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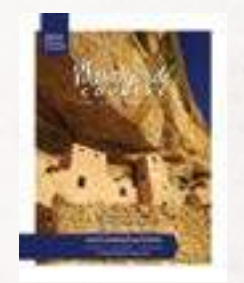
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ELEVATION

♦ Our elevation ranges from **6200** to **8250'**. Altitude sickness can occur so stay hydrated. You'll adjust in a day or so.

WI-FI

♦ Cell coverage is spotty, but free Wi-Fi is available at most hotels, restaurants and public buildings in Cortez, Dolores and Mancos. Mesa Verde National Park has service at Far View Lodge & Far View Terrace.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

♦ Weather in Mesa Verde Country is usually mild, however snowstorms can occur as late as May and as early as October. June through September are warm to hot, with cool evenings.



Average Sunny Days: **300+**

Annual Precipitation: **13"**

Average Snowfall: **42"**

SPRING

♦ Everything's green! Services are beginning to open. Temps range from **50** to **70** degrees.

SUMMER

♦ Services are fully open and at its busiest. Find quieter areas of the Park by visiting the walking and hiking trails, Wetherill Mesa Loop, and National Monuments such as Hovenweep, Lowry, and Sand Canyon Pueblos. Drink plenty of water in warm months! Heat can be deadly for both animals and humans! Temps range from **85** to **95** degrees.

AUTUMN

♦ Fall is absolutely magical and the weather is perfect for exploring. Some dwellings and services close in November, but the leaves changing color, warm days and cool nights make it a perfect season for outdoor and cultural exploration. Temps range from **76** to **40** degrees.



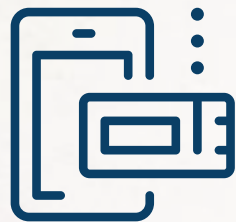
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❄️ WINTER

❖ A wonderful season for Nordic (cross country) skiing, snowshoeing and walking. Winter trails will be available once there is enough snow. Temps range from **28** to **38** degrees.



HOW DO I PURCHASE MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK TOUR TICKETS?

❖ Digital park entrance passes are available, as well as tour tickets.
▶ Visit www.recreation.gov to purchase these passes.
**Note: Once purchased, passes for Mesa Verde National Park must be printed or saved on your mobile device prior to use. Connectivity is limited or non-existent in the park, therefore printing the permit or saving it on your phone (so you can access it even if there is no wi-fi or cell service) is highly recommended.*

❖ Tickets are available 14 days in advance, 8:00 am MST, on a rolling daily window. (For example, tickets for May 2nd will be available starting April 18th at 8:00 am MST. Tickets for May 16th will be available on May 2nd at 8:00 am MDT.)
▶ All tour tickets will be sold online or by calling 877-444-6777. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged.

WILL I SEE WILD ANIMALS?

❖ Many animals are visible throughout Mesa Verde Country. Deer, elk, coyote, rabbits and even bear have been spotted. Farm animals such as cows, sheep, horses, chickens and goats are grazing in fields. Lizards are common sights in the desert areas. Less common are snakes, but they do live in the desert, so watch where you step.

ARE PETS ALLOWED?

There is a gated dog park in Cortez that offers lots of room to play and stretch. The dog water fountain is running most months.
❖ Pets are not allowed in the cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National

Park, but are in many of the National Monuments. Check before you visit, keep Fido on a leash, and pick up after your pet.

EV CHARGING STATION

❖ Yes! They are located at:
Colorado Welcome Center, Main Street, Cortez - Boyle Park, on Grand Avenue, Mancos. There is also a Tesla Charging station in MVNP.



RELOCATION INFO

Montezuma County is a great place to live! High desert meets the Rocky Mountains in this 2,040 square mile-four-season-playground. Vast natural and cultural resources, lots of outdoor public land space, and three ski resorts are nearby. Three family-friendly communities total a population of 27,000 people, and average home prices range from \$210,000- 318,000. It's easy to see why we are growing, and would love to have you call Mesa Verde Country HOME!



BLUE CORN MUFFINS

▶ Recipe by Laurie and Rusty Hall
The Farm Bistro, Cortez

Mix together dry ingredients:

- ❖ 1 1/4 cups blue corn meal
- ❖ 1/2 tsp salt
- ❖ 1/3 cup milled flax flour
- ❖ 1/3 cup gluten free baking flour (Bob's Red Mill)
- ❖ 1/4 cup sugar
- ❖ 1 tbsp baking powder

Mix above ingredients, then add to mixed wet ingredients.

Whisk together wet ingredients:

- ❖ 1 egg
- ❖ 3/4 cup half and half
- ❖ 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- ❖ 1/4 cup mayo
- ❖ 1/4 cup honey (dissolved in hot water)
- ❖ 1/4 cup hot water

Bake at 350° for about 18 minutes in greased muffin pans.

*Tip: put a pan of hot water in oven while baking to increase fluffiness.

Yield: about 12 muffins

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For biking maps visit: www.montezumacounty.maps.arcgis.com, www.bigloopmaps.com and www.mtbproject.com/trail/4352303/boggy-draw-loop.
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TRAIL BIKING

600 miles of beginner, intermediate and challenging singletrack, climbs, sagebrush, slick rock and old growth forest trails make this the best kept secret in Colorado for biking.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 600 miles of green, blue and black singletrack, climbs, sagebrush, slick rock, and old growth forest trails.
- Bicycle and e-assist rentals, equipment and repair are available.
- Higher elevations of the mesas and mountain trails offer incredible views, and cooler temps.
- Spring, summer, and fall are the best times to ride, but winter fat biking makes us a year-round biking adventure!

GREEN/BEGINNER:

- Trust Loop - (part of Phil's World, Cortez) is a great trail for beginners and those who just want a fun ride. The 3.5 mile singletrack loop offers a fun ride the whole family can enjoy. <https://www.mtbproject.com/trail/4536821/trust-loop>
- Add Hippy Loop - a nice loop off Trust loop to extend the mileage

Boggy Draw - (Dolores) This is a great ride for those hot summer months. The old growth ponderosa forest of the San Juan National Forest keeps the trail mostly shaded and cooler than other local rides. E-bikes not allowed.

- This trail is 8.4 miles, generally smooth, and mostly singletrack, which makes a family friendly day!
<https://www.mtbproject.com/trail/4352303/boggy-draw-loop>

BLUE/INTERMEDIATE:

- CHICKEN CREEK - (Mancos) - Chicken Creek Road, #385 is a great beginner route, and you can head off on the "out-and-back" loop from here. It's a nice doubletrack option to extend further up CC as long as time or energy allows.
- Phil's World - (Cortez): 26.8 miles of trails, 100% singletrack, e-bikes are allowed. One of the Bureau of Land Managements "Backyard to Back Country" treasures, "Roller coaster singletrack through the high desert of SW Colorado." — Jeff Fox
- Canyons of the Ancients loop 7.5 mile intermediate-difficult blue trail singletrack
- This is your trail if you like fun slightly techy singletrack, great scenery, and amazing cliff dwellings. The East Rock Creek Trail section is easy to moderate with a number of short, technical sections. Be on the watch for these sections. They are short and can easily be walked.

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MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK	15-50	Park System Roads
DOLORES MANCOS CORTEZ	46.2	Highways 184, 160 & 145
HOUSE CREEK (ONE WAY)	11.7	County Road 30, Forest Service Roads 526 & 528
LEBANON ROAD & TOTTEN LAKE ROAD	26.2	County Road 25, Highway 184 & County Road 30
WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER (ONE WAY)	34.9+	Highway 145 & County Road 38

HIKING

Check for seasonal closures, rules and other information.
▶ www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan

TRY THESE TRAILS OUT:

- MCPHEE OVERLOOK TRAIL
(Trail #155, San Juan National Forest)
 - Starting elevation: 6,943 ft.
 - Trail length: 8.9 miles one way
 - Hiking level: easy to moderateHorses and mountain bikes are allowed on this trail
 - Why it's cool: Trail follows the rim of McPhee Reservoir. Can you see the Ghost Town beneath the water?
- GEYSER SPRING TRAIL
(#648, San Juan National Forest)
 - Starting Elevation: 8,600 ft.
 - Trail length: 1.3 miles one way
 - Hiking level: moderate to difficult
 - Why it's cool: Trail ends at a small pool fed by the only true geyser in the state of Colorado. No swimming allowed.

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McPhee Reservoir

- ◈ **THE SCHOOL HOUSE TRAIL**
(#660, San Juan National Forest)
 - 2.0 miles long. It begins at CO Hwy 145 and ends at Deadend. The trail is open for the following uses: Hiking, Horseback Riding.
- ◈ **THE BOX CANYON TRAIL**
(#617, San Juan National Forest)
 - 6.5 miles long. It begins at Forest Road 561 (West Mancos Road) and ends at Forest Trail 621 (West Mancos Trail). The trail is open for the following uses: hiking, horseback riding and motorcycle trail riding.

◉ **FISHING & BOATING**
WATER, WILDLIFE, WOW!
McPhee Reservoir is the second largest body of water in Colorado! With over 50 miles of shoreline in piñon, juniper, and sagebrush country, this beautiful lake backs up to the San Juan National Forest and provides all kinds of opportunities for water sports. Rent a boat, paddleboard or pontoon, and add the wow to your stay!

◈ **MCPHEE RESERVOIR**
A large parking lot is next to a 6-lane concrete boat ramp that offers motorized-boating access, with restricted areas in wakeless zones. The reservoir is stocked with warm and cold water species of fish. Adjacent to the boat ramp is a trail up to a scenic overlook with 360-degree views and interpretive signs. The trail continues to the tent-camping area of McPhee Campground.

◈ **DOLORES RIVER**
Major tributaries offer good fishing for Rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout. Don't forget your gear and your license!

◈ **JACKSON GULCH RESERVOIR**
Excellent camping, boat ramp. The calm waters of the Jackson Gulch Reservoir provide great family-friendly fishing. Stocked with rainbow trout. Canoes, kayaks and wakeless boating (boats cannot create a wake here).
► Located in Mancos State Park. www.cpw.state.co.us or call 970-533-7065.

◉ **WILDLIFE**
Mesa Verde Country is a high desert region, so you will see desert animals as well as mountain type animals. Be on the look out for the Collared and sagebrush lizards, Mule Deer, sage grouse, prairie dogs, elk, coyotes, mountain lions, bats, snakes, turkeys and even bear.

◉ **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (OHV/ATV)**
There's no end to the experiences you can have! Check out some of the many trails designated for motorized use. Side-by-sides, motorcycles, and OHV's are welcomed on San Juan National Forest designated trails.
► For detailed maps go to Dolores Ranger District Office, 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores • 970-882-7296
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/sanjuan/home>
► Pick up a Motorized vehicle use map at the Dolores public lands office, or download the Avenza app (www.avenzamaps.com) for more information.

◈ **ASPEN LOOP TRAIL**
(Trail #631, San Juan National Forest)
A multipurpose trail constructed by the San Juan National Forest and the Four Corners Trail Club. The trail is open to OHV's, motorized trail bikes, horseback riders, hikers, and mountain bikers. This 39-mile loop trail was designated as an OHV trail to accommodate motorized recreation enthusiasts. The parking lot is designed as a turnaround to accommodate trailer parking.

◈ **BOGGY DRAW OHV TRAIL (#194)**
The Boggy Draw OHV trail is 30 miles long. It begins at Forest Road 527 Boggy Draw Rd. and ends at Boggy Draw OHV. The trail is open for the following uses: Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) less than or equal to 50 inches wide. Check with the Dolores Public Lands Office for additional trails and routes.
► Call 970-882-7296 for more information.



San Juan National Forest

◉ **HORSEBACK RIDING**
Four Corners Backcountry Horseman's Club educates, encourages and solicits active participation in the wise use of the back country resources.
► For more information www.4cbch.org.

◈ **WEST MANCOS TRAIL**
(#621, San Juan National Forest)
The West Mancos Trailhead is located adjacent to the Big Al Trail in the Transfer Recreation Area. Due to the steep nature of the upper portion of this trail, it can be very tricky in wet conditions and, if using this trail in early spring, be especially careful if you are on horseback. The West Mancos Trail continues upstream on the west side of the canyon before dropping to the West Mancos River level, then climbs steeply to Horsefly Flat, an open, grassy area. The trail ends at the Sharkstooth Trailhead, at the base of Hesperus Peak.

◉ **CAMPING**
Colorado was made for camping! Be sure and check with our local resource offices for developed (fee based) and dispersed (free) details.
► Dolores Public Lands Office: 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores 970-882-7296
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/sanjuan/home> and www.mesaverdecountry.com

◉ **“BEST ADVICE”**
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29211 Hwy. 184, Dolores.
► fs.usda.gov/recmain/sanjuan/recreation

CYCLING ASSOCIATION (SWCCA)
These folks make the rules and maintain many of the
mountain biking trails in Mesa Verde Country.
► swcca@swcocycling.com
and www.mtbproject.com/club/4331587/kokopelli-bike-club

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
This land really is your land. Learn about and respect the spaces we all own, share and sing about. Bring along reusable water bottles or hot drink tumblers to limit waste and stay hydrated in our dry climate.

STICK TO TRAILS
Even though shortcuts can be tempting, please don't take them. A few extra strides on the path will protect plants and the homes of the true locals.

LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT
Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others experience the joy of discovery. Any of our 750 different species of wildflowers will live forever in a photo. Snap away, but only with a camera. Treat all living things with respect. Carving or hacking plants and trees may kill or disfigure them.

TRASH THE TRASH
Pack it in... pack it out. 'Nuff said. Be careful with fire! Colorado's low humidity has its perks, but can create dry, dangerous conditions. Keep campfires small and manageable to avoid sparking wildfires. Use care when smoking in Colorado's dry climate. Always put cigarettes out completely, and don't leave your butts behind.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD
Colorado is home to thousands of furry, scaly and feathered creatures. To keep them – and you – safe, don't approach them.

It is not adorable to feed wild animals. You could alter natural behaviors, exposing them to predators or even euthanasia.

Keep your furry buddies leashed when enjoying dog-friendly trails, and pack out their waste. All the way to a trashcan.

Share our trails & Parks. Chances are you're not out in nature to people watch, so try out the lesser-known paths and sites.



Silence your cell phone before stepping into nature, and speak softly without using the speaker function.

Be considerate when passing others on the trails and yield to the uphill hiker and biker – they need the momentum.

Listen to nature. Keep your voice and music soft so all can enjoy the peace of Colorado.



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LAMB WITH RED CHILE

► *Original recipe courtesy of Pete Montañño*

Start with two pounds of lamb stew meat, diced. Soak in salt water (1/4 cup of salt in a quart of water) for 8 hours; do not stir! Carefully drain and discard water.

Heat a Dutch oven over coals or in a hot oven. Starting hot is important!

Rinse the meat in very cold water, then brown the lamb in the oven. It should sizzle when the meat hits the metal. Keep all the drippings and broth.

Set the meat aside. Make a soft roux with flour and lard, Cook over a medium flame or glowing coals to a medium brown.

Take a 1/2 cup of red chile powder or flakes (Santa Cruz or Chimayo Red being our favorite) and add slowly to the roux. Add garlic (4 to 6 cloves) and onion (one medium).

Add hot water (about 4-5 cups) to the mixture and simmer. Add salt, a bay leaf and a dash of cumin as needed until everything is incorporated. Add the browned lamb. Cover and leave alone for a couple hours, heaping coals on the top of the Dutch oven or in a conventional oven at 350°-375°.

Stir thoroughly, add two potatoes and about four carrots, simmer until tender and serve.

*Tip: Make it over a campfire or in your kitchen.

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MINI DIRECTORY:

- ◆ Mesa Verde National Park is open year-round, but some areas are seasonal. Face masks are required on NPS-administered lands where physical distancing cannot be maintained and in all NPS buildings and facilities.
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Mesa Verde National Park was established in 1906 to preserve and interpret the archeological heritage of the Ancestral Pueblo people who made it their home for over 700 years, from 600 to 1300 CE. Today, the park protects nearly 5,000 known archeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings. These sites are some of the most notable and best preserved in the United States.

While still farming the mesa tops, many began living in pueblos they built beneath the overhanging cliffs. The structures ranged in size from one-room storage areas to villages of more than 150 rooms. They continued to reside in the alcoves, repairing, remodeling, and constructing new rooms for nearly a century. By the late 1270s, the population began migrating south into present-day New Mexico and Arizona. Mesa Verde National Park preserves a spectacular reminder of this ancient culture.

For complete information, visit www.nps.gov/meve or stop by the Colorado Welcome Center, 928 E. Main Street in Cortez.

- THINGS TO KNOW:**
- ◆ Get oriented at the Visitor Center at the entrance. Guided tours of some of the dwellings must be purchased in advance. Visit www.recreation.gov to purchase your tickets up to two weeks in advance. Check for current safety conditions and protocols before visiting.
 - ◆ Interpretive tours can also be purchased by visiting www.visitmesaverde.com
 - ◆ Pets are allowed inside the Park, but are restricted in many areas. Be sure and check before you enter the Park for rules on bringing Fido. www.nps.gov/meve
 - ◆ Allow 45-60 minutes to drive to the sites from the Visitor and Research area.
 - ◆ As you travel into the Park, you will notice a change in elevation. Altitude sickness can occur, take it slow, and drink plenty of water.

- ◆ We are in a high desert region, which means very little rainfall annually. It can get hot and dry, don't forget to drink water!
- ◆ Hiking and climbing ladders in and out is a part of most cliff dwelling tours. Visit the mesa top sites for a less rigorous experience.
- ◆ Elevations in the Park range from 6,900 feet to 8,572 feet.
- ◆ Enjoy hiking, or traveling with your bicycle. Long House Loop is open seasonally, during the day for hiking and bicycle riding.
- ◆ Watch for wildlife – turkey, deer and bear are very common to see in the park.
- ◆ Attend an evening Ranger program at Morefield Campground.
- ◆ Less crowded than Chapin Mesa with only biking and hiking trails, Wetherill Mesa offers a quiet setting to appreciate the archaeological sites and scenery.
- ◆ Visit the Chapin Mesa Museum inside the Park. Here exhibits and dioramas trace the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people. Also available is a 25-minute Park video shown every half-hour and a museum store.

◆ Wander Prater Ridge Trail, and try to decipher the art on the Petroglyph Trail, or discover the lushness of Spruce Canyon.

- ◆ **EXPLORE THE PARK BY CAR**
 - ◆ **MESA TOP LOOP ROAD**
A six-mile drive offering amazing canyon views. Learn about the Ancestral Puebloan people's occupation and architecture through time. There are 12 easily-accessible sites, including surface dwellings and cliff dwelling views. Highlights include Square Tower House, Sun Point Overlook, and views of Cliff Palace from Sun Point and Sun Temple stops. Overlooks also found on the six-mile (10 km) Cliff Palace Loop Road.
 - ◆ **CEDAR TREE TOWER**
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◉ EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN:

◈ BADGER HOUSE TRAIL

Trail to Four Mesa Top Sites
Journey through 600 years of prehistory. The 2.25 mile (3.6 km) round-trip trail through Badger House Community early mesa-top sites begins at Wetherill Mesa Kiosk.

◈ STEP HOUSE

Pithouse, Petroglyphs & Cliff Dwelling
This is one of the only alcove sites that contains evidence of both Basketmaker and Pueblo occupation. Total walking distance is about one mile (1.6 km) round-trip. Trail begins near the Wetherill Mesa Kiosk.

◉ EXPLORE WITH A GUIDE:

- Cliff Palace and Long House can only be visited on a Ranger-guided tour.
- ◈ Tours can be strenuous. Due to high demand during the busy summer season, you may be asked to choose only one tour per day.
 - ◈ Tour tickets for Cliff Palace and Long House must be purchased in person but can be purchased up to two weeks in advance online.

► Visit www.nps.gov/meve for complete information on tour ticket prices and availability.

◈ BALCONY HOUSE

This cliff dwelling tour is not available this year.

◈ CLIFF PALACE

Mesa Verde's Largest Cliff Dwelling
Please visit nps.gov/meve for current, detailed information on this tour for 2021. Please visit recreation.gov to purchase tour tickets. This one-hour, Ranger-guided tour involves climbing four 8-10ft. (2.6-3m) ladders on a 100ft (30m) vertical climb. Total walking distance is about 1/4-mile (.4km), round-trip. The tour begins at Cliff Palace Overlook, a 23-mile (37km), one-hour drive from the Visitor and Research Center.

◈ LONG HOUSE

Mesa Verde's Most In-Depth Tour
Please visit nps.gov/meve for current, detailed information on this tour for 2021. Please visit recreation.gov to purchase tour tickets. Start at Wetherill Mesa information kiosk for a two-hour Ranger-guided tour. This tour involves hiking at least 2.25 miles (3.6km) round-trip, and climbing two 15-foot (4.5m) ladders within the site. The tour ends at the Long House trailhead, giving you a choice of returning to the kiosk or exploring more of Wetherill Mesa on your own. Allow about 2.5 hours (total) for tour and return to the kiosk.



Archaeologist in the 1930s



Cliff Palace



Hovenweep National Monument

◆ CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT

At a whopping 176,000 acres, CANM has the highest known density of archaeological sites in the United States. More than 6,000 ancient sites have been identified, including villages, cliff dwellings, underground ceremonial chambers, and rock art. The Monument has been used or inhabited by humans for thousands of years, and continues to be used by humans today. Canyons was declared a National Monument in 2000. ▶ *Stop at the CANM Visitor Center and Museum, for orientation, maps, and current conditions, or visit <https://www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/CANM-visitor-center-museum>, or call 970.882.5600.* ▶ *Did you know? Canyons of the Ancients is part of the Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway!*

◎ THINGS TO KNOW:

- ◆ Dog-friendly with a leash. Please pick up after your pet.
- ◆ BRING WATER with you in warm weather.
- ◆ Some sites in this “outdoor museum” are not apparent to the untrained eye, and precise locations are not publicized.
- ◆ Do not dig in the sites! Do not pick up artifacts! It is illegal to remove artifacts.
- ◆ Cell and wi-fi service are intermittent.
- ◆ Many roads are primitive and unpaved.
- ◆ Primitive camping is allowed in most areas.

◎ PUBLIC SITES YOU CAN VISIT WITHIN CANM:

◆ CANM MUSEUM AND VISITORS CENTER

This museum is also headquarters for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, and is considered Southwest Colorado’s premier displays of the culture and history of the Ancestral Puebloan (or Anasazi) people, and other Native tribes in the Four Corners region. The museum also displays methods that modern archaeologists use to reveal the past, and preserves artifacts and records from excavations in the Four Corners area. They also feature special rotating exhibits and events annually.

This museum is family-friendly and wheelchair-accessible, and also offers audio-captioned visuals, public restrooms and bus parking. Golden Pass and/or America the Beautiful Pass holders get in free. Don’t miss the amazing views, picnic areas and two excavated sites on location, which are also wheelchair-accessible. Special docent tours are available seasonally.

Many of the exhibits are hands-on and interactive. You can weave on a Pueblo-style loom, grind corn into meal using a mano and metate, (which is an ancient grinding tool), examine the past through microscopes, handle real artifacts, or see how an early Pueblo household was furnished.

◆ HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT

Hovenweep is the largest site to visit within CANM, and

was once home to over 2,500 people. This village was built between A.D. 1200 and 1300, and building similarities in architecture, masonry and pottery styles indicate Hovenweep inhabitants were closely associated with other groups living at Mesa Verde. Explore a variety of structures, including multistory towers, and learn about the people who planted and farmed this area long ago.

◎ THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HNM:

- ◆ Admission is free.
- ◆ Do not use GPS to find your way to Hovenweep. Follow the directions from their webpage below.
- ◆ Hovenweep trails are open year-round, sunrise to sunset, depending on weather conditions.
- ◆ 31 tent campsites open year-round. Picnic tables and flush toilets are available.
- ◆ Don’t miss Hovenweep Castle, and Square Tower.
- ◆ Square Tower is the most accessible of the five sites within Hovenweep.
- ◆ Bring your hiking shoes for some really wonderful trails to hike.
- ◆ Be aware that cell service can be intermittent.
- ◆ Pets on a leash are allowed on the trails. Please pick up after your pet.
- ◆ Summer gets HOT!! Pets can die from heat exhaustion. Do not leave your pets inside of your vehicle in the summer. ▶ *Call 970.562.4282 or visit www.nps.gov/hove.*

◎ MORE CULTURE, HISTORY

◆ LOWRY PUEBLO

The only developed recreation site within the Monument. It has standing walls that have been stabilized, 40 rooms, eight kivas and a Great Kiva - underground ceremonial chamber. The picnic area, restroom, and trail are all wheelchair-accessible. There is no water or phone service.

◆ SAND CANYON TRAIL

A 6.5-mile long trail, and is used for hiking and mountain biking. It is one of the largest prehistoric settlements in this region, and has 420 rooms, 100 kivas, and 14 towers, but no exposed walls. Sand Canyon Pueblo is adjacent to the upper (north) trailhead for Sand Canyon. There is a small parking area, but no water, restroom, phone or wheelchair-access.

◆ UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK

The 13 Ute Bands are the oldest residents of Colorado, and historically roamed throughout Colorado, Utah, and New



Mesa Verde National Park



Cliff Palace

Mexico as hunter-gatherer societies. The separate bands moved with the seasons for the best hunting and harvest. The present-day Weenuche Band live in the communities of Towaoc and White Mesa to the west in Utah. This thriving Band celebrates the Bear Dance and Sun Dance every year, which connect old ways with the new in rich colorful pageantry of song and dance. The Bear Dance celebration is open to the public.

◊ **DON'T MISS:**

◊ **THE UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK**

An in-depth experience not to be missed. Knowledgeable Ute Tribal Guides will lead you on an incredible adventure, while they interpret tribal culture, pictographs, cliff dwellings, surface ruins and artifacts. Half-day (easy) tours will visit Ancestral Pueblo petroglyphs, scenic lands, pictographs panels, geological land formations, and surface sites. full-day (active) tours involve a three-mile walk on unpaved trails and a climb of five ladders to visit four well preserved canyon cliff dwellings in Lion Canyon. A round trip drive on gravel and dirt roads of roughly 80 miles on the full day, and 40 miles for the half-day tours.

- ▶ Visit www.utemountaintribalpark.info or phone 970.565.9653 for tour information. email: utepark@fone.net, Or visit the Colorado Welcome Center in Cortez for brochures and tour information.
- ▶ Tribal Park Visitor Center: Corner of Highway Junction 160/491
- ▶ Main Tribal Park Office: 480 Sunset Blvd. in Towaoc.
- ▶ Operating Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, seasonally

◊ **CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER**

Offering hands-on archaeology programs and small group tours led by archaeologists and American Indian scholars. Crow Canyon empowers present and future generations by making the human past accessible and relevant. Visit a current excavation site, tour a working lab, or immerse yourself in a full-day tour.

- ▶ Visit www.crowcanyon.org for full program offerings, camps and field school opportunities or call 800.422.8975.
- ▶ Reservations can be made by calling 800.422.8975 ext. 455, or go to www.crowcanyon.org/daytour.

◊ **NOTAH DINEH TRADING CO. & MUSEUM**
This trading company was established in 1961 and features the largest collection of Navajo rugs, jewelry and Native American arts & crafts in the Four Corners. Trading posts are a time-honored tradition of working with American Indian artists, and still exist throughout the Southwest. The free museum displays a wonderful collection of antique weavings, and other treasures.

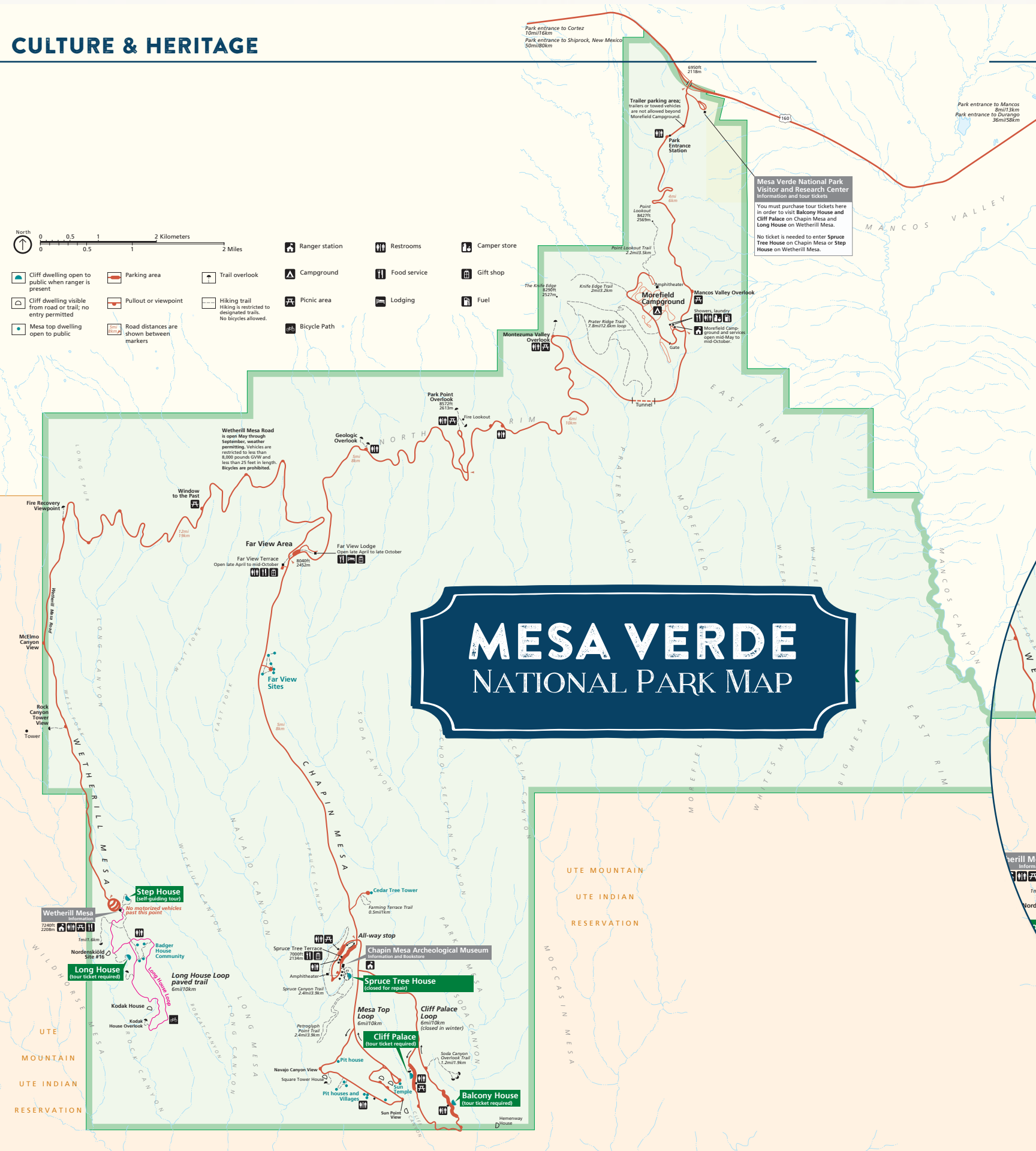
- ▶ For more information www.notahdineh.com/museum or phone 800.444.2024 for museum hours.

◊ **THE FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT**
This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. The nearest town for services and accommodations is Cortez, Colorado roughly 38 miles away.

The original marker erected in 1912 was a simple cement pad, but has since been redone in granite and brass. The Visitor Center is open year-round, and features a Demonstration Center with Navajo artisans. Navajo vendors sell handmade jewelry, crafts and traditional Navajo foods nearby. Picnic tables and

self-contained restrooms are available. This area is very remote, and offers no running water, electricity, or telephones. There is limited cell service.





Balcony House



HERE ARE SEASONAL WAYS TO

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY!



McPhee Reservoir



San Juan Skyway



Chapin Mesa



Sand Canyon Trail

BEST OF SUMMER

Services are fully open and at their busiest. Temps range from 85 to 96 degrees. Expect afternoon showers in August. Find uncrowded space with these options:

HIKING:

McPhee Trail Overlook - Dolores
Badger House Trail - MVNP

BIKING:

Mavericks/Italian Loop - Dolores

WATER FUN: McPhee Reservoir - Dolores

HORSEBACK RIDING: Mancos & Cortez

MOUNTAIN CRAFTED & GROWN:

Mancos Brewery - Mancos
Yellow Car Country Wine - Cortez

HERITAGE & HISTORY:

700 Years Tour & Wetherill Mesa Loop - MVNP
Sand Canyon Cultural Tours

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS:

Mancos State Park

SCENIC DRIVES: Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway

EVENTS:

Ute Mountain Round Up Rodeo
Native American Dances - Cortez
Ride of the Ancients Gravel Grinder Event - Dolores

BEST OF FALL

Fall is our favorite, the weather is perfect for exploring! Leaves changing color, warm days and cool nights. Temps range from 76 to 40 degrees.

HIKING:

Geyser Spring Trail, Box Canyon Trail - Dolores

BIKING:

Stinking Springs/Phil's World - Cortez
McPhee Trail - Dolores

WATER FUN:

Fly Fishing - Dolores

MOUNTAIN CRAFTED & GROWN:

Sutcliffe Winery - Cortez
EsoTerra Cider - Dolores

HERITAGE & HISTORY:

Far View Explorer Tour - Cortez
Lowry & Sand Canyon Pueblos - Cortez

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS:

Mesa Verde National Park

SCENIC DRIVES:

San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway

EVENTS:

Mancos Valley River Film Festival - Mancos
Mancos Valley Summer BrewFest - Mancos
Dolores Harvest Fest - Dolores

BEST OF WINTER

This is a wonderful season for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing – bundle up and go outdoors! Temps range from 28 to 38 degrees.

HIKING:

Hawkins Preserve & Carpenter Trail - Cortez

BIKING:

Phil's World & George Geer - Cortez

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING:

Prater Ridge - MVNP
Point Lookout - MVNP
Conquistador - Cortez
Chicken Creek - Mancos

MOUNTAIN CRAFTED & GROWN:

WildEdge Brewing Collective - Cortez
Dolores River Brewery - Dolores
HERITAGE & HISTORY:
Hovenweep National Monument
CANM Museum & Visitor's Center - Dolores
Lowry Pueblo - Cortez

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS:

Mancos State Park

SCENIC DRIVES:

Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway
Ancient Voices Audio Driving Tour

BEST OF SPRING

Everything's green! Services at MVNP are beginning to open. Temps range from 50 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

HIKING:

Sand Canyon Trails - Cortez

BIKING:

Lemon Head/Phil's World - Cortez
Coco Race Abajo/Phil's World - Cortez

HORSEBACK RIDING:

West Mancos Trail - Mancos

MOUNTAIN CRAFTED & GROWN:

Fenceline Cidery - Mancos

HERITAGE & HISTORY:

Cortez Cultural Center - Cortez
Brewery Tours - Cortez, Dolores & Mancos
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM)
CANM Visitor Center & Museum - Dolores

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS:

Mancos State Park

SCENIC DRIVES:

Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway

EVENTS:

12 Hours of Mesa Verde Endurance Bike Race - Cortez
Four States Ag Expo - Cortez

DIG DEEPER WITH THESE TOURS:

- ◆ **THE 700 YEARS TOUR**
This 4-hour guided coach tour provides you with an overall historical view of the Ancestral Puebloans living in the Southwest. Journey through time starting with Pithouse villages (600 AD) to the classic Pueblo era of cliff dwellings in the 13th century.
► Purchase tickets at www.visitmesaverde.com
- ◆ **CLIFF PALACE TWILIGHT TOUR**
► Check www.visitmesaverde.com for more details.
- ◆ **FAR VIEW EXPLORER TOUR**
► Check www.visitmesaverde.com for more details.
- ◆ **UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK**
Knowledgeable Ute Tribal guides will lead you on an incredible day-long adventure!
► www.utemountaintribalpark.info



TRY ONE OF THESE NEXT:

- 1 Stay overnight in a hotel room, or adventure out with a stay in a yurt, an airstream trailer, a log cabin, or your own RV.
- 2 Mancos is steeped in the cowboy way of life. Catch a cattle drive, go horseback riding, and enjoy a chuckwagon supper.
- 3 Visit Lowry Pueblo, the only developed site within Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. You'll see an amazing village with 40 rooms and a gathering room called a kiva.
- 4 Take an interpretive tour with SCCA, a non-profit dedicated to education, outreach & stewardship of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. www.swcocanyons.org
- 5 Stand in four states at once. The Four Corners National Monument is the only place in the U.S. where four states intersect at one point. On your return, try your luck at the Ute Mountain Casino.
- 6 Gorgeous sandstone cliffs rewards hikers at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. (Bonus: not only is the Anasazi Heritage Center a museum, it's also the visitor center for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument - think Mesa Verde but more rugged!)
- 7 Mine the treasures of historic Dolores, home of the Rio Grande Southern Museum, depot and Galloping Goose No. 5, which played a major role in Colorado's rich mining history.
- 8 Go standup paddleboarding at McPhee Reservoir, or try kayaking, fishing, boating, or hiking, which are also great options for a day on the lake with incredible views.
- 9 Visit Hovenweep National Monument. Marvel at the towers and differently shaped dwellings. Friendly Visitor Center staff are happy to share information on these mysterious structures and their purpose.
- 10 Shopaholics rejoice with the Mancos Creative Art District. Meet artists, galleries and shops to purchase leather goods, showpiece jewelry, western art and antique treasures. Area trading posts feature Native American pottery, hand-woven rugs, baskets, and artwork unique to the Four Corners region.



CALABACITAS

► Recipe by Leann Hill

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cup cubed yellow summer squash
- 2 cup cubed green zucchini squash
- 2 cup cubed Calabacita squash (striped squash)
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 cup corn (fresh is best)
- 1/2 cup roasted, chopped green chile, hot or mild
- 1 tsp salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup seeded and diced ripe tomato
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

Heat butter and olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high.

Sauté onion for about two minutes. Add garlic and continue cooking for two minutes, stirring frequently.

Add squash and cook for four minutes.

Add green onions, corn and chile, and cook for two minutes.

Season with salt and add tomato and cilantro. Cook for two minutes and serve.

A MESA VERDE COUNTRY LOCAL RECIPE



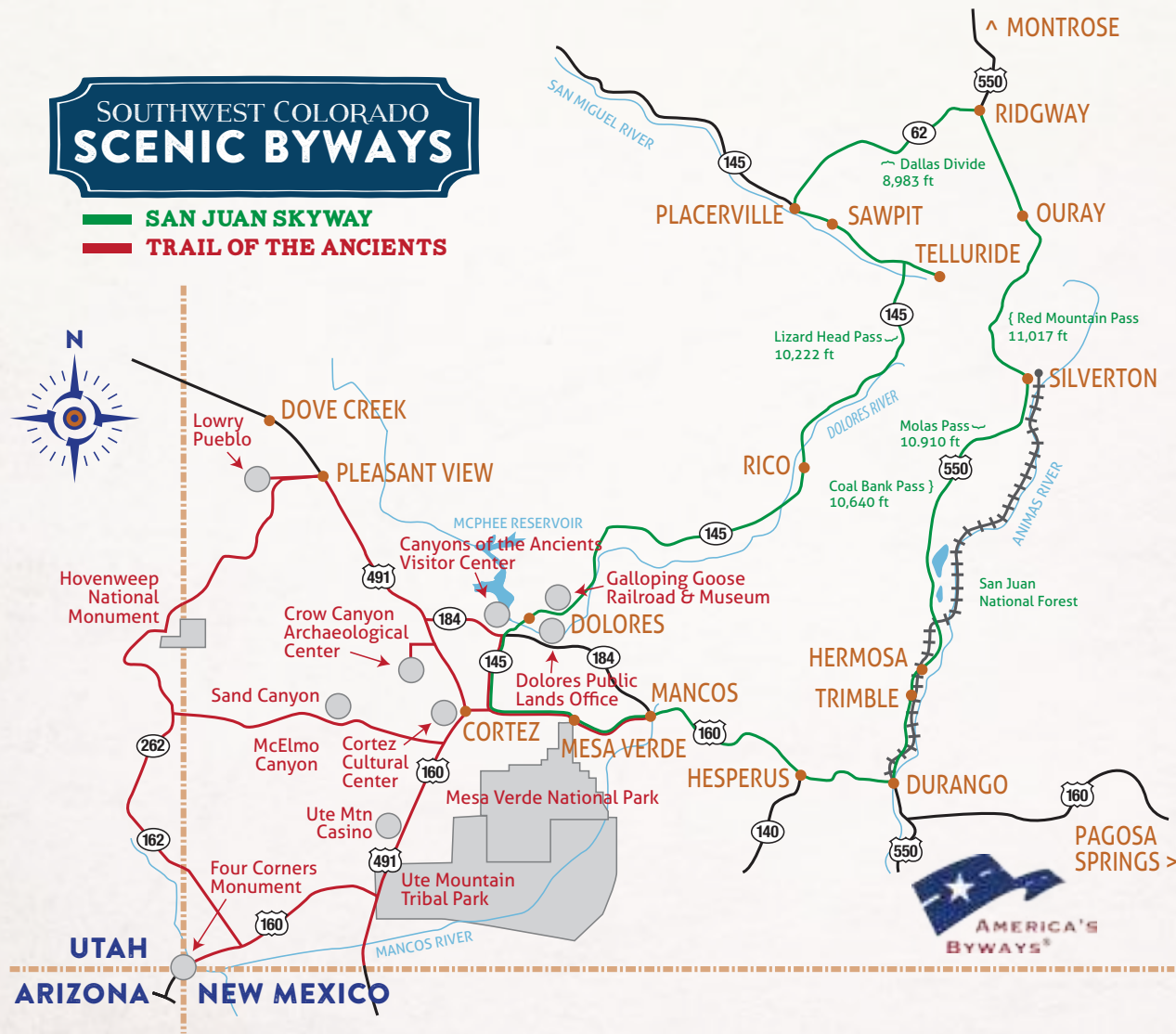
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◉ SAN JUAN SKYWAY

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- ◈ Start in Cortez, Dolores or Mancos, and head north into the San Juan National forest. You’ll see fresh, subalpine forests, historic mining towns, expansive cattle ranges and present-day resort communities.
- Visit www.sjma.org or www.mesaverdecountry.com.

◉ TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS

- ◈ This 114-mile historic portion of a larger byway highlights the long and intriguing story of the Native American peoples who made this valley their home. This area is truly the archaeological heartland of America, and takes you on a journey from the past to the future, and from adventure to understanding.
- Visit www.mesaverdecountry.com for more information.

SO MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE

HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGICAL ATTRACTIONS									APPROX. DISTANCE FROM (miles)			TIME FRAME
ATTRACTION	ARCHAEOLOGY	CULTURE	CAMPING	HIKING	NATURE	TOURS	MUSEUM	BIKING	CORTEZ	MANCOS	DOLORES	VISITATION
MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK 970.529.4465 www.nps.gov/meve	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Some	10	7	20	1-2 Days
CANM VISITOR CENTER 27501 Hwy. 184, Dolores 970.882.5600 www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/colorado/canyons-of-the-ancients	•	•		•	•		•		10	20	3	1/2-1 Day
CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS HEADQUARTERS 27501 Hwy. 184, Dolores 970.882.5600 www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/CANM-visitor-center-museum	•	•		•	•		•	•	10	20	3	1-3 Days
CORTEZ CULTURAL CENTER 25 N. Market Street, Cortez 970.565.1151 www.cortezculturalcenter.org	•	•					•		0	15	10	1-2 Hours
CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER 23390 Road K, Cortez 800.422.8975 www.crowcanyon.org	•	•			•	•			4	18	10	1 Day
HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT 970.562.4282 www.nps.gov/hove	•	•	•	•	•		•		43	51	53	1 Day
LOWRY PUEBLO Pleasant View, Colorado 970.882.5600 www.blm.gov	•	•							28	42	20	1/2 Day
UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK Towaoc, Colorado 970.565.9653 www.utemountaintribalpark.info	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		18	36	29	1/2-1 Day
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS									DISTANCE FROM (miles)			TIME REQUIRED
ARCHES NATIONAL PARK 435.719.2100 www.nps.gov/arch	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Some	114	132	110	2-4 Hours
DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD 888.872.4607 www.durangotrain.com					•	•	•		45	27	49	5-10 Hours
FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT 928.206.2540 www.navajonationalparks.org		•							38	52	49	1 Hour
MONUMENT VALLEY 435.727.5870 www.navajonationalparks.org	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Some	118	136	129	1/2 Day
SAN JUAN SKYWAY 970.247.4874 www.colorado.com/sanjuanskyway	•	•	•	•	•			•	Connects Cortez, Dolores & Mancos			1 Day
TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS 970.565.8227 www.trailoftheancients.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0	10	0	3-4 Days



Sleeping Ute Mountain in the distance

Cortez is your **true heritage experience**. Steeped in 2,000 years of history, Cortez is just eight miles from Mesa Verde National Park, and home to vibrant native and western cultures that still exist today.

Tour by car to see incredible **ancient cliff dwellings** and valley site excavations. Or get out and explore the adobe homes and villages that have stood the test of time. Either way it’s an experience you’ll want to tell your friends about!

There are loads of **lodging options**, which you’ll want to take advantage of - reasonable prices and hub location makes Cortez the best choice for **day trips** to other regions.

You’re a Foodie? No problem! Incredible talent resides in locally owned restaurants, creating delicious dishes

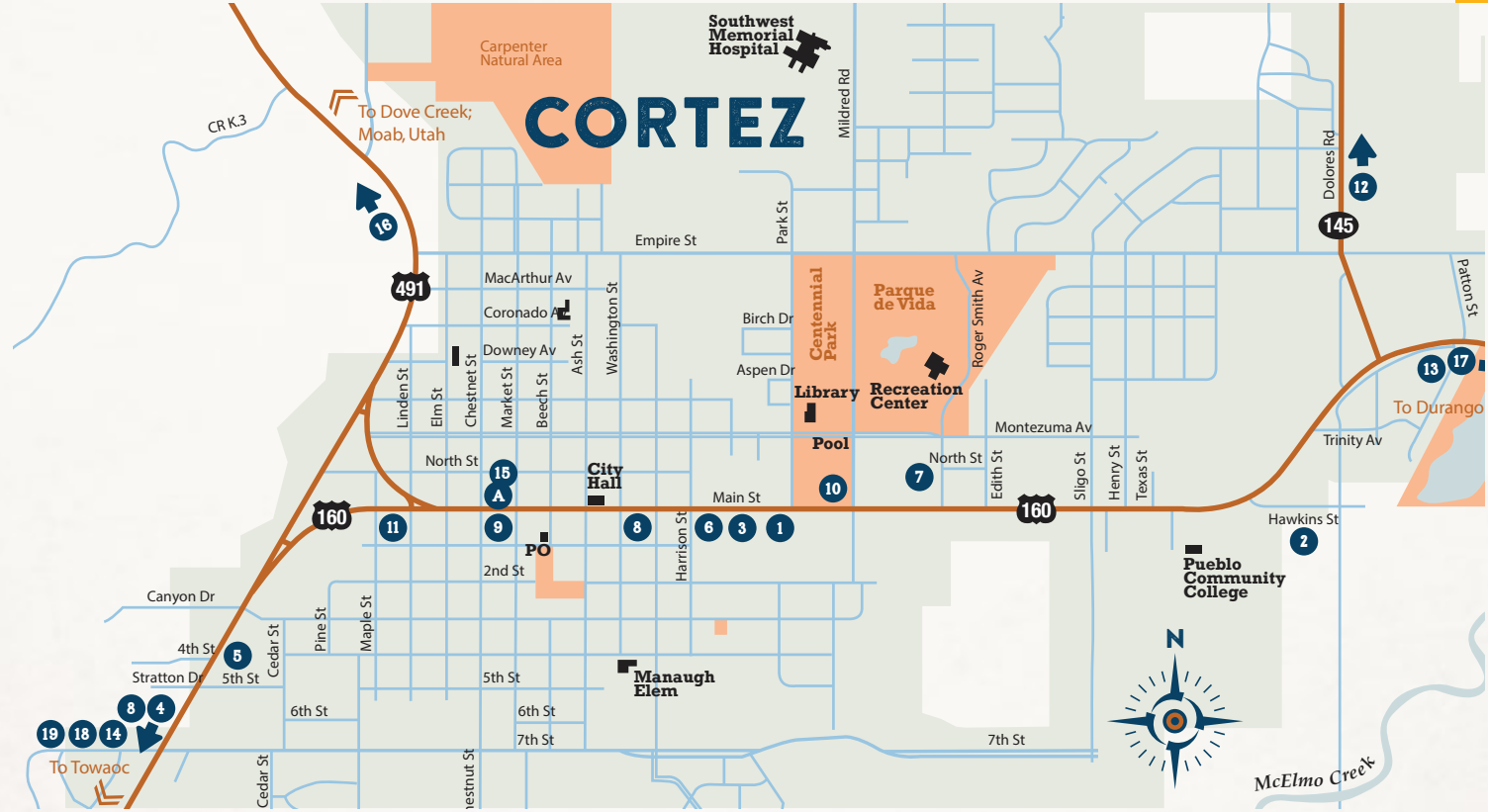
made from **local boutique farms and ranches**. We take local seriously.

Visit local **breweries and wineries** and try specialty drinks crafted by local beverage artisans. What could be better?

When you’re in the mood for shopping, explore **museums**, exceptional **galleries**, and traditional **trading posts** for treasures that reflect the beauty and creativity of the Southwest Native American and western lifestyle.

One day just isn’t enough, as evening entertainment offers a nostalgic look at life in Mesa Verde Country. In the summer, choose from Native Indian dancers, singers and storytellers, cowboy and western musicians and programs, archaeology speakers, or old time movies. Get an inside perspective on what life was like in the valley long ago.

LODGING		INFORMATION		TOURS & ATTRACTIONS	
1	Aneth Lodge	9	Cortez Area Chamber of Commerce	13	Aramark/Mesa Verde
2	Baymont Inn & Suites	10	Colorado Welcome Center	14	Canyon Trails Ranch
3	Best Western Turquoise Inn & Suites	SHOPPING		15	Cortez Cultural Center
4	Kelly Place Bed & Breakfast	11	Notah Dineh Trading Co. & Museum	16	Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
5	Cozy Inn	12	San Juan Gems Rock Shop	17	Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR
6	Super 8	GRAPHICS & WRAPS		18	Ute Mountain Casino, Hotel & Resort
7	Travelodge	A	KFR Graphics & Wraps	19	Yellow Car Country Wines
8	White Eagle Inn				



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The Dolores River



LODGING	
1	Dolores River Campground & Cabins
ATTRACTIONS	
2	Galloping Goose Historical Society
3	McPhee Reservoir

INFORMATION	
4	Dolores Chamber of Commerce
TOURS	
5	Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance

Adventure seekers – look no further. This is your base camp for the whole family! With the Dolores River running south, and beautiful sandstone cliffs to the north, this charming town offers the perfect location for your **next outdoor experience!**

Centered between the San Juan National Forest and McPhee Reservoir, you have **loads of options** for a stay in motels, cabins, or RV parks, several right on the river. Yurts, airstream trailers, and cabins are the fun lodging choices Dolores offers!

Mountain bikers and hikers love the uncrowded trails, and fisherman find some of the best **fly fishing waters** in Southwest Colorado! Boaters and paddle boarders love **McPhee Reservoir**, one of the largest in Colorado, with 50 miles of shoreline, and a marina for all your boating and fishing needs.

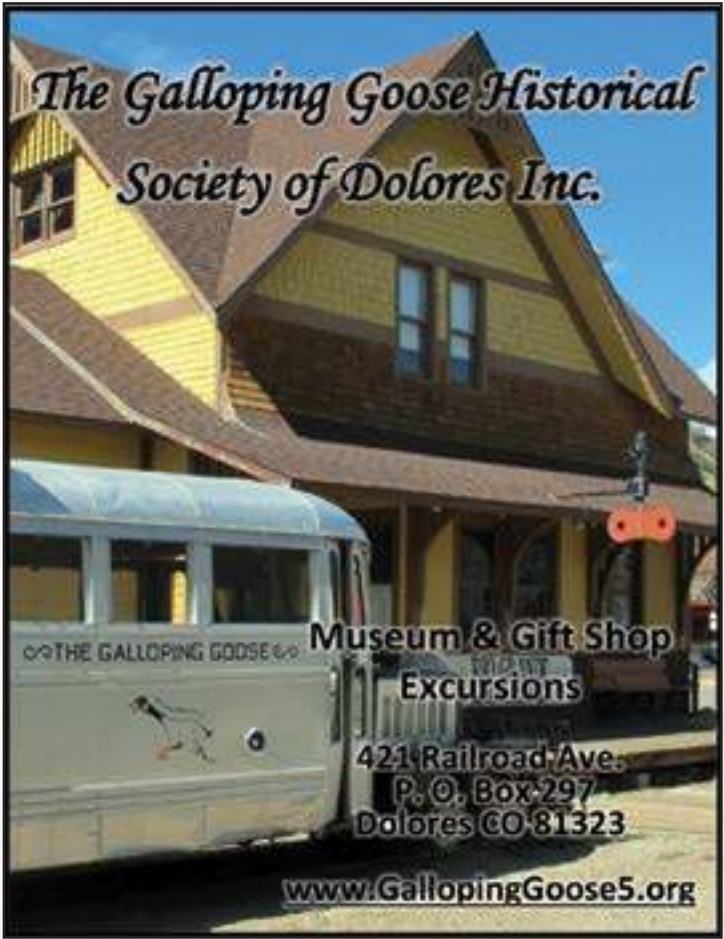
Trails for horseback **riding**, **dirt biking**, **hiking**, and **side-by-sides** can be found here. Winter blesses Dolores with landscape perfect for **snowshoeing**, **snowmobiling** and **cross country skiing**. (Telluride Ski Resort is only an hour from Dolores, which makes it a perfect option for a ski stay.) **Motorcyclists love Dolores** for its smooth roads, and gorgeous views, and the friendly town welcomes **clubs** and **groups** every year.

Railroad buffs rejoice: In 1891, Dolores became a major stop on the rail line between Ridgway, Telluride and Durango. Check out the half rail-car on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad, nicknamed the **Galloping Goose**, which ran mail and passenger routes. It lives on today at the **Railroad Museum** in Flanders Park.

DOLORES EVENTS

Escalante Days (Second Weekend in August)
Biggest annual event in Dolores. Parades, Vendors, Duck Race, Mountain Bike Race, Chain Saw & Arm Wrestling Competitions, Live Music, Food, Arts & Crafts, and Galloping Goose Train Activities. Takes place at Flanders Park in Dolores.
► www.doloreschamber.com

Dolores Farmers Market
June - October (Wednesday's 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
Flander's Park, Downtown Dolores • 970-882-7720
► www.townofdolores.com





Mancos has **mastered the art** of blending old traditions with a new, vibrant community. **Historic buildings** line downtown, filled with galleries, quaint shops and delicious dining. It's a place where modern-day travelers and locals navigate amongst **stagecoaches, cattle drives and cowboys**. No wonder **Louis L'Amour** gave Mancos Valley a special place in his heart and novels!

The Creative District features local artisans **crafting** beer, pottery, jewelry, and other handmade **treasures**. Don't miss the Native American vintage gallery, or the world-renowned bronze sculpturist!

Mancos is home to **farm-to-table** restaurants, farmers markets, and hometown burger joints as well as one of the oldest continuously operating bars in Colorado. You'll also find plenty of **lodging options**: camping, RV, stunning bed and breakfasts, guest ranches and motels in close proximity to the heart of town. **Horseback rides** and wilderness trips are available with local **wranglers**.

Visit with **local, working cowboys** and experience what life is truly like in this beautiful valley.

With main street parades, gallery tours and street fairs, the opportunities to become part of this **friendly community** present themselves at every turn. You may even see folks commuting around town on horseback!

MANCOS EVENTS

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