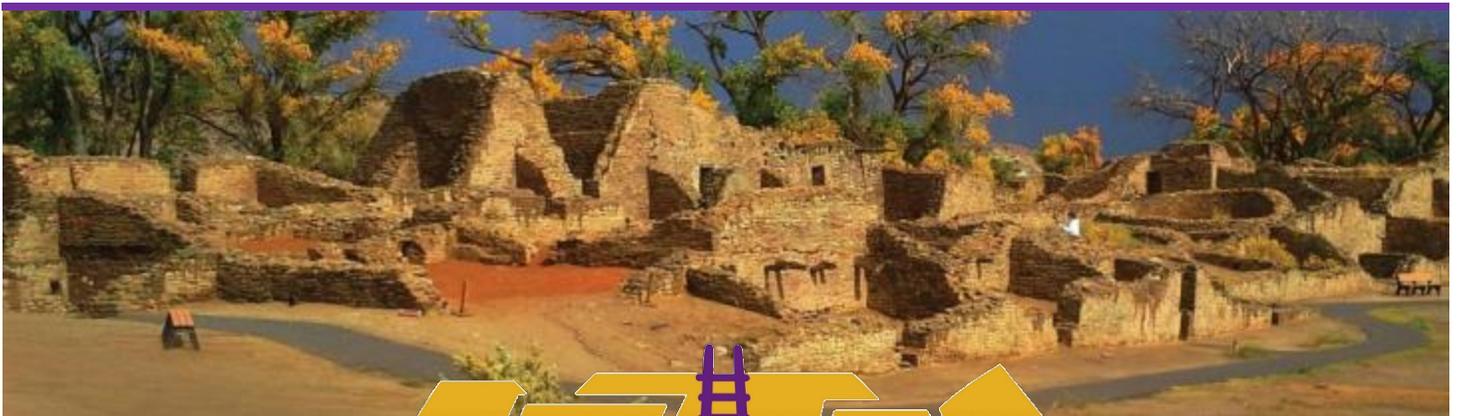


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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

Located near the Four Corners, Aztec offers the outdoor enthusiast an array of places to explore and experience. It is best known for the Aztec Ruins National Monument (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), trophy fly-fishing, lake and river recreation, 300+ natural sandstone arches, motor speedways, historically registered structures, Pioneer Village and Museum, and world-class mountain biking.

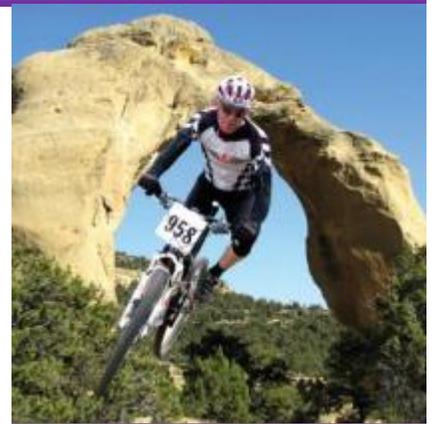


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BRIEF HISTORY

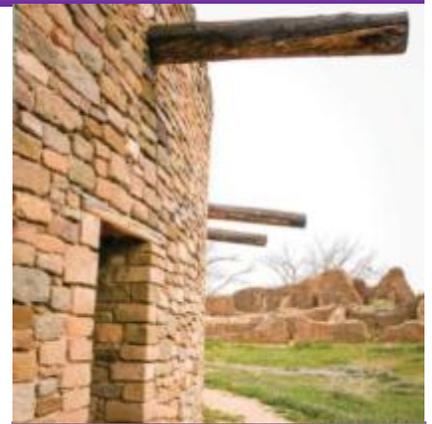
Aztec and the immediate area have been occupied for more than 1,000 years. The Ancestral Puebloans reached their peak between 1100 and 1300 A.D. The area was abandoned, possibly because of a 23-year drought that began in 1276, and/or due to exhausted resources. The area was not used extensively again until the 1500s with the arrival of the Navajo people.

Aztec's recorded history began in the summer of 1776 with the arrival of Father Francisco Atanosio Dominguez and Father Francisco Velaz de Escalante, two friars seeking a shorter overland route from Santa Fe to California. Dominguez and Escalante never did find a suitable trail to the missions of California. However, their efforts did provide a route into the San Juan Basin for other explorers and early settlers.

Aztec's name is attributed to local Anglo Settlers finding large, ancient ruins that at the time were believed built by the Aztec Indians of Mexico. The ruins became a national monument on Jan. 24, 1923.

As an early trading post, Aztec became an established community in 1887. In 1895 it boasted a blacksmith, drugstore, barbershop, livery barn, water-powered flourmill, saloon, mercantile store, two lawyers, a doctor and a dentist. By 1900, daily postal delivery was standard. Telephone service began in 1903, and in 1905 the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad operated a standard rail between Durango, Colo., and Aztec, helping it become a key shipping point for sheep and cattle.

In 1921 on the town's east side the Aztec Oil Syndicate drilled to 985 feet and found an abundance of oil, then drilled to 1,750 feet and found natural gas. It resulted in Aztec becoming the first town in New Mexico to use natural gas for fuel.



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EXPLORE

FACT SHEET

Location

Aztec is in northwest New Mexico on U.S. 550, 16 miles south of the Colorado/New Mexico state line and 179 miles north of Albuquerque. Nearest major towns include Farmington, NM (16 miles southwest) and Durango, CO (36 miles north).

Population

Aztec is the county seat of San Juan County. In 2013 it had an estimated population of 6,578.

Economy

Aztec's three primary industries are oil and gas, local and county government, and tourism.

Local Airport

The Aztec Airport is, in FAA terms, an "uncontrolled municipal airport" that serves helicopters and smaller private planes and jets. Services include fuel sales, free courtesy vehicles, free parking, and free Internet.

Major Airports

Durango-La Plata County Airport (37 miles north) serves the Four Corners Region with various major carriers including U.S. Air, American and United Airlines. Four Corners Regional Airport in Farmington (16 miles southwest) is served by United Airlines' code-share partner, Great Lakes Airlines. Both airports offer the convenience of major-brand rental car companies.

Lodging

Aztec offers several lodging options including a newer major-chain hotel.

Dining

Food aficionados will enjoy the variety and quality of breakfast, lunch and dinner in Aztec, which ranges from regional specialties to deliciously authentic Asian.

Awards

In 1963, Aztec earned the coveted All America City Award from the National Civic League. In 2015, Aztec ranked the 6th Safest City in New Mexico by movoto.com and the 8th Most Beautiful Town in New Mexico by culturetrip.com.

Population:
6,578

Elevation:
5,646 ft

Established:
1887

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Aztec Ruins

Aztec Ruins National Monument is a celebrated UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to the 12th century, one of three historically significant sites in the Four Corners Area that include Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Mesa Verde National Park.

Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village

Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village houses one of the Southwest's finer western Americana collections, plus an expansive array of original buildings like the early settlers' doctor and sheriff offices, blacksmith and foundry, hand-hewn cabin, general store, post office and church.

San Juan County Historical Society

San Juan County Historical Society is located on historic Main Avenue in a newly remodeled building that formerly was the Old Fire Station. It offers visitors a colorful landscape of Aztec's eclectic past, including more than a century of records and images of Four Corners settlers.

Historic Places

Within Aztec are numerous residences and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties - including the Old Fire Station, now home to the San Juan County Historical Society.

Old Spanish Trail

The Old Spanish National Historic Trail, designated by Congress in 2002, spans over 2,500 miles and is regarded as America's longest and most arduous pack mule route. It was in 1829, when Mexican trader Antonio Armijo, 60 men and 100 mules visited Aztec en route to California. Starting in Abiquiu, New Mexico, Armijo followed established trails as well as the 1776 exploration of Franciscan missionaries Sivestre Velez de Escalante and Francisco Antanasio Dominguez.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Navajo Lake

Navajo Lake State Park is 25 miles long with over 200 camping and picnic sites, two boat ramps and a marina. Recreation includes camping, house boating, water skiing, stand-up paddle boarding and other water sports, plus trophy fishing for brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and Kokanee salmon.



San Juan River

Quality Waters of the San Juan River are ranked among America's top-10 trout fishing waters. The nutrient-rich Upper San Juan River flows from Navajo Dam, and includes a 4.5-mile section that is so spectacular for fishing that it has earned "Quality Waters" designation and attracts sports enthusiasts from around the world.



Animas River

Animas River is a 126-mile-long waterway with headwaters in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. The river bisects Aztec then joins the San Juan River further west in Farmington, NM. It is a popular recreational resource for fishing, rafting, kayaking and tubing.



Aztec Disc Golf Course

The newest 18-hole disc golf course in san Juan County is here in Aztec, just east of Tiger Park. This course was designed in partnership with San Juan Basin Disc Golf Club and is for the pro in mind with long par 3s and several par 4s.

Mountain Biking

Aztec boasts over 30 miles of mountain bike trails, including the Alien Run, ranked among the more technically challenging and scenic single tracks in the Four Corners. Located near an alleged UFO crash site, Alien Run provides three different loops which provide a scenic and challenging ride from the novice to the expert, if they choose to venture the Outer Limits loop.



Natural Arches

For the hiking enthusiast, there are over 300+ natural sandstone arches and windows found in the region east of Aztec. Among the most popular and photogenic arches are Arch Rock, Bridge of Wonder, and Cox Canyon's Anasazi Arch.

MOTOR SPORTS

For the motor sports enthusiast of all ages, Aztec offers a variety of opportunities.

Aztec Speedway

Aztec Speedway offers auto race fans explosive entertainment on a quarter-mile, IMCA-sanctioned oval clay track. Having been a Four Corners staple for generations, the family friendly venue features a variety of stock and funny car events throughout the summer, including modified-, hobby-, late model-, sport compact- and sportmod-class.



Aztec Motocross

The Aztec Motocross track here is the only one in the area! Our outdoor "national" style layout has proven to be fun and challenging for all levels and at the same time very safe. It is known for its many elevation changes and a signature uphill step-up! The separate beginner/kids track provides a safe environment for learning and coaching. It features simple table tops, rhythm sections, sweeping corners and confidence-building jumps.



Kart Kanyon Speedway

The Kart Kanyon Speedway is owned by the City of Aztec and operated/maintained by the non-profit 4 Corners Amateur Racing. The 1/5 mile dirt oval track is designed for racing the fastest Flat Karts, Quarter Midgets, and Outlaw Karts in the Four Corners.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Four Corners Monument

Four Corners Monument is the only place in America where four states (Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico) touch at a single point. Located 76 miles northwest of Aztec, visitors also enjoy Native American crafts of jewelry, rugs, and other fine art, and food.



Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Chaco Culture National Historical Park is 80 miles south of Aztec in a canyon that contains the largest excavated ruins in the Southwest. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features hundreds of small sites and 13 major ruins, most of which are accessible by car or on foot.



Mesa Verde National Park

Mesa Verde National Park is 80 miles northwest of Aztec. Its world-famous Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and mesa-top villages were built from 600-1300 A.D. Amenities include ranger-led tours, restaurants and a Visitor Center.

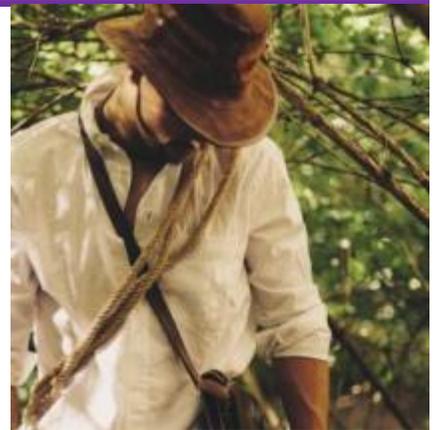


Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad arrived in nearby Durango, Co., in 1881 and began hauling both passengers and freight to and from the legendary silver mines of Silverton, Co. Today, the meticulously preserved 45-mile journey is regarded among the most scenic and breathtaking in the world, and is among America's favorite railways.

STORY IDEAS

Aztec and the immediate area have been occupied for more than 1,000 years. Ancestral Puebloans reached their peak around 1100 A.D. About 200 years later the area was abandoned, possibly due to a 23-year drought that began in 1276, and/or due to exhausted resources. The area was not used extensively again until the 1500s with the arrival of the hunting/gathering Navajo from the north. (Anasazi, loosely translated, means “enemy ancestors” in the Navajo language. It is now regarded a disrespectful insult that should not be used.)



Aztec Ruins National Monument is a one of three prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the immediate area, including Mesa Verde National Park to the north and Chaco Culture National Historical Park to the south.

Hollywood’s infamous Indiana Jones character - played by Harrison Ford in several Steven Spielberg blockbuster movies - is based on the real-life persona of Earl Morris, famed archeologist and former director and preservationist of the Aztec Ruins National Monument.

In 1948, a UFO of outer space origin allegedly crash-landed in the hills outside Aztec that, according to rumors and lore, was trucked away and covered up by the U.S. Air Force.

Fly fishing enthusiasts from around the world fish the trophy trout- infused Quality Waters of the San Juan River, located just 30 minutes from Aztec.

Aztec’s immediate area includes a massive collection (300 and counting) of natural sandstone arches.

Wines of the San Juan, located 22 miles southeast of Aztec near Navajo Lake State Park, is celebrated as one of the Southwest’s premier wineries. Established in 1999 in the San Juan River Valley, the family owned business produces award-winning varieties of red and white wines.

EXPERIENCE THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE AZTEC RUINS

Among the many astonishing things that can be enjoyed and explored in the American Southwest is the Aztec Ruins National Monument, a major Ancestral Puebloan ruins located in Aztec that dates back to the 12th century - some 900 years ago.

This 27-acre site, located near the banks of the Animas River, is so significant that in 1987 it was designated with the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site title, awarded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization because of its special cultural or physical significance. In the United States, there are only 24 UNESCO Sites, a list that includes the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park and the Statue of Liberty.

Constructed primarily of stone and mortar - plus pine, spruce, fir, pinon, juniper and aspen tree trunks carried in from as far away as 30 miles, the ruins consist of an integrated network of massive masonry and "apartment" houses. The main West Ruins covers two acres, once standing three stories high and containing approximately 500 rooms.

Dominating the site is a Great Kiva, an important enclosed chamber that, as the core of the community, likely was used for ceremony, social interaction and council. At the Aztec Ruins, this building is unique because it is the largest reconstructed "great kiva" anywhere.

Evidence indicates the builders were closely related to the same ancestral people that built what is now Chaco Culture National Historical Park in northwest New Mexico and Mesa Verde National Park in southwest Colorado. Incidentally, both of these places are also UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

For approximately 200 years, Aztec Ruins, Chaco Culture and Mesa Verde provided a vital "regional triangle" for ceremonies, trade and political activity. The people were linked by an elaborate system of carefully engineered and constructed roads, some of which can still be traced.



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EXPERIENCE THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE AZTEC RUINS

Ancestral Puebloans, whose descendants include the Zuni, Hopi, Acoma, and Pueblo people of the Rio Grande River New Mexico reached their peak around 1100 A.D. Approximately 200 years later the entire area was abandoned, possibly because of a 23-year drought that began in 1276, and/or due to exhausted resources. The area was not used extensively again until the 1500s with the arrival of the hunting/ gathering Navajo from the north.

European explorers came upon the site in the summer of 1776 when Spanish friars Francisco Atanocio Dominguez and Francisco Velaz de Escalante were seeking a shorter overland route from Santa Fe to California.

Nearly 140 years later, famed archeologist Earl Morris conducted excavation work of the ruins from 1916 to 1921, collecting nearly 6,000 artifacts, the bulk of which are housed at the American Museum of Natural History and laying the groundwork for the National Park Service's restoration of the site that began in the 1930s.

The Aztec Ruins became a national monument when President Warren G. Harding signed the legislative bill on Jan. 24, 1923.

Fun Fact: Hollywood's charismatic and dashing Indian Jones character - played by Harrison Ford in several Steven Spielberg blockbuster movies - is based on the real-life persona of Morris, who in 1934 returned to the Aztec Ruins to reconstruct the Great Kiva. Morris' work in Aztec is commonly regarded a major accomplishment that has helped millions of park visitors gain a firsthand understanding of the Ancestral Puebloan's mysterious way of life.



QUALITY WATERS OF THE SAN JUAN RIVER ARE WORLD CLASS

Sensational trout fishing is experienced virtually the entire length of the San Juan River in northern New Mexico, however on one particular stretch, a 4.5 mile expanse located immediately below Navajo Dam, the river has earned world-class “Quality Waters” status due to its extraordinarily ideal year-round temperatures and singular riparian habitat.

In fact, studies have shown the Quality Waters of the San Juan River teem with an estimated 80,000 rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout that average 17 inches in length, with a huge proportion exceeding 20 inches. Local fishermen and women call them “lunkers,” with many regarded as state and national records that are released back into the river’s crystal-clear depths.

The first quarter mile of the river, immediately after the dam, is designated as a Catch & Release area. All hooks must have barbs removed, flies and lures must be artificial, and every fish must be returned to the river regardless of size. After that and for the next four miles, fishing still mandates artificial flies and lures with barbless hooks, but regulations allow a one-trout-limit... and only if the fish exceeds 20 inches.

As a result of its celebrity, the Quality Waters of the San Juan attract a sizable number of intrepid anglers, especially on weekends. Peaceful, all-by-yourself solitude is a rare privilege; however that’s a small price to pay when the rewards are easy access and hours upon hours of successful fly-fishing for trophy trout.

Below Navajo Dam, the cascade quickly expands into a verdant, low-gradient area measuring over 100 feet wide, punctuated by shallow canyons, scattered vegetation and deep runs. Flows range from 250 cubic feet per second (CFS) to 5,000 CFS, depending on mountain snowpack and reservoir conditions.

To fully appreciate and experience the Quality Waters’ bounty, the Four Corners area offers an impressive list of experienced fly-fishing guide services. Both wade and float trips are available. Peak season is from June to October, leaving the waters much more open and peaceful during the cooler months of November to March.

Additionally, wheelchair-accessible fishing facilities are available along the San Juan River, including four handicap fishing access ramps.



Quality
Waters,
teaming
with trout

AZTEC ARCHES ASTONISH

There are so many extraordinary things about Aztec, including fabulous events, top-shelf recreation, enviable climate, rich history and eclectic, small-town pleasures. Yet there is one Aztec asset few visitors know very much about: the massive collection of nearby sandstone arches.

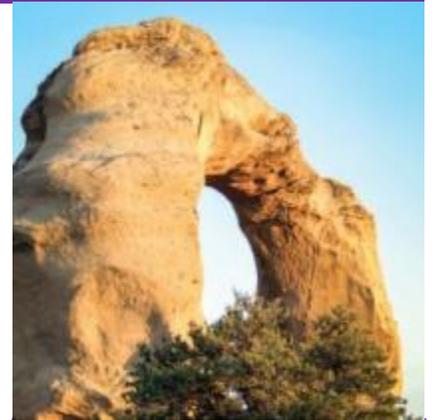
You know the kind when, hollowed out by Mother Nature, natural forms beautiful “rock rainbows.” So far, more than 300 arches of varying size have been discovered, and every single one is within an hour’s drive of Aztec.

Without question, these arches are some of the Four Corners’ region more compelling attractions. Some will leave onlookers breathless, while others can make you grin and chuckle.

Some are no larger than a basket ball (windows), while others are big enough to walk through. And several, quite sadly, are destined to last for a very short time due to erosion. Falling arches are part of nature’s natural cycle.

Most of the arches can be found amongst the desert badlands east of Aztec. This is an expansive public-land area uniquely landscaped with water-carved canyons, stunted Piñon trees, blowing sagebrush and blossoming cactus. This remote, verdant desert is ideal for concealing arches, yet they’re being revealed by walkabout hikers, horseback riders and people enjoying four-wheelers.

Many locals approach hiking for arches much like an Easter Egg hunt, there is no promise what you will find around the bend of a canyon or whether you will be observant enough to find an arch. The canyon lands east of Aztec offer a plethora of undiscovered wonders. For the photo enthusiast, it’s an awesome opportunity to see nature at work, both in sandstone and in wildlife.



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SMALL TOWN AZTEC OFFERS BIG CITY ENTERTAINMENT

Because there is so much to experience in Aztec - be it ancient ruins, sandstone arches, world-class fly-fishing and water recreation, thrilling motor sports, historic Americana, or white-knuckle mountain biking - it makes sense to plan your vacation by pairing it with one of the town's many special events, celebrations and festivals.

Headlining Aztec's entertainment calendar is the two-day Aztec Highland Games & Celtic Festival. Held in October, the Highlands Games inspired athletic celebration include caber tossing, weight for height, stone putting and hammer throws, plus Scottish and Irish dance exhibitions, bag piping, kids activities, clan tents, merchandise, food and beverage. It also features acclaimed musical performances from local, regional and world- touring bands.

aztehighlandgames.com

In spring, participate in Aztec's annual Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition (May). Regarded among the top single-track races in the Southwest, the "Alien" is staged amongst Aztec's heart-pumping high sierra desert, offering beginner-to-competitive races that zip past an infamous site where, in 1948, a UFO allegedly crashed. alienrun.com

One event not to be missed is the annual Harvest Wine Festival (September), 22 miles from Aztec at the celebrated vineyards of Wines of the San Juan. The annual two-day celebration offers live music, jewelry and fine art sales, delicious food, award-winning wines and live musical performances.

winesofthesanjuan.com

If you're a fan of authentic Americana, relive the Old West in all its glory by attending: seasonal opening of the Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village (April), the National Night Out at Minium Park (July), American Indian Cultural Arts Festival at Aztec Ruins (July), the Wine & Shine Classic Car Show at Wines of the San Juan (August), the Antique Truck & Equipment Show at Riverside Park (September), and the Pumpkin Festival at Sutherland Farms (October).

aztecnm.com



Aztec offers
unique
celebrations
experiences.

SMALL TOWN AZTEC OFFERS

BIG CITY ENTERTAINMENT

Adrenaline-infused recreation awaits visitors of the Aztec Speedway, a Four Corners staple since the 1960s. This expansive, family oriented race venue runs weekend events throughout the spring, summer and fall on a quarter-mile, IMCA-sanctioned oval clay track that hosts a variety of stock car classes including modified, hobby, sport compact and sportmod. Its annual season kicks off in May.

aztecspeedway.com

For the two-wheeling enthusiast, the Aztec Motocross has once again become a hotspot and home to many top amateur and pro riders. Rated the best track of its kind in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, the three-track (grand prix, motocross and kids practice area) recreational area features a series of table tops, rhythm sections, sweeping corners and confidence-building jumps that have become regarded as an ideal environment for learning and coaching.

[www/facebook.com/AztecMotocrossnm](http://www.facebook.com/AztecMotocrossnm)

For those who prefer the indoors, more art-oriented enticements await at Feat of Clay, located on Aztec's historic Main Avenue. The popular co-operative art gallery regularly showcases a variety of local and regional works including oil and watercolor paintings, metal craft, wood carvings and more. Be here for the HeART Show (February), Summer Artist Invitational (July), and the Annual Members Art Show.

Capping Aztec's Nikon-prompting events schedule is the annual Aztec Sparkles Christmas Festival (December; aztecnm.com). The family-friendly event includes an arts and crafts fair, live music and a Santa-led community parade. Plus, the Aztec Ruins is gloriously illuminated with twinkling lights and even more family events during the park's annual Evening of Lights.

AZTEC CELEBRATES HISTORIC ALL AMERICA CITY AWARD

The All America City Award was presented in 1963 in honor of Aztec's selfless, true-grit determination to build a two-lane highway from the town's outskirts to newly constructed Navajo Dam, a \$42 million federal project that was a major early component of the Upper Colorado River Storage Project. New Mexico Governor Jack Campbell and many other dignitaries attended the festive groundbreaking on Jan. 6, 1963. The road, later valued at \$250,000 was completed on April 21, 1963.

Building a 19-mile highway in little more than three months was an astonishing feat in itself. Considering it was designed, funded and constructed almost exclusively by Aztec residents, businesses and neighbors, and without government support, the deed takes on legendary status.

In fact, Navajo Dam Road/State Road 173 was built with donated equipment, material, supplies, cash and labor. Schoolboys and girls raised road fund money by staging plays. Civic groups and local businesses organized fundraisers not unlike the war bond rallies of the 1940s. And a dedicated committee headed by Bonnie Walls served meals, snow or shine, to workers each and every day the work was in progress.

Approximately 3,000 volunteers, nearly 75-percent of Aztec's population in 1963, participated in this dramatic undertaking. When it was completed, President Lyndon Johnson sent a cable of congratulations, Look Magazine featured the project in its pages, it was written up in the U.S. Congressional Record and, in lasting tribute, Aztec was designated one of only 11 communities in 1963 to receive the National Civic League's All America City Award.

Said the Farmington Times: "The project was a marvelous display of what can be accomplished through private initiative and resourcefulness, through voluntary cooperation of people at the grass-roots level."

As originally envisioned, Navajo Dam Road has served as an outdoor-recreation gateway to millions of travelers and vacationers needing quick and easy access to hundreds of natural sandstone arches; panoramic high-desert scenery; ancestral Puebloan ruins; the hiking, camping, fishing and water sports amenities of Navajo Lake State Park, which contains New Mexico's second-largest lake; and the Quality Waters of the lower San Juan River, a U.S. Top 10 Fly Fishing Destination.



EVENT CALENDAR

March 27 & 28: Aztec Motocross Groomed Practice
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/Aztec motocrossnm

April 10 & 11: Aztec Motocross Races
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/Aztec motocrossnm

April 21: ATOS Not Quite 5K
Riverside Park, 500 S. Light Plant Road
Register email: aztctrails@gmail.com

April 24 & 25: Aztec Motocross & Groomed Practice
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/Aztec motocrossnm

May 7-9: NATRC Region 3 Competitive Trail Ride
Navajo Lake, NM www.natrc3.org

May 16: Music in the Shade Wines of the San Juan
(505) 632-0879 www.winesofthesanjuan.com

May 22 & 23: Aztec Motocross Races
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/Aztec motocrossnm

May 23: Music in the Shade Wines of the San Juan
(505) 632-0879 www.winesofthesanjuan.com

May 30: Music in the Shade Wines of the San Juan
(505) 632-0879 www.winesofthesanjuan.com

June 5: Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition
Alien Run Mountain Bike Trails 10:00 am
www.alienrun.com

June 6: Live Book Signing 4 - 5 pm Virtual Poetry Reading 5 - 7 pm
Feat of Clay, 107 S Main Ave
www.facebook.com/feat-of-clay-artists-co-op-gallery

June 11: Summer Concerts at the Museum
Jane Voss & Hoyle Osborne
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village, 125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829
7:00 pm

June 11 & 12: Aztec Speedway POWRi 360 Wing Sprint Cars
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway

June 12: NADGT Exclusive
Aztec Disc Golf Course (Tiger Park)



June 12 & 13: Aztec Motocross Races
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/AztecMotocrossnm

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June 25: Movies at the Museum “Night at the Museum”
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 Movie Starts at Dusk

June 25 & 26: Aztec Speedway – Regular Classes
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway

June 27: Kart Canyon Speedway Races
Motor Cross Rd, (505) 402-4419
www.facebook.com/kartkanyonSpeedway

July 9: Summer Concerts at the Museum - Kristen Chen
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 7:00 pm

July 9 & 10: Aztec Speedway – Regular Classes
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway

July 16: 550 Brewing - Jose Villarreal
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

July 17: 550 Brewing - All Holiday Costume Party & OP-J Conscious
Roots
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

July 23: Movies at the Museum “The Croods: A New Age”
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 Movie Starts at Dusk

July 23: 550 Brewing - Terry Martin
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

July 24: 2021 American Indian Cultural ArtsFest
Aztec Ruins National Monument 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

July 24: Kart Canyon Speedway Races
Motor Cross Rd, (505) 402-4419
www.facebook.com/kartkanyonSpeedway

July 24 & 25: Aztec Motocross Races
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/AztecMotocrossnm



July 30: 550 Brewing - Dustin Moore
119 E. Chuska St., (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

July 30 & 31: Aztec Speedway - NMMRA Non Wing Sprint Cars
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway

August 6: 550 Brewing - Angry River
119 E. Chuska St., (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

August 7: DeDe's Golden Ram Car Show & Concert
Riverside Park, (505) 215-4774

August 7: Kart Kanyon Speedway Races
Motor Cross Rd., (505) 402-4419
www.facebook.com/kartkanyonSpeedway

August 13: Summer Concerts at the Museum Eleven Member
Ensemble : Hope Not Hate
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village, 125 N Main Ave., (505) 334-9829
7:00 pm

August 13: 550 Brewing - Julie & the Boyz
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

August 20: 550 Brewing - Terry Martin
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

August 20 & 21: Aztec Speedway - POWRi 360 Wing Sprint Cars
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway

August 27: Movies at the Museum "Onward"
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 Movie Starts at Dusk

August 27: 550 Brewing - Jose Villarreal
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

August 28: Featured Artists Show - Tim Gordon
Feat of Clay, 107 S Main Ave., 5:00 – 7:00 pm
www.facebook.com/feat-of-clay-artists-co-op-gallery

August 28 & 29: Aztec Motocross Races
(505) 787-9608 www.facebook.com/AztecMotocrossnm

September 3: 550 Brewing - Robert Webster
119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

September 3 & 4: Aztec Speedway - Regular Classes
www.facebook.com/aztec.speedway



September 10: Summer Concerts at the Museum - Jane Voss & Hoyle Osborne
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 7:00 pm

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119 E. Chuska St. (505) 636-2261 www.550brew.com

Sept 11: Kart Kanyon Speedway Races
Motor Cross Rd., (505) 402-4419
www.facebook.com/kartkanyonSpeedway

September 11 & 12: Aztec Motocross Races
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September 17: 550 Brewing - Terry Martin
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September 24: 550 Brewing - Too Hip to Replace
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September 25 & 26: Aztec Motocross Races
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September 24-26: NATRC Region 3 Competitive Trail Ride
Chokecherry, Farmington NM www.natrc3.org

October 1: 550 Brewing - Robert Beck
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October 2: Kart Kanyon Speedway Races
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October 2 & 3: Aztec Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Riverside Park, 500 S. Light Plant Road
www.aztehighlandgames.com

October 7: Various Artists – Aztec Artists Studio Tour
Feat of Clay, 107 S Main Ave., 5:00 – 7:00 pm
www.facebook.com/feat-of-clay-artists-co-op-gallery

October 8: Summer Concerts at the Museum - The Village Band
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 N Main Ave, (505) 334-9829 7:00 pm

October 8: 550 Brewing - Jose Villarreal
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October 9-10: Feat of Clay Artists' Studio Tour
Various Locations in Aztec
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October 15: 550 Brewing - Dustin Moore
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October 22: 550 Brewing - Julie & the Boyz
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October 23: Durango-Farmington Bicycle Tour
½ Road – ½ Dirt
2wheelventures.wixsite.com/website

October 29: Safe Treats
Historic Downtown Main Avenue, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

October 30: 550 Brewing - Halloween Party
OP-J of Concious Roots
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November 20: Feat of Clay Members Group Show
Feat of Clay, 107 S Main Ave., 5:00 – 7:00 pm
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November 25: Aztec Thanksgiving Free Dinner
Aztec Senior/Community Center, 101 S. Park Ave,
(505) 334-2881 11:00 - 1:00 pm

December 4 & 5: Gun & Knife Show
Aztec Community Center, 101 S. Park Avenue
Saturday 9:00-5:00 and Sunday 9:00-3:00
Reservations:
Al Hadley (505) 334-6688 or
John Austin (505) 334-6955



December 10: Evening of Lights

Aztec Ruins National Monument 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

December 11: Aztec SPARKLES Christmas Parade

Main Avenue Parade Starts 6:00 pm

(505) 334-9551 www.aztecnm.com

December 21: Winter Solstice

Aztec Ruins National Monument 4:30 pm

December 25: Christmas DAY Dinner - FREE

Aztec Senior/Community Center, 101 S. Park Avenue

(505) 334-2881 11:00 - 1:00 pm



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