



Navajo Lake - Turley Loop



This short 65 mile loop drive will take you on a pleasant drive to Navajo Lake and along the San Juan River. The trip can be done in a single day unless one decides to recreate on Navajo Lake or over-night at one of the many lodging facilities or camp grounds.



Great Road Trips Series

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Navajo Lake Community

Located at the junction of NM 173 (Navajo Dam Rd) and NM 511 is Navajo Lake Community. Here one can find several lodging facilities, restaurants, and fly fishing guides.

Lodging

- Abe's Motel
- Fisheads San Juan River Lodge
- Las Verandas Lodge de San Juan
- Octagon Inn
- Rainbow Lodge
- San Juan Quality Water Inn
- San Juan River Haven

Restaurants

- Abe's Restaurant
- Back Cast Café
- The Sportsman Bar & Grill

Fishing Guides

- Blue Sky Fly Fishing Co
- Float 'n Fish
- T's Private Fly Fishing

Navajo Lake

1. Navajo Lake State Park and Marina

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, waterskiing, wildlife viewing, and hiking or for a week of camping and boating. The Navajo Lake State Park is a full service



park with a Visitor Center, several campground sites and group shelters, showers, electric hookup, restrooms, RV Camping and dumping stations, trails, fishing, boating ramps and a marina.

Navajo Lake State Park 36 Road 4110 Unit 1 Navajo Dam, NM 87419 (505) 632-2278

www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/navajolakestatepark.html

Central to the Park is the Navajo Marina and Brue Café where one can purchase items for their adventure on the lake, rent equipment or boats, or grab a bite to eat for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

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



Turley

After a morning of recreation and fun, head south on NM 511 to the community of Turley. It is here where one can find some pleasant sips and crafts.

2. Wines of the San Juan

A local favorite, the Wines of the San Juan offer a great environment for relaxing and wine tasting. Periodically, they also have festivals and special events.

Wines of the San Juan 233 NM-511 Blanco, NM 87412 (505) 632-0879 www.winesofthesanjuan.com



3. Majestic Enchantment

This place encompasses a ½ mile along the San Juan River and provides the avid fly fisherman ample places to wade and fish. Also on the premise is a gallery art shop specializing in Native arts and crafts and also an 18-hole disc golf course.

Majestic Enchantment
221 Hwy 511
Blanco, NM 87412
(505) 801-9163
www.majesticenchantment.com



4. Lavender on the San Juan River

Immediately down the road, is Lavender of the San Juan. This place grows their own lavender and produce numerous products with their locally grown lavender.

<u>Lavender on the San Juan River</u> 181 NM-511 Blanco, NM 87412 (505) 793-9787



5. Willow Wicks

Located next door to Lavender of the San Juan River is Willow Wicks. This place has a collection of assorted soy and paraffin candles, diffuser oils, body products, lotions and more.

Willow Wicks 8 Road 4410 Turley NM 87412 (505) 320-0184 willowwicks.com



CR 4559 / 4556

On your return trip to Aztec, detour onto County Road 4559 and head a few miles north to Rio Suave Vineyard off of CR 4556.

6. Rio Suave Vineyard

The newest winery in Northern New Mexico, enjoy an afternoon along the San Juan River sipping wines locally grown in this family operated vineyard. They are open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon until 6:00 pm.

<u>Rio Suave Vineyard</u> 66 Rd 4556 Blanco, Nm 87412 (505) 860-0572



