site sign on the right side.

Admission is \$5 for adults and a \$7, two-day pass allows visits to both the Coronado and Jemez Monuments.

With ID, entrance is free to New Mexican residents on the first Sunday of the month and for New Mexican seniors on Wednesdays. For days and times the Monument is open, call (505) 867 – 5351.

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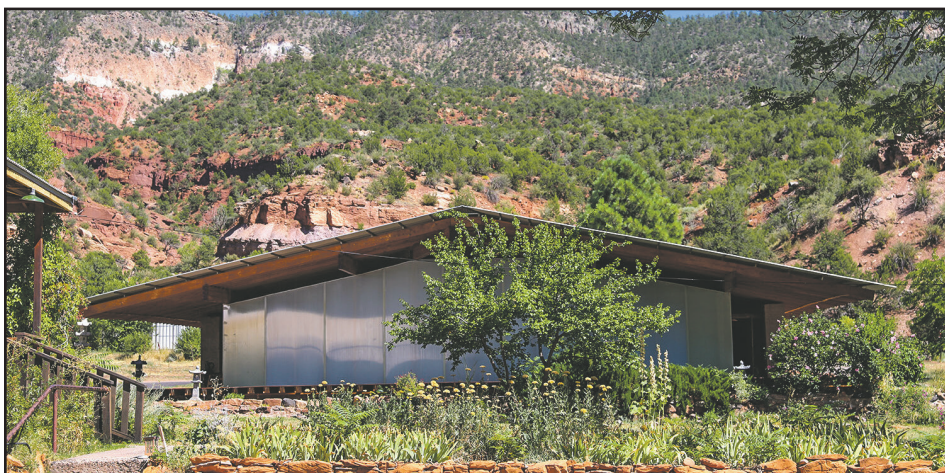
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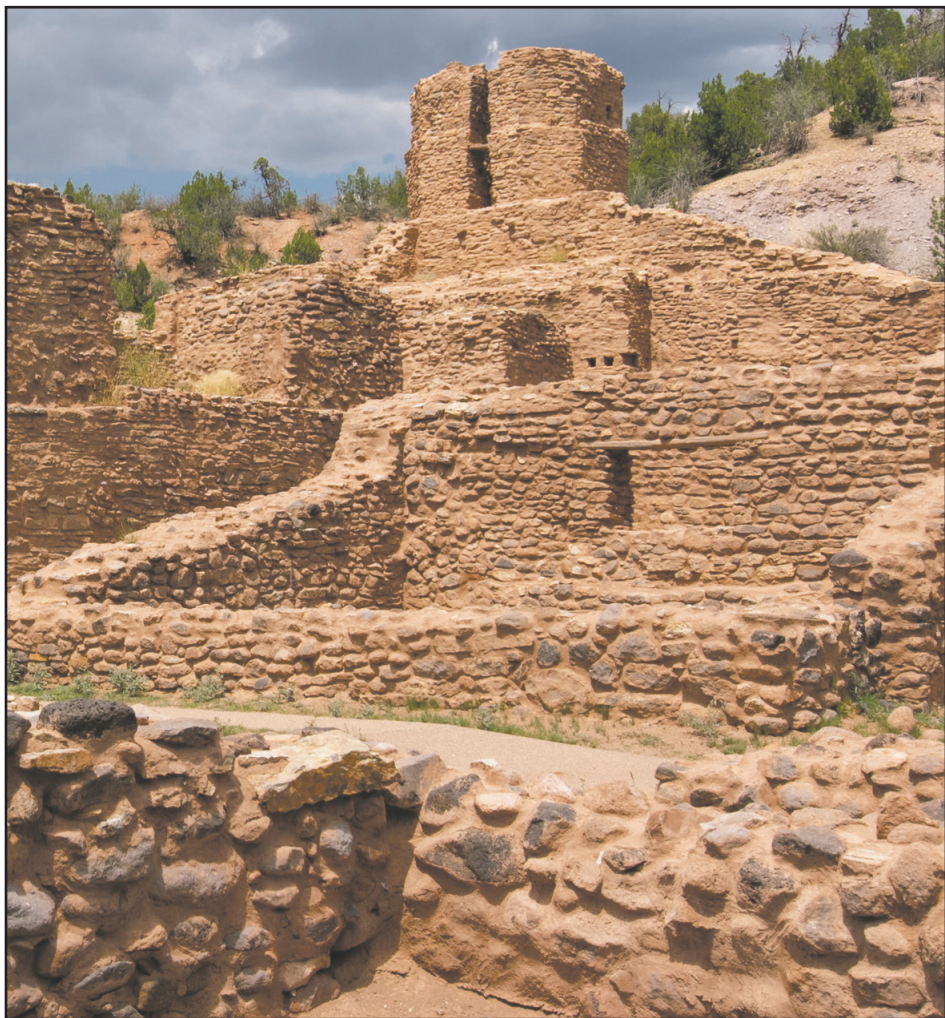


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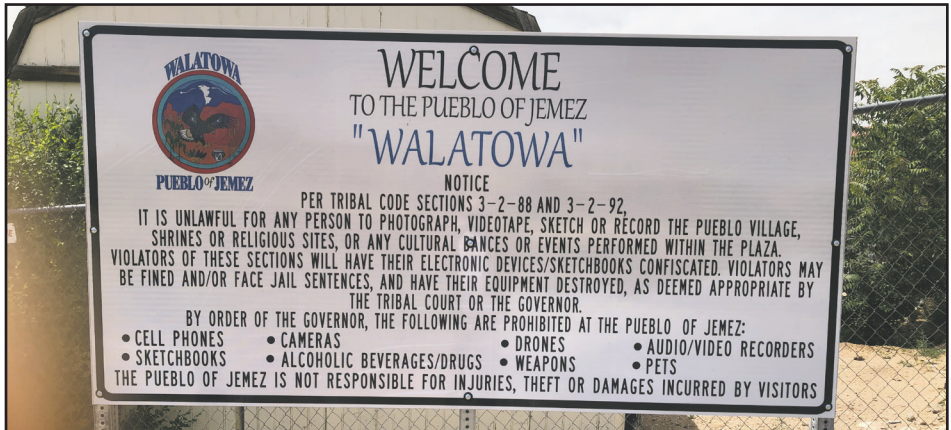


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There is always a lot of fun to be had at the Jemez Springs Farmers Market. A low stress market, catering to all who come in search of a good time while looking for local fresh produce and fine crafts. Folks are friendly here, willing to share a story or song and give advice on where to eat, play, stay,

hike or camp. It's a great place to meet and greet friends, have a cup of coffee and a sweet roll, and take in the wonderful scenery all around us.

Nestled in the Village Plaza of Jemez Springs (Father Fitzgerald Memorial Park). Surrounded by the Cat Mesa and the Virgin Mesa. Archeological and geological wonders abound and hot springs are abundant. You might just want to hang out all day! The market begins sometime in May runs to sometime in October, from 9am until 11:30am Saturdays. Look for the signs. If they're up, there's a market happening! Stop by and say hi!

## Dining in the Jemez

### **Dave's Burgers** **4926 Highway 4 in the** **Jemez Pueblo** **575 834-0655**

This little stand along Highway 4 is owned and operated by the Tafoya family in the heart of the Jemez Pueblo. You can get hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hotdogs and corn dogs, nachos, enchiladas, tacos, fried red chili, fries and so much more! Prices are very affordable. Dave's Burgers is usually open from 11 AM to 8 PM on Saturday, and Sunday from 4 PM to 8 PM, closed Mondays. You can also call in your order in advance or confirm hours. You can't leave the valley without checking out Dave's! **Highway 4 Café and Bakery**  
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Owned and operated by trained chef, Pema, Highway 4 Café and Bakery is where the locals go for pastries, espresso, sandwiches and more. Exceptionally tasty food, great coffee, and home-made chai, all in a quaint setting, with the nicest staff. We all miss Jessie!

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The Jemez Mountain Brewhouse will feature an open view brew room and construction begins soon for outdoor dining overlooking the Virgin Mesa. They are expanding the kitchen and it will be the place to have a pint, a bite to eat, and meet with friends.



**Los Ojos Restaurant and Saloon**  
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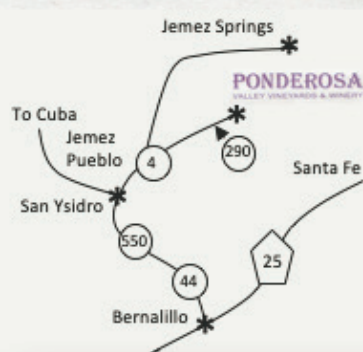
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Adjacent to the Casa Blanca is the unique Jemez Mountain Pottery studio featuring the raku and stone-ware work of Linda Vozar Sweet.

**La Cueva Lodge**  
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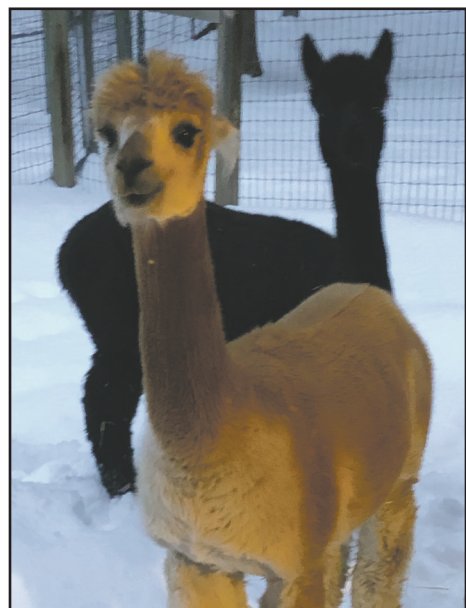
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the inn can be seen from the windows. The inn has eight air-conditioned rooms, each with private bathrooms. Each room is individually decorated in New Mexico inspired decor and has its own access. Six rooms specifically open out onto the outdoor patio and Zen lily koi fish pond. Since COVID-19 there have been some minor changes so please visit their website for more information. When booking with Cañon del Rio you can enjoy a \$10 discount at their sister company Jemez Hot Springs. Free Wi-Fi available. Online booking available.

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Under new management as of late 2020. The Laughing Lizard Inn has four individually decorated suites. Comfortable rooms open to a covered sitting porch with spectacular views of the red rock walls of the Virgin Mesa. All of the rooms are non-smoking and have private baths, comfortable beds, well-stocked bookshelves, and air-conditioning. They are pet friendly but advise you to visit their website for their pet policy. Located Across the street is their sister company, The Jemez Hot Springs where you can enjoy a \$10 discount if you book at the Laughing Lizard and make a reservation at the Hot Springs. Free Wi-Fi available. Online booking available.

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phone service is not available in many parts of the Jemez Mountains.) When you visit the barn, you will have an opportunity to engage with the alpacas by feeding them their treats. Since alpacas do not have teeth on the top and use their lips to get their treats, small children can easily feed the alpacas. The sensation is more like a tickle. Have your camera ready!

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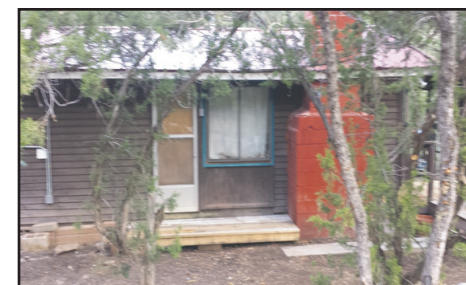
### Apartment Over the Garage on Hidden Valley

The apartment over the garage is conveniently located just off the Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway, where you can enjoy the many outside adventures that await you in this beautiful area. The 300 square foot apartment is perfect for couples, solo adventurers, and friendly furry friends.



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## We are Going Shopping

**Amanda's Jemez Mountain Country Store**  
**38724 Highway 126 at Highway 4, La Cueva**  
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Amanda's is your Jemez Mountain fishing headquarters! Located at the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 126 in the heart of La Cueva, it's just a short distance from Fenton Lake. This is where you find up-to-the minute stocking reports, fishing information, and NM Game and Fish licenses. There is wide selection of fishing gear, bait, and camping supplies. Amanda's is also the place to stock up on groceries, produce, frozen meats, cold drinks, and snacks. You will also find health and beauty items, a Kids Korner, local t-shirts and apparel. Amanda's is a classic mountain country store with the nicest staff. Say hi to Gina, Stephanie, and Ray!

**Hidden Valley Sporting Goods**  
**16 Hidden Valley Road**  
**575-829-3500**

Just a short distance down Highway 126 off of Highway 4, Hidden Valley Sporting Goods boasts a large array of camping gear, tents, cooking kits, automotive and RV supplies. The best trail foods, cold drinks, and hot coffee will keep you going on your hike. Free wi-fi. They also rent kayaks and canoes!

**Jemez Springs Bath House**  
**Gift Shop**  
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**www.jemezsprings.org**  
 This historic Bath House not only provides the best private soaks, herbal wraps, and massages they have an adorable gift shop with a wide assortment of spa products, bath salts, soaps, lotions, and magical incense. Call for open hours.

**WEEKENDS**  
**Highway 4 at Jemez Canyon Inn,**  
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**everybodylovesweekends@gmail.**

So much to see! Jemez Springs slogan t-shirts, tie-dye, and other great clothes & accessories, shoes, something for everyone, including beautiful handcrafted pieces from talented NM Navajo & Pueblo artists. New Mexico-made sage sticks, sweetgrass braids, goat milk soap, lavender sachets, Potholder Queen potholders & eye pillows, and Incienso de Santa Fe natural wood-scent incense & burners. The best selection of crystals, stones, beads, card decks, divination tools and related books in the Jemez Valley. Also, flags, banners & posters.

There's definitely magic here. The store itself, located at the south end of Jemez Springs, fills the top floor of a unique, two-story "wood house" with a charming wood bridge in front. WEEKENDS ~ the coolest little shop in Jemez Springs since 2006!

**Well, Look-ee Here!**  
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You have to see it to believe it! You can find just about anything in this unique second hand store. Tons of camping and fishing gear, tools, kitchen ware, clothing, shoes, books, jewelry, craft items, and so much more. Plus, rare finds and lots of smiles by the nicest shop-keep you'll ever meet, Carol!

**Walatowa Visitors Center**  
**7413 Highway 4 at the Red Rocks**  
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At the Walatowa Visitors Center, by the Red Rocks Convenience Store and the starting point for the Red Rocks Trails, you will find the Pueblo of Jemez History Museum (free). If you're looking to discover a large selection of items from Native American artists from across North America, you must visit. The Walatowa Welcome Center also features Jemez pottery, jewelry, rugs, blankets, fine art sculptures, clothing, candles, incense, and an extensive selection of books about the history of the Pueblo and its people, music, and poetry.

**CWW Feed Store & More**  
**Intersection of Hwy 4 and 550**  
**575-834-7038**

A real live feed store with so much more! Go and pet the horses and see

how much is stuffed into this little store at the intersection of Highway 4 and 550 in San Ysidro. They have everything from birdseed to bales of hay, and an entire pet section. Have fun in this classic old fashioned mercantile looking through piles of blankets, rugs, mugs, gifts, and a special collection of jewelry. Then there is the assortment of colored lariats, beautifully designed chaps, riding gear and even armored vests and protective helmets for bull riders. You can also find the coolest

T-shirts, sweatshirts, boots, hats, all kinds of clothing, and and really good gloves. There's an aisle featuring nothing but racks upon racks of nuts, bolts, screws, nails, hard to find mobile home parts, springs, cotter pins and other hardware. For the kids, they have toys, games, and stuffed animals. Real stuffed animals fill the back room. On display are menacing mountain lions, snarling black bears and sneaky coyotes among the amazing array of mounted wildlife. A must see!



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# The Hot Springs of the Jemez

By Lynda Sparber Witz

Folks come to the Jemez for the two R's: recreation and relaxation. Nature provided both when the ancient volcanos were shaping the forest's landscape. The gift was bubbling springs of mineralized water heated by subterranean magma and spread out across the valley. These springs have been said to have natural healing, even medicinal, qualities. What is known for sure is that a soak just feels so, so good.

There are many springs all

through the Jemez Forest. Most trickle up and create swampy spots with clumps of lush green foliage. But three locations are destinations that have natural hot springs large enough for you and others to enjoy a soak together.

Note: These are located out in the forest. Dogs ARE allowed. Be aware of weather rolling in, like thunderstorms. Take plenty of drinking water and your own food. Please, Please, pack out any trash! Litter and debris have become a huge problem. Thanks!

**McCauley Warm Springs:** The two warm pools at this spring can really delight the kids. The pools lie between Battleship Rock and Jemez Falls, so there's a lot to take in besides the spring. Access hiking trail 137 via the Battleship Picnic area or you can access the trail from the parking lot area for Jemez Falls. The reasonably easy hike ranges from 3 to 5 miles, depending on the route you choose. It's a very wonderful excursion with great views. Located at: GPS N35.828357 and W-106.642257

**Spence Hot Spring:** This is our most frequently visited primi-

tive spring and can draw many visitors during peak times (mostly midday). Known as "Hippie Hole" by residents with a long memory of the flower child days and be warned that some folks still don't know that swimwear is not optional. Spence provides pleasant and clear water along with amazing vistas. It's also very easy to find and hike to at only 0.7 miles out and back to the parking area. Seven miles from the village of Jemez Springs, there's a parking lot on the east side of Highway 4. The trail takes you over the river and up the hill. Located at: GPS 35.849392, W -106.6292074

## San Antonio Hot Spring:

This spring is a worthy reward for hikers who make the extra effort to get there. It's the hardest to get to but many say it's the best, with HOT, soothing clear mineral water and spectacular views from its spot tucked into a mountainside. Plan to have a high clearance vehicle if not hiking. Go early or mid-week if you want to avoid possible crowds. This is another spot where visitors sometimes forget to bring swimwear, FYI. Take Highway 4 to Amanda's Country Store and turn on to NM 126 (toward Fenton Lake). Then travel NM 126 until you see access to the dirt Forest Road, FR 136. From here the multiple pools of San Antonio Hot Springs are about 5 miles north on rough road. Located at: GPS N35.9380969, W-106.6459242

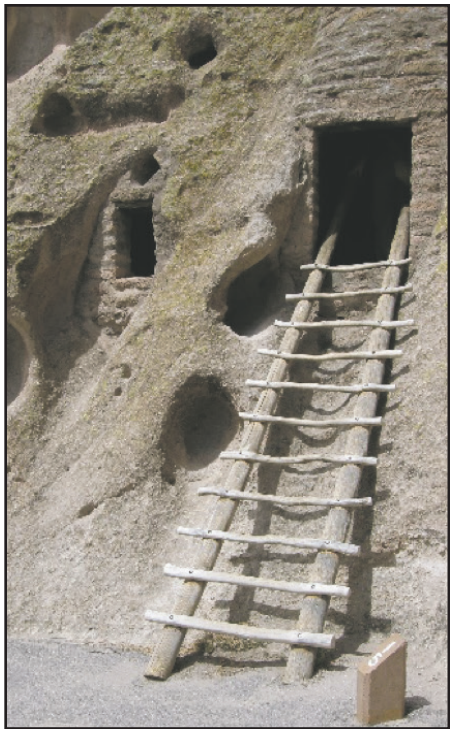


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## Valles Caldera National Preserve

By Lynda Sparber Witz

It's said that the sunlight went dim for months and the climate was disrupted for decades when a volcano that created the Valles Caldera had a second mega eruption. That blast about a million years ago spewed projectiles all the way to Kansas. The earth eventually sank into itself like a soufflé, collapsing into a bowl-shaped crater (caldera) nearly 14 miles in diameter. It was left surrounded by craggy mountains and colorful canyons created by the ash, pumice, and lava layered by multiple volcanic eruptions. Today that lush, diverse landscape has created an intersection of nature, geology, and humans that is the "crown jewel" of outdoors New Mexico.

The entire Valles Caldera National Preserve is huge – it covers an area of 140 square miles of land, a territory bigger than the area of either Philadelphia or Las Vegas. That means there are so many places to go and things to do to enjoy this amazing national park. You can choose:

Activities with rangers, astronomy, backcountry driving\*, bicycling, birding, cross-country skiing, fishing\*, flyfishing\*, forest bathing, geocaching, guided tours, hiking, horseback riding\*, hunting\*, large group gatherings\*, mountain biking, mountaineering, Nordic walking, photography, picnicking, plein air painting, scenic drives, scientific observation, snowshoeing, trail running, and wildlife viewing. (Activities with an \* require a permit.)

There are also some activities that cannot take place (some by general NPS policy and others halted temporarily because of Covid-19): No weddings, no camping, no multiday backpacking, no collecting (artifacts, antlers, obsidian, rocks, flowers, plant materials), no emotional support animals (only trained service dogs allowed), no campfires, no swimming.

Enter the Valles Caldera National Preserve at the Main Gate on Hwy 4 at mile marker 39.2 – that is 24 miles west of Los Alamos and 22 miles east of Jemez Springs. Fee is

\$25 per vehicle; \$10 if arriving by foot, bicycle or horse.

If you plan to drive anywhere on the preserve except to the Entrance Station, you need a free vehicle pass. Dogs are allowed only in the entrance station parking lot and on the La Jara, Coyote Call, and Valle Grande trailheads.

### **Bandelier National Monument**

At Bandelier National Monument you can literally step into the mystery and wonder of ancient Native American culture. Even now, when so many public space doors

are closed to guests, visitors are free to travel the paths walked by the Ancestral Pueblo people and climb the ladders tilting upward to explore inside ancient cliff dwellings. The monument is OPEN. The outdoor facilities, all trails, public restrooms, Juniper Campground and the shop are completely open to the public. (The only exceptions are the still shuttered visitor center, museum, theater and shuttle service.) While the visitor center is closed, friendly park rangers are stationed at the main entry from 9am to 4:30pm to answer questions. Bandelier is run by the National Park

Service which, in opening the important areas, adheres to its mission to preserve natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Information is available at NPS.gov or (505) 672-3861.

Bandelier's early reopening soon attracted many guests anxious for a spectacular and interactive outing. The site is open from dawn to dusk. Ranger Will suggests planning your arrival for early in the morning or late afternoon to avoid midday traffic vying

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for spots in their small parking lot. Until shuttle service resumes, the limited parking is all that's available and previous guests report trying to fit an RV into a spot is difficult if not impossible.

No dogs (except service dogs). Bring plenty of water and your own food. Sturdy 'playground shoes' are suggested at the minimum. Bring sunscreen and dress for the weather.

Although Bandelier boasts 70 miles of maintained and scenic hiking trails, most guests will focus on the easy, paved 1.4-mile Main (Pueblo) Loop trail that begins right at the entrance. It is a fascinating archeological and architectural treasure of great historical value. It's also a fun and adventurous trek up ladders into cave-like dwellings and around stone walls built by warriors, hunters, farmers and holy men 700 years ago. The residents carved out homes in the soft rock created from the dense ash of volcanic activity in the Jemez. An enormous, multi-story structure was built from adobe-like bricks formed with clay and animal blood. They domesticated wild turkeys and wove turkey feathers into soft, warm blankets. And they grew squash, corn and beans – "the three sisters". Previously the area was in use by people for the past 11,000 years and legend says the later residents of the cliff dwellings mysteriously just disappeared around 1550 CE.

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