



Alternative Camping Near Chaco

The park's Gallo Campground is now on a reservation system. Visit recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777 to make a reservation. The 49 regular sites and 2 group sites in Gallo Campground fill up. Usually, this occurs on Friday and Saturday afternoons, holiday, weekends, special events, and on other unpredicted days when many visitors and groups happen to converge. **Other camping locations nearby options.**

Ruby Ranch: A working cattle ranch 16 miles south of the park on Hwy 57 is working cattle ranch. Unlimited primitive camping sites available costing \$5 per person each night. Campers need to bring food and water. Be prepared to pack out all trash and properly dispose of human waste. Large groups allowed. Portable toilets may be rented from local vendors. For more information call Mickey or Amy Williams at (505) 979-0614.

Chaco Outlier Campsites: Located 19 miles south of Chaco Canyon on Route 9. Cabins rent for \$40 per night with additional \$5 per person charge for more than 2 people. Camp sites are \$20 per site with additional \$7 charge per person for more than 5 people. Hikers will enjoy seeing Mt. Taylor, Borrego Pass, Chaco Mesa and more. Contact chacooutlier.com or call Steve Williams at (505) 655-3246/ Cell (505)285-7120.

Angel Peak Scenic Area: Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Angel Peak is located 39 miles north of Chaco, off US 550 on CR 7175. Drive 6 miles on dirt road to the primitive campground. Angel peak Campground has 9 sites available for tent camping; each with picnic tables and fire grates. Two accessible vault toilets and trash receptacles are conveniently located in the campground. A short nature trail leads to an overlook of the spectacular canyon. Bring your own water. No electrical hookups or water are available. Contact the BLM Field Office at (505) 564-7600. Visit their website: http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/farmington/angel_peak_scenic_area.htm.

Navajo Lake: New Mexico State Parks' second-largest lake has 3 separate recreation areas. Follow US 550 to Bloomfield then east 25 miles on NM 64 turn onto NM 511 into park. The park's 3 camping loops offer a variety of camping options including 72 dry sites, 79 sites with electricity and 9 sites with full hook-up. All have restrooms and water. Camping fees range from \$10- to \$14 per night. Reservations can be made online at www.nmparks.com or call 1 (877) 664-7787.

Commercial campgrounds are also available in Cuba, Bloomfield, Farmington, Grants, and Gallup. National Park Service campgrounds are also located at Mesa Verde National Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, El Malpais & El Morro National Monument, and Bandelier National Park. Additionally, there are numerous public campgrounds in the region managed by the US Forest Service, Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation, and New Mexico State Parks.