



“101” THINGS TO DO IN LINCOLN COUNTY



*Excellence Through Service
A Specially Compiled
Directory of Activities
and Attractions in
Ruidoso & Lincoln County*

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FAMILIES & KIDS

Parks: There are a number of parks and playgrounds for your family to enjoy. *School House Park* located at 515 Sudderth Dr., *Two Rivers Park* located next to the Ruidoso Visitor's Center at 720 Sudderth Dr., and *Kids Konnection* located in the White Mountain School Complex on Hull Road which features a fenced playground and age appropriate equipment.

Bowling: *The Ruidoso Bowling Center* located at 1202 Mechem Dr., behind Farley's. 575-258-3557

Funtrackers: (Seasonal) Located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Rd, in the 700 block of Sudderth Dr. Features Go-carts, water bumper-boats, arcade, miniature golf and a Human Maze. 575-257-3275

Horse Drawn Sleigh & Carriage Rides: (Seasonal) Horse drawn sleigh & carriage rides. Sleigh rides travel to the Upper Canyon. Carriage rides are on Robin Rd. from the start of summer until Thanksgiving. Open 6 days per week (closed on Tuesdays) 7 pm to 10 pm with reservations. 575-257-7836 or www.zianet.com/dlazy2.

Pony Rides: *Kiddy Korral* 10 am Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting). Located at Two Rivers Park, near the Ruidoso Visitor's Center. 575-257-7836

Skateboarding & Rollerblading: *North Park* in Ruidoso behind the fire station on White Mt. Drive and *All American Park* located on Hwy 70 East in Ruidoso Downs.

Movie Theater: *Sierra Cinema* located at 721 Mechem Dr. next to the Sierra Mall. 575-257-9444 or www.allentheaters.com.

Tours: *Lincoln County Tour Company* offers a variety of tours including wine tasting, wildlife viewing, sightseeing, kid's tours, snowshoeing tours, campfire cookouts, and custom tours. For a complete list & availability 1-888-527-1017 or 575-257-6069 or www.lincountytours.com. *White Mountain Outdoor Store* offers tours and instruction in day hikes, mountain and road biking and more activities. 575-630-1026 or www.whitemountainoutdoorstore.com.

Video Rentals: *Blockbuster Video Superstore* at 134 Sudderth Dr. 575-257-5353; *Movie Gallery* at 628 Sudderth Dr. 575-257-8127 and the Red Box at *Lawrence Brother's IGA* at 721 Mechem Dr. 575-257-4014; Red Box at *Wal-Mart* on Hwy 70 East.

GOLD PANNING: *The New Old Abe Company* in White Oaks provides tours and lessons that include: mining history, gold panning and prospecting, rock hounding, stone carving, and camping and hiking. Wayne Holland, 575-648-2694.

PERFORMING ARTS

Flying J Ranch: (Seasonal) For a true "Western" experience join the Flying J Wranglers, complete with gunfights, cowboy fixin's, stage show, gift shops, pony rides, gold panning, pistol shooting and a chuckwagon style barbeque dinner. Open six nights a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day and Saturdays in September through mid October. Closed on Sundays. 1-888-458-3595, 575-336-4330 or www.flyingjranch.com.

Mountain Annie's: (Seasonal) Live entertainment every Friday and Saturday from June through September. 575-257-7982 or www.mountainannies.com.

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts: This state of the art hall features world class performers in a breathtaking setting. The Spencer Theater hosts Broadway shows, dance troupes, and music from around the world. Free tours are at 10 am on Tuesday and Thursday except when there are performances. 575-336-4800 or www.spencertheater.com.

CONCERTS: Several concerts are scheduled year round at several great local venues. *The Inn of the Mountain Gods* 1-877-277-4577; *Ruidoso Downs Racetrack* 575-378-4431; *Mountain Annie's* 575-257-7982; and *Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts* 575-336-4800





LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cree Meadows Country Club: 575-257-2733; **Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant:** 575-257-8754; **Win, Place & Show Lounge:** 575-257-9982; **The Quarters Bar & Grill:** 575-257-9535; **Club 49:** 1-877-277-4577, **Dream Catcher Café:** 575-802-2222, **Landlocked Restaurant:** 575-257-9559, **Texas Club Restaurant:** 575-258-3325; **Billy the Kid Casino:** (Summer concerts) 575-378-4431, **Wendell's Restaurant and Lounge:** 1-877-277-4577, **Zocca Coffee:** 575-258-1445, **Atticus Books & Teahouse:** "Open Mike Night" every 3rd Thursday, 575-257-2665.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Fishing: A variety of fishing opportunities exists in the Ruidoso area. State and Federal fishing waters include *Bonito Lake, Carrizo Creek, Eagle Creek, Grindstone Lake, Rio Ruidoso and Tularosa Creek*. The Mescalero Reservations fishing waters include *Mescalero Lake, Eagle Lake, Rio Ruidoso and Silver Lake*. Permits are available at these locations. Another option is Seeping Springs Trout Lakes. No license is required and fishing supplies are provided. 575-378-4216. A NM Fishing Rules & Information Guide is available at the Ruidoso Visitor's Center or at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station.

Hiking: *The Lincoln National Forest* which includes the *White Mountain Wilderness* is open for hiking. You can enjoy a 3 mile walk around the paved trail at the *Links at Sierra Blanca*. The *US Forest Service Fitness Trail* is just off Mechem Dr., behind the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, this is a 1.3 mile dirt fitness trail that circles through the National Forest. *Two Rivers Park* path is located behind the Ruidoso Visitor's Center and is the only pathway that follows the Rio Ruidoso River. The White Mountain Outdoor Store offers the highest quality of gear and apparel for the outdoors. 575-257-0184.

Camping: RV parks that have camping are *Bonito Hollow RV Park & Campground*, 575-336-4325, or *Circle B RV & Campground*. For more information about other campgrounds, call the *Smokey Bear Ranger Station*, 575-257-4095 or the *Ruidoso Visitor Center*, 1-877-784-3676. A list of campgrounds in the Smokey Bear Ranger District can be found online at, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln/recreation/d1-camping.shtml>.

Monjeau Fire Lookout Tower is located off of NM 532 (Ski Run Rd). Go west on Ski Run Rd. for about 1 mile and then turn right on FR 117 5mi. 575-257-4095. Closed during the winter.

Fort Stanton Cave tours: The cave will now be open to the public for commercial tours of different lengths of time and prices of admission. Info: 575-937-1074.

Snow-shoeing Adventures: (Seasonal) A guided snow-shoeing tour with *Lincoln County Tours*. 1-888-527-1017, 575-257-6069 or www.lincolncountytours.com. The *White Mountain Outdoor Store* offers a great variety of snow shoes for sale and rent as well as all necessary accessories for snowshoeing adventures. 575-630-1026 or www.whitemountainoutdoorstore.com.

Horseback Riding: Five area stables are available for horseback riding. *Cowboy's Stables* 575-378-8217 and *Runnel's Bonito Stables* 575-354-2778 are open year round. *Inn of the Mt. Gods Stables* 575-464-7424 is open except during hunting seasons, *Elite Outfitters* 575-354-1299 is open from Memorial Day to August 15th, and *Ruidoso Equine* 575-336-5633.

Mountain Biking: Several trails exist in Ruidoso and Lincoln County. They vary in altitude and difficulty. *Boneshaker Cyclery* 575-257-6784 www.boneshakercyclery.com. *White Mountain Cyclery* 575-630-1026 or www.whitemountainoutdoorstore.com.

Skiing & Snowboarding: (Seasonal) At *Ski Apache Ski Resort*. Open from Thanksgiving through Easter. 575-464-3600 or www.skiapache.com

Swimming: (Seasonal) Ruidoso's public pool features a giant slide and a separate baby pool. 575-257-2795 or *Ruidoso Athletic Club* has a lap pool available for \$10 (daily fee). 575-257-4900

Tennis: Ruidoso has tennis courts that are open to the public in two different areas; *School House Park* on Sudderth Dr. and the courts located at the *White Mountain Sports Complex*. No reservation required.

Tubing: *Ruidoso Winter Park* (Seasonal) Some of the most exciting tubing you will find anywhere. With two state of the art Magic Carpet Lifts, there is no need for walking uphill. Located 1/4 mile west of Hwy 48 on lower Ski Run Rd. in the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. 575-336-7079 www.ruidoso.net/winterpark.

Scenic Drives: *Windy Point:* Take the scenic drive up Ski Run Road on Hwy 532, approximately 9 miles to this scenic lookout. Breathtaking views. *Hondo Valley:* Part of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway and beautiful foliage in the fall. *Bonito Lake:* Wonderful views and close to hiking. *Camelot Mountain:* On Crown Drive in Ruidoso. Beautiful views of Ruidoso. *Nogal Canyon:* Especially scenic during the fall with the beautiful foliage.



GAMING

Billy the Kid Casino is located next door to *Ruidoso Downs Race Track*. Three hundred slot machines provide all the noise and glitter of Las Vegas, while the off-track betting facility broadcasts horseracing from around the country. 575-378-4431 or www.raceruidoso.com.

Casino Apache Travel Center located on Highway 70 and has slots, roulette, blackjack and video poker. 575-464-7924 or www.innofthemountaingods.com

Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino: With a 38,000 square-foot gaming space, 1000 slot machines and 34 table games, you can choose from a variety of games, from nickel slots to high roller games. 1-877-277-4577 or www.innofthemountaingods.com.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

The Links at Sierra Blanca boasts a world class, 18-hole course. The Scottish style course was designed by PGA Senior Professional, Jim Colbert. For tee times call 575-258-5330. www.thelinksatsierrablanca.com

Cree Meadows Golf Course is the area's oldest and most established course which includes a restaurant and lounge. 575-257-5815 or www.playcreemeadows.com

The Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf Course winds around a man-made lake and is host to the New Mexico Open and 575-464-7945, 1-877-277-4577 or www.innofthemountaingods.com.

ART GALLERIES: Many well known artists call the Ruidoso area home. Local galleries feature many original works by these artists and more. Take some time to browse through the area galleries and discover the talent that is found here! For more information you can call *Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts* at 575-257-7272 or Www.ruidosoarts.org.

HORSERACING: (Seasonal) *Ruidoso Downs Racetrack* is home to the World's Richest Quarter Horse race, the \$2 million All American Futurity. Live racing begins on Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day weekend, Thursday through Sunday. 575-378-4431 or www.raceruidoso.com.

SHOPPING: Ruidoso's historic midtown shopping area features a wide variety of unique boutiques with special items for any budget. Additional galleries, shopping areas and shopping venues are located throughout the Ruidoso area.

MUSEUMS

Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway: Many of the area's attractions are found along this Byway. This driving loop circles much of the county, allowing visitors the chance to see a wide range of local topography, historic and artistic attractions. For more information call the *Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitor Center*, located in Ruidoso Downs 575-378-5318

Fort Stanton Museum and Visitor Center: (Seasonal) Located off Airport Rd. (Hwy 220). Open 10 am to 4 pm, Thursday thru Monday. 575-354-0341 or visit www.fortstanton.org.

Hubbard Museum of the American West: This museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute. 841 Hwy 70 East in Ruidoso Downs. Open 9 am to 5 pm daily. 575-378-4142 or www.hubbardmuseum.org

Historic Lincoln: 30 miles Northeast of Ruidoso on US Hwy 380. Open 7 days a week, except major holidays. 575-653-4372 You can visit six museums operated by the Lincoln State Monument and see numerous other historic buildings, which include: The Courthouse Museum, The Anderson-Freeman Visitor Center, The Montano Store Museum, San Juan Mission, Tunstall Store Museum and Dr. Wood's House Museum. www.redtt.org

Smokey Bear Historical Park and Museum: 118 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan, NM. 575-354-2748 or www.smokeybearpark.com.

Carrizozo Heritage Museum: 103 12th St. in Carrizozo, NM. 10 am to 2 pm Wednesday through Saturday. Closed January and February. Admission is free. 575-648-1105

Ruidoso River Museum: 101 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso 10 am to 5 pm Friday through Monday. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Admission Adult, \$5.00 Children 16 and under \$2.50. 575-257-2435 or online at www.ruidosorivermuseum.com.