With 310+ days of annual sunshine, sweeping blue skies and an abundance of open space, Albuquerque’s backyard is a natural playground for adventurers of all types.

- Begin the day by grabbing a latte and an empanada from New Mexican bakery Golden Crown Panaderia
- Join Routes Bicycle Tours & Rentals’ morning Daily Bosque (river forest) Bike Tour
- Round out the morning with a hike at Elena Gallegos Open Space
- Enjoy lunch at Sandiago’s Grill at the Tram before taking a “flight” up the mountain on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway
- After descending the mountain, head to the top-rated ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden to take in the beautiful sights and smells
- Cross Historic Route 66 to the El Vado Motel (directly across the street) for a light dinner and a local beer from the onsite El Vado Taproom
- Just as the sun is setting, head west to Petroglyph National Monument for a light hike and gorgeous views of the entire city
  » Don’t miss Boca Negra Canyon, where you can see more than 100 petroglyphs in less than an hour

IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME:
With four distinct seasons, Albuquerque’s outdoor recreation opportunities include everything from skiing and snowboarding in the winter to kayaking in the summer.

- Soar high above the city in the hot air ballooning capital of the world—a variety of local outfitters provide unsurpassed views of Albuquerque year-round
  » Go to VisitABQ.org/ballooning for a full list of providers
- Join a guided tour to explore by jeep, trolley, bus, bike or on-foot
- Golf in an area that combines unique scenery with affordability, at several courses that have been ranked among the best in the country
- Head northwest to the Valles Caldera National Preserve to see a 13-mile wide supervolcano, or hike, rock climb, or fish within the Jemez Mountains

For more information or additional ideas, go to VisitABQ.org/outdoors.