Hiking Tips
For a Safe & Fun Experience

1. Hydrate before you go and take plenty of water.
2. Plan activities for cooler times of the day; avoid strenuous activity during extreme heat.
3. Don't go alone. If you do, tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.
4. Learn the trail, know your limits, and check the weather. Print or download maps as you may lose cell service.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Give all animals, domestic and wild, their space; watch for animals on rural roads.
8. 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 - Advanced

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

West

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

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