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WELCOME TO
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We invite you to enjoy our endless blue skies, innovative urban center, and tight knit community pride.

Sandoval County is home to some of the Southwest's most beautiful settings and culturally diverse communities. From the stunning backdrop of the Valles Caldera National Preserve, to the striking visuals of Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks' geologic forms, Sandoval County's rich culture permeates every corner of our area.

Experiences abound in Sandoval County and we hope you love them as much as we do!

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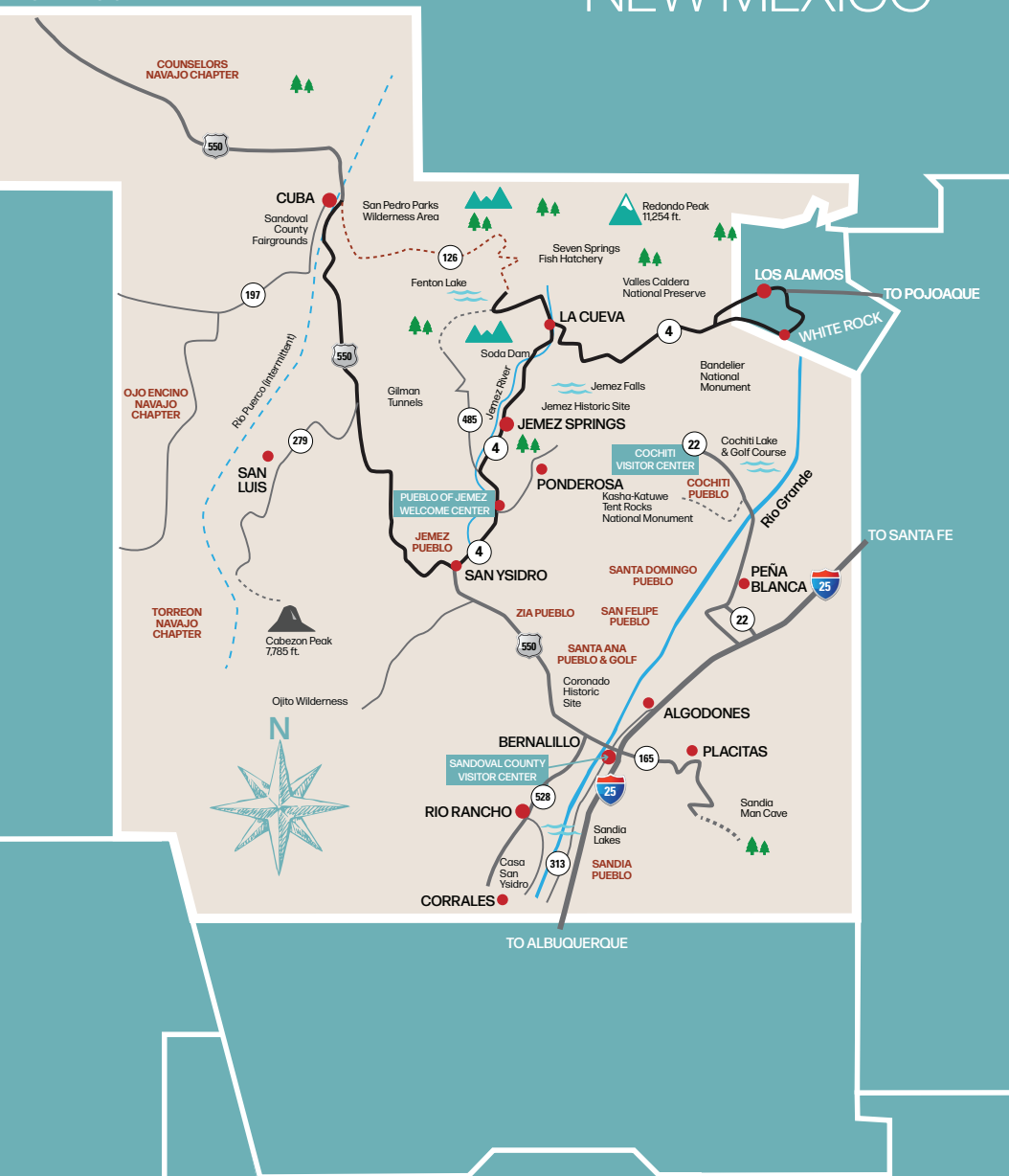
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TO FARMINGTON



CORRALES ARTIST STUDIO TOUR

The first weekend in May is one of the most successful events in the state with more than 75 local and regional artists participating in this annual event. You can visit galleries and studios, learn about creative processes, and purchase from our local artists! Check out the artists beforehand in the Preview Gallery, where you can peruse the wide range of fine art and crafts, from representational to abstract, oil to pastels, bronze, stone and wood sculptures, metal and glass objects, fiber art, unique, one-of-a-kind clothing, jewelry and so much more.



THE PLACITAS STUDIO TOUR

On Mother's Day weekend in May, Placitas promotes artists who live locally or who locate their studios full-time in the community. The studio tour allows visitors to meet and speak with artists, learn about their creative work, and purchase unique treasures.



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.





HERITAGE DAY

Every May, Casa San Ysidro and the Old Church of Corrales celebrate the living traditions of New Mexico. This event honors Puebloan, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo influences on the arts and histories that make up our state's identity. Join local artisans demonstrating weaving and spinning, traditional blacksmithing, straw inlay, silver filigree, retablo painting, and much more. The day is also filled with performances by heritage musicians and entertainers.



PORK & BREW

No summer visit to Sandoval County would be complete without a stop at Pork & Brew BBQ. Held every July at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho. This three-day festival features the best barbecue vendors from around the region, beer, live music, and interactive family activities.

THE MOUNTAIN WEST BREW FEST

As the leaves begin to change and the fall air becomes crisp, this exciting outdoor event, featuring New Mexico craft breweries and spirits from throughout the Southwest, is held on the last Saturday of August at Loretto Park in Bernalillo. Great food options from local food trucks and live music add to the fun and excitement of this wonderful craft beer-tasting festival.

FIESTA DE SAN LORENZO

An integral part of Bernalillo's rich culture and history, las Fiestas de San Lorenzo, include a lively schedule of festivities that everyone can enjoy! This 325 year old tradition focuses largely on the ritual dance drama known as los Matachines and is the largest such dance in the region, marking a significant facet of Bernalillo's community identity.









SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIR

Enjoy good, old-fashioned fun for the entire family at the fair. The experience is made complete with great food, dancing to 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 starting on the first Tuesday in August through Sunday.

CORRALES GARDEN TOUR

Wondering what is behind those walls in Corrales? Looking for new ways to perk up your garden or planning your first garden? Join us for the Corrales Garden Tour the first Sunday in June. The gardens on tour are amazingly varied and provide inspiration for gardeners at all levels. See how various landscape designers, installers, and homeowners have met the challenges presented by gardening in our arid Southwest, all within the historic Village of Corrales.



CORRALES HARVEST FESTIVAL

Corrales is distinguished by its broad green pastures and orchards, its rich historic and artistic character, and of course the sounds and scents of roosters, cows, horses and sheep. At the end of September, the Village of Corrales, along with the Old Church and Casa San Ysidro Museum, promote the history and character of their community through a yearly educational and recreational event that showcases the local agriculture, merchants, arts, music, performing arts and historic culture throughout the Village, all accessible on our transit system - hay wagons!



PUMPKIN PATCH

For the community, fall isn't complete without a trip to the Galloping Goat Pumpkin Patch at the Santa Ana Star Center. This family-friendly event is open every day of October and features fall fun such as a 20' X 40' corn pit, harvest maze, scarecrow dress up, tractor races, roping arena, pumpkin bowling, duck races, mud pie kitchen, putt-putt golf, football toss, corn hole, basketball shoot, fall decor, and of course pumpkins! Plus, each weekend the Pumpkin Patch also hosts a petting zoo and a paintball target range. Attendees can select their very own pumpkin with hundreds of choices in all kinds of sizes and colors including specialty pumpkins, gourds, and fall decorations.









OPEN AIR MARKET

The Pueblo of Jemez Welcome Center hosts an annual Open Air Market during the second weekend of October. At the market there are traditional dances, multicultural arts and crafts, bread-baking demonstrations in traditional ovens, the Jemez Farmer's Market, and more. This a free event and fun for the entire family.

JEMEZ MOUNTAIN TRAIL SALE

The longest yard sale in New Mexico at over 26 miles, the Jemez Mountain Trail Sale offers cheap new and used items and priceless fall color views. Anyone can sell items along NM-4 (the Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway) from San Ysidro to La Cueva. Fall colors abound during the peak of leaf peeping season in the Jemez Valley.







I HEART JEMEZ ART

Labor Day weekend every year, Jemez Springs hosts two miles of art! Local artists exhibit and sell their work and hold workshops, all along Highway 4. Kids events are held in the town plaza and parents can soak in the hot springs! Come visit the inspiring mountain art tradition of Jemez Springs and meet the artists themselves during a fall exploration of the stunning upper Jemez Valley.

OLD CHURCH FINE ARTS SHOW

Corrales Historical Society with the Corrales Society of Artists present many of New Mexico's finest artists, set in the beauty of the Old San Ysidro Church. Come meet the artists, take home a treasure, or find a gift of fine art for someone special on your holiday list.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands, held annually on the fourth Saturday in September. NPLD brings together hundreds of thousands of individual and organizational volunteers to help restore America's public lands. The event began in 1979, with the Bureau of Land Management as one of the original sponsors. Sandoval County is home to a range of public land offerings, including parts of the Santa Fe National Forest, Bandelier National Monument, and San Pedro Parks Wilderness Area.



STARLIGHT HOLIDAY PARADES

The winter holiday is celebrated in homegrown, small-town glory in both Bernalillo and Corrales each December. Parading Bernalillo cars are festooned with Christmas lights and Corrales kids visit with Saint Nick while eating green chile stew. Both celebrations offer post-parade bonfires, traditional biscochito cookies, and cider. We can't wait to see you there!

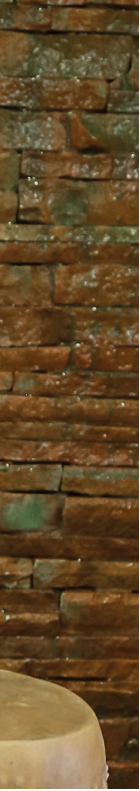


PUEBLO FEAST DAYS

There are seven Pueblo communities in Sandoval County: Cochiti, Jemez, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, San Felipe and Zia. All of them hold Pueblo Feast Days that can be open to the public throughout the year. Please check with your local Visitor Center for more information on the dates of feast days for each community and on etiquette to help you have the best visit to County tribal entities.

LIGHT AMONG THE RUINS

One of the most beloved and memorable holiday events in the State, Light Among the Ruins features over 1,400 farolitos (sand-filled paper bags lit with candles) which light the perimeter of Jemez Historic Site. Pueblo dancers and musicians add to the ambience, and visitors are able to purchase handcrafted items made by Pueblo members. It takes place from 5-9 p.m. the first Saturday in December annually in Jemez Springs.



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