



TWO MVPs REDISCOVERING AMERICA'S BACKYARD

Join Jenn and Kat on their journey as they tour (virtually) our US National Parks

WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

New Mexico

The Albuquerque International
Balloon Fiesta
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NEW MEXICO

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Warm your soul on this next virtual itinerary that will be customized for your specific wants in your National Park adventure. You will be able to travel to old places on New Mexico's beautiful scenic byways, along the way. There are dormant volcanoes, ancient lava flows, ice caves, fossil sites, archeological digs, and unique geology throughout New Mexico, just waiting to be explored. Even with the common New Mexico there is plenty of new for you to explore. New Mexico art scenes and museums feature everything from folk art to glass to sculpture to paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe. Native American artists who have sustained traditions dating back thousands of years to the artists known for their unique art forms both traditional and contemporary.

IN EVERY CORNER THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO FIND

You will be able to find state treasures, gain new knowledge of Native American culture, and find out what each region of New Mexico has to offer. Are you ready? Much like Arizona, there are a plethora of National sites to stop and see without cramming it all into one trip.

Aztec Ruins National Monument

A place like no other, the park and Navajo Nation work together to manage the land's resources.

Bandelier National Monument

Protects acres of rugged but beautiful canyon and mesa country. Petroglyphs, dwellings carved into the soft rock cliffs, and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the early days

Capulin Volcano National Monument

Capulin Volcano showcases the volcanic geology of northeastern New Mexico. The views are spectacular day or night.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park

High ancient sea ledges, deep rocky canyons, flowering cactus, and desert wildlife—treasures above the ground in the Chihuahuan Desert. Hidden beneath the surface are more than 119 caves—formed when sulfuric acid dissolved limestone leaving behind caverns of all sizes.

Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Explore Chaco through guided tours, hiking & biking trails, evening campfire talks, and night sky programs.

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Trail

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail extends between El Paso, Texas to Santa Fe, New Mexico, while the historic trail extended all the way to Mexico City. There are museums, historic sites, churches, and original trail segments located all along the length of the trail into Mexico.

El Malpais National Monument

In this volcanic landscape, wildlife abounds in the open grasslands and forests. While some may see a desolate environment, people have been adapting to and living in this extraordinary terrain for generations.

El Moro National Monument

This site, Ancestral Puebloans, Spanish and American travelers carved over 2,000 signatures, dates, messages, and petroglyphs.



Fort Union National Monument

Fort Union functioned as an agent of political and cultural change, whether desired or not, in New Mexico and throughout the Southwest.

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument

For thousands of years, groups of nomadic people used the caves of the Gila River.

Old Spanish National Historic Trail

The Southwest on the Old Spanish National Historic Trail between Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California. New Mexican traders moved locally produced merchandise across what are now six states to exchange for mules and horses.

Pecos National Historical Park

Pecos National Historical Park helps visitors explore the cultural exchange and geographic features that played such crucial roles in the rich history of the Pecos Valley.

Petroglyph National Monument

Petroglyph National Monument protects one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America.

Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument

Tucked away in the middle of New Mexico, you will find three distinct sites offer a glimpse into a unique time in history.

Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Follow the Santa Fe National Historic Trail through five states and you'll find adventure and evidence of past travelers.

Valles Caldera National Preserve

Explore the unique geology, view elk, and learn about the historic cabins and prehistoric sites.

White Sands National Park

Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand. The weather in the Tularosa Basin is usually quite nice with clear, sunny skies for approximately 330 days out of the year.

There is so much in New Mexico NP to explore. Be sure to follow the "Leave No Trace" when you visit the parks. Keep memories in a journal as you and your MVP kiddo venture out - count how many birds you see along the way, jot down the different color leaves in the trees, and take pictures of rock formations to research later.

Another great resource to see what events are happening at the parks for your kids can be found on National Park website address :

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/kids-youth.htm>

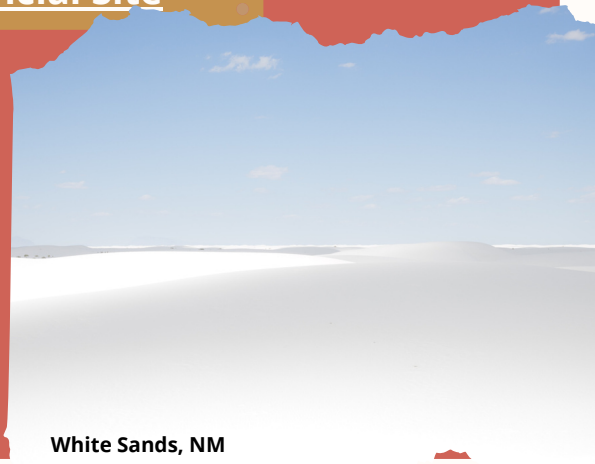
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Black Bison New Mexico/Unsplash/Eric Murray



White Sands, NM
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La Luz Trail, Albuquerque, NM,
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Typical Wall Santa Fe
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