

The ancient, three-story West Ruins at Aztec Ruins National Monument.



Welcome to Aztec!

Explorers, rustlers, homesteaders, wildcatters, railroaders... Aztec's history epitomizes the Great American West. Today, it is a community rich in multi-cultural heritage, civic pride and ancestral traditions. **EXPLORE Aztec!**

— CULTURAL HISTORY —

Aztec Ruins National Monument: Centuries ago the Aztec Ruins were a central gathering place, a thriving cultural capital for ancestral Puebloans. Mistakenly coined "Aztec" by others, the ancient Pueblo people lived and flourished at this very sacred and spiritual place. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site and landmark to the roots of civilization. Tour the three-story, 450-room West Ruin. Explore the Great Kiva and marvel at 900-year-old roof timbers that shelter intact plaster rooms. Witness exquisite masonry before passing through mysterious T-shaped doorways.

Museum & Pioneer Village: The Aztec Museum houses one of the finest collections of authentic western Americana. History comes alive at the Pioneer Village, where young and old are bedazzled by the resolve and fortitude of our forefathers. Tour firsthand the doctor's and sheriff's offices, blacksmith and foundry, an 1880s pioneer cabin, general store and post office, and the Cedar

Hill Church—all painstakingly reconstructed from the original buildings. Visit www.aztecmuseum.org for more information.

— RECREATION ADVENTURES —

Water Recreation: Nourished by the Pine and San Juan Rivers, Navajo Lake is 25 miles long with over 200 camping and picnic sites and three marinas. Recreation includes boating, sailing and other water sports, plus trophy fishing for brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and kokanee salmon.

Flowing from Navajo Lake, the lower San Juan River is ranked among America's top-ten trout fishing waters. A 4.5-mile, nutrient-rich section below Navajo Dam is so spectacular for fishing that it has earned "Quality Waters" designation. Attracting sports enthusiasts the world over, the river further compels with multi-hued sandstone canyons and desert vistas.

Let us help you plan your trip!

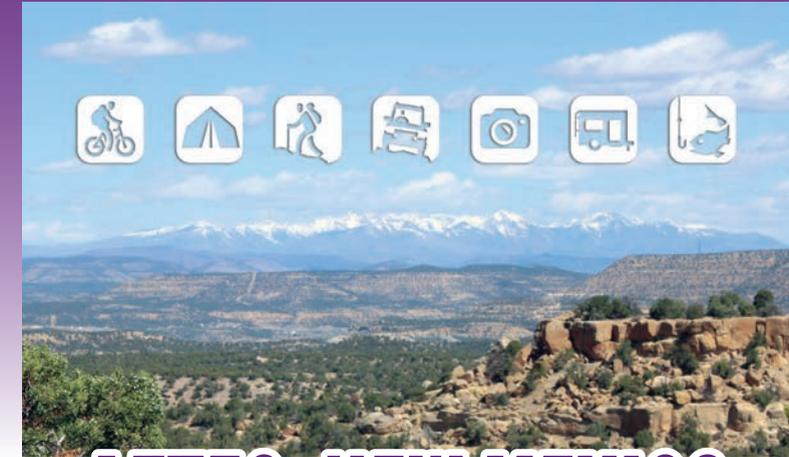
Stop by the Aztec Visitor Center to get ideas and learn about all there is to

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in Aztec and surrounding areas!

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— Official Visitors Guide —



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Navajo Lake State Park

Alien Run Mountain Bike Trails

Aztec Disc Golf Course

Over 300 Natural Sandstone Arches

Historical Aztec Museum and Pioneer Village

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Aztec is home to over 300 natural sandstone arches.

Hiking: With vast acres of public lands, there are numerous places to hike. Aztec underscores the ethereal, camera-clicking beauty of the American Southwest. East and north of Aztec lies BLM lands with over 300 documented natural arches and windows. Search out breathtaking Arch Rock in Hart Canyon or visit spectacular Anasazi Arch in Cox Canyon. GPS directions and maps are available at the Aztec Visitor Center or at www.aztecnm.com.

In addition to the arches are the badlands south of Aztec. Such areas include the Angel Peak Recreation Area, Bisti/De-nah-zin Wilderness, and Lybrook Badlands. These areas once covered by ancient seas, expose various geological clay, silt, and sandstone beds which through millions of years of erosion provide for some very unusual formations, hoodoos, and out of this world landscapes. It is a haven for the outdoor photographer enthusiast.

Mountain Biking: Aztec boasts over 30 miles of mountain bike trails, this includes the Alien Run, ranked among the more technically challenging and scenic single tracks in the Four Corners. Routed near a storied UFO crash site, "The Alien" can be navigated by a novice yet is immensely challenging for experts.

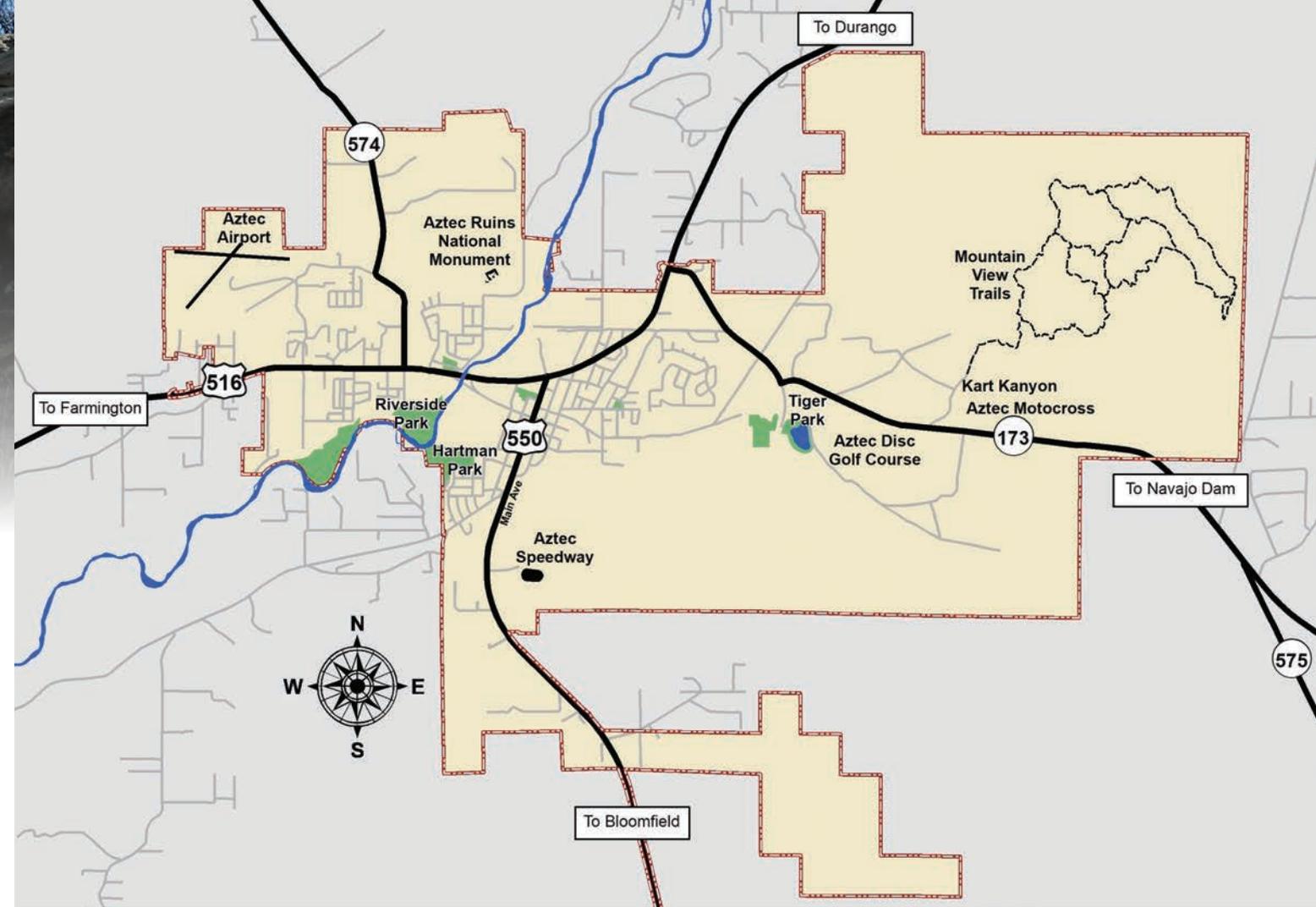
Mountain View Trail: A local favorite, Mountain View Trails is a great high desert singletrack located north of Aztec Kart Canyon go-cart track. The trails

are hard packed with simple climbs and short fast flow descents. A little tough for beginners starting out but for most riders a great fun ride. The trail provides excellent views of the San Juan Mountains and if looking west you will see Shiprock. The trails can be ridden all year round. Come out and glide on your mountain bike through the fresh air scent of Juniper trees and Sage brush lined trails. Because of the layout of the trails and several trail connectors, one can customize their ride.

Aztec Disc Golf Course: Located east of Tiger Lake, 18 hole course is designed for the pro in mind with a number of 400 to 600 feet distances.

Aztec Speedway: Every summer since the early 1960s, Aztec Speedway's legendary oval track has been thrilling audiences young and old with IMCA-sanctioned modified, sport mod, hobby and mini sprint stock car races.

Aztec Motocross: Ride from sunrise to sunset on the only Motocross in the area! Our outdoor "national" style layout has proven to be fun and challenging for all levels and at the same time very safe. It is known for its many elevation changes and a signature uphill step-up! The separate beginner/kids track provides a safe environment for learning and coaching. It features simple table tops, rhythm sections, sweeping corners and confidence-building jumps.



Day Trips: Stay & Explore!

Arizona

Four Corners Monument.....76 mi
Canyon de Chelly.....126 mi
Window Rock.....145 mi
Monument Valley.....164 mi
Hubbell Trading Post.....173 mi
Navajo Nation Monument.....171 mi

New Mexico

Salmon Ruins Museum.....11 mi
Angel Peak Recreation Area.....27 mi
Navajo Lake/Quality Waters.....27 mi
Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness.....70 mi
Chaco Culture National Historical Park.....80 mi
Chama Cumbres-Toltec Railroad.....106 mi
Jemez State Monument.....155 mi
Albuquerque.....180 mi
Bandelier National Monument.....198 mi
Santa Fe.....205 mi
Taos.....210 mi

Colorado

Durango.....36 mi
Chimney Rock National Monument.....76 mi
Mesa Verde National Park.....80 mi
Anasazi Heritage Center.....80 mi
Silverton.....84 mi
Pagosa Springs.....86 mi
Ouray.....105 mi
Black Canyon National Park.....156 mi

Utah

Hovenweep National Monument.....120 mi
Bluff.....123 mi
Blanding.....140 mi
Valley of the Gods.....142 mi
Goulding's Trading Museum.....167 mi
Natural Bridges National Monument.....178 mi
Moab.....195 mi



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