

915 GUIDE

Bienvenidos! Welcome!

A resident guide to El Paso



Welcome!

Welcome to El Paso! Congratulations on matching with us! We hope this guide will provide you with some helpful tips and information on just about everything you need to know now that you'll be making the move to El Paso. From the city's neighborhoods and school systems and recreational activities available within the city, you'll find it in this guide so that you can go into your move with the knowledge that is needed to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. We are excited to have you here and we hope you are excited as well!

Spanish for "the pass," El Paso is located in western Texas and is currently the 19th most populated city in the United States and the sixth most populous city in the state of Texas. The city is situated right on the Rio Grande, which is the river that serves as an international border between the United States and Mexico throughout western Texas. The city on the other side of the river, Juarez, is often combined with El Paso to form an international metropolitan area, with a total of over 3 million residents in both cities combined.

EL PASO CLIMATE



El Paso's climate is primarily categorized as a hot desert climate. The city experiences hot, dry weather during the summer with very low humidity. However, the temperatures can often reach the triple digits during the hottest parts of the summer in July and August. During the winter, the weather is much milder, with temperatures usually staying in the 50s and 60s during the day and dropping into the 30s and 40s at night. El Paso experiences

302 days of sunshine on average throughout a typical calendar year and very little rain, only about 9.4-inches per year on average. The city is also subject to occasional flooding because of its proximity to the Rio Grande River.

The temperature throughout the state of Texas can vary wildly, from extremely hot and dry during the day in the summer to much cooler and even freezing temperatures at night when the sun goes down. The spring and fall seasons tend to be warm and rainy throughout much of the region.

EL PASO GEOGRAPHY AND NEIGHBORHOODS

El Paso is situated in the Chihuahuan Desert at the intersection of three different states - Texas, New Mexico and the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Its location makes it a very culturally diverse city with lots of different influences from neighboring states and the country of Mexico. El Paso is comprised of several distinct areas such as Central El Paso, East El Paso, Mission Valley El Paso, Northeast El Paso, West El Paso. The city's downtown area is located in Central El Paso and the hospital you will be working in is on the westside.

VEHICLES/DRIVER LICENSE

The first few weeks can be a busy time for anyone who is new to Texas. One must make sure to register their vehicle as soon as they can. In order to do that one can find a local car service provider who will inspect your vehicle. There are also vehicle inspection stations available where one must show detailed proof of adequate insurance and your driver's license. Once inspected, you will take the inspection to the county Tax office and register your vehicle there.

County Tax Offices

Ascarate Annex (Main Office)
301 Manny Martinez Dr.

Ysleta Annex
9521 Socorro Rd

Northeast Annex
4641 Cohen

Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr

Driver License

Upon moving to Texas, one must also apply for a Texas Driver's license. One must go to a driver's license division office of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Unless you are a student or a military member you must submit any existing license and apply for a new license here. One has 90 days upon arrival to have a Texas driver's license. Be sure to check the DPS website for all the information you will need and locations!

Website: <https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license>

EL PASO AREA SCHOOLS

Depending upon where you live, there are several public school districts in the El Paso area. Nearly 80% of El Paso's population (aged 25 and older) have at least a high school diploma or higher, while about 23% have pursued higher education. This is because high quality education is within reach in El Paso. Four highly ranked school districts (El Paso Independent School District, Canutillo ISD, Socorro ISD, and Ysleta ISD) and several accredited private prep schools serve the local youth.

For higher education, locals have a spread of options: El Paso Community College, International Business College, Vista College, Western Technical College, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, and, the University of Texas at El Paso.

EL PASO EMPLOYMENT

There are a total of 70 Fortune 500 companies with offices that are located in El Paso like Amazon, Hoover, Boeing, Delphi and Eureka and 72.7 percent of all regional residents drive less than 30 minutes to work each day. The city has a large military presence, as well as a large concentration of federal government employees working with Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), due to the city's proximity to the international border with Mexico. Education is one of the main contributors to the city's economy, as are small businesses. Some of El Paso's top employers include Fort Bliss military base, El Paso Independent School District, the city of El Paso and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).



COST OF LIVING

Admittedly, the median income in El Paso (\$43,322) is lower than the US national average (\$57,617), but don't discount moving to El Paso yet. You'll be relieved to know that the low cost of living makes up for it. Practically everything is cheaper in El Paso when compared to national averages. This includes costs for rent, utilities, transportation, and food. In fact, according to Forbes Magazine, you and your family can have a very comfortable life here with an annual income of only \$50,150. As with the rest of home values in the West Texas region, real estate properties in El Paso are cheaper than national standards by a large margin.

UTILITIES

For cooking and heating needs in your El Paso home, you'll have to get natural gas by setting up with Texas Gas Service. <https://www.texasgasservice.com/>

Water service, on the other hand, is provided by El Paso Water Utilities. You'll have to go through them to set up garbage and recycling collection services as well.

<https://www.epwater.org/>

For power, there's no other choice than the El Paso Electric Company. They've been the sole electric provider in the city for more than a century. <https://www.epelectric.com/>

You'll have a bit more of a choice though when setting up internet, cable, and phone services in El Paso. There's two to choose from: AT&T and Spectrum.

APARTMENTS NEAR THE HOSPITAL

Ridgeline West
2021 Bluff Creek St
El Paso, TX 79911
(915) 877-9217

Los Mansiones at Cimarron
1776 Cimarron Square
El Paso, TX 79911
(915) 704-1776

Villas at Helen of Troy
1325 Northwestern Dr
El Paso, TX 79912
(888) 876-7294

Puerta Villa at Cimarron
1600 Resler Dr.
El Paso, TX 79911
(915) 584-9955

Medano Heights
7801 Medano Dr.
El Paso, TX 79912
(915) 493-2373

Tuscany at Mesa Hills
215 S. Mesa
El Paso, TX 79912
(915) 228-3343

Santi Dwellings at Montecillo
150 W. Castellano
El Paso, TX 79912
(866) 725-8801

Venue at Montecillo
5001 N. Mesa
El Paso, TX 79912
(866) 802-4875

AIRPORT

El Paso International Airport (ELP) is the gateway to West Texas, Southern New Mexico and Northern Mexico. It provides airline passenger services, air cargo, and general aviation services. The Airport is located 6 miles east of downtown El Paso and 1.7 miles north of Interstate 10 Exit 25 (Airway Blvd). Interesting fact: The World's Largest Equestrian Bronze Statue in the world is housed at the entrance of the airport. Catch a glimpse of this statue of Don Juan de Onate, founder of the Camino Real and person that gave El Paso its name.
Address: 6701 Convair Rd.
El Paso, TX 79925



HOSPITALS

- Providence Transmountain – 2000 Transmountain Dr.
- Beaumont Army Medical Center / El Paso VA - 5005 N. Piedras
- Del Sol Medical Center – 10301 Gateway Blvd.
- Las Palmas Medical Center – 1801 N. Oregon St.
- El Paso LTAC – 1221 N. Cotton
- El Paso Children’s Hospital – 4845 Alameda Ave.
- University Medical Center – 4815 Alameda Ave.
- Providence Memorial – 2001 N. Oregon St.
- Providence Sierra – 1625 Medical Center Dr.
- Providence Transmountain – 2000 Transmountain Dr.
- Providence East – 3280 Joe Battle Blvd.
- Providence Northeast – 11274 McCombs
- Providence Children’s – 2001 N. Oregon St.
- Providence Horizon City – 13600 Horizon Blvd.

EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 915-832-4400

Police Headquarters
911 N. Raynor
(915) 212-4000

Central Regional Command
200 S. Campbell St.
(915) 212-0210

Mission Valley Regional Command
9011 Escobar Dr.
(915) 212-0400

Northeast Regional Command
9600 Dyer St.
(915) 212-0305

Pebble Hills Regional Command
10780 Pebble Hills
(915) 212-0190

Westside Regional Command
4801 Osborne Dr.
(915) 212-0370

BANKS

Several local banks/credit unions are around El Paso. There are several nationwide banks in El Paso as well. Nationwide Banks: Wells Fargo, Bank of America, BBVA, and Chase bank.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

[HTTP://WWW.ELPASOLIBRARY.ORG](http://www.elpasolibrary.org)

Armijo Branch

620 E. 7th Street

Dorris Van Doren Branch

551 Redd Road

Irving Schwartz Branch

1865 Dean Martin

Main Library

501 N. Oregon

Memorial Park Branch

3200 Cooper Ave

Sergio Troncoso Branch

9321 Alameda

Clardy Fox Branch

5515 Robert Alva Ave

Esperanza Moreno Branch

12480 Pebble Hills

Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Branch

1300 Hawkins

Judge Marquez Lower Valley Branch

610 N. Yarbrough

Richard Burges Branch

9600 Dyer, Ste C

PUBLIC PARKS

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/parks-and-recreation/parks/park-locations/>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Routes and schedules can be found at the SunMetro website: <http://www.sunmetro.net>

GOLF COURSES

Anthony Country Club - 2100 Ohara Road

Butterfield Trail Golf Club - 1858 Cottonwoods Dr.

Lonestar Golf Club - 1510 Hawkins Blvd.

Painted Dunes Golf Course - 12000 McCombs St

El Paso Country Club - 5000 Country Club Dr

Underwood Golf Complex - 3200 Coe Ave

Ascarate Golf Course - 6900 Delta Dr.

Coronado Country Club - 1044 Broadmoor Dr.

Vista Hills Country Club - 2210 Trawood

Horizon Country Club - 16000 Ashford St

Sonoma Ranch Golf Club - 1274 Golf Club Rd.

SPRAY PARKS

Sue Young Park, 9700 Diana Dr.

Hidden Valley Spray Park, 200 Coconut Tree

Grandview Spray Park, 3100 Jefferson

Pavo Real Enhanced Spray Park, 9301 Alameda

Westside Community Center, 7400 High Ridge

Marty Robbins, 11600 Vista Del Sol

Braden Aboud Memorial Park, 4325 River Bend



WATERPARKS / POOLS

Eastside Regional Park - Hueco Club Road

Camp Cohen Water Park - 9700 Gateway Blvd. N

Chapoteo Water Park - 1225 Giles Rd.

Lost Kingdom Water Park - 6001 Hughey Dr.

Oasis Water Park - 13501 Jason Crandall Dr

Socorro Aquatic Center - 1300 Joe Battle Blvd.

Westside Natatorium - 650 Wallenberg Dr.

Wet 'N' Wild Waterworld – 8804 S. Desert Blvd.

MUSEUMS

- El Paso Museum of Archeology
4301 Transmountain Road
- El Paso Museum of Art →
- El Paso Museum of History
510 N. Santa Fe St.
- El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center
715 N. Oregon
- International Museum of Art
1211 Montana Ave
- El Paso Children's Museum
201 W. Main
- Fort Bliss Museum
1735 Marshall Road
- War Eagles Air Museum →
8012 Airport Road



FESTIVALS

Neon Desert Music Festival

Neon Desert Music Festival is one of El Paso's largest events, bringing A-list celebrities to the Sun City for one weekend in May. The festival has brought the likes of Wiz Khalifa, Young Thug, and Steve Aoki, to name just a few

Sun City Pride Festival

Founded over a decade ago, it is the region's largest Pride Festival. It includes a month of activities and concludes with the annual PRIDE Festival in Downtown El Paso following the Parade!

Plaza Film Fest

Established in 2008, The Plaza Classic Film Festival is the world's largest film festival dedicated to classic cinema. The event incorporates more than 80 feature films and 60 short films; from rare screenings of classics to screenings by up-an-coming directors. The Festival also includes film talks with celebrities and film scholars, concerts and special presentations. Showcasing the work of local and area filmmakers through its Local Flavor series, which screens features, shorts, documentaries and other films by area filmmakers or with strong local connections.

Dia De Los Muertos Festival

Dia de los Muertos festival takes place every October or November at the Concordia cemetery. The event includes giant puppets, altars, dozens of artisans and vendors, food trucks and entertainment. It is put on by the Concordia Heritage Association and is one of the most colorful and fun times of the year!

Winterfest

Downtown Arts Festival Plaza and its surrounding areas come to life with lights, food, holiday shopping, festivities and an outdoor ice skating rink. WinterFest is a month long festival that is open every day and has something for all ages. Skate to holiday hits, enjoy charity and promotional nights and much more.

EL Paso Water Lantern Festival

Water Lantern Festival is a floating lantern event, usually held in March, that is all about connections. Includes food, games, activities, vendors, music and the beauty of thousands of lanterns adorned with letters of love, hope and dreams reflected upon the water. Watch your unique lantern drift out into the water as it joins other lanterns carrying messages of hope.

EL PASO MURALS

El Paso is home to great mural artwork. Many Murals dot the city and these are some of many great murals that can be found in El Paso! These are some of many around El Paso!



Greetings from El Paso!

Great place for pictures to send to family and friends when you get here!

Address: 145 E Sunset



Contigo Mural

A mural depicting protection and persistence.

Address: Father Rahm Ave / El Paso Street



Rock House Gallery Wall

Address: Near Union Plaza Downtown

Mills Avenue



Home to one of the most iconic El Paso murals Animo Sin Fronteras (Courage without borders). It depicts Melchor Flores, whose son was abducted by police in Mexico in 2009.

Address: Stanton Street/Mills Ave



El Paso Strong Mural

A mural done to honor the 23 victims of the WalMart shooting in El Paso.

Address: 1011 N Cotton St



Father Rahm Ave Murals

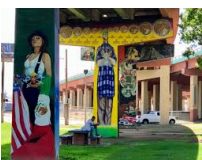
Home to the Sister Cities mural that symbolizes the bond between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez.

Address: 213 Father Rahm Ave



TI:ME@ Montecillo

Several eclectic murals that are Instagram worthy!



Durazno Overpass

Murals decorate the pillars under the overpass

Address: 4001 Durazno



4th and Coles Murals

There are about 3 streets of murals at Coles/3rd Ave and Coles/4th.
Address: 1601 E. 4th Ave.



Sunset Height Mural

Another El Paso icon!
Address: Yandell/I-10

ART GALLERIES

Agave Rosa Art Gallery - 905 Noble

Creative Kids - 504 San Francisco St

El Paso Art Association - 500 W. Paisano Dr.

Encaustic International Art Studio and Gallery - 5100 Westwind Dr

Galleries at the Memorial (at Chamizal National Memorial) - 800 S. San Marcial St.

Glasbox - 210 Poplar St.

Hal Marcus Gallery - 1308 N. Oregon (Side Note, there is a Hal Marcus painting in the hospital lobby)

Ho Baron Sculpture Garden - 2830 Aurora Ave

Rockhouse Gallery and Café - 400 W. Overland Ave

San Elizario Art Galleries - 1501 Main St.

Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for Visual Arts - 500 W. University Ave

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

PRICE GUIDE: \$\$\$\$: EXPENSIVE \$\$\$: PRICEY \$\$: AVERAGE \$: CHEAP

BBQ / Steaks

- Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch \$\$\$
3450 S. Fabens Carlsbad Rd

Cattleman's Steakhouse is a large family-style restaurant on a working ranch, with a zoo and movie sets!

- Stateline BBQ \$\$\$

Behind the walls of this Spanish structure lies a beautiful courtyard. During the summer month, catch live music in the courtyard.

1222 Sunland Park Drive

- Great American Steakhouse \$\$\$
Great American has been an El Paso steakhouse since 1977
Several location throughout the El Paso area.
- Corralito's \$\$\$
For more than 25 years, Corralito's has been satisfying El Pasos need for steak!
Several locations through the El Paso area.

Mexican Food

- L&J's \$\$
An El Paso institution since 1927.
3622 E. Missouri Ave
- Leo's \$\$
7520 Remcon Cir.
- Kiki's \$\$
Small, cozy spot with an old-school vibe.
2719 N. Piedras
- Carlos & Mickey's \$\$
Tex-Mex with a colorful atmosphere and oversized margaritas
1310 Magruder
- Forti's \$\$
Longstanding family run joint!
321 Chelsea St.
- La Posta in Old Mesilla \$\$
New Mexican restaurant in 18th century stagecoach station.
2410 Calle De San Albino.

Uniquely El Paso

- Chico's \$
Rolled tacos you have to try once!
Several locations in El Paso
- H&H Car Wash and Coffee Shop \$
Kill two birds with one stone. Get breakfast and your car washed!
701 Yandell
- Track One \$\$
Wings, burgers, and hearty food set in 3 railroad cars.
1330 Buffalo Soldier

Upscale Dining

- Café Central \$\$\$\$
109 N. Oregon
- Mesa Street Grill \$\$\$
3800 N Mesa
- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse \$\$\$\$
8889 Gateway Blvd.
- Ardovino's Desert Crossing \$\$\$\$
1 Ardovinos Dr

Italian

- Mi Piachi \$\$
Upscale Italian food with homemade pasta.
5411 N. Mesa St., El Pas, TX 79912

Asian

- Unami Ramen House \$\$
The authentic Japanese Ramen broth is made from scratch and oh so good!
5380 N. Mesa, Ste. 110,
- Tara Thai \$\$
2606 N. Mesa
- Noodles & Dumplings \$\$
6303 N. Mesa

Pizza

- Ardovinos \$\$
865 N. Resler
- Hello Pizza \$\$
New York Style pizza in El Paso!
1071 Country Club Rd
- Road Runner Pizza \$\$
5300 Doniphan Dr. #24

American

- Ripe Eatery \$\$
Hip neighborhood joint with New American cuisine with vegetarian options. Excellent brunch!
910 E. Redd Road

- Crave Kitchen & Bar \$\$
Comfort foods with a hipster twist!
631 Resler Dr. Ste B
- The Hoppy Monk
4141 N.Mesa
- Wing Daddies
7500 N. Mesa

Seafood

- Crab Station
6450 N. Desert Blvd #c104

Vegetarian

- Saigon Taste \$\$
6490 N Mesa
- India Palace \$\$
5380 N. Mesa
- Salma Fatah's \$\$
4126 N. Mesa

WINERIES

La Vina Winery - 4201 S. Highway 28
Sombra Antigua Winery - 430 La Vina Road
Zin Valle Vineyards - 7315 Highway 28

BREWERIES

Aurellias – 1620 N. Resler Dr.
Blazing Tree Brewery – 11426 Rojas Dr.
Deadbeach Brewery – 406 Durango St.
El Paso Brewing Company – 810 Texas Ave.
Ode Brewing – 3233 N Mesa St.
Old Sheepdog Brewery – 3900 Rosa Ave.

SHOPPING

Boots

El Paso truly deserves the title “Boot Capital of the World.” With over 12 manufacturers or retailers to choose from, you’re sure to find the perfect pair. Cowboys to city slickers, wranglers to hipsters, whatever you fancy, do it with some Texas flare.

- Caboots Handmade Footwear
407 E. Nevada Ave
- Cowtown Boots Factory Outlet
11451 Gateway West
- JB Hill Boot Company
335 N Clark
- Justin Boots Factory Outlet
7100 Gateway East
- Lucchese Boot Company Factory Store
6601 Montana Ave, Ste L
- Mingo Boot Company
6966 Alameda Ave
- Rocketbuster Boots
115 S. Anthony St.
- Stallion Boot & Belt
100 N. Cotton
- Tomasso Arditti Handmade Boots & Luxury Goods
1201C E. Missouri Ave
- Tony Lama
8889 Gateway Blvd
- Tres Outlaws Boot Company
401 S. Cotton St



Farmers Markets

- Ardivino’s Desert Crossing Farmers Market
1 Ardivino Dr
- Country Club Farmers Market
1071 Country Club Rd.
- El Paso Downtown Artist & Farmers Market
117 Anthony St
- Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market
125 N. Downtown Mall
- Upper Valley Artists Market
145 W. Sunset



Malls & Outlets

- Basset Place
6101 Gateway Blvd. West
- Cielo Vista Mall
8401 Gateway Blvd.
- Fountains at Farah →
8889 Gateway West
- Las Palmas Marketplace
1327 George Dieter Dr
- Outlet Shops at El Paso
7051 S. Desert Blvd.
- Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Dr.
- West Towne Marketplace
1539 N Desert



Why we love it: "Fun, hip, & trendy"

El Paso Gifts

- Café Mayapan
2000 Texas Ave.
- Chuco Relic →
4935 N. Mesa St., Ste 5
- El Paso Connection
14301 Gateway Blvd. West
- Mission Del Rey
1421 N. Lee Trevino
- So El Paso
2717 N. Staton St.



DESITNATIONS

Franklin Mountains State Park

2899 Tom Mays Access Rd.



The Franklin Mountains provided most of the basic necessities of early life. Today, the mountains meet a different human need – our need for time in nature. Come explore these high-desert mountains, just 15 minutes from El Paso. Explore almost 27,000 acres (about 40 square miles) on over 100 miles of trail. Carry plenty of water and a cell phone, wear good shoes, dress for the weather, and travel with a partner. Be prepared for rugged desert terrain.

Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site

6900 Hueco Tanks Road

World -renowned for rock climbing and bouldering, the 860-acre Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site is named for its large natural rock basins that for years supplied trapped rainwater to dwellers. Marvel at the imagery that dates back thousands of years, then hike, rock climb, bird watch, study nature and history, picnic and stargaze. Located in a historic ranch house, the interpretive center is the perfect place to learn about the park and its history.



Aztec Caves

Nestled on the rugged western slope of the Franklin Mountains, the Aztec Caves are both a living piece of history and a spectacular reward at the end of a short hike. Start your journey at the trailhead of the Aztec Cave Trail in Franklin Mountains State Park, a less than 3/4-mile hike that ascends more than 400 feet past lechuguillas, ocotillos, yuccas and prickly pear.

McKelligon Canyon Park & Amphitheater



139 Davis-Seamon Rd.

McKelligon Canyon Park & Amphitheater is a 90-acre park in the middle of the mountains, nestled between Mount Franklin on the right and Sugar Loaf Mountain on the left, that's a great place for hiking, biking and picnicking. During summer, the amphitheater hosts Cool Canyon Nights. It is a free live music series, every Thursday from 6-9pm.

Red Sands

Looking for your next off-road adventure? Get behind the wheel of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) with Rent a UTV Off-Road Adventures and explore El Paso's Red Sands, an area that was once under an ancient sea 34 million years ago. Rent a UTV has 1.5- and 2.5-hour guided excursions through an array of scenic desert landscapes. Revel in the feeling of pure exhilaration as you bound over sand dunes and along rugged trails, all while taking in the sheer beauty of the Red Sands.



Hike, Bike & Jog on Riverpark Trail



When you need to go for a nice, long run or stroll, El Paso's Rio Grande Riverpark Trail System is the place to be. Spanning a total of 21 miles, 13 of which are in El Paso, this continuous, paved trail follows the Rio Grande River all the way to the New Mexico-Texas state line in Anthony. Not only is the trail just as ideal for easygoing

afternoon strolls as it is for marathon training, it also provides a retreat to a different part of the Chihuahuan Desert. Trade in hardscrabble trails for some time among lush grasses and trees that border the river, a distinct environment that you can enjoy along with views of the Franklin Mountains and the mesas of New Mexico.

Mission Trail

The El Paso Mission Trail guides you to three beautiful historic missions, allowing visitors to take a look into the past and travel the path Juan de Onate once traveled. The Ysleta Mission is the first and oldest mission in the State of Texas. The Socorro Mission, completed in 1691, is the second oldest mission in Texas. Lastly, is the San Elizario Presidio and Chapel established by the Spanish in 1789.



Chuck Heinrich Memorial Park



El Paso has become the undisputed mecca for some of the region's best mountain bike trails by virtue of its rocky terrain, views that go on for days and trails that range from beginner to advanced and suit all riding abilities. Access the trails via Chuck Heinrich Memorial Park, fee is \$4 per person.

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Located less than two hours from El Paso, this national park is positioned within the vast Chihuahuan Desert and is home to the highest peak in



Texas. Standing tall at 8,749 feet in elevation, Guadalupe Peak offers an impressive view. The climb to the peak is a zigzagging maze of steep switchbacks and rugged terrain often described as a "hiker's dream." In addition to its more than 80 miles of trail, the park is the world's most premiere example of a fossil reef and one of the most pristine wilderness areas in the region. This hidden gem allows for birding, hiking, camping and backpacking.

White Sands National Park

At the northern end of the Chihuahuan Desert lies the world's largest gypsum dune field.

White Sands National Monument preserves a major portion of this gypsum dune field, along with the plants and animals that have successfully adapted to this constantly changing environment. Go sledding in the desert!



Elephant Butte Lake State Park



Five miles north of Truth or Consequences (T or C), New Mexico's largest lake gives boaters plenty of space to hit the throttle past the elephant-shaped rise that gives the lake its name. Swimming, camping, and fishing are popular pastimes along the sandy shores. Didn't pack your kayak? Rent one, along with paddleboards and jet skis, from the marina.

Mesilla, New Mexico

The plaza has been the village's heart for more than a century and a historic landmark since 1982. The stately Basilica of San Albino, one of the region's oldest churches, presides over the plaza's north side. Venture to the Gadsden Museum to learn how the city became part of the United States and see the original jail cell doors that restrained Billy the Kid.



Ruidoso, New Mexico

Outdoor adventurers in El Paso and Southern New Mexico head to Ruidoso for high-mountain fun. The Lincoln National Forest offers more than a million acres of forested peaks, including Sierra Blanca, the tallest in Southern New Mexico. The park has an iconic place in



American forestry: the real-life Smokey Bear, the living embodiment of the forest-fire prevention campaign, was rescued in these mountains. The Mescalero Apache tribe owns Ski Apache, the state's second-largest ski area and the southernmost continuously operated ski area in the United States. Zip lines help visitors soar over the waters of Lake Mescalero, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The town of Lincoln is Billy the

Kid's former stomping grounds and it has remained a time capsule of the 1870s. Tour the Tunstall Store, where 19th-century merchandise is still in the original cases and spot the bullet holes in the walls of the Lincoln County Courthouse put there by Billy the Kid when he made his famous escape from a cell there.

Carlsbad Caverns

UNESCO named this natural wonder a World Heritage Site in 1995, recognizing the cave system's size. The best way to visit is to descend 750 feet through the Natural Entrance. (There's also an elevator.) Along the trail, you'll spot awe-inspiring formations en route to the Big Room, which equals the size of eight football fields and boasts soaring ceilings like a natural cathedral. Join ranger-led tours to see seldom-visited caves or to try your hand at spelunking. May through October, the park welcomes visitors for dusk bat flights, when thousands of Brazilian free-tailed bats swirl out of the caves for their nightly hunts.



Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument



This monument protects wild Chihuahuan Desert habitat, Native American petroglyph sites, and stops along the Butterfield stagecoach trail. Immerse yourself in the land's natural beauty by hiking 4 miles of trails at the Dripping Springs Natural Area — or pitch a tent at the popular Aguirre Spring Campground, a popular spot for hiking and horseback riding.

Big Bend National Park

Big Bend National Park is in southwest Texas and includes the entire Chisos mountain range and a large swath of the Chihuahuan Desert. The Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive leads to the ruins of Sam Nail Ranch, now home to desert wildlife. The Santa Elena Canyon, carved by the Rio Grande, features steep limestone cliffs. Langford Hot Springs, near the Mexican border, has pictographs and the foundations of an old bathhouse.



Hatch, NM



About an hour north of El Paso you will find Hatch, New Mexico. Some will say Hatch is home to the best green chili in the world. Over 30,000 people flock here every year harvest season for the Chili Festival. It's a great little place to visit any time of the year, just make sure to stop at the iconic Sparky's for a Hatch Green Chili burger!

Albuquerque, NM

Roughly a 4 hour drive north of El Paso will take you to Albuquerque, NM, the home of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, which is a yearly hot air balloon festival that takes place in Albuquerque during early October. The Balloon Fiesta is a nine-day event occurring in the first full week of October, and has over 500 hot air balloons each year far from its humble beginnings of merely 13 balloons in 1972. The event is the largest balloon festivals in the world.



Cloudcroft, NM

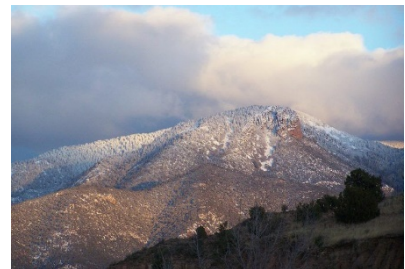
The closest mountain retreat from El Paso, Cloudcroft is a quiet village surrounded by the



Lincoln National Forest and is situated at 9,000 feet above sea level. The town has a wealth of recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, horseback riding, as well as snow tubing and alpine and cross-country skiing. The center of town has an old west look with shops, restaurants, and a saloon.

Gila National Forest

The Gila National Forest is located two and a half hours northeast of El Paso, off I-25, near Silver City, NM. Covering 3.3 million acres, this area is the largest national forest in New Mexico and contains hundreds of miles of streams, some 20 campgrounds, and more than 1,500 hiking trails.



CULTURAL SITES

Plaza de Los Lagartos

Plaza de los Lagartos is a fiberglass sculpture of an alligator by Luis Jimenez that stands in San Jacinto Plaza downtown as tribute to the live alligators that once frolicked in a pool in this very same plaza.

Address: San Jacinto Plaza

Concordia Cemetery

Concordia Cemetery is El Paso's Boot Hill, the eternal resting place of outlaw John Wesley Hardin along with 60,000 other folks. Stop by and see the Buffalo Soldier Memorial as well!

Address: 3700 E. Yandell Drive

Fray Garcia Monument

Fray Garcia Monument, standing tall in the Pioneer Plaza at the corner of El Paso and San Francisco Streets downtown, is an imposing 14-foot sculpture by John Houser that honors the priest credited as the founder of El Paso .

Address: 125 Pioneer Plaza

Mt. Cristo Rey

Standing atop the Sierra de Cristo Rey, in Sunland Park, NM, the 29 foot tall limestone statue of Christ serves as a shrine to thousands of El Paso faithful.

Address: 2600 McNutt Road — Sunland Park, NM

Chamizal National Memorial

Chamizal is more than just an urban park to recreate or enjoy a quiet afternoon. These grounds are a reminder of the harmonious settlement of a 100-year boundary dispute between the United States and Mexico.

Address: 800 S. San Marcial St.

Magoffin Home State Historic site

A striking adobe structure, Magoffin Home State Historic Site explores the stories of a multicultural family who actively participated in U.S. expansion and settlement, military service, trade on the Santa Fe–Chihuahua Trail, Civil War turmoil, and U.S.–Mexico relations. Built in 1875 for pioneer, politician, and civic leader Joseph Magoffin, the nineteen-room adobe home containing original family furnishings is El Paso's only historic house museum and a prime example of Territorial style architecture.

Address: 1120 Magoffin Ave.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

UTEP Dinner Theatre
Union Building West, Room 209
500 W University

El Paso Zoo
4001 E. Paisano Dr.

Ascarate Park & Lake
6900 Delta Dr.

Bob-O's Family Fun Center
3851 Constitution Dr

Dave & Buster's
6101 Gateway Blvd West

El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball
1 Ballpark Plaza

El Paso Locomotive FC
1 Ballpark Plaza

FLIX Brewhouse/Cinema
6450 N. Desert Blvd.

Alamo Drafthouse/Cinema
250 E. Montecillo Blvd.

iFLY – Indoor Skydiving
430 Vin Rambla Dr

Jungle Jaks
1700 N Zaragosa

TopGolf
365 Vin Rambla Dr

Western Playland Amusement Park
1249 Futurity Dr

Sunland Park Casino & Racetrack
1200 Fruity Dr

Speaking Rock Entertainment Center & Casino
122 S. Old Pueblo Rd.

Tony the Tiger Sunbowl
2701 Sun Bowl Dr

Plaza Theatre
1 Pioneer Plaza

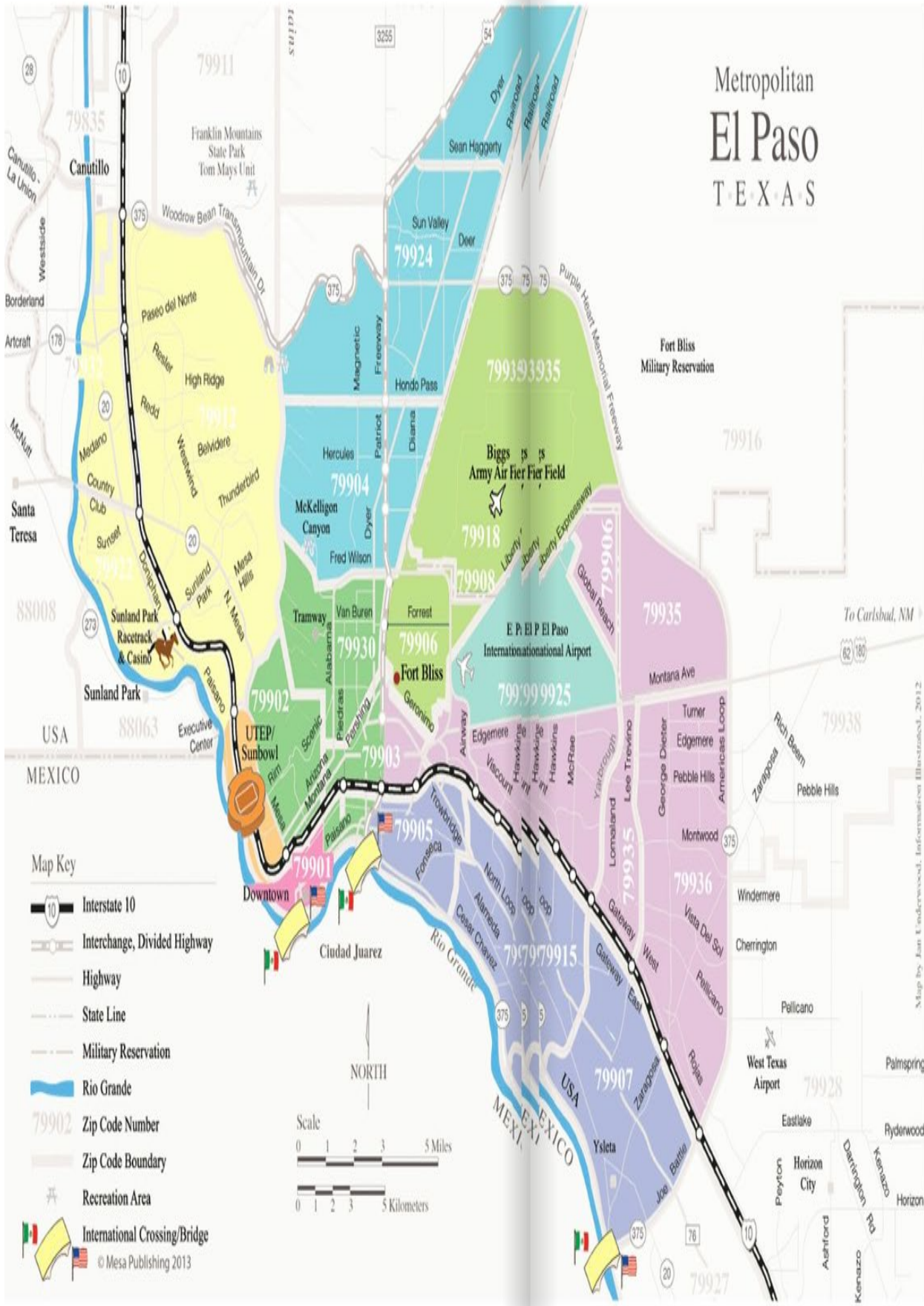
Chihuahuan Desert Gardens
Museum.uteo.edu

Magoffin Home State Historic Site
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El Paso Symphony Orchestra @ Abraham Chavez Theatre
One Civic Center Plaza

Keystone Heritage Park and Desert Botanical Garden
4200 Doniphan

Scenic Drive Overlook
<http://www.elpasosouthwest.com/scenic-drive/info/psku4w>



Cattleman's Steakhouse
At Indian Cliffs Ranch
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Fabens, TX

