With 310+ days of sunshine each year, it’s almost always a great day to get outside in Albuquerque. Luckily, the city has many fun options for groups that like to get out in nature, as well as those just looking to enjoy the view. It’s no wonder Albuquerque was named one of the Top 10 most wildlife-friendly cities in the USA by USA Today. Find more outdoor adventures at www.VisitABQ.org/outdoors.

**ABQ BioPark**
Take a walk on the wild side, or the botanic side as you explore Albuquerque’s most visited attraction, the ABQ BioPark. The ABQ BioPark includes a botanic garden, zoo, aquarium and man-made beach area that provides hours of fun for locals and visitors alike. Groups love getting a personal tour of the zoo or dining next to sea creatures at the Shark Reef Cafe.

**TIME TO ALLOCATE:** 1.5 hours for each stop (30 minutes at Tingley Beach)

**MORE INFORMATION:** www.ABQBioPark.com

**Volcanic Rock**
Petroglyph National Monument protects one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, featuring designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by Native Americans and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago. Groups love learning about the living history of the area and have fun interpreting what the symbols mean. There is a parking fee for the monument but admission is free.

**TIME TO ALLOCATE:** 1 hour

**MORE INFORMATION:** www.nps.gov/petr

**Watermelon Sunsets**
Sunsets in Albuquerque are among the most beautiful in the world. The Sandia Mountains, claimed to be named after the watermelon hue the mountains turn at sunset, are the showpiece of the city’s eastern skyline. (Sandia means watermelon in Spanish). Make sure eyes are looking towards the mountains as the sun goes down. This show doesn’t cost a dime.

**TIME TO ALLOCATE:** Enough to savor it

**MORE INFORMATION:** Google “Albuquerque sunset”