









HIKING TIPS

FOR A SAFE & FUN EXPERIENCE

-  Hydrate before you go and take plenty of water.
-  Plan activities for cooler times of the day; avoid strenuous activity during extreme heat.
-  Don't go alone. If you do, tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.
-  Learn the trail, know your limits, and check the weather. Print or download maps as you may lose cell service.
-  Wear clothing that fully covers your body and protects you from the sun. Wear hiking shoes or boots to protect from surface heat and injury.
-  Use caution on unpaved roads. Roads may become impassable when wet. Do not cross washes that have water running. A high-clearance vehicle and full tank of gas are recommended.
-  Give all animals, domestic and wild, their space; watch for animals on rural roads.
-  Leave no trace! Take only photos, leave only footprints.



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Las Cruces HIKING TRAILS



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LAS CRUCES

YOUR Adventure IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

NORTH

1 DOÑA ANA MOUNTAINS

5 mi. North of LC

15 miles of biking trails, 7 miles of horseback trails.
Skill Level: Beginner – Advanced

2 PICACHO PEAK RECREATION AREA

7 mi. North of LC

Popular location with beautiful views.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced

3 SLOT CANYON

20 mi. North of LC

Approximatley 2.5 mile hike.
Varying terrain, GPS is useful to navigate trails.
Skill Level: Intermediate – Moderate
NOTE: State recreational permit required

4 CHIHUAHUA DESERT NATURE PARK

5 mi. North of LC

2 mi. of trails that include interpretive signage about archaeology, geology and ecology of the area.

Skill Level: Beginner – Intermediate
NOTE: Open Tuesday – Sunday, 7am–5pm

SOUTH

5 KILBORNE HOLE

47 mi. South of LC

Remnant of an ancient volcanic explosion & National Natural Landmark.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced

EAST

6 TORTUGAS "A" MOUNTAIN

3 mi. East of LC

Two trailheads: Sunset (west side)
Monte Vista (east side)
Skill Level: Beginner – Advanced

7 AGUIRRE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

21 mi. East of LC

East side of the Organ Mountains.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced
NOTE: \$5 per vehicle | \$15 per bus
\$7 per campsite

8 BAYLOR CANYON PASS

17 mi. East of LC

2.5 mile hike out and back or 6 mile hike to Aguirre Springs.
Skill Level: Moderate – Experienced

9 DRIPPING SPRINGS NATURAL AREA

10 mi. East of LC

Several scenic trails and a visitor center.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced
NOTE: \$5 per vehicle | \$15 per bus

10 SIERRA VISTA TRAIL

8.5 mi. East of LC

29-mile trail with several trailheads.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced

11 SOLEDAD CANYON DAY USE AREA

10 mi. East of LC

Beautiful views with occasional waterfall.
Skill Level: Beginner – Experienced

WEST

12 MESILLA VALLEY BOSQUE STATE PARK

5.2 mi. West of LC

2.5 miles of trails, visitor center and native plant garden. Designated important birding area.
Skill Level: Beginner – Intermediate
NOTE: \$5 per vehicle | walk/bicycle in: no fee

13 PREHISTORIC TRACKWAYS NATIONAL MONUMENT

9 mi. West of LC

Access to Ridgeline, Discovery, and SST trails.
Several miles of hiking, mountain biking, OHV trails.
Skill Level: Intermediate – Advanced

