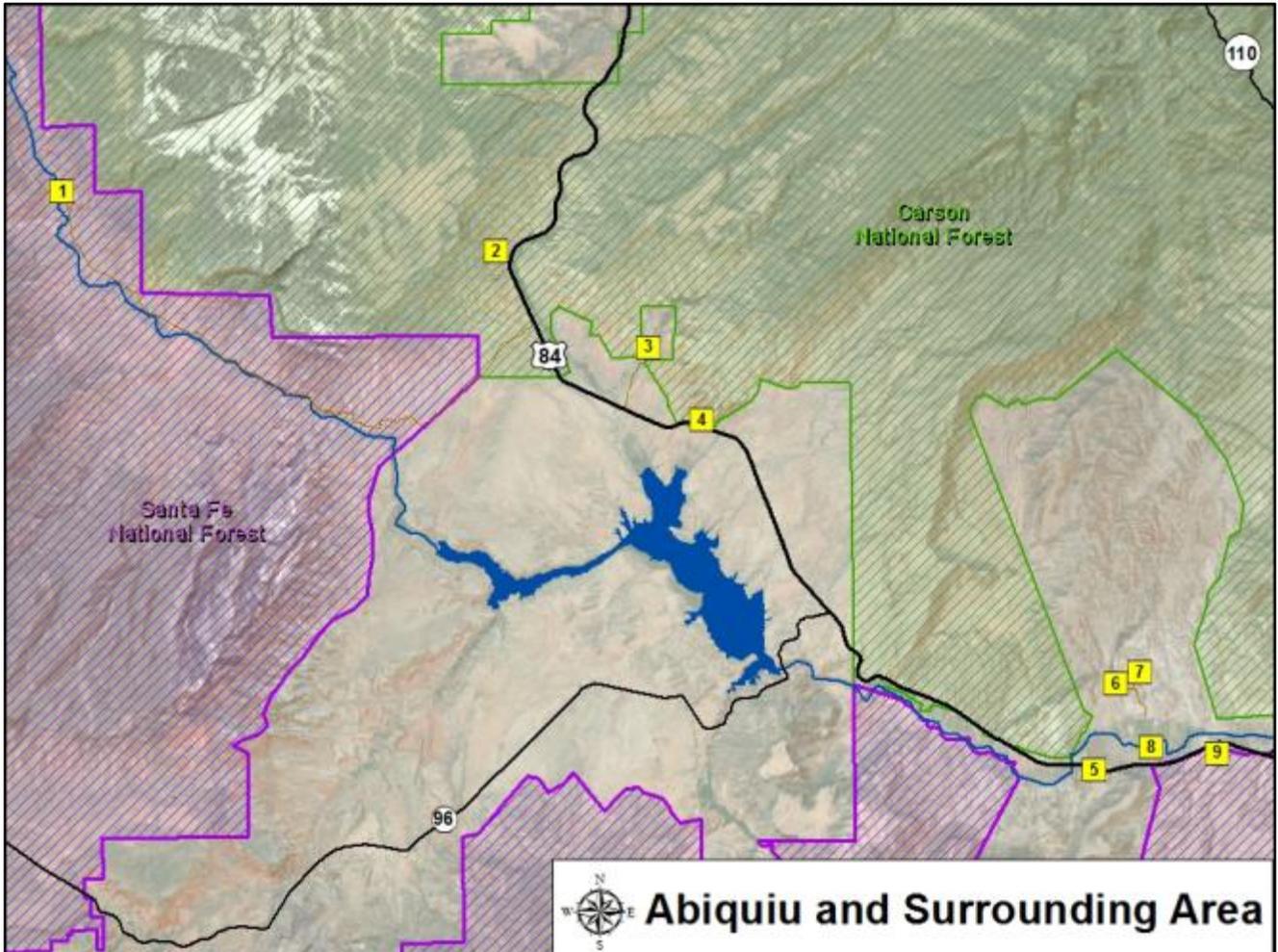




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## Abiquiu and Surrounding Area



### Abiquiu Dam and Reservoir

A good place for boating or swimming, the US Army Corps of Engineers flooded this area in 1963. The lake is formed by the dam on the Rio Chama about half way between Abiquiu and Ghost Ranch on Highway 84. Near the dam is a very nice campground with over 50 campsites.



### **Dar al-Islam Islamic Community (#6)**

Located southwest of Plaza Blanca, is the Muslim mosque of the Dar al-Islam Islamic community. Please obtain permission from Dar al Islam to hike Plaza Blanca.



### **Echo Amphitheater (#2)**

This natural rock formation just north of Ghost Ranch is a favorite stopping place to eat a packed lunch in the picnic grounds. In addition, there is a camp ground facility for 10 camping spots. A short walk along a concrete path will take you to the base of the huge hollow area worn from the side of the cliff. From here one can hear their voice echoed back.



### **Ghost Ranch Education & Retreat Center (#3)**

Open year-round, Ghost Ranch is an education and retreat center dedicated to spiritual development, peace and justice, honoring the environment and exploring family through the celebration of art, culture and nature. The landscape of Ghost Ranch was made famous by painter Georgia O'Keeffe whose first home is located on the ranch. People from all over the world come to work together in creation care, to paint, write poetry, to hike, ride horseback, to research globally renowned archaeological and fossil quarries or simply to rest and renew their spirits.

### **Home of Georgia O'Keeffe (#5)**

Located in the village of Abiquiu, this is the second home of Georgia O'Keeffe and the only house you can tour. Her home at Ghost Ranch is closed to the public. To arrange to see the house, owned by the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, call 505-685-4539.

### **Monastery of Christ in the Desert (#1)**

At the Monastery of Christ in the Desert there lives a community of monks each of whom and as a community seek to be in union with God. People can visit this beautiful old Roman Catholic monastery by traveling along a rough, 13 mile dirt road (which is only accessible in good weather).



### **Plaza Blanca (#7)**

One of the infamous locations that Georgia O'Keeffe often visited and painted. Please obtain permission from Dar al Islam to hike Plaza Blanca (<http://daralislam.org>).



**Poshuouinge Ruins (#9)**

A little south of Abiquiu, there is a small parking lot marked with a National Forest Service sign. A short but steep walk from the parking lot will take you to the ruins of the Poshuouinge Pueblo, inhabited in the 15th century. Looking down from the marker at the end of the trail you will see the remains of 700 ground floor rooms encircling two plazas and a large central kiva.

**Purple Adobe Lavender Farm (#8)**

If you are into Lavender, this is a must visit destination. Open from April to October, this farm provides numerous Lavender products and a cafe with exquisite luncheons.



**St. Thomas Chapel (#5)**

Located in the village of Abiquiu, this chapel began as a convento in 1771 by Fray Juan Jose Toledo. The church was completed in 1773 by Fray Sebastian Angel Fernandez. In 1867 the original chapel burned down. A new church was rebuilt in 1935 by Rev Bickhaus.

