Chimney Rock Loop

This 155 mile loop drive will take you on a scenic drive to Chimney Rock. The trip can be done in a single day unless one decides to recreate on Navajo Lake.
Bayfield, CO

Bayfield is downstream from Lake Vallecito, one of Colorado's most stunning water spots and offering boating, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Bayfield also hosts one of the West's most celebrated activities - rodeo. Running non-stop, from spring to fall, visitors and residents watch the dust fly as cowpokes and livestock square off each weekend. While there during the summer months, visit the local historic museum:

Pine River Valley Heritage Society and Museum
11 West Mill Street
Bayfield, CO 81122
(970) 884-7636
pineriverheritage.org/museum.html

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1. Chimney Rock National Monument
One of America's newest national monuments, Chimney Rock is located in southwest Colorado between Durango and Pagosa Springs. The area derives its name from two 300-foot pinnacles that tower over the Chacoan Great House. Chimney Rock contains several excavated and unexcavated ruins. From this high altitude vantage point, visitors overlook the San Juan Mountains and Piedras River Valley. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Program, managed and staffed by the National Forest Service and volunteers of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, conducts daily guided walking tours and operates the Visitor Center May 15 - Sept. 30 (weather permitting).

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association
P.O. Box 1662
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
(970) 883-5359
www.chimneyrockco.org

In the vicinity of Chimney Rock National Monument is Lake Capote Recreation Area, a lake and camping facility owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Park facilities include camping, restrooms, convenience store, picnic grounds, fishing, and non-motorized boat rentals.
2. **Two Rivers Marina**  
This is where the two rivers of the Piedra and San Juan meet and the northern Colorado access to Navajo Lake State Park. The full service marina offers camping, restrooms, restaurant, fishing accessories, boat slips, rentals, and storage.

*Navajo State Park*  
1526 County Rd 982  
Arboles, CO, 81121  
(970) 883-2628  
cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Navajo/Pages/Marina.aspx

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### Ignacio, CO

3. **Ignacio**  
A tri-ethnic community of about 800 people, Ignacio offers a variety of recreational opportunities with its close proximity to Chimney Rock and Navajo Lake. In addition, it serves as the capital for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe*  
356 Ouray Dr.  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
www.southernute-nsn.gov

While in Ignacio, visit the following attractions:

*Sky Ute Casino Resort*  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
(970) 563-7777  
www.skyutecasino.com

*Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum*  
503 Ouray Dr.  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
(970) 563-9583  
www.southernutemuseum.org

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### Navajo Lake, CO-NM

4. **Navajo Lake State Park**  
Completed in 1963 after a six-year construction on the San Juan River, the earth and rock-filled dam is nearly 0.75-miles long and 400 feet high. It is the central amenity of Navajo Lake State Park and has a world class reputation for outdoor adventure and fishing. Covering 14,500 acres and the second largest lake in New Mexico, Navajo Lake is ideal for a day of fishing, swimming, scuba-diving, water-skiing, wildlife viewing, and hiking or for a week of camping and boating.
Navajo Lake State Park
36 Road 4110 Unit 1
Navajo Dam, NM 87419
(505) 632-2278
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/navajolakestatepark.html

Navajo Lake Marina
1448 NM 511 NBU #6
Navajo Dam, NM 87419
(505) 632-3245
www.navajomarina.com