

PINES, TRAILS & GOOD EATS...

Whether you're craving a table nearby, chasing the best plate of enchiladas in town, dipping your toes in the lake, hitting a trail with the kids, or just want a quiet spot to stretch your legs — we've got you covered.

Scroll through the pages below for picks on where to eat, play, and explore, straight from the folks who call Ruidoso home.

Let's get you out the door to explore Ruidoso.



YOU ARE A 5-MINUTE WALK FROM ALL OF THIS!*

[THE SHORTLIST]

- **Hall of Flame Burgers** (3 min walk)
- **Café Rio Pizza** (4 min walk) — wicked good, but busy! ...plan ahead
- **Win Place & Show** (3 min walk) — live country music, axe throwing, boot scootin'
- **Hidden Tap aka "Little" Downshift** (3 min walk) — live music, beer; more chill than big brother
- **Downshift Brewing** (6 min walk) — live music, smoked wings, riverside outdoor seating (three levels)
- **Noisy Water Winery** (4 min walk) — great people-watching, patio, wine flights, cornhole, gelato, paninis, charcuterie boards
- **CoCo's Confections** (5 min walk) — dessert stop; coffee, espresso, ice cream, floats, banana splits

Shopping and Around Town

- **The Perfect Gift + Algodones Distillery** (4 min walk) — "best old-fashioned in town" - Fri-Sun
- **Happy Hiker** (3 min walk) — Love locks, great merch
- **Village Buttery** (5 min walk) — pies, tomato basil, quiche, great patio!
- **Wingfield Park** (7 min walk) — neighborhood park
- **Starbucks** - (8 min walk)

Worth the 5-minute Drive!

- **Peña's Place** — local breakfast spot (tiny, but mighty)
- **Roso's Ristorante** — chef-owned, romantic, outdoor seating, (ohh, the garlic bread and meatballs!)
- **Grindstone Lake** — hiking, fishing, sand beach, summer inflatable water park, boating, paddleboarding

TIP! Walk past the pond to the condos next door. Turn left at stopsign and sidewalk safety goes straight to Midtown (3 mins)

**Distances from Sierra Blanca Cabins (Midtown)*



DINING (OUR PICKS - DEPENDING ON YOUR MOOD)

WALKABLE

- **Café Rio Pizza** (4 min) — local fav for pizza; try the Margherita with Canadian bacon or garlic bombs
- **Hall of Flame Burgers** (3 min) — Hatch Chile Burger, house-made onion rings, midtown people watching
- **Village Buttery** (5 min) — pies, tomato basil, chix salad, quaint patio; just across from the public parking
- **Island Noodles** (4 min) — on-the-go teriyaki chicken noodles, outdoor seating, Fri-Sun only
- **Hidden Tap** (3 min) — the “mini” downshift; live music, bar food, beer, less people, outdoor street-side seating
- **Downshift Brewing** (6 min) — live music, smoked wings, riverside outdoor seating, busy but good vibe
- **Noisy Water Winery** (4 min) — great people watching, wine flights, cornhole, gelato, paninis, charcuterie
- **Molcajete's** (6 min) — across from Downshift Brewing; #1 birria tacos... but get them before they run out



WORTH THE SHORT DRIVE

- **Roso's Ristorante** (1.8 mi away) — chef-owned, romantic, indoor/outdoor seating; ooh the garlic bread and meatballs!
- **Rio Grande Grill and Tap Room** (1.7 mi away) — cozy brew pub with wings, elk burgers, ribs, salmon and great wine
- **Cattle Baron** (1.2 mi away) — decent steaks; giant salad bar and can't-miss sweet potatoes
- **Ranchers Steak and Seafood** (1 mi away) — old-school steakhouse for perfectly cooked filet, rib-eye, and groovy bar/lounge
- **Casitas Cafe** (1.1 mi away) — local favorite; breakfast, lunch and brunch - check out their menu; exceptional cafe
- **Garcia's** (0.8 mi away) — authentic street tacos and caldo; great for groups
- **Grill Caliente** (0.9 mi away) — southwestern restaurant w/ steaks, burgers, fish tacos, wine plus a deck with great vibes



DINING (CONTINUED)

BREAKFAST

- **Peña's** (1.2 mi away) — tiny but mighty, breakfast spot for biscuits and gravy, chilaquiles, and red cheese enchiladas; locals hangout
- **Log Cabin** (2.3 mi away) — banana pecan stuffed French toast, pancakes, traditional breakfast, great for large groups
- **Bosque Coffee and Crepes** (1.2 mi away) — entrance to Upper Canyon, new on the block, but oh-my the crepes, iced matcha, tea lattes
- **Jorge's Cafe** (3 mi away) — unassuming local favorite near Ruidoso Downs with excellent breakfast tacos and burritos
- **Alto Cafe** (5 mi away) — head up to Alto for a homestyle meal any time of day. Cinnamon rolls!
- **Cornerstone Bakery** (1 mi away) — counter-style bakery popular for breakfast and pastries

RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

- **Wendell's Steak and Seafood** (4 mi away) — five-star dining experience with great views at the Inn of the Mountain Gods; the butter-poached lobster is unforgettable
- **Michael J's** (1.5 mi away) — upscale-casual Italian with great wine, cozy indoor and outdoor dining; nice location and ambiance
- **Texas Club** (2.1 mi away) — classy western steakhouse with nice views and great steaks. Service can take some time; bring your patience
- **The Restaurant at Rainmakers** (12.7 mi away) — lobster, stuffed ravioli, excellent menu; beautiful sunset patio views



DINING (CONTINUED)

“WINE” DOWN & HOEDOWNS

- **Noisy Water Winery** (0.3 mi away) — Midtown patio for wine flights, cider, cornhole and charcuterie boards
- **Win Place & Show Bar** (0.4 mi away) — classic country bar with dancing, live music, and axe throwing
- **Quarters** (.4 mi away) — Local hangout for casual dining, drinks, and live music
- **Enchanted Vine by Noisy Water Winery** (9 mi away) — pet- and family-friendly outdoor destination in Alto, wine and cider tastings, lawn games, outdoor bar, cozy fireside seating... always check event calendar!
- **Jack’s Backstage and Patina Lounge** (2.5 mi away) — giant outdoor music stage, events, food trucks most days, Wednesday outdoor movie nights; attached 21+ bar that serves as a daytime watering hole and weekend nightclub.



COFFEE, TREATS, SWEETS & SMOOTHIES

- **CoCo's Confections** (0.6 mi away) — dessert stop; coffee, espresso, ice cream, floats, banana splits
- **Chill Out by Simple Sugars** (0.3 mi away) — frozen yogurt bar with milkshakes; boba tea too
- **Sabor** (0.3 mi away) — handmade chocolates, fudge, and Blue Bell ice cream; a local favorite since 2008
- **The Krafty Kup** (0.1 mi away) — coffee, smoothies, and bagels just a short walk from your cabin
- **Zocca Coffeehouse** (3 mi away) — relaxed coffee stop on the way up to Ski Apache
- **Sweet Retreat** (0.4 mi away) — candy, ice cream, and caramel apples for a sweet-tooth stop



THINGS TO DO

FAMILY FUN

- **Screaming Eagle Mountain Coaster** (4.6 mi away) — aka **Ruidoso Winter Park** fly down the mountain on a tube, coaster or zipline
- **Funtrackers** (0.9 mi away) — mini golf, go-karts, and boats
- **Yesterlanes Bowling** (2.9 mi away) — newly renovated, retro-style bowling; classic '70s vibe, eats, games, bar
- **Wibit Waterpark (Grindstone Lake)** (1.1 mi away) — giant inflatable water playground open weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day
- **Boating/Zipline** (Inn of the Mountain Gods) (2.8 mi away) — row boats, pedal boats, kayaks, and paddle boards
- **Backcountry Attitudes** (0.6 mi away) — guided or self-guided off-road adventures, “side by side” rentals, to Blue Lake, Juniper's Point, and Top of the World
- **Zipline (Ski Apache)** (17 mi away) — fly from 11,000 feet at 60+ mph on a 3-part ZipTour; check website for hours/days
- **Gondola (Ski Apache)** (17 mi away) — panoramic views up to 11,500 feet, with hiking and biking trails at the summit; pricey but fantastic views and access for hiking and biking
- **Grindstone Lake** (2.6 mi away) — Fishing, disc golf, hiking, biking, kayak/paddle board, sand beach, and horseback riding



GOLF!

- **Inn of the Mountain Gods** (2.8 mi away) — A tough, narrow, scenic course
- **The Links at Sierra Blanca** (1.7 mi away) — A beautiful place to play
- **Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club** (4.7 mi away) — Private club course
- **Rainmakers Resort & Club** (8.2 mi away) — golf resort a short drive away
- **The Lodge at Cloudcroft** (27 mi away) — worth the trip for a full golf day out; cooler temps and exceptional surroundings



THINGS TO DO

GET OUTSIDE

- **Hike Moon Mountain** (2.9 mi away) — Great 4-mile beginner to moderate hike featuring a gradual climb and spectacular mountain views at the top. The trails are widely open with very little tree cover, so it is smart to wear sunscreen or tackle this one early in the morning before it gets too hot!
- **Explore Monjeau Peak & Lookout** (12.3 mi away) — Drive up to the peak on a rugged gravel road (a 4WD or high clearance vehicle is highly recommended) to explore a historic, stone fire lookout tower with 360-degree views of the forest.
- **Hike Argentina Canyon Trail** (16.4 mi away) — This scenic 6.4-mile moderate loop begins at the end of Forest Road 107 just past scenic Bonito Lake. Expect a steady climb through lush pine forests, aspen groves, and a peaceful, running stream; early trail turnouts offer shorter, gentler out-and-back treks for casual hikers.
- **Hike or Bike Grindstone Lake** (2 mi away) — An 18-mile multi-use trail system right in town. Trails range from a flat, easy loop around the water to steep ridge switchbacks used by both hikers and mountain bikers.
- **Walk The Links Fitness Trail** (2.4 mi away) — You'll mostly see locals on this paved, flat 2.9-mile loop that circles the beautiful "Links" golf course. Pine trees cover half the trail and open, sunny views cover the other half; park near the dog park and walk clockwise to hit the shade first!
- **Side-by-Side to the Top of the World Tour at Backcountry Attitudes** (2.8 mi away) — Rent an OHV for this 4-hour, self-guided UTV trek that takes you deep into the rugged Lincoln National Forest. In-dash GPS makes it foolproof to navigate the mountain climbs and canyon runs at your own pace up to an incredible high-altitude waypoint
- **Disc Golf** — Ruidoso features **three main championship-level disc golf courses** (Grindstone Park, Moon Mountain, and Alto Lake); all offer heavily forested, high-altitude alpine fairways with incredible mountain terrain



SHOPPING

WALKABLE MIDTOWN SHOPPING!

- **Happy Hiker** (0.3 mi away) — gear up at this family-owned outdoor shop; premium day-hiking gear, trail maps, and expert insider advice; fun gear for hiking fans; Topo, Lems, Oboz, Cotopaxi, Kavu
- **Parts Unknown** (0.3 mi away) — upscale Midtown outdoor store; footwear, adventure gear; Patagonia, Columbia, Pendleton
- **Michelle's** (0.3 mi away) — unique SW boutique with three floors of rugged outerwear, boho chic, and vintage-inspired apparel w/ high-end fashion and brands... and personalized styling
- **The Perfect Gift w/ Algodones Distillery** (0.5 mi away) — fantastic gifts, but the in-store distillery/tasting room steals the show ... serves and sells handcrafted spirits, cocktails and mixers and booze baskets!
- **The Old Barrel Tea Co** (0.4 mi away) — custom blends of teas (creative flavors like Mango Paradise, Bourbon Brew, Pecan Pie), herbs and spices, local honey!
- **Nomad** (0.3 mi away) — fun mountain life shop with fun selection of great gear from Life is Good, Sanuk, Stance... great tees
- **Roots** (0.3 mi away) — a funky **plant and espresso shop** that serves small batch espresso and coffee drinks and light gourmet eats
- **Noisy Water Mercantile** (0.6 mi away) — Massive storefront; huge favorite for tourists. Operated by Noisy Water Winery; souvenirs, New Mexican gifts, cabin-vacation pjs, bougie soy candles
- **Heart's Delight "aka the kitchen store"** (0.5 mi away) — huge, fun, eccentric assortment of all things culinary and kitchen
- **Purple Mountain Taffy Co** (0.5 mi away) — yum



Midtown is packed with great shops - too many to mention! Just remember, a lot of spots pack it up around 5:30 or 6:00 pm. Get an early start!



ART & CULTURE



If you're an art lover, you're in luck. Ruidoso, Alto, Carrizozo and Capitan attract some of the most talented artists in the country. Particularly with Western and Southwestern art.

Spencer Theater For the Performing Arts (8 mi away) — a striking 514-seat, 50,000 sq. ft. theater, that presents drama, music, and dance performances throughout the year. Worth a trip just to see its construction with 430 tons of white-flecked stone quarried in Spain and finished in Italy. Sits on 74 gorgeous acres.

GALLERIES CLOSE BY

- **The Adobe Fine Art Gallery** (0.7 mi away) — at the corner of Mechem and Sudderth; low pressure, cozy gallery where you can expect a classic yet diverse mix of upscale Southwestern, Western, and Native American art capturing the spirit of the American West. Traditional cowboy, rugged canyon scenery, contemporary abstracts; think museum quality investment pieces.
- **Mountain Arts** (0.3 mi away) — also focuses on Southwestern and Western artwork, combines regional fine art with handcrafted gifts and home décor
- **Earth and Stone** (0.2 mi away) — is a total vibe. Not your basic pottery shop; resident potter Alan Miner packs the place with insane geological treasures, giant fossils, and massive mineral crystals, handmade stoneware bowls, plates, and mugs.
- **Janis Loverin Gallery** (1.6 mi away) — Janis Loverin, who previously collaborated with The Adobe Fine Art for 17 years, opened this independent gallery to showcase her vibrant, soul-stirring artwork and heirloom jewelry collections.



ART & CULTURE

WORTH THE DRIVE

- **Hurd La Rinconada Gallery (San Patricio)** (20 mi away) — located 20 miles east in the Hondo Valley, this museum-quality gallery sits on a historic guest ranch inside a gorgeous adobe building with sweeping views and an on-site wine-tasting room. It features an incredible collection of original works and prints from the legendary Hurd-Wyeth family art dynasty.
- **Carrizozo Arts District** (30 mi away) — Located 30 miles northwest of Ruidoso, the historic Carrizozo Arts District features a vibrant community of **over thirty local artists centered along historic 12th Street**. Its founding anchor, Gallery 408, showcases striking contemporary regional works alongside a beautifully curated outdoor sculpture garden. You can explore the local art scene and **Gallery 408** and the **Tularosa Basin Gallery of Photography** directly in Carrizozo, New Mexico.
- **Cloudcroft's Off the Beaten Path** (46 mi away) — tucked one block off the main drag at 100 Glorietta Avenue, OTBP is a wonderfully eccentric Cloudcroft gallery housed in a colorful, repurposed historic home. The multi-room shop showcases exclusively American-made fine art, vibrant stained glass, and quirky recycled metal yard art alongside a pair of friendly resident shop cats
- **The Chihuly Collection at Spencer Theater** (12 mi away) — The Spencer Theater in Alto houses the largest private collection of Dale Chihuly blown-glass art in the Southwest, featuring four brilliant, massive masterwork installations that blaze with color against the facility's dramatic mountain architecture. A quick and scenic 15-minute drive up Mechem Drive
- **The Lincoln State Historic Site** (30 mi away) — is a beautifully preserved 19th-century frontier town that serves as a living history museum. Located 30 miles northeast of the cabins, this scenic 35-minute drive lets visitors explore authentic adobe structures filled with Billy the Kid lore, pioneer artifacts, and classic Western landscape art galleries.



DAY TRIPS

No Scum Allowed Saloon — (44 miles from your cabin)

Hailed as one of America's "Top 10 Country Bars." A funky, full bar with beer, wine, music & cocktails dropped into the middle of a ghost town. For several years, the bar was run on the honor system: Patrons would fetch the key from under a rock, get a drink, leave their money, and lock up. Just at 1 hour doorstep to doorstep.

Cloudcroft, New Mexico — (45 miles from your cabin)

Cloudcroft, NM is a village tucked away in the tall pines of Lincoln National Forest at around 8,500 ft. With crisp air, restaurants like the famous Mad Jack's Mountaintop Barbecue (read up!), specialty shops like "Off the Beaten Path," the family favorite "Rails to Trails" hike, "Burro Street" (great shopping!) or The Lodge ... better make this a full day trip!

White Sands National Park — (54 miles from your cabin)

Visit a magical sea of gypsum sand (during the cooler months unless you're a "hotter the better" type). Sled, hike, meditate, or bust out your DSLR and wait for the golden hour. Find out why people have been making this trek for centuries.

