

TAOS

VACATION GUIDE



TAOS, NEW MEXICO USA
2007

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a.) an Indian Pueblo

*Clockwise from above:
Sunset over Taos Mountains.
Children take a break from
Taos Ski Valley's top-rated
ski school. A bulto from
Millicent Rogers Museum
by Horacio Valdez. Young
Fiesta dancers. Fresh snow
dusts multi-storied Taos Pueblo.*



KEVIN P. REBHOLTZ



MILLCENT ROGERS MUSEUM



GIOVANNA PAPONETTI

welcome



BRUCE GOMEZ

b.) a Spanish village c.) an art colony
d.) an alpine resort e.) all of the above

Taos is a blend of several close-knit communities that, together, provide visitors with a world of infinitely varied experiences.

Visit Taos Pueblo, an ancient living Indian village that has stood unchanged for centuries. Or explore historic Taos Plaza and its side streets. Many of the old adobe buildings that now house shops and galleries were once the homes of some of Taos' leading citizens—Kit Carson, among them.

Set off on a mountain trail on skis, horseback, bike or your own two feet. Or ride the bucking Rio Grande in a raft or kayak. With four seasons and five life zones, your recreational options are wide open.

Our Native American, Spanish, and Anglo cultures are proudly preserved through art and architecture, music and dance, and food and festivals for all to enjoy throughout the year.

Join us and discover the many different sides of Taos for yourself. The staff at the **Taos Visitor Center** is ready to help you get started.

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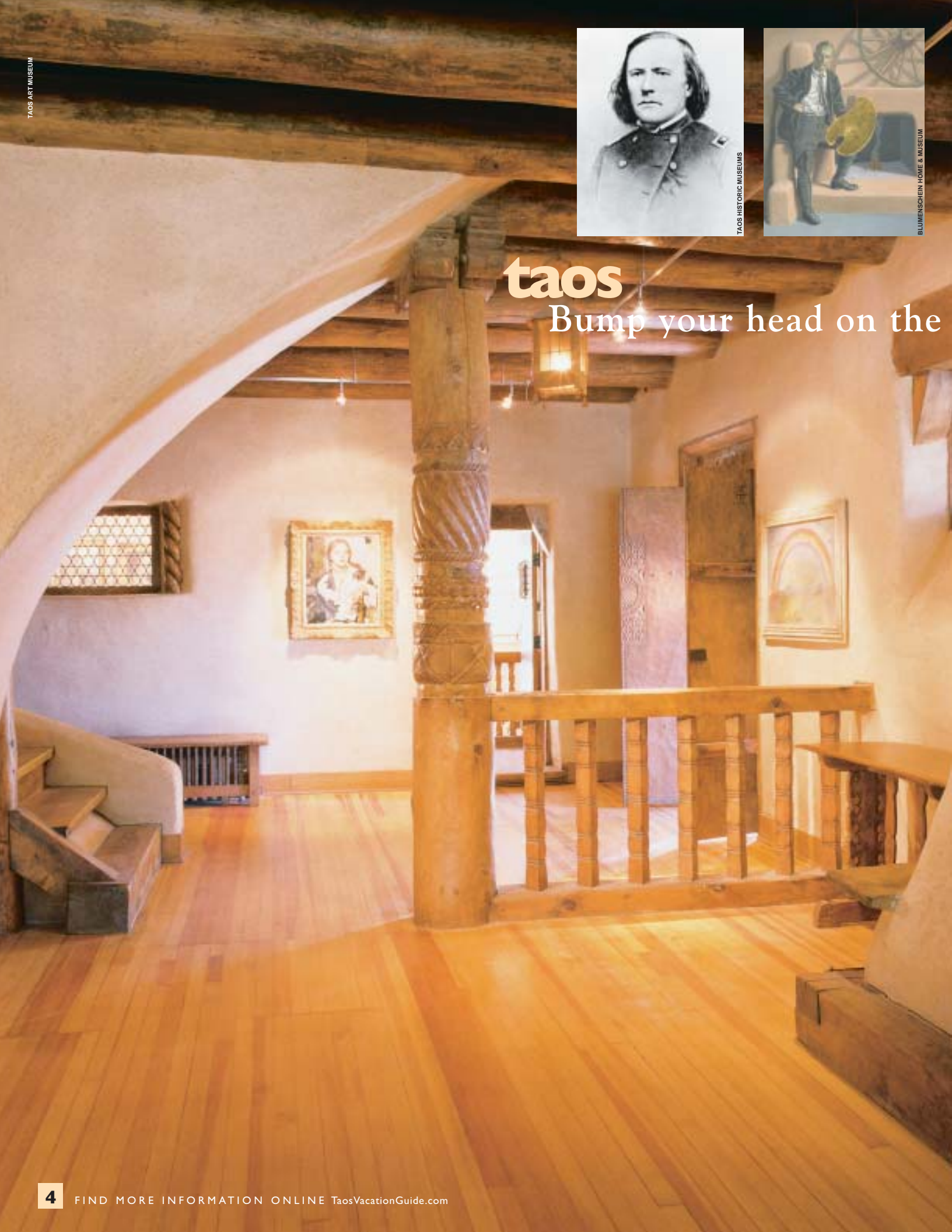
TAOS HISTORIC MUSEUMS



BLUMENSCHEN HOME & MUSEUM

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Bump your head on the





HARWOOD ART MUSEUM



TAOS ART MUSEUM



TAOS HISTORIC MUSEUMS



MILLICENT ROGERS MUSEUM

same doorway as Kit Carson

Taos history is filled with colorful characters who helped make Taos what it is today. From trappers and traders to wealthy heiresses, remittance men, legendary artists, and far-sighted entrepreneurs. Taos historic museums, many of which are National Historic Landmarks, offer a glimpse of how our early settlers lived.

The **Kit Carson Home & Museum** was built in 1825 and bought by Carson in 1843 as a gift to his Taos-born bride. You'll see where meals were prepared, eight children played, and where deals were made with traders, dignitaries and military men for Carson's many missions into the wilderness.

Portions of the **Blumenschein Home and Museum** were built in 1797. Ernest Blumenschein, co-founder of the Taos Society of Artists, brought his family to the home in 1919. The antique furnishings and original art remain just as when the artist and his family lived there for more than 40 years.

In 1916, artists Burt and Elizabeth Harwood bought a complex of buildings on Ledoux Street dating from the mid-1800s and remodeled them into a showcase of Pueblo Revival style. Today, the **Harwood Museum of Art** is home to the works of Taos' best-known artists—past and present—as well a collection of 18th to 20th century traditional Hispanic art.

The **Taos Art Museum** is housed in the original home and studio of Russian-born artist, Nicolai Fechin. It features many of his hand-carved furnishings and art, as well as works by more than 50 Taos artists – including paintings by all of the Taos Founders.

La Hacienda de los Martinez is one of few remaining Spanish Colonial haciendas open to the public. Antonio Severino Martinez purchased the hacienda in 1804 and expanded it into a 21-room fortress. Period rooms and demonstrations recreate how the Martinez family lived 200 years ago.

The **Millicent Rogers Museum** exhibits historic and contemporary Native American, Hispanic and Euro American arts and crafts of northern New Mexico from the once-private collection of its Standard Oil heiress namesake.

In Taos, you'll find many doorways that lead to the past. *Entre, por favor.*

- **Buy a \$20 pass at any museum (valid for one year) and see five museums and historic Taos homes.**



KIT CARSON HOME & MUSEUM



HACIENDA DE LOS MARTINEZ



BLUMENSCHHEIN HOME & MUSEUM

Clockwise from above left: Celebrities from Taos' past: Kit Carson c.1850, a contemporary interpretation of artist Ernest Blumenschein in c.1920 by Conrad Cooper, Elizabeth Harwood c.1920, Nicolai Fechin 1915, Padre Martinez c.1815, Millicent Rogers 1948. Kitchen of Kit Carson's home, a family room at Hacienda de los Martinez, the kitchen of the Blumenschein home, the entry room of Nicolai Fechin's home.



TAOS SOLAR MUSIC FEST



TAOS CENTER FOR THE ARTS



JUDY WALGREN

Clockwise from above: Taos Solar Fest, held each summer in Kit Carson Park, attracts music fans and alternative energy enthusiasts alike. Valerie Graves paints at the Taos Quick Draw & Art Round Up in Taos. Artist Claire Libin, painting in her Taos studio. Luis Barela and Carmen Velarde preserve the Hispanic tradition of carving and painting religious figures. Handcrafted Taos drums and rattles. Robert Mirabal, Taos Pueblo singer/songwriter/flutist, finds his inspiration through nature and tradition.

Painter or musician, banker or rancher, everyone in Taos is fluent in the language of art. After all, it permeates our daily lives. It's displayed in our inns and restaurants. It accents our adobe homes and churches. In one form or another, art is everywhere.

It's been that way ever since two painters, Ernest Blumenschein and Bert Phillips, propelled Taos into legendary acclaim as an art colony soon after their arrival in 1898.

Today, a new generation of artists preserves our rich artistic tradition. Painters, sculptors, writers, dancers, musicians, composers, photographers, actors, filmmakers — all seem to be drawn to the synergy of history, cultures, and scenery of Taos.

The **Taos Spring Arts Celebration**, the **Taos Fall Arts Festival**, the **Diebenkorn Exhibit** at the Harwood Museum, the **Taos Mountain Film Festival**, and the **Bioneers' Symposium** are just a few of the events that showcase the diversity of our creative talent.

You'll also find an array of performing arts events held at the **Taos Center for the Arts** plus numerous arts and crafts fairs and cultural events held throughout the year in **Kit Carson Park** and historic **Taos Plaza**.

Taos has inspired the likes of Ansel Adams, D.H. Lawrence, and Georgia O'Keeffe. Chances are, Taos will somehow inspire you, too.

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Tiwa, Spanish and English are spoken here.

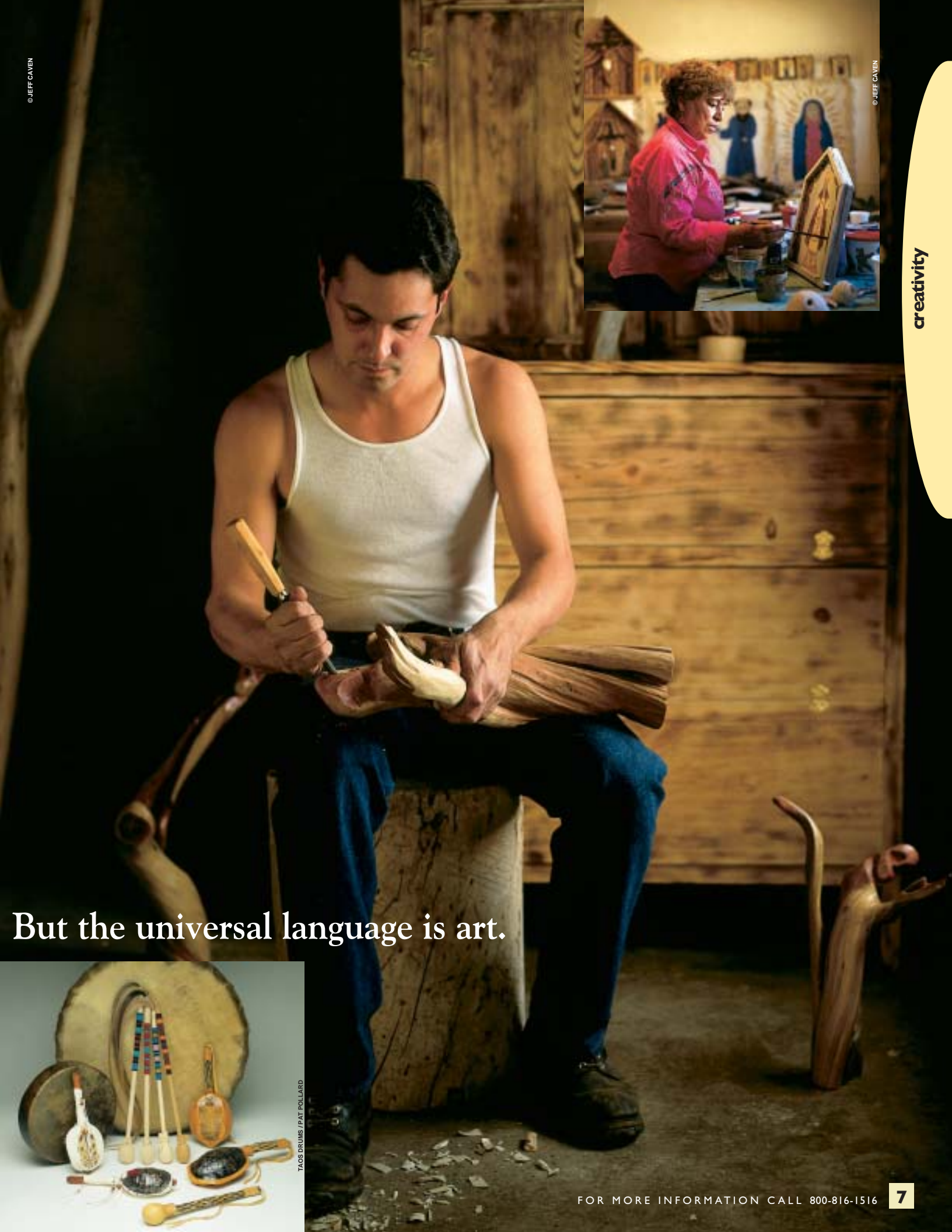


Left: 2006 Fall Arts Festival poster, Cottonwood Bend by J. Chris Morel



JAAP VANDERPLAS

creativity



But the universal language is art.



TAOS DRUMS / PAT POLLARD

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It takes time to



1350—Groups of Tiwa-speaking Indians, (whose ancestors had lived in pit houses throughout the Taos Valley for over 300 years), settle permanently at the present site of Taos Pueblo.

1617—Fray Pedro de Miranda builds a mission near Taos Pueblo and Spanish colonists begin settling in the area.

1680—Popé, a San Juan Pueblo medicine man, leads a successful Indian revolt from Taos Pueblo to drive out the Spanish.

1796—The present Town of Taos, formerly known as Don Fernando de Taos, is officially founded by Spanish colonists.

1540—Hernando de Alvarado leads a party of Spanish conquistadors into Taos in search of the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola.

1693—Don Diego de Vargas leads a successful reconquest of the Taos Valley.

1821—Mexico gains independence from Spain which opens the door to trade with the U.S. Taos becomes a thriving trade center.



JERRY DRENDL



must-see sites

explore 1000 years of history. Here's where to start.

Taos Pueblo is the only living Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and a National Historic Landmark. You'll find many shops and galleries along the ground level of the multi-storied adobe dwellings that have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years.

Historic Taos Plaza has been the center of local trade and gossip for centuries. Today, old mercantile stores house shops, galleries and restaurants. **Kit Carson Road, Bent Street,** and **Ledoux Street** lead to even more.

The **Governor Bent Museum and Gallery** was once the home of Charles Bent, New Mexico's first territorial governor who was killed during the Taos Uprising of 1847. Inside you'll find memorabilia and relics of the uprising, including a hole in the wall where some family members escaped.

From there, you can head east on Bent Street and cross North Pueblo Road to **Kit Carson Park and Cemetery**. Many famous Taos citizens are buried within the 25-acres grounds, including Kit Carson, Padre Martinez and art patroness, Mabel Dodge Luhan.

Other must-see sites include the historic **San Francisco de Asis Church** in Ranchos de Taos, and the **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge**, eight miles northwest of Taos. The latter spans 650 feet above the river. You'll remember the views long after your visit here ends.

*Clockwise from left:
The sun begins to rise on San Francisco de Asis Church. The north cluster of Taos Pueblo. An artist's interpretation of the Harwood Museum in 1913 by Julian Robles. A snowy January day on Taos Plaza.*



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1847—During the war with Mexico, a group of Spanish and Indians—loyal to Mexico—rebel against the U.S. Charles Bent, the first territorial governor, is killed in his Taos home.

1965—A concrete and steel bridge is constructed 650 feet above the Rio Grande gorge to facilitate travel between the eastern and western regions of northern New Mexico.

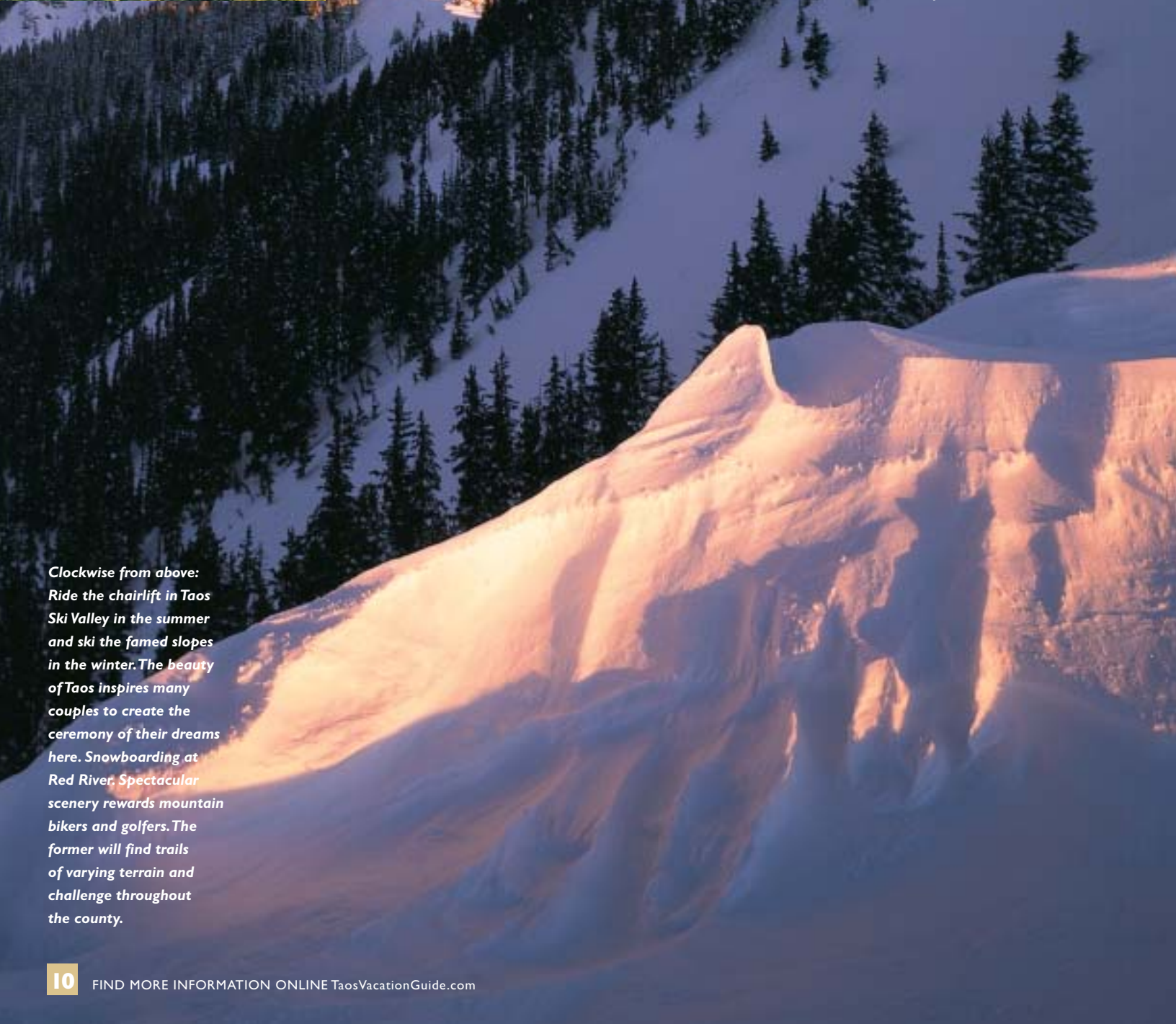
1912—The Taos Society of Artists is formed the same year New Mexico becomes the 47th state. Soon, Taos is transformed into a famous art colony.

1955—Ernie and Rhoda Blake open Taos Ski Valley.

1970—Blue Lake, a sacred ceremonial site of the Taos Pueblo Indians, is returned to the tribe by the federal government after nearly 60 years of negotiation.



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LAWRENCE PARENT

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One way or another,

*Clockwise from above:
Ride the chairlift in Taos
Ski Valley in the summer
and ski the famed slopes
in the winter. The beauty
of Taos inspires many
couples to create the
ceremony of their dreams
here. Snowboarding at
Red River. Spectacular
scenery rewards mountain
bikers and golfers. The
former will find trails
of varying terrain and
challenge throughout
the county.*



LENNY FOSTER



RED RIVER SKI AREA

mountains

our mountains will take your breath away.

Whether you're an active adventurer or prefer to just sit back and gaze, your outdoor options in Taos are as vast and varied as our mountain terrain.

Explore alpine forests on horseback or foot. Go rock climbing or hang-gliding. If you're a mountain biker, you'll love challenging single tracks like the 27-mile **South Boundary Trail** or the scenic **West Rim Trail** that follows the Rio Grande gorge for nine miles. Enjoy a round of golf amid snow-capped peaks. **Taos Country Club** and **Angel Fire Resort** have 18-hole championship courses, while **El Valle Escondido** offers 9-hole challenges.

Winter recreation is as varied as each snowflake. Go snowshoeing or snowmobiling. Ice skate at **Taos Youth and Family Center**. Charge down **U.S. Hill** on a sled or inner tube. Cross country ski through backcountry wilderness or glide over groomed trails at the **Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski Area**.

Taos Ski Valley offers legendary skiing right in our backyard. **Red River Ski Area**, **Angel Fire Resort**, and **Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort** are a short drive away and offer skiing and snowboarding thrills for every ability.

Whatever the season, our mountains will cast their spell on you.



KEN GALLIARD



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TAYLOR STREIT

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You may be traveling to a high desert, but don't expect

Taos environs are surprisingly verdant thanks to elevations ranging from 5,000 feet to nearly 14,000 feet. Centuries ago, Spanish colonists took advantage of the abundant snowmelt from our mountains by digging an elaborate network of irrigation ditches called *acequias* that continue to water our fields and pastures. Today, spring runoff is welcomed by outdoor recreationists, as well as ranchers and farmers.

Churn through the frothing Class IV rapids of the **Taos Box** in a raft or kayak. Or try a more placid float down river in a canoe. Never been fly fishing? Let a local outfitter enlighten you on its mind-clearing effects and guide you to some of the most promising pools of trout along the **Rio Grande** and the **Red River**. Or head for one of many nearby lakes to fish or windsurf. Hike along the banks of the Rio Grande at **Orilla Verde Recreation Area**, or work your way down to the river on a switchback trail at **Wild Rivers Recreation Area**.

For a dramatic change in scenery and elevation, head for the **Wheeler Peak Wilderness Area**. Alpine trails will lead you past colorful wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, and the rushing waters of the **Rio Hondo** to New Mexico's tallest mountains.

A soak in the natural hot springs at **Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs** will reward your muscles for all their hard work.



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DAN FRANK KUEN

Clockwise from top left:
 Fly-fishing and rafting on the Rio Grande. Championship golf at Taos Country Club. Relaxing in mineral baths at Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs. Wild irises bloom profusely in a field near Taos Mountain. Balloonists flying over the Rio Grande gorge. A rare sighting of Parry's Primrose in Taos Ski Valley.

KEN GALLARD

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a shortage of water.



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rivers



OLD CALIENTE MINERAL SPRINGS



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Variety is the spice of Taos life.



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TAOS CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP



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Clockwise from left: Saturday night at Lambert's of Taos cocktail bar. Taos Chamber Music Group, and country singer/songwriter, Michael Hearne. Silver concha belts from the Millicent Rogers Museum. A happy winner at Taos Mountain Casino. Rejuvenate with a massage at one of many local spas, like the one shown below at El Monte Sagrado. Sun-dried chiles are the main ingredient in many Taos entrées.



TAOS MOUNTAIN CASINO

diversions

Bring a taste for something different.

In the 18th century, Plains and Pueblo Indians, local Hispanic villagers, and mountain men gathered in Taos regularly to trade everything from buffalo hides and horses to vegetables, tools, and guns.

Today, people come here to buy everything from fine Southwestern art and traditional native crafts to ceramics, leather goods, jewelry, and imports from all over the world. It's all *aquí en Taos*, as we say.

Take a break at **Taos Mountain Casino**. You might even get lucky and win enough to cover another shopping spree.

Dining is another daily adventure. More than 50 restaurants cater to every taste. *Enchiladas*, *carné adovada*, *tamales*, and *posole* are among the popular dishes in our traditional northern New Mexico eateries. Classically-trained chefs often use traditional ingredients in inventive ways to create a variety of cuisine.

You can work off the calories at one of our local clubs where you'll find every kind of live dance music imaginable. From two-steppin' country and western to blues and salsa.

Numerous performing arts and spectator events are held here throughout the year—from **chamber music** and **jazz concerts** to **independent film festivals**.

Whatever your tastes, you'll leave Taos wanting to come back for more.



EL MONTE SAGRADO LIVING RESORT & SPA™

These are the highlights of Taos' many community events. Gallery openings, film series and Indian ceremonial dances (see page 24) occur throughout the year. **Taos Center for the Arts** has a full calendar of theatrical performances, concerts and lectures. Stop by **Taos Visitor Center** when you get to town for a complete calendar or find it online: taoschamber.com



From top: Urban Ballet, one of many internationally acclaimed performances sponsored by The Taos Center for the Arts. Young mariachis perform at a Fiestas de Taos event.

WINTER 2006-2007

SKI SEASONS:

Taos Ski Valley, Nov. 23-Apr. 8, 800-517-9816

Red River Ski Area, Nov. 22-Mar. 21, 754-2223

Angel Fire Resort, Dec. 14-Mar. 25, 800-633-7463

Sipapu Ski Resort, Nov. 18-Apr. 1, 800-587-2240

YULETIDE IN TAOS, celebrating the holiday traditions of northern New Mexico, Nov. 23-Dec. 31, 800-816-1516

YULETIDE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, Taos Convention Center, Nov. 24-26, 758-4160

YULETIDE CAROLING & TREE LIGHTING, Taos Plaza, Dec. 1, 758-4160

ANNUAL LIGHTING OF LEDOUX STREET, Taos, Dec. 2

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & HOLIDAY SKATING EXHIBITION, Taos Plaza and Taos Youth & Family Center, Dec. 16, 758-4160

GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS OF CHINA, Taos Center for the Arts, Dec. 16, 758-2052

BREWMASTER'S FESTIVAL, Taos Ski Valley, Dec. 16, 886-986-7368

CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PARADES, Ski Area Resorts, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION, Taos Pueblo, Dec. 24, 758-1028

NEW YEAR'S EVE TORCHLIGHT PARADE & FIREWORKS, Ski Area Resorts, Dec. 31

USASA SNOWBOARD SERIES, Angel Fire Resort, Jan 6-Feb. 24, 800-633-7463

WINTER WINE FESTIVAL, wine and food events, Taos and Taos Ski Valley, Jan. 17-28, 776-2291, ext. 1427

SALOMON EXTREME FREERIDE CHAMPIONSHIP, Taos Ski Valley, Feb. 7-10, 886-986-7368

VIVER BRAZIL DANCE COMPANY, Taos Center for the Arts, Feb. 7, 758-2052

MARDI GRAS IN THE MOUNTAINS, Red River, Feb. 15-20, 800-348-6444

FEBRUARY FUN FEST, Sipapu Ski Resort, Feb. 17-19, 800-587-2240

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION, Taos Ski Valley, Feb. 20, 800-517-9816

ENCHANTED FOREST JUST DESSERTS EAT & SKI, Red River, Feb. 24, 754-2374

HUDSON VAGABOND PUPPETS, Taos Center for the Arts, Mar. 2, 758-2052

CARDBOARD DERBY, Sipapu Ski Resort, Mar. 17, 800-587-2240

ERNIE BLAKE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & BEER FESTIVAL, Taos Ski Valley, March 24, 800-517-9816

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Every explorer

SPRING 2007

MOVIES AT THE TCA, Taos Community Auditorium, every Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 758-2052

TAOS SPRING ARTS CELEBRATION, a celebration including gallery and museum shows, May 1-31, 800-516-1516

THE GUTHRIE FAMILY LEGACY TOUR, Taos Center for the Arts, May 3-4, 758-2052

ANNUAL SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, Kit Carson Park, Taos, May 11-13, 758-3873, ext. 2913

FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL, Millicent Rogers Museum, May 19, 758-2462

NEW MEXICO VETERANS HEALING FIELDS, Questa, May 25-28, 586-0694

MEMORIAL DAY MOTORCYCLE RALLY, Red River, May 25-28, 800-348-6444

TAOS PLAZA LIVE, live music every Thursday night 6-8pm, May 25-Sept. 29, 800-816-1516

CHILE CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE, Angel Fire Resort, May 26-28, 800-633-7463

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES, Vietnam Veterans National Memorial, Angel Fire, May 27-28, 377-6900

SUMMER 2007

RED RIVER CLASSIC CAR SHOW, June 8-10, 800-348-6444

TAOS SCHOOL OF MUSIC CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, June 11-Aug. 6, 776-2388

FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL, Red River, June 16-17, 800-348-6444

CHAIR LIFT & EUROBUGY, Taos Ski Valley, June 21-Sept. 30, 800-517-9816

TAOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE ANNUAL RODEO DE TAOS, June 23-24, 758-5700

TAOS SOLAR MUSIC FESTIVAL, Kit Carson Park, Taos, June 22-24, 758-9191

AUTHENTIC, SMALL-TOWN BARN DANCES, Taos Ski Valley, July-Sept., 800-517-9816

HIGH COUNTRY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, Picuris Pueblo, first weekend in July, 587-2519

S.O.M.O.S. SUMMER WRITER'S SERIES, Taos, every Friday, July 6-Aug. 31 (except July 20), 758-0081

4th OF JULY PARADES: Taos Ski Valley, 800-517-9816, Red River, 800-348-6444, & Arroyo Seco

TAOS PUEBLO POWWOW, July 13-15, 758-1028

LAS FIESTAS DE TAOS, time-honored festival preserving four centuries of cultural diversity and tradition, July 20-21, 800-816-1516

SAN LORENZO DAYS, Picuris Pueblo, Aug. 9-10, 587-2519

FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHILE COOK-OFF & MUSIC FESTIVAL, Red River, Aug. 16-18, 754-1708



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MUSIC FROM ANGEL FIRE, world-class musicians perform in Angel Fire, Aug. 17-Sept. 3, and in Taos, Taos Center for the Arts, Aug. 18, 25, 29 and Sept. 1, 377-3233

TAOS COUNTY FAIR, Aug. 24-26, 758-3982

TAOS AUTUMN RUN CAR SHOW,
Kit Carson Park, Taos, Aug. 25-26, 758-1405

TAOS SKI VALLEY UP & OVER TRAIL RUN,
Taos Ski Valley, Aug. 25, 800-517-9816

needs a good guide.

FALL 2007

BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN WEEKEND BMW MOTORCYCLE RALLY, Sipapu, Sept. 7-10, 800-587-2240
RIO COSTILLA VALLEY STUDIO TOUR,
Sept. 8-9, 800-816-1516

ENCHANTED CIRCLE CENTURY BIKE TOUR,
Red River, Sept. 8, 800-348-6444

PILAR STUDIO TOUR, Sept. 8-9, 758-0135

TOP OF THE WORLD MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE,
Red River, Sept. 9, 800-348-6444

TAOS WILD FILM, an international film festival,
Taos Community Auditorium, Sept. 14-15, 776-5200

OKTOBERFESTS, Taos Ski Valley, Sept. 15, 800-517-9816,
Red River, Oct. 5-7, 800-348-6444

ART ALONG EL CAMINO REAL NORTE STUDIO TOUR,
Taos Vicinity, Sept. 15-16, 800-816-1516

HIGH ROAD STUDIO TOUR, from Chimayo to Peñasco,
Sept. 22-23 and Sept. 29-30, 351-1078

ASPENCADE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL,
Red River, Sept. 21-23, 800-348-6444

TAOS FALL ARTS FESTIVAL, two major art shows,
museum and gallery openings, Sept. 21-Oct. 8, 800-816-1516

FRAZER MOUNTAIN MADNESS,
Taos Ski Valley, Sept. 22-23, 800-517-9816

TAOS FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL,
Kit Carson Park, Taos, Sept. 28-30, 800-516-1516

OLD TAOS TRADE FAIR,
La Hacienda de los Martinez, Taos, Sept. 29-30, 758-0505

SAN GERONIMO DAYS, Taos Pueblo, Sept. 29-30, 758-1028

TAOS QUICK DRAW & ART ROUND-UP,
Taos Center for the Arts, Sept. 23, 758-2052

WOOL FESTIVAL, Kit Carson Park, Taos, Oct. 6-7, 751-0306

TAOS MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL,
Taos Community Auditorium, Oct. 11-14, 751-3658

TAOS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL,
Taos Community Auditorium, Oct. 19-20, 758-0081

TAOS MOUNTAIN BALLOON RALLY,
Oct. 25-28, 800-816-1516

TOWN OF TAOS CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY,
Taos Convention Center, Oct. 27, 758-4160

DIXON STUDIO TOUR, Nov. 3-4, 800-816-1516

SKI SEASON STARTS:

Taos Ski Valley, Nov. 22, 800-517-9816

Red River Ski Area, Nov. 21, 754-2223

Angel Fire Resort, Dec. 14, 800-633-7463

Sipapu Ski Resort, Nov. 17, 800-587-2240

Dates subject to change.

A gathering of Indian nations, Taos Pueblo Powwow showcases the many styles of regalia, dance, and music.

An aerial night photograph of the Taos Ski Valley village. The town is illuminated with warm yellow lights, and the surrounding mountains are covered in snow. In the upper right corner, a large, vibrant firework display bursts in the dark blue sky. The overall scene is festive and scenic.

taos ski valley

It's a legendary ski resort, a year-round

The Village of Taos Ski Valley, nestled in the mountains 20 minutes north of Taos, is an ideal location for your winter or summer getaway. Above: The village on New Year's Eve. Right: Skier Dean Cummings enjoys fresh powder at Taos Ski Valley.





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Clockwise from left: Enjoy the ambiance of fine dining and world-class wines at Snakedance Condos. Hikers quench their thirst above a waterfall in Taos Ski Valley. Williams Lake provides a stunning classroom backdrop for youngsters at summer camp. Cyclists from across the country enjoy summer bike events in Taos Ski Valley.

village of taos ski valley

alpine playground, and a gracious Old World village happily rolled into one.

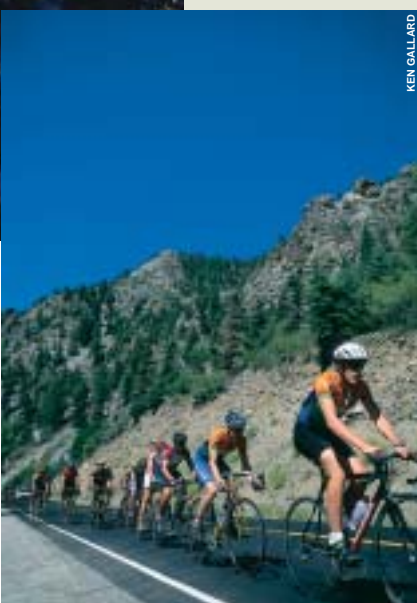
Pristine, undeveloped and crowd free, the mountains surrounding **Taos Ski Valley** are an ideal getaway for outdoor enthusiasts.

With convenient access to the Town of Taos' culture and history and with the Rocky Mountains at your doorstep, staying in the **Village of Taos Ski Valley** will rejuvenate your mind and reconnect your soul to the mountains. Come to the Village of Taos Ski Valley for boutique lodges, unique shops, luxurious day spas, great restaurants, and year-round fun.

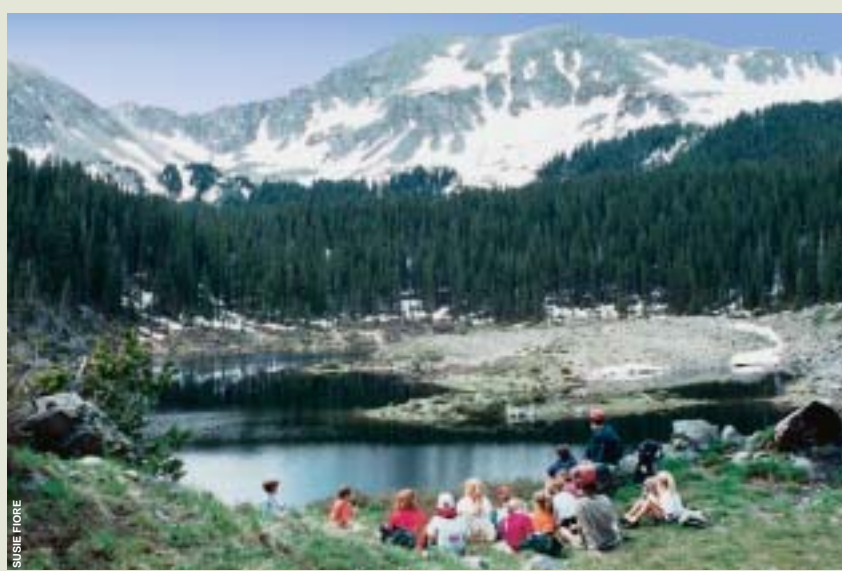
For additional information, lodging specials and calendar of events, please contact the Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-517-9816, visitor@newmex.com or visit our website at www.taosskivalley.com. Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico is full of cool places and friendly faces.



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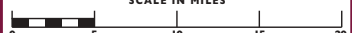
Taos County & SURROUNDING AREAS

-  Enchanted Circle
-  Northern Pueblos & Bandelier
-  High Road & River Road
-  Chama Valley & Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

LEGEND

-  PUEBLO RESERVATION
-  CARSON NATIONAL FOREST

SCALE IN MILES



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There are many paths you can take in life.
We recommend the scenic route.

Taos is the ideal home base for exploring our mountains and mesas, history and cultures. Here are some of our favorite trips and some tips for making the most of these adventures. Stop by **Taos Visitor Center** when you get to Taos for more detailed information on these and other outings or see taosvacationguide.com/daytrips

The Enchanted Circle

Distance: 84 miles/136 KM

Driving time: 2 hours

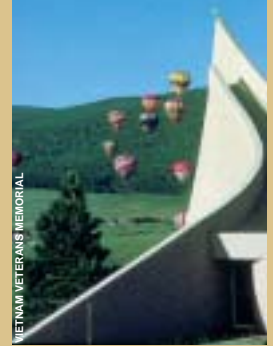
Route: From Taos Plaza, Hwy. 64 north to Hwy. 522 north to Questa; Hwy. 38 east to Red River, then south to Eagle Nest and Angel Fire; Hwy. 64 west to Taos.



The most popular tour in our area, this National Forest Scenic Byway circles **Wheeler Peak**, the highest in New Mexico at 13,161 feet. The highlights of the drive are our neighboring communities of **Questa, Red River** and **Angel Fire**; the latter two are ski resorts as well as summer recreational centers. Along the way, look for the **Red River Fish Hatchery** and **Eagle Nest Lake. Elizabethtown** and the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** in Moreno Valley are well worth stopping for.



TERRY SEDAL



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Northern Pueblos & Bandelier

Distance: 145 miles/235 KM

Driving time: 3½ hours

Route: From Taos Plaza, Paseo del Pueblo Norte northeast to Taos Pueblo, take Hwy. 68 south to Española, Hwy. 502 west to Hwy. 4 to Bandelier, Hwy. 30 north to the Santa Clara Pueblo, Hwy. 502 east to San Ildefonso Pueblo. The remaining Pueblos are along or near Hwys. 84/285 and 68 between Santa Fe and Taos.

Prepare to enter a foreign world of sovereign nations with their own languages, traditions and customs. You will be a guest on Indian lands during your exploration of ancient and contemporary Indian culture. Start your tour by visiting **Taos Pueblo**, a World Heritage site that has been continuously inhabited for centuries. After your visit to Taos Pueblo, drive to **Bandelier National Monument** for a chance to learn more about the ancient ancestors of the Pueblo Indians. Bandelier's Visitors Center has excellent exhibits and an interpretive film on the ancient ones' who occupied this area from 1050 to 1550 A.D. Seven more living Pueblos are clustered around northern New Mexico: **Santa Clara, O'ke, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, Pojoaque, Nambe** and **Picuris**. Each Pueblo has distinct art forms including weaving, pottery, beadwork, painting, drum-

making, carving and jewelry, as well as different feast days and dances open to the public. For more details, pick up the "Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Guide," available at **Taos Visitor Center**. This guide also has a helpful section on appropriate modes of conduct while visiting the Pueblos.

Clockwise from above: Picuris Pueblo's San Lorenzo church during the final phases of an 18-year reconstruction process, now completed. The hilltop vantage of the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire affords a colorful view of ascending balloonists. A bird's eye view of Red River valley. A golf ball seems to be enjoying the view at Angel Fire golf course.



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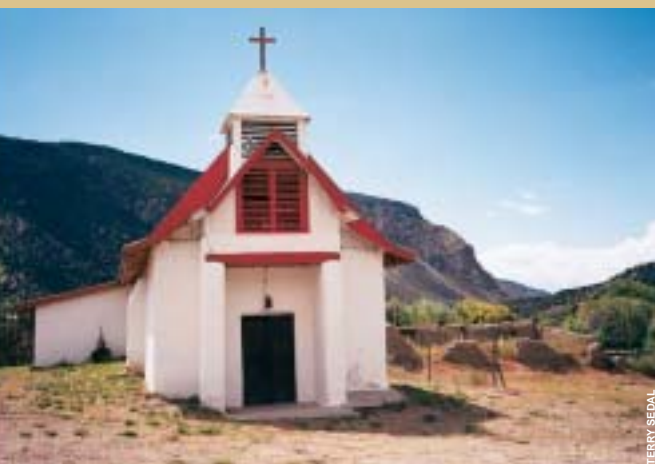
Distance: 105 miles/170 KM

Driving time: 4-5 hours

Route: From Taos Plaza, Hwy. 68 south to Ranchos de Taos; Hwy. 518 east; Hwy. 75 west to Peñasco; Hwy. 76 south to Trampas, Truchas, Cordova and Chimayó; Hwy. 68 south to Santa Fe; Hwy. 68 north to Española and Taos.

Many of our visitors arrive in Taos from the south, from **Albuquerque** and **Santa Fe** and through **Española**, low rider capital of New Mexico. The fastest route is the **River Road**, picturesque as it follows the Rio Grande north and into the spectacular Taos Valley. Stop at the rest stop just after the Horseshoe Curve for an unbeatable photo opportunity of the **Rio Grande Gorge** and the **Sangre de Cristo Mountains**, a vista that says “home at last” to every Taos local.

If you have a little more time and a curiosity for the unique culture of northern New Mexico, take the **High Road** through **Chimayó**, **Cordova**, **Truchas** and **Peñasco**. An alternate route takes you through **Dixon**, an art and agricultural village complete with local wineries. You’ll travel through awe-inspiring scenery as you enter Taos through **Talpa** and **Ranchos de Taos**.



TERRY SEDAL

📍 The Chama Valley & The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad

Distance: 180 miles/291 KM drive and 130 miles/83.2 KM train ride

Time: 8-12 hours minimum

Route: From Taos Plaza, Hwy. 64 west to Tierra Amarilla; Hwy. 84 north to Chama; Hwy. 84 south to Tierra Amarilla; Hwy. 64 east to Taos.

Travel west across the **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge**, the second highest bridge on the U.S. Highway System. The bridge is a three-span steel continuous-deck-truss structure with a concrete-filled steel-grid deck. It was called the “bridge to nowhere” while it was being built because the funding did not exist to continue the road on the other side. Continue to **Tres Piedras**—see if you can locate the three rocks this little town is named for—and through the **Brazos Mountains**. Stop at the Brazos Overlook for an inspiring view of the Brazos Cliffs. Continue down into the **Chama Valley** and detour west at **Los Ojos** to **Tierra Wools**, a spinning and weaving cooperative that sells the wool products of the valley. The Chama Valley offers extensive outdoor opportunities such as cross-country skiing, snowmobil-



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ing, fishing and hunting, but the star attraction is the **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad**, which operates daily from June to October. This historic narrow-gauge train gives passengers an authentic example of railroading in the 1880s. The steam train winds its way through 64 miles of mountain scenery to **Antonito, Colorado**, and returns, traveling through the 10,022-foot-high Cumbres Pass and the 1,100-foot-deep **Toltec Gorge**. While half-way trips are available from both depots at Chama, NM and Antonito, CO, Taos visitors can easily enjoy the full-day trip by driving to Chama, riding to Antonito and returning to Chama by train or bus provided by the railroad. Hot lunch is available midway at Osier, CO.



CUMBRES TOLTEC

Clockwise from upper left: The vista of Taos Mountain and Rio Grande Gorge welcomes visitors to the Taos Valley. Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, narrow-gauge steam train passes through pristine wilderness in Chama Valley. Sunset overlooking Orphan Mesa at Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center. The Valle Vidal is a 101,000-acre public parkland in the Carson National Forest. Photo courtesy of the Coalition for the Valle Vidal whose members seek to protect the area from industrial drilling for natural gas. Home spun woolens at Tierra Wools. The church at Pilar, just south of Taos.



DAI BAKER



Claudia Tammen, Courtesy of Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center

day trips

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- Make a trip southwest to Taos County's best kept secret, **Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs**. Relax in public or private baths, then pamper yourself with a facial treatment, bio-wrap or massage. Horseback trail rides are available, and mountain biking and hiking trails are nearby.
- Visit **Abiquiu**, a tiny town on a bend of the Rio Chama, most remembered as the home of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. One of the two properties she maintained in northern New Mexico is open for tours on a limited basis. It's best to call months in advance for tour schedules at 505-685-4539. Also visit the **Ghost Ranch Living Museum** to see the exhibits of northern New Mexico wildlife.
- Drive north to the **Wild Rivers Recreation Area** for a bird's eye view of the Rio Grande Gorge. There are five hikes down to the river and a wonderful rim-side nature trail. For non-hikers, there are picnic tables and several vantage points along the rim. Continue north to the **Valle Vidal**, a 100,000 acre unit managed by Carson National Forest with an emphasis on wildlife. Most of the 42 miles of roads are unpaved; check with the Carson National Forest office for road conditions before making your drive.

HISTORY & CULTURE



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► Pueblos

■ TAOS PUEBLO

The Pueblo is generally open to visitors daily from 8am to 4pm (winter), 5pm (summer), except when religious activities require closing the Pueblo. Late winter to early Spring the Pueblo closes for about six weeks. Please call ahead if you'll be visiting during this time.

TOURIST FEES (per person)

Adult admission:	\$10
Group (3 or more adults):	\$ 8
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Students (13 and older, includes college with ID):	\$ 5
Still (digital, disposable; 35mm) and video camera fee:	\$ 5
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All professional & commercial photographers as well as artists interested in sketching or painting must apply for pre-approval; fees vary.

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www.taospueblo.com
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TAOS PUEBLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 1	Turtle Dance
Jan. 6	Deer or Buffalo Dance
Feb.-Mar.	2007 Spring Closure (6-8 weeks, tentative)
May 3	Santa Cruz Feast Day, Corn Dance, Foot Races
June 13	San Antonio Feast Day, Corn Dance
June 24	San Juan Day, Corn Dance
July 13-15	Annual Taos Pueblo Pow Wow
July 25	Santiago Day, Corn Dance
July 26	Santa Ana Day, Corn Dance
Sept. 29	San Geronimo Eve Vespers
Sept. 30	San Geronimo Feast Day
Dec. 24	Procession of the Blessed Mother
Dec. 25	Deer or Matachines Dance

TAOS & PICURIS PUEBLOS CEREMONIALS All events listed above are religious ceremonies. We ask that you offer the same respect you would in your church at home. NO photography is allowed. But you won't need pictures to remember your Pueblo visit

■ PICURIS PUEBLO

The Pueblo is open 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday. Inquire at the Governor's Office.

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Visitor Permit- 505- 587-1099

Self-Guided Tour - 2 Persons:	\$10
Camera Permit:	\$ 6
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505- 587-2519
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PICURIS PUEBLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 1	Transfer of Canes, Ceremonial Dance
Jan. 6	King's Day Celebration / Reyes Day, Ceremonial Dance
Jan. 25	St. Paul's Feast Day, Ceremonial Dance
Feb. 2	Candelaria Feast Day, Ceremonial Dance
June 13	San Antonio Feast Day, Children's Traditional Foot Races
Aug. 9	San Lorenzo Sunset Dance & Vespers
Aug. 10	San Lorenzo Feast Day, Traditional Foot Races, Ceremonial Dance, Traditional Pole Climbing
Dec. 24	Sundown Torchlight Procession of the Virgin Vespers, Matachina Dance
Dec. 25	Matachina Dance
Dec. 28	Holy Innocent's Day, Children's Dance

NOTE: During the winter months on the weekends there will be some ceremonial dancing, it is up to the war chiefs when to choose the dates.

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			Lodging Type	Rates: Ski Season, Value, Summer	Amenities
● Abominable SnowMansion HI Hostel & Ski Lodge (15-60)	505-776-8298	\$	Hostel	\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 🐕
476 Hwy. 150, Taos Ski Valley Rd., Arroyo Seco snowmansion.com snowman@newmex.com					
● Adobe & Pines Inn B&B (9)	800-723-8267	\$ - \$\$\$	B&B	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕
PO Box 837, Ranchos de Taos 87557 adobepines.com mail@adobepines.com FAX 505-758-8423					
■ Alpine Village Suites (31)	800-576-2666	\$ - \$\$\$\$	Hotel	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚 🐕
PO Box 98, Taos Ski Valley 87525 alpine-suites.com info@alpine-suites.com FAX 505-776-8542					
● American Artists Gallery House B&B (10)	800-532-2041	\$ - \$\$\$	B&B	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
132 Frontier Ln., Taos taosbedandbreakfast.com aagh@newmex.com FAX 505-758-0497					
■ Amizette B&B & Restaurant (10)	800-446-8267	\$	B&B	\$	🍴 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🚗
PO Box 756, Taos Ski Valley 87525 amizette.com amizetteinn@yahoo.com FAX 505-776-2326					
■ Austing Haus B&B (24)	800-748-2932	\$ - \$\$\$\$	B&B	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕
PO Box 8, Taos Ski Valley 87525 austinghaus.net austing@newmex.com FAX 505-776-8751					
● Best Western Kachina Lodge (118)	800-522-4462	\$ - \$\$	Hotel	\$	🏠 🍴 🍷 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕
413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos kachinalodge.com groupsales@kachinalodge.com FAX 505-758-9207					
● Budget Host Inn (26)	800-323-6009	\$ - \$\$	Motel	\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕
1798 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos taosbudgethost.com budhost@newmex.com FAX 505-758-1989					
● Burch Street Casitas (3)	505-737-9038	\$ - \$\$	Condo	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕
310 Burch St., Taos casitasintaos.com schlarbaum@taosnet.com FAX 505-737-9038					
■ Columbine Inn & Conference Center (20)	888-884-5723	\$ - \$\$\$	Inn	\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
1288 Hwy. 150, Taos Ski Valley columbineinntaos.com psgeilen@taosnet.com FAX 505-776-1326					
● Comfort Suites (60)	888-924-8267	\$ - \$\$	Motel	\$	🏠 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
1500 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos taoshotels.com/comfortsuites comfort@newmex.com FAX 505-751-1991					
● Cottonwood Inn B&B (8)	800-324-7120	\$ - \$\$\$\$	B&B	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🐕 🧳
#2, State Route 230, Taos Taos-Cottonwood.com cottonbb@newmex.com FAX 505-776-1141					
■ Edelweiss Lodge & Spa (31)	800-458-8754	\$\$\$\$	Condo	\$\$\$	🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
106 Sutton Pl., Taos Ski Valley edelweisslodgeandspa.com stay@edelweisslodgeandspa.com FAX 505-737-6995					
● El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa™ (36)	800-828-TAOS	\$ - \$\$\$\$	Resort	\$\$\$	🏠 🍴 🍷 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚 🐕 🧳
317 Kit Carson Rd., Taos elmontesagrado.com info@elmontesagrado.com FAX 505-737-2985					
● El Pueblo Lodge (60)	800-433-9612	\$ - \$\$\$\$	Motel	\$	🏠 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚 🐕 🪚
412 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos elpueblolodge.com elpueblo@newmex.com FAX 505-758-7321					
● Hacienda del Sol B&B Inn (11)	866-333-4459	\$ - \$\$\$\$	B&B	\$\$\$	🏠 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
109 Mabel Dodge Ln., Taos taoshaciendadelosol.com sunhouse@newmex.com FAX 505-758-5895					
● Hotel Don Fernando de Taos (124)	800-759-2736	\$ - \$\$\$	Hotel	\$\$\$	🏠 🍴 🍷 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
1005 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos donfernandodetaos.com lmedina@donfernandodetaos.com FAX 505-758-0055					
● Hotel La Fonda de Taos (25)	800-833-2211	\$ - \$\$\$\$	Historic Inn	\$\$\$	🏠 🍴 🍷 🚶 🍳 📧 🏕️ 🪚 📺 🪚
108 S. Plaza, Taos LaFondaTaos.com info@LaFondaTaos.com FAX 505-758-8508					



Adobe & Pines Inn B&B



Alpine Village Suites



American Artists Gallery House



Burch Street Casitas



El Monte Sagrado Living Resort®



Hacienda el Sol B&B Inn



Kandahar Condos



The Little Tree B&B

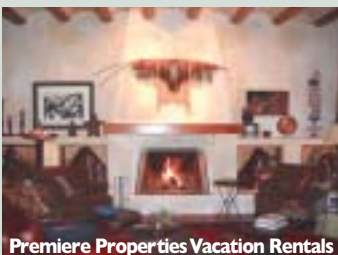
- In & Around Taos (units)
- Taos Ski Valley (units)
- ▲ Vacation Rentals (multiple locations) (units)

			Rates: Ski Season, Value, Summer	Amenities
		Lodging Type		
● Indian Hills Inn, Taos Plaza (55)	800-444-2346		\$ - \$\$	
233 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos	505-758-4293	Hotel	\$ - \$	
taosnet.com/IndianHillsInn IndianHills@newmex.com	FAX 505-758-1702		\$ - \$	
● Inn on the Rio (12)	800-557-7199		\$ \$	
910 Kit Carson Rd., Taos	505-758-7199	B&B	\$ \$	
innontherio.com info@innontherio.com	FAX 505-751-1816		\$ \$	
■ Kandahar Condominiums (19)	800-756-2226		\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	
PO Box 72, Taos Ski Valley 87525	505-776-2226	Condos	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	
kandahar-taos.com kandahar@newmex.com	FAX 505-776-2481		\$ - \$	
● The Little Tree B&B (4)	800-334-8467		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
226 Hondo Seco Rd., Arroyo Seco	505-776-8467	B&B	\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
littletreebandb.com little@littletreebandb.com			\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
● Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs, Resort & Spa (46)	800-222-9162		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
50 Los Banos Rd., Ojo Caliente	505-583-2233	Resort	\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
ojocalientespa.com info@ojocalientespa.com	FAX 505-583-2045		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
● Old Taos Guesthouse B&B (9)	800-758-5448		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
1028 Witt Rd., Taos	505-758-5448	B&B	\$ \$	
oldtaos.com oldtaos@newmex.com			\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
▲ Premiere Properties Vacation Rentals (100+)	800-987-8423		\$ - \$\$\$\$	
PO Box 1479, Taos 87571	505-758-1811	Private Homes	\$ - \$\$\$\$	
taosvacationhomes.com premiere@newmex.com	FAX 505-751-4321		\$ - \$\$\$\$	
● Quality Inn Taos (99)	888-638-8267		\$ - \$ \$	
1043 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos	505-758-2200	Hotel	\$ - \$ \$	
taoshotels.com/quality quality@newmex.com	FAX 505-758-9009		\$ - \$ \$	
● Sagebrush Inn & Conference Center (100)	888-449-8267		\$ \$	
1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos	505-758-2254	Hotel	\$	
sagebrushinn.com sagebrush@newmex.com	FAX 505-758-5077		\$ \$	
● San Geronimo Lodge (18)	800-894-4119		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
1101 Witt Rd., Taos	505-751-3776	B&B	\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
SanGeronimoLodge.com sgl@newmex.com	FAX 505-751-1493		\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
■ Sierra del Sol Condominiums (32)	800-523-3954		\$ \$ - \$\$\$\$	
PO Box 84, Taos Ski Valley 87525	505-776-2981	Condos	\$ \$ - \$\$\$	
sierrataos.com sol@newmex.com	FAX 505-776-2347		\$ - \$ \$	
● Sipapu Ski & Summer Resort (45)	800-587-2240		\$ - \$\$\$	
HC 65 Rt., Box 29, 5224 HWY 518, Vadito 87579	505-587-2240	Resort	\$ - \$\$\$	
SipapuNM.com CustomerService@SipapuNM.com	FAX 505-587-1038		\$ - \$ \$	
■ Snakedance Condominiums (35)	800-322-9815		\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	
PO Box 89, Taos Ski Valley 87525	505-776-2277	Condos	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	
SnakedanceCondos.com info@Snakedancecondos.com	FAX 505-776-1410		\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	
▲ StayTaos Rentals (48)	800-480-7150		\$ - \$\$\$\$	
413E Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos	505-758-7150	Vacation Rentals	\$ - \$\$\$\$	
staytaos.com askus@stayTAOS.com	FAX 505-758-3639		\$ - \$\$\$\$	
● Sun God Lodge (54)	800-821-2437		\$ - \$ \$	
919 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos	505-758-3162	Hotel	\$ - \$ \$	
www.sungodlodge.com sungod@newmex.com	FAX 505-758-1716		\$ - \$ \$	
● The Historic Taos Inn (44)	888-458-8267		\$ - \$\$\$\$	
125 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos	505-758-2233	Historic Inn	\$ - \$\$\$	
taosinn.com rooms@taosinn.com	FAX 505-758-5776		\$ \$ - \$\$\$\$	
▲ Taos Lodging Vacation Properties (25)	800-954-8267		\$ - \$\$\$	
109 Brooks St., Taos	505-751-1771	Condos	\$ - \$\$\$	
taoslodging.com lodging@taoslodging.com	FAX 505-751-0397		\$ - \$\$\$	

-  Suites
-  Jetted tubs in some rooms
-  Restaurant
-  Hot tub &/or sauna
-  Lounge
-  Kitchens
-  Meeting Facilities
-  Fireplaces available in rooms
-  Full Breakfast Included
-  Phone in room
-  Continental Breakfast Included
-  High-speed Internet access
-  Dinner Included
-  TV in room
-  Three Meals per Day Included
-  Campgrounds
-  Entertainment
-  Daily maid service
-  Outdoor pool
-  Pets allowed
-  Indoor pool
-  Courtesy van
-  Tennis
-  Vacation packages offered
-  Health club or Fitness center

Rates Legend

\$ = up to \$75/night
 \$\$ = \$76 to \$150/night
 \$\$\$ = \$151 to \$250/night
 \$\$\$\$ = over \$251/night



TOWN OF TAOS & VICINITY

(Map is not true to scale. Not all roads are shown)

Lodging In & Around Taos

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Vacation Rentals (multiple locations)

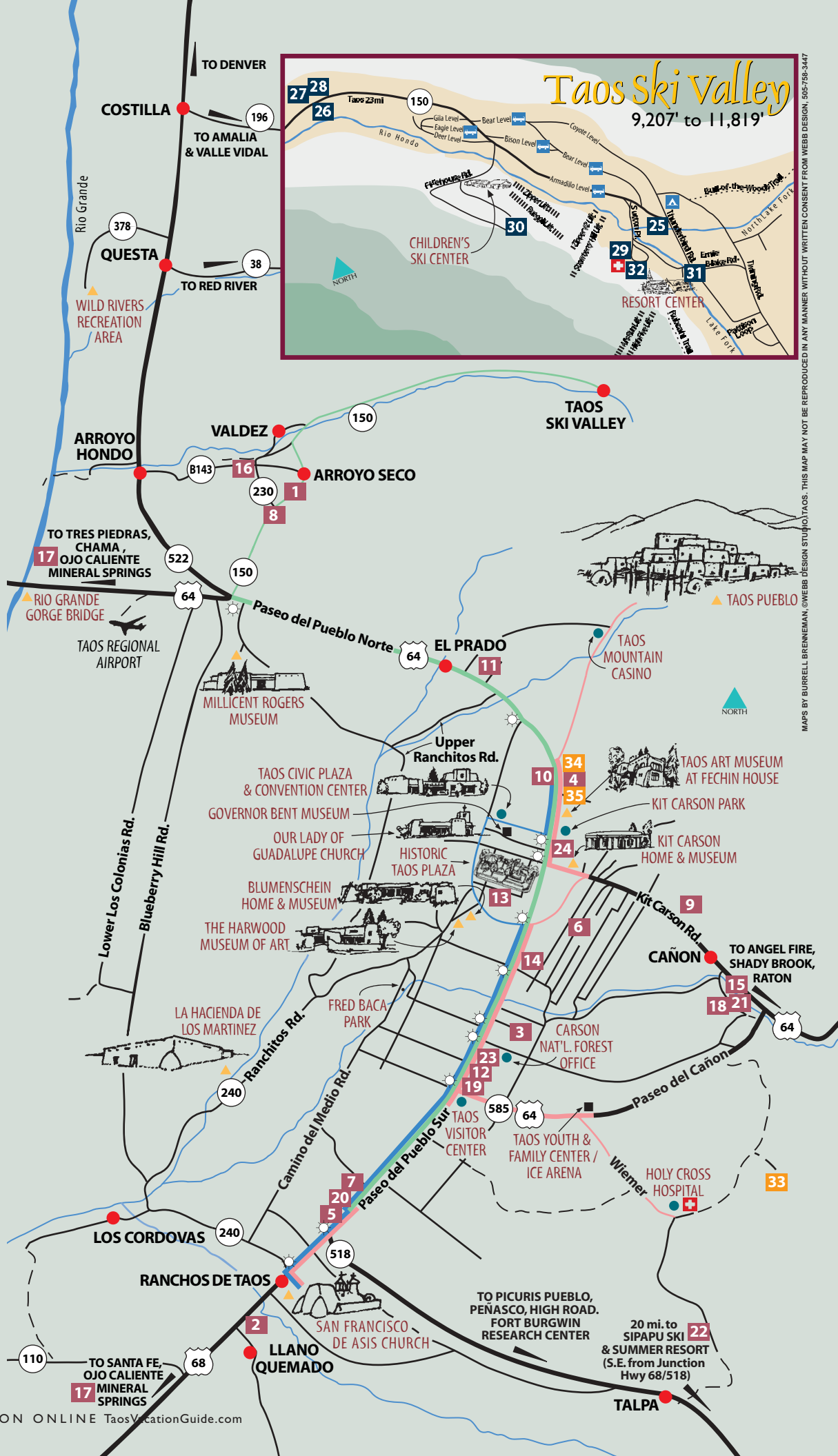
33. Premiere Properties Vacation Rentals 800-987-8423
34. StayTaos Rentals 800-480-7150
35. Taos Lodging Vacation Properties 800-954-8267



Chile Line Bus Routes

- Taos Ski Valley Line (seasonal)
- Northbound
- Southbound

(Timelines are subject to change.)
505-751-4459



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Whether you're looking for a 4-star restaurant or Class IV rapids, you'll find it in Taos.



Members of the **Taos County Chamber of Commerce** welcome you to Taos. Following is a partial listing of more than 700 businesses representing the wide range of services available in our area. When you arrive in Taos, stop by the **Taos Visitor Center** at Hwy. 68 and Paseo del Cañon and let friendly information specialists help you plan your stay here. For more information ahead of time call: **800-816-1516** or visit **taoschamber.com**

fast facts

TAOS FAST FACTS

POPULATION

Town: 6,213
County: 29,979

ELEVATION

Town: 6,967 feet
Taos Ski Valley base: 9,207 feet

TEMPERATURES

Town:

Jan 40°/ 10°	July 87°/ 50°
Feb 45°/ 15°	Aug 85°/ 50°
Mar 53°/ 22°	Sept 79°/ 42°
Apr 64°/ 29°	Oct 67°/ 32°
May 73°/ 37°	Nov 52°/ 18°
June 83°/ 44°	Dec 43°/ 12°

Taos Ski Valley:

Jan 34°/ 11°	July 78°/ 41°
Feb 36°/ 14°	Aug 75°/ 38°
Mar 43°/ 17°	Sept 63°/ 34°
Apr 42°/ 17°	Oct 55°/ 28°
May 68°/ 36°	Nov 41°/ 15°
June 76°/ 40°	Dec 32°/ 11°

ANNUAL RAINFALL

Town: 12 inches

ANNUAL SNOWFALL

Town: 35 inches
Taos Ski Valley: 305 inches

INFORMATION

Visitor: 800-816-1516
Online: taoschamber.com
E-mail: info@taoschamber.com

WEATHER AND ROAD

CONDITIONS
800-432-4269

+ MEDICAL CARE

Holy Cross Hospital: 758-8883

REGIONAL INFORMATION

ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 800-284-2282

ANGEL FIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 800-446-8117
CARSON NATIONAL FOREST OFFICE 758-6200, 758-6390

CHAMA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 800-477-0149

EAGLE NEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 800-494-9117

EIGHT NORTHERN INDIAN PUEBLOS 900-289-4000

RED RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 800-348-6444

RED RIVER CONFERENCE CENTER 877-754-1708

RIO GRANDE GORGE VISITOR CENTER 505-751-4899

SANTA FE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 800-777-2489

TAOS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER 800-816-1516

TAOS SKI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 800-517-9816

GETTING HERE

Air Service

TAOS REGIONAL AIRPORT
5800-foot runway, 75-foot width, 7094-foot elevation, U-122.8, AWOS 132.975, RCO 122.25, FPO 128.8, 100LL, Jet-A hanger available.
Taos Aviation Services (FBO) 737-9790, Airport Manager 758-4995

Airlines serving Taos:
No commercial airlines

Charter air service:
WILD BLUE YONDER
866-288-2399, wild-blue-yonder.net

Airlines serving Albuquerque, Denver, and Colorado Springs:
• AMERICAN • DELTA • SOUTHWEST (Abq. only)
• CONTINENTAL • FRONTIER • MESA AIR
• UNITED • US AIR

Car Rentals

ENTERPRISE
1350 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, 758-5553
Available out of Albuquerque, Denver and Colorado Springs: ADVANTAGE
• ALAMO • AVIS • BUDGET • DOLLAR
• ENTERPRISE • HERTZ • NATIONAL • THRIFTY

Shuttles

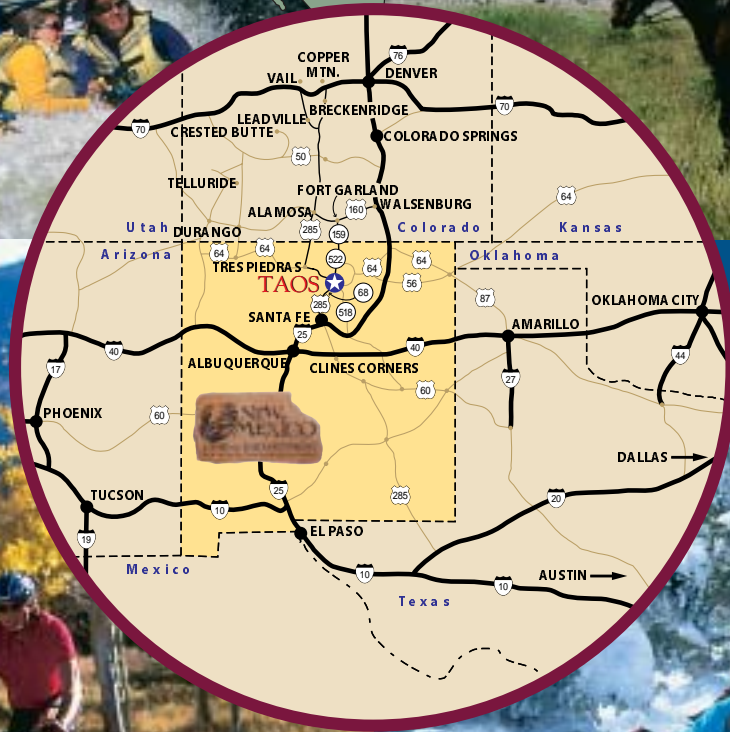
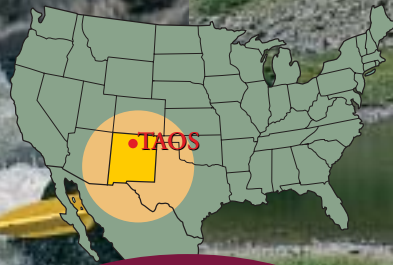
FAUST'S TRANSPORTATION
888-830-3410, 758-3410
TWIN HEARTS EXPRESS
800-654-9456, 751-1201
TOWN OF TAOS CHILE LINE
751-4459

Distance to Taos

	MILEAGE	APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME/HOURS
Albuquerque	135	2:15
Amarillo	302	5:00
Atlanta	1550	23:30
Austin	872	14:00
Chicago	1330	20:00
Dallas	682	11:00
Denver	300	5:00
Durango	208	3:30
El Paso	400	6:30
Houston	1047	16:30
Kansas City	825	12:30
Los Angeles	950	15:00
Nashville	1318	20:00
New York City	2040	27:30
Oklahoma City	558	8:15
Phoenix	568	8:30
Santa Fe	72	1:15
Seattle	1640	21:00
Tulsa	720	11:00
Vail/Breckenridge	270	4:00



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