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"I absolutely adore the vibrancy the murals bring to our ABQ streets. One of my favorites is at Central Avenue and 7th Street downtown, a colorful work by Lynnette Haozous. I highly recommend doing a mural walk. We have some really talented artists in this city."

Start Bragging ABQ is a campaign to tell everyone what you love about our city. Got a brag about ABQ? Send it to us at editor@abqthemag.com.



*Though many countries have independently developed their own version of **doughnuts**, the **Dutch** are widely credited with bringing the fried pastry to America prior to the **Revolutionary War**, originally calling them **olykoeke**s, meaning "oily cakes".*

FUN under the ABQ SUN



National survey ranks our city #7 for Best Recreation

ABQ's outdoor fun is as varied as our beautiful surroundings, from the rugged Sandia Mountains to the lush bosque along the Rio Grande. That wide array has landed our city a huge distinction: a #7 ranking as the "Best City for Recreation" by WalletHub's 2022 listing.

"It's wonderful to see Albuquerque appear so highly on this ranking," says Tania Armenta, President & CEO of Visit Albuquerque. "Our weather, 310 days of annual sunshine, abundant recreation opportunities and bucket-list experiences are part of what make Albuquerque a great place to live and a top destination to visit any time of year."

The ranking by WalletHub, a personal-finance website, was aimed at the 100 largest cities in the U.S., and considered four factors: the number of entertainment and recreation facilities, cost, quality of parks, and weather. Only ABQ and Scottsdale, AZ scored in the top 40 in all four areas.

Local spots like Tiguex Park and Rio Grande Nature Center State Park make for lazy summer afternoons or brisk walks, as both offer several paths and amenities. Tiguex, located next to the Albuquerque Museum, offers dozens of picnic tables, full-size basketball courts, plenty of play equipment for kids, a full soccer field, and even outdoor workout stations. The Nature Center is an abundant, reserve-like recreational facility that's home to wide walking trails and incredible scenery. The welcome center offers info on the bosque—and the wildlife you might see.

The city has nearly 300 parks, which were ranked as 11th best in quality by WalletHub. By comparison, the parks of the ranking's top overall city, Las Vegas, NV, ranked only #22.