

# *Riverview Ranch*



  
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The Riverview Ranch is 433 acres of rolling hills, river frontage and grassy prairie offering magnificent views of the red bluffs just east of the ranch and the Capitan and Sacramento mountain ranges in the west. The Ranch features four pastures, four permanent ponds, a domestic well and is well-known for its abundance of deer, pheasant and other fowl, especially in the wetland area. The ranch also has three homes, two of which are recently constructed custom homes, as well as a 20 x 40 barn, all of which are pictured below.







## The Pecos River

The Pecos River originates high up in the Pecos Wilderness Area of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains just north of Santa Fe, and flows for 926 miles through the eastern portion of New Mexico and neighboring Texas before it empties into the Rio Grande near Del Rio. The river flows through the Riverview Ranch with approximately a mile of river frontage on the ranch property.



## *A rich and unique history is revealed*

The Riverview Ranch has seen many chapters of New Mexico history being made across its own pastures over the last century. From cowboys and Indians to homesteaders, the land of the Riverview Ranch has a unique story to tell of its own part in how the west was won.

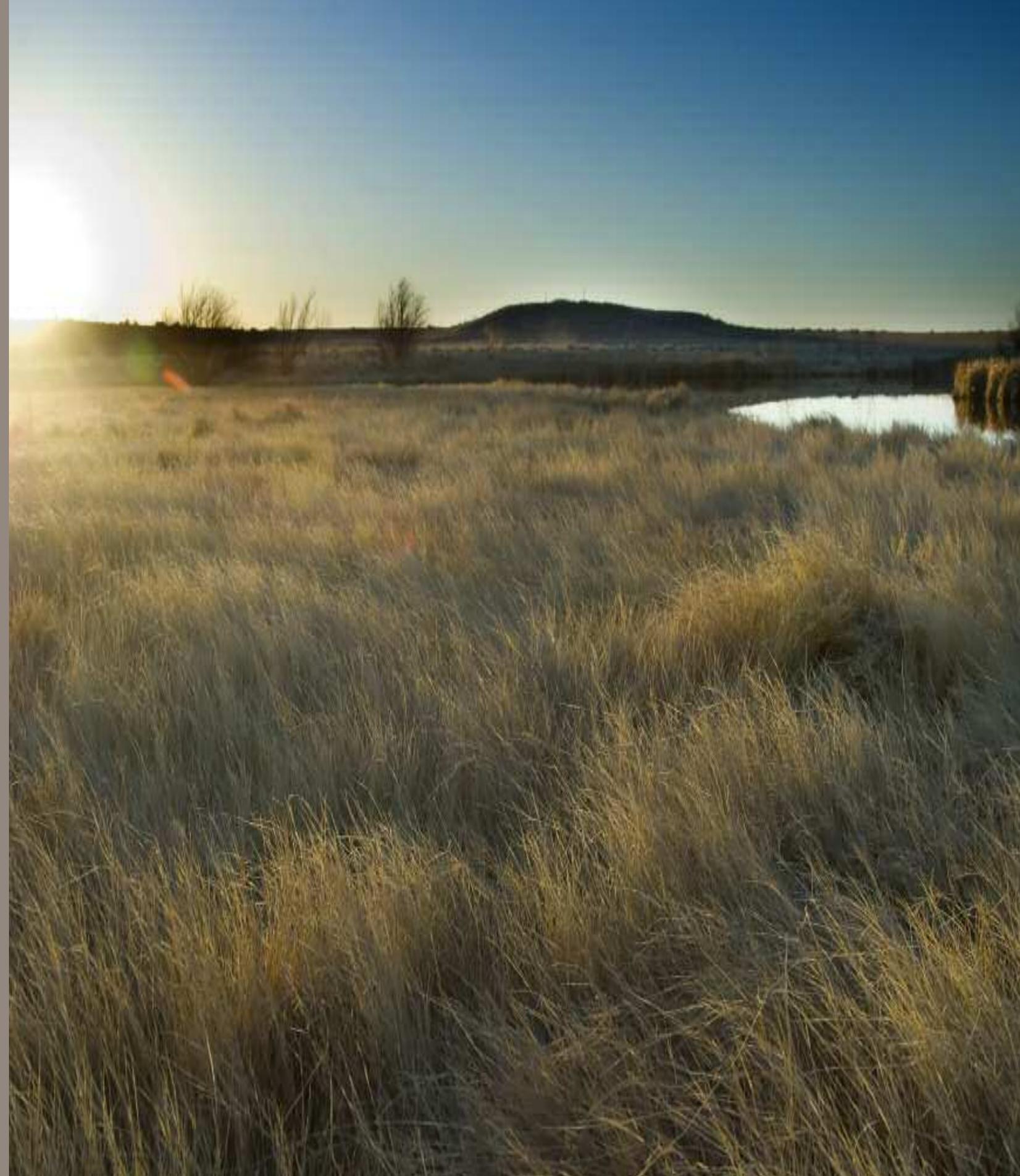
The ranch was part of the original ranch owned by John Chisum, one of western history's legends. John Chisum came from Texas in the year 1867 when he embarked on one of the greatest cattle drives in history. Making their way to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, with approximately 900 head of cattle, Chisum and his cowboys defeated all odds when they succeeded. The campground and cattle rest area established near the Rio Hondo and the Rio Pecos, now Roswell, New Mexico, provided much needed water.

Shortly after the cattle drive, Chisum moved permanently to New Mexico. The Riverview Ranch was part of his original ranch, located South of Roswell. He grazed 80,000 head of cattle on his land and that of public domain.

As homesteaders began to arrive in Roswell, cattle were often mixed in the herds. This conflict was one of the elements contributing to the Lincoln County Wars. John Chisum preferred to make his contacts directly for the purchase of beef for Fort Stanton rather than go through Lawrence G. Murphy, beef subcontractor for a Santa Fe government contractor. Murphy had virtually held a monopoly until 1877 when Chisum backed new residents Alexander A. McSween and John Tunstall. The three of them opened the county's first official bank.

Not only was this land home to cattle grazing the open range and John Chisum, it had also served as a meeting area for various Indian tribes. On the northern end of the ranch, there are ancient Indian ruins that consist of holes dug into the side of rock by Native American women over 150 years ago. This shelter is believed to have been a permanent camp for the Apache tribe.

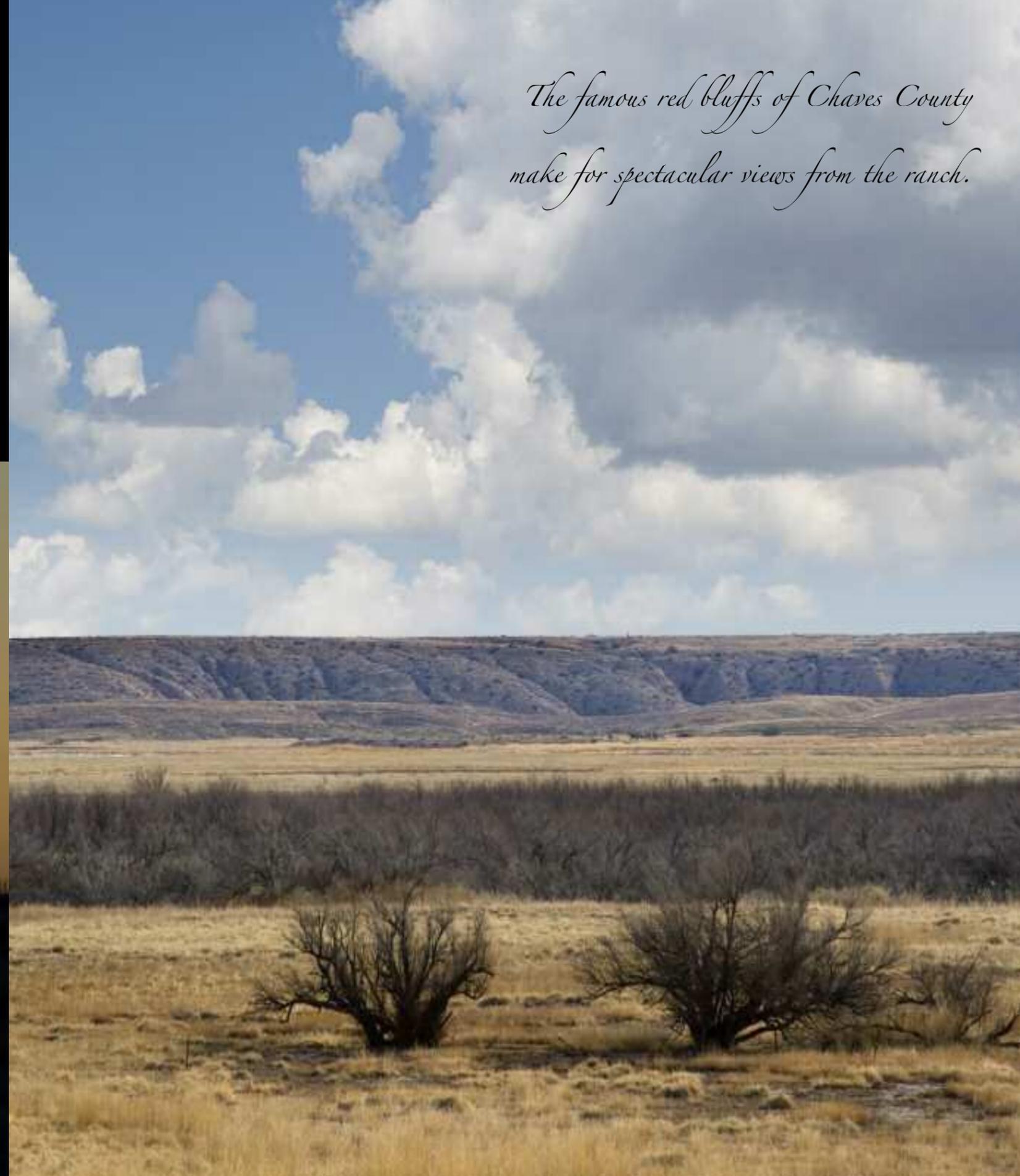






**T**he Sierra Blanca Range, pictured here, has the highest point, not only in the Sacramentos, but in the entire state except for the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the north. The huge extrusive volcanic mountain of Sierra Blanca Peak towers 12,003 feet above sea level. The peak and surrounding ridges and summits are the only area in southern New Mexico to rise above timberline into alpine tundra vegetation. This peak is home to Ski Apache, New Mexico's premier ski and snowboard resort. Fifty-five trails, beginning at 11,400 feet, fan out for skiers and snowboarders of all levels. Ski Apache is located less than 90 miles from the Riverview Ranch.

*The famous red bluffs of Chaves County  
make for spectacular views from the ranch.*











The first of two custom homes on the ranch offers 2,286 square feet and was constructed in 2003. A modern kitchen, spacious living area and three bedrooms and two baths make this a great place to call home. A large covered patio provides a great spot for family get-togethers, as well as a comfortable spot to view some of the most spectacular sunrises in all New Mexico.







The ranch's second custom home, built in 2004, offers 2,685 square feet. It is a modern, comfortable home with many amenities, including a very modern kitchen and a rock fireplace in the main living area.





## Nearby Attractions

### Lake Van

Lake Van, located less than eight miles from the Riverview Ranch in the community of Dexter, is a small lake with a boat landing and a fishing dock. A restaurant overlooks the lake where the ducks swim or waddle on the shore waiting for food handouts. It is also the locale of a recreation area with a park and a swimming pool, and is popular for water skiing, fishing and family picnics.



### Bottomless Lakes State Park

Just across the Pecos River about three miles from the Riverview Ranch, is Bottomless Lakes State Park. By car, the drive is approximately 20 miles, as no road extends from the ranch directly to the Lake.

In 1933 the bottomless lakes area was set aside as New Mexico's first state park. Lea Lake is the deepest at 90 feet and is the only lake where swimming is allowed. During summer, visitors can rent paddleboats. Devil's Inkwell is 32 ft. deep and is named for its steep sides and dark water. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout in winter. Lazy Lagoon is surrounded by treacherous and odorous mud flats, making it inaccessible for recreation but a great place to view waterfowl that are often present. Recreational opportunities at Bottomless Lakes include camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, sailing, and wildlife viewing. The Park also has a trail system open to hiking and site seeing.



## Mountain Attractions

An hour down the road from Riverview Ranch, the town of Ruidoso offers many recreational activities and educational opportunities. At an elevation of 7,000 feet, Ruidoso is a winter mecca for skiers and snowboarders. It has also earned a national reputation for its art galleries and local artisans shops.

Popular summer activities in the Ruidoso area include golf, horse racing, hiking and biking. In the Lincoln National Forest, fishing, camping and RVing are popular activities. Nearby, at the **Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort**, this newly renovated 5-star hotel offers a championship golf course and the popular Casino Apache with blackjack, craps, roulette, video terminals and slots. More information is available at [www.ruidoso.net](http://www.ruidoso.net).

### Ski Apache

Ski Apache is New Mexico's premier ski and snowboard resort. Sierra Blanca – the



area's 12,000 foot peak is Ski Apache's centerpiece. Fifty-five trails, beginning at 11,400 feet, fan out for skiers and snowboarders of all levels with a fall line of over 1800 feet, makes skiing and snowboarding here a blast for everyone. Ski Apache is located just minutes from the beautiful mountain resort village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

### Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino

Fast horses and hot slots are the name of the game at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. The first race at Ruidoso Downs Race Track was run in 1947, then in 1999, a new era of racing in New Mexico began with the legalization of slot machine casinos at race tracks. The Billy the Kid Casino opened in May of 1999 and houses over 300 slot machines. The casino is open daily and, in 2006, paid out over \$100 million in winnings. Racing in the mountains takes place annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day, culminating with the \$2 million All American Futurity.



*Bonita Lake, located near Ruidoso, New Mexico, is a couple hours away from the Gallo Creek Ranch. The world-famous Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso is pictured below.*



# Roswell

The city of Roswell and Chaves County have been important historical sites throughout the history of human habitation in North America. Roswell, situated at the confluence of three rivers – the Spring, the Hondo, the Pecos – was established in 1870 by Van Smith, although the first historically documented settlement (1867) in the area was a settlement of crude adobe huts at “Rio Hondo,” the present day neighborhood of Chihuahuita. The Roswell and Chaves County area was contained within the original homeland of the Mescalero

Apaches and overlapped the hunting grounds of the Comanche’s and became the campsite on the Goodnight-Loving Trail, which opened in 1866. The trail brought the ranching industry to the area, which flourishes to the present day.

Visitors to the city will find a plethora of cultural activities. For example, museum and art lovers of every age and interest can explore five outstanding museums: the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, featuring a wide ranging collection of modern art; the Roswell Museum and Art Center, with its collection of paintings by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth, Georgia O’Keefe, as well as the fabulous Rogers Aston Indian Gallery; the Historical Center for Southwest New Mexico, located in the James Phelps White stately home and filled with antiques, artifacts, and a changing gallery of exhibits; the General Douglas L. McBride Museum, with its military armament displays; and the International UFO Museum, featuring UFO phenomenon exhibits and The Alien Caffeine Espresso Bar.

There’s much more to do in this All-America City. If your cup of tea is stargazing and planet exploration, the Robert H. Goddard Planetarium is an exciting choice. Bird watchers and wildlife aficionados will relish trips to Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge with its designated fishing and hunting areas and flocks of migratory fowl. The Spring River Park and Zoo boasts animal exhibits, paved bicycle paths, a children’s fishing lake, a carousel, and a miniature train ride. Golfers will enjoy two of the finest courses in Southeast New Mexico: Cahoon Park, an 18-hole golf course open to the public and New Mexico Military Institute’s 18-hole course also open to the public.



*A view down Main Street.*



*Downtown Roswell which houses the famous UFO Museum.*



*Wells Fargo Bank Building in downtown Roswell.*



*The Chaves County Courthouse.*

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