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COUNTY

ALONG THE ALE & SPIRITS TRAIL

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Beer is big in Santa Fe County. Craft breweries, tap rooms and an annual Hoptoberfest celebrating New Mexico's hop growers make this the place to sip award-winning suds. Are spirits more your style? Savor an artisan distillery's smooth gin flavored with local juniper berries and sage or a prickly pear-infused margarita. Live music, fantastic food, brewery tours and even horseshoes and Kan Jam are also on tap along our Ale & Spirits Trail, an elevated experience you won't want to miss. Check out our Top Four Things to Do along the way.

NEW MEXICO'S ORIGINAL CRAFT BREWERY

Start your ale adventure at **Santa Fe Brewing Co.**, New Mexico's first and biggest craft beer brewery. Launched in 1988 with the prized Santa Fe Pale Ale, Santa Fe Brewing Co. today brews a dozen seasonal and year-round beers. See the magic at work on a weekly tour of the brewery facility, and then sip some samples to find your favorite ales. Don't forget to pick up a six-pack or two to take with you. Like many other area breweries, the Santa Fe Brewing Co. grows its own hops on a small farm in Rinconada, near the banks of the Rio Grande. Maybe that's the reason why the new 7K IPA has become New Mexico's best-selling craft beer.

Enjoy a lot more than just craft beer while you're here. The Bridge at Santa Fe Brewing—the brewery's onsite venue—presents cool concerts by local and touring musicians and bands, surrounded by monstrous mountain views. The new Beer

Hall at HQ serves beer, cider, wine and limited fare. There's also a beer garden—a paradise of grass and trees where you can drink in nature's beauty.

For a more intimate brewpub experience, head to Santa Fe Brewing Co.'s Eldorado Tap Room, off Highway 285 south of Santa Fe, in La Tienda. Choose from 14 taps, as well as wine and cider. Mingle with the locals and watch football, soccer, tennis and more. In warm months, the patio is a popular place for people and dogs. Live music is often on tap, too.

Locals love to shop **La Tienda**, where the general store offers chic clothing, home decor and more. Grab a shot of espresso at the **Coffeehouse**, which also sells imported jewelry and textiles. Find sustenance at the authentic **Thai Bistro**—popular with locals.

BEER BY THE TRAIN TRACKS

Just down the road, via 285, lies the **Chili Line Brewery Tap Room** in the historic railroad town of Lamy. Here, in the old train depot, you'll find a beer bar with an unforgettable atmosphere. Rub elbows with the locals as you drink locally made lagers, pilsners and other ales in a room that once stored luggage for travelers. The patio sits right on the train tracks and when the Amtrak Southwest Chief rolls in twice a day, join the crowds waving at the passengers. They'll wave right back. Enjoy great food from Harvey's Cafe, including ham and cheese baguettes, other sandwiches and light fare. Local musicians often perform live, adding to the atmosphere.



New Mexico Beer and Food Festival

INSIDER TIP

Sip New Mexico craft beer and savor foods from the region's past at the annual New Mexico Beer and Food Festival: **Panza Lena**. It takes place outdoors at the fabulous living history museum, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, in mid-August. As the Spanish proverb in the title indicates, you'll leave with a "Full Belly, Happy Heart."



Chili Line Brewery Taproom in Lamy