Off the Beaten Path: Hiking & Biking in Santa Fe County

For travelers looking to escape the daily grind and reconnect with nature, Santa Fe County offers a wealth of opportunities to explore beyond the beaten path. With more than 600 miles of trails, approximately 300 days of sunshine a year, and stunning landscapes, the region invites hikers, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts to slow down, breathe deeply, and discover the restorative power of the outdoors. Whether embarking on a serene morning hike, tackling a challenging mountain trail, or exploring backroads by bike, visitors can find adventure, fresh perspective, and room to roam in Santa Fe County.

Discover the Trail Less Traveled

From the high-mountain beauty of the Pecos Wilderness to the striking terrain of Valles Caldera National Preserve and the pine-filled landscapes of Santa Fe National Forest, Santa Fe County is the place to hit the trail. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a novice, there are hiking trails for all skill levels and all paces.

Take it on Two Wheels

For cyclists eager to venture beyond the familiar, Santa Fe County offers an expansive network of trails and new ways to experience the region. Recently designated as an IMBA Trail Town by the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), Santa Fe offers a wealth of trails for two-wheeled exploration. Bring the journey to life with the Santa Fe County Gravel Adventure Field Guide, which provides an engaging way to explore the area by bike. Combining GPS-enabled routes with artwork, short stories, and local business recommendations, the guide connects outdoor adventure with the people, places, and creative spirit of the region. It's an invitation to take the scenic route, discover lesser-known stops, and experience Santa Fe County at a more leisurely pace.

Go Off-Road

Get truly off the beaten path with Santa Fe Mountain Adventures. With private, guided experiences, including hikes, mountain biking excursions, and off-road Jeep tours, these customized outings allow travelers to explore the Southwest's scenic beauty while discovering the stories and traditions that make Santa Fe County so unique.

Make it a Glamping Getaway

Plan your vacation at the intersection of bougie and outdoorsy. For those visiting in April 2027 and after, consider Under Canvas – Santa Fe, where amenities meet adventure.

Glamping safari-inspired tents, hot showers, wood-burning stoves, private bathrooms, onsite dining, entertainment and camp programming, onsite saunas, and all the comforts of a luxurious stay collide with the charm of camping and the opportunity to reconnect with nature.

Keep Exploring Through Winter

Santa Fe County's outdoor adventures continue into the colder months at Ski Santa Fe, where skiers and snowboarders can experience the beauty of the mountains in winter. With terrain for a range of ability levels, lessons, rentals, and mountain dining, it offers another way to get outside and experience the great outdoors.

For trail information, trip inspiration and more outdoor recreation ideas, visit SantaFeNMTrue.com.