

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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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

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

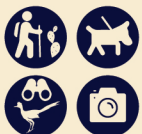


4 CHIHUAHUA DESERT NATURE PARK

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



WEST

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

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

