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New Mexico, USA

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## Chimney Rock Loop

**This 155 mile loop drive will take you on a scenic drive to Chimney Rock. The trip can be done in a single day unless one decides to recreate on Navajo Lake.**



## Great Road Trips Series

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## Bayfield, CO

Bayfield is downstream from Lake Vallecito, one of Colorado's most stunning water spots and offering boating, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Bayfield also hosts one of the West's most celebrated activities - rodeo. Running non-stop, from spring to fall, visitors and residents watch the dust fly as cowpokes and livestock square off each weekend. While there during the summer months, visit the local historic museum:

Pine River Valley Heritage Society and Museum  
11 West Mill Street  
Bayfield, CO 81122  
(970) 884-7636  
[pineriverheritage.org/museum.html](http://pineriverheritage.org/museum.html)

## CO 151

### 1. Chimney Rock National Monument

One of America's newest national monuments, Chimney Rock is located in southwest Colorado between Durango and Pagosa Springs. The area derives its name from two 300-foot pinnacles that tower over the Chacoan Great House. Chimney Rock contains several excavated and unexcavated ruins. From this high altitude vantage point, visitors overlook the San Juan Mountains and Piedras River Valley. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Program, managed and staffed by the National Forest Service and volunteers of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, conducts daily guided walking tours and operates the Visitor Center May 15 - Sept. 30 (weather permitting).

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association  
P.O. Box 1662  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
(970) 883-5359  
[www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org)

In the vicinity of Chimney Rock National Monument is Lake Capote Recreation Area, a lake and camping facility owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Park facilities include camping, restrooms, convenience store, picnic grounds, fishing, and non-motorized boat rentals.



## 2. Two Rivers Marina

This is where the two rivers of the Piedra and San Juan meet and the northern Colorado access to Navajo Lake State Park. The full service marina offers camping, restrooms, restaurant, fishing accessories, boat slips, rentals, and storage.

### Navajo State Park

1526 County Rd 982

Arboles, CO, 81121

(970) 883-2628

[cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Navajo/Pages/Marina.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Navajo/Pages/Marina.aspx)

## Ignacio, CO

### 3. Ignacio

A tri-ethnic community of about 800 people, Ignacio offers a variety of recreational opportunities with its close proximity to Chimney Rock and Navajo Lake. In addition, it serves as the capital for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe

356 Ouray Dr.

Ignacio, CO 81137

[www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)

While in Ignacio, visit the following attractions:

### Sky Ute Casino Resort

14324 Hwy 172 North

Ignacio, Colorado 81137

(970) 563-7777

[www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

### Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

503 Ouray Dr.

Ignacio, CO 81137

(970) 563-9583

[www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)



## Navajo Lake, CO-NM

### 4. Navajo Lake State Park

Completed in 1963 after a six-year construction on the San Juan River, the earth and rock-filled dam is nearly 0.75-miles long and 400 feet high. It is the central amenity of Navajo Lake State Park and has a world class reputation for outdoor adventure and fishing. Covering 14,500 acres and the second largest lake in New Mexico, Navajo Lake is ideal for a day of fishing, swimming, scuba-diving, water-skiing, wildlife viewing, and hiking or for a week of camping and boating.



Navajo Lake State Park

36 Road 4110 Unit 1

Navajo Dam, NM 87419

(505) 632-2278

[www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/navajolakestatepark.html](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/navajolakestatepark.html)

Navajo Lake Marina

1448 NM 511 NBU #6

Navajo Dam, NM 87419

(505) 632-3245

[www.navajomarina.com](http://www.navajomarina.com)

