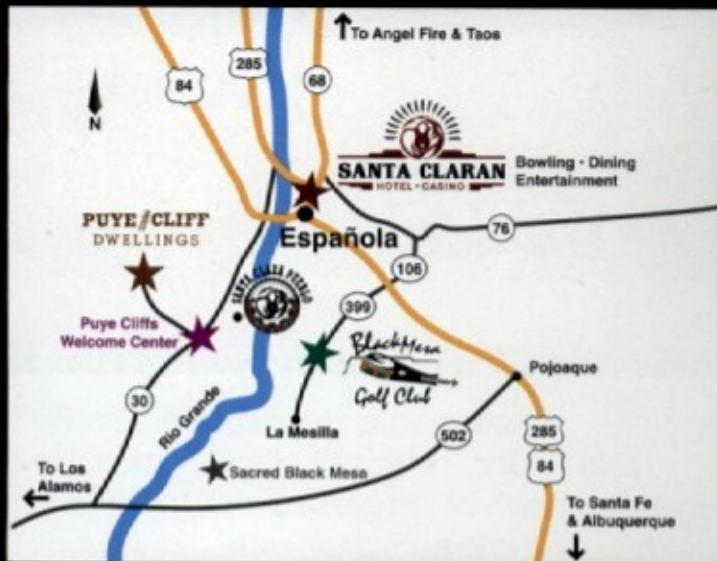


PUYE # CLIFF

DWELLINGS



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HOURS

All Tours are Weather Permitting

Summer Season

April - September • 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Gates open at 8:30 am. Tours start at 9:00 am and continue on the hour until 5:00 pm. Gates close at 6:00 pm.

Winter Season

October - March • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Gates open at 9:00 am. Tours start at 9:30 am and continue on the hour until 3:00 pm. Gates close at 4:00 pm.

Please use designated rest stop areas to view cliffside.



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A Place Between Earth & Sky

PUYE

Place where the rabbits gather

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Discover all we are



Journey through Time

Welcome to the ancient ancestral home of the Santa Clara Pueblo people atop the breathtaking Pajarito Plateau.

Puye (/poo yay/ • noun) overlooks Northern New Mexico's spectacular mountains and valleys, the sources of everyday sustenance and spiritual fulfillment for generations past and present.

Your visit will be a journey of personal and spiritual discovery as you experience Puye's stillness, beauty and cultural significance.

Journey back in time approximately two thousand years and you will find the ancestors of Santa Clara Pueblo thriving here at Puye. Using material found at this site, they sculpted their homes from the soft volcanic rock of the Pajarito Plateau. Hand-hold trails carved into the rock allowed them to travel between levels and the breathtaking view of the valley below define their world according to nature's boundaries: the earth and the sky.

Today, these homes continue to flank ancient trails cut into the cliff face and grace the spectacular mesa top.

Around 900 AD, early pueblo people descended from Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde in the Four Corners region to the Pajarito Plateau. Santa Clara Pueblo's ancestors settled here at Puye, the largest of several early pueblo settlements in the area. As their population increased over time, Santa Clara Pueblo's ancestors slowly moved from Puye into the Rio Grande Valley to cultivate new fields, allowing the community to continue to flourish and grow. Puye was once occupied until the early 1600's when Santa Clara Pueblo became their permanent home.

Today, Santa Clara Pueblo is a modern community and its people diligently hold on to the time-honored traditions of Puye. Hunting, farming, traditional dances and the native language, Tewa, remain a part of daily pueblo life at Santa Clara. Santa Clara's early artistic traditions, often glimpsed through the design of pottery shard, have evolved and admired throughout the world. Puye's ancestors invite you to experience their incredible culture, both past and present.



Harvey House Tour

Open All Day

The restored 1930's Harvey House and grounds are where you will learn about Puye Cliffs and the Santa Clara Pueblo people. The Harvey House was built by the Fred Harvey Company as part of the railroad tours that brought many tourists to New Mexico for the first time. The cultural displays present information discovered in the excavation by J. Edgar Hewett in 1907 told for the perspective of the Santa Clara Pueblo people. Like the Puye Cliff Face and Puye Mesa Top, the Harvey House is made from volcanic rock and tufa block masonry.

all tours include access to the Harvey House and grounds



*Puye Cliff Dwellings Tour**

One hour guided tour

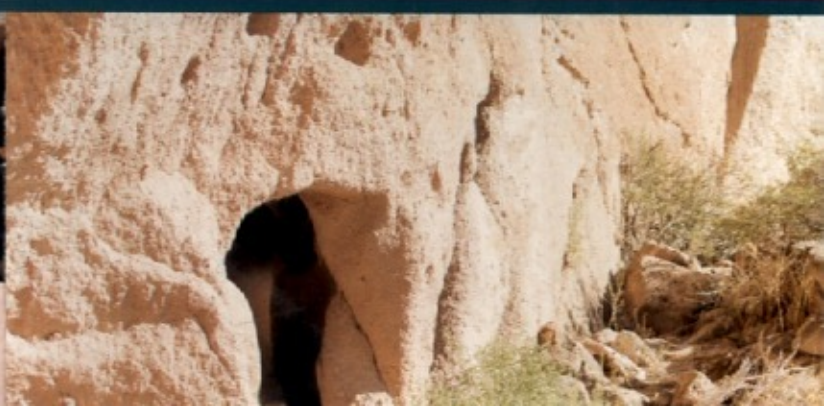
Adult \$20⁰⁰

Seniors and youth 14 years & under \$18⁰⁰

Behind the Harvey House, the Puye Cliff Face Trail guides visitors in the world of the Puye ancients. On this tour, a Puye Cliffs Tour Guide will introduce you to everyday life on the Puye Cliff Face through detailed information about early habitation and architecture. You will see masonry dwellings, cavate dwellings sculpted from the volcanic rock of the Parajito Plateau and petroglyph's of the Puye people. The Puye Dwellings Tour involves walking on steep slopes (paved) at high elevations.



Pueblo Dancers performing at Puye Cliff Dwellings





*Puye Cliff Mesa Top Tour**

One hour guided tour

Adult \$20⁰⁰

Seniors and youth 14 years & under \$18⁰⁰

Experience the Place Between Earth and Sky from the Puye Mesa Top, where breathtaking views and a guided tour of the Puye Village will leave you awed and humbled. You will see firsthand the kiva structure, the 140 room ancient home and 360° panoramic views of the sacred mountains. Your Puye Cliffs Tour Guide will show you the remains of multi-storied dwellings framing a central plaza, providing an insightful glimpse into early pueblo architecture and community life.



*Puye Cliffs Adventure Tour**

Two hour guided tour

Adult \$35⁰⁰

Seniors and youth 14 years & under \$33⁰⁰

Enjoy the Puye Cliff Face, Puye Village and Puye Mesa Top in this combination of all the tours. You will experience the very heart of pueblo culture, gaining a full and rich understanding of daily life at Puye. Involves walking on steep slopes (paved) at high elevations.

Times: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm



Guide and visitors at Puye Cliff Dwellings