Pump Canyon Tour



BURNS ARCH 1

LAT: 36° 47.87N LONG: 107° 43.58W (VERY STRENUOUS HIKE)



BURNS ARCH 2 LAT: 36° 48.08N LONG: 107° 43.61W (STRENUOUS HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- · Hike through piñon/juniper woodland.
- Up to 6,000-foot elevation; up to 500-foot vertical rise.
- Over 50 arches have been recorded in Pump Canyon to date. Majority are on the west side of the canyon.

DIRECTIONS

- From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/US 550), drive US 550 north toward Durango for 1 mile. Turn right at NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road) and drive 15.5 miles.
- Turn north onto Road 4600 and drive 0.8 miles and turn east onto an oil well access road.
- The Burns 1 Arch is located midway up the mesa slope. Another 0.1 mile on Road 4600 is another east turn off to a well pad whereby two arches are accessible nearby.
- An extensive cluster of small arches and windows is located 1.4 miles further north on Road 4600 off on an east turn to a well site.



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Caballo & Crow Canyons Tour



ZIG-ZAG LAT: 36° 49.21N LONG: 107° 46.97W (EASY HIKE)

LAT: 36° 49.09N

(EASY HIKE)

LONG: 107° 45.84W





CROW CANYON LAT: 36° 49.11N LONG: 107° 45.30W

(MODERATE HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- Hike through piñon/juniper woodland.
- Up to 6,350-foot elevation; up to 350-foot vertical rise.
- Over 50 arches have been recorded in Caballo and Crow canyons to date.

DIRECTIONS

- From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/ US 550), drive US 550 north toward Durango for 1 mile. Turn right at NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road) and drive 12.6 miles into Caballo Canyon.
- · Look for the Caballo Canyon sign for the correct road access.

Know Before You Go...

Be Careful Out There!

Many regional back-country roads, commonly referred to as oil and gas roads, are not maintained by any governmental agency. During or after inclement weather these roads can become rutted, bumpy and very slippery. Getting stuck or worse is a real possibility; we encourage the use of four wheel drive vehicles. Additionally, oil and gas roads change frequently-new roads are added when new wells are drilled. For added safety and comfort:

- Pack food and water (take more than expected).
- Drive dependable transportation with ample fuel.
- · Take first-aid kit, compass and GPS.
- · Carry a topographical map.
- · Charge all cell phones.
- Wear seasonal clothing.
- · Be aware of rattlesnakes!

Gas Well Warning

Gas well sites are dangerous. Pump jacks crush, cables cut, gas tanks explode, noxious fumes suffocate, and equipment can start suddenly and without warning. Keep a safe distance from well sites, and please watch over your children and pets.

Respect the Land

Pack out what you pack in. Leave nothing but footprints. Take nothing but photographs. Defacing or vandalizing Native American ruins or petroglyphs is a violation of federal law with penalties of up to \$100,000 in fines and/or five years in prison. [Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.] Call the vandalism hotline: 800.722.3998.



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Arch Rock & Cox Canyon Tour



ARCH ROCK

LAT: 36° 53.45N LONG: 107° 50.95W 25 FEET F/ ROAD (EASY HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- Largest arch opening near Aztec (view from your car).
- 6,357-foot elevation, no vertical rise.
- Bonus find: petroglyphs!

DIRECTIONS

- From Aztec Blvd, and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/US 550), drive US 550 north toward Durango for 4 miles.
- Turn right at County Road 2770 (Hart Canyon Road).
- Drive 6.0 miles. At the junction, turn left and drive 1.3 miles.
- Arch Rock is on the right. Hike as close as desired.



COX CANYON (aka ANASAZI) LAT: 36° 59.87N LONG: 107° 54.55W (MODERATE HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- 980 feet from County Road 2310.
- · Considered the most spectacular arch in Aztec area.
- 6.345-foot elevation: 125-foot vertical rise.

DIRECTIONS

- From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/US 550), drive US 550 north toward Durango for 10.9 miles.
- Turn left at County Road 2300 (after the Cedar Hill community) and drive 1.3 miles.
- Turn right onto County Road 2310; drive 2.7 miles and turn right after the Williams Aztec Compressor station.
- · Drive across arroyo; take left fork at the old Phillips Petroleum Company sign; continue to a clearing at the base of a cliff and park.
- · Hike north. At dead end, look for steps on left; climb up six feet; hike another 200 feet to second vertical climb.
- Climb up 15 feet. Hike as close to arch as desired.

Potter Canyon Tour



PILLAR LAT: 36° 47.61N LONG: 107° 53.69W (EASY HIKE)

OUTCROP LAT: 36° 47.41N LONG: 107° 53.71W (EASY HIKE)



ALIEN LAT: 36° 47.31N LONG: 107° 54.03W (EASY HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- Arches are a short hike from road.
- · Easy walking through dirt, sand and trees.
- Up to 6,450-foot elevation; up to 110 feet of vertical rise.

DIRECTIONS

- From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/ US 550), drive US 550 north toward Durango for 1 mile.
- Turn right at NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road); drive 5.6 miles; turn right onto dirt road.
- Drive 1/2 mile; park at the gas well.
- Pillar Arch is a 100-yard hike northeast.
- Outcrop Arch is a 300-yard hike south.
- Alien Arch is a 1/3-mile hike southwest through stands of cedar and piñon trees.
- Hike as close to arches as desired.



Cerritos Canyon Tour







LAT: 36° 49.46N LONG: 107° 52.40W (EASY HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- · Arches are located 200 yards from road.
- · Hiking is uphill on loose sand.
- 6,509-foot elevation; 60-foot vertical rise.
- 21 arches have been recorded in this canyon.

DIRECTIONS

- · From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/ US 550), take US 550 north toward Durango for 1 mile. Turn right at NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road). Drive 6.6 miles.
- Turn left onto dirt road and drive 1.2 miles. Stay on main dirt road. Turn left at what appears to be a fork in the road and drive 0.2 miles.
- Turn left again and drive another 0.2 miles. Park between the two gas wells.
- Drillpad Arch can be viewed directly above the well site on the east end, with Knickerbocker Arch close by. Hike around Drillpad Arch and you will discover another formation: Beehive Arch.
- Hike 200 yards northwest. Go around this first rock outcrop and you'll see another outcrop 50 yards away. Look for other smaller holes and arches.
- Hike as close to arches as desired.









Pilares Canyon Tour



PEEPHOLE

LAT: 36° 48.39N LONG: 107° 48.05W (EASY HIKE)



PETROGLYPH LAT: 36° 48.54N LONG: 107° 48.30W (EASY HIKE)



ROOFTOP LAT: 36° 48.88N LONG: 107° 48.84W (MODERATE HIKE)



JUNIPER ARCH

LAT: 36° 48.58N LONG: 107° 48.96W (MODERATE HIKE)

FAST FACTS

- The first three arches are on the north side of the canyon and can be viewed from the road. Juniper Arch is located on the south side of the canyon and requires a moderate hike.
- Up to 6,200 feet elevation; up to 100 feet of vertical rise. • 21 arches have been recorded in this canyon.

DIRECTIONS

- From the Aztec Blvd. and Main Ave. stoplight (NM 516/ US 550), take US 550 north toward Durango for 1 mile. Turn right at NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road) and drive 10.9 miles. Turn left onto dirt road and drive 0.2 miles.
- At the "T" turn left and drive 0.4 miles, then turn right and drive 50 yards. Peephole Arch is on your right at the top of a small rise 150 yards away.
- To access Petroglyph Arch, go back 50 yards to the main dirt road, turn right and drive .25 miles. Petroglyph Arch is on your right about 25 yards off the road.
- For Rooftop Arch, continue driving for 2/3 miles. Rooftop Arch is on your right at the top of the cliffs. (You might have to drive past the arch and look back to view it.) For Two Cracks Arch, continue driving 0.2 miles. Turn right at the gas well and park at the rock tower. Hike 200 yards and ascend a steep 100-foot hill. Two Cracks can be seen to the north. Hike as close to arches as desired.