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## Alamogordo *Family Fun* ADVENTURE

Alamogordo is ideal for families looking to go off the beaten path, get back to nature and enjoy outdoor activities, as well as explore unique, out-of-the-classroom learning experiences. To get the most out of your family vacation, check out the following steps:

### Day One

#### MORNING

☐ Start the day at the world-famous **Alameda Park Zoo**. Explore nearly 300 animals across 90 species in the 12-acre zoo, and dive into exciting learning opportunities in the newly renovated education center. Connecting humans to animals through audio, visual and tactical experiences, the zoo promotes education, conservation, recreation and biological research. Kids can run and play at the playground, and they're sure to love a stop at the gift shop for a souvenir.

Just down the road from the zoo,

visit the **Toy Train Depot Museum** and ride a small-scale train around Alameda Park. Inside the museum—a century-old depot—explore hundreds of scale model train locomotives and passenger and freight cars. All aboard for an immersive history experience with exhibits including the world's smallest scaled working train, as well as a 1,000 square-foot layout depicting Alamogordo in the 1940s.

#### NOON

☐ Grab lunch from **Hi-D-Ho Drive-In** (we recommend the famous Tiger



Burger), and take your food to the **New Mexico Museum of Space History** or the Pavilion at Kids' Zone playground to enjoy quality time with the family over a picnic lunch.

#### AFTERNOON/LATE AFTERNOON

☐ Take a farm tour and learn about the history and culture of farming and agriculture in the area at the largest pistachio groves in New Mexico—**Heart of the Desert**. Indulge in a tasty snack of nut cookies or candies, and parents can try local wines.





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❑ Continue the exploration of Alamogordo's culture of farming and experience "The Nuttiest Place in New Mexico" at **McGinn's PistachioLand**. You'll learn a ton on this immersive and delicious outing. Grab a memorable family photo with the world's largest pistachio and take a farm tour, held on the hour every hour through 4pm. Be sure to stop by the gift shop for local nuts, candies, and ice cream.



McGinn's PistachioLand

### EVENING

❑ Make dinner a fun-filled, one-of-a-kind experience at the brand new **Rocket City Fun Center**. With 24 lanes of bowling, a multi-level laser tag arena, an arcade, a full-service restaurant and sports bar, the whole family will be entertained.

Check into one of our hotels and rest up for an adventurous second day.

## Day Two

### MORNING

❑ Travel just south of Alamogordo to visit **Oliver Lee Memorial State Park** and enjoy the outdoors. If visiting on a Saturday, stop in and take a guided

tour of the restored 19th Century ranch house of Oliver Lee—an early settler to the area and the park's namesake.

Get back to nature, observe wildlife, and hike trails leading to pools where the water flows throughout the year, and creates a peaceful oasis in Dog Canyon.

### NOON

❑ Away from distractions, make quality family memories with a picnic in the park.

### AFTERNOON

❑ Drive 15 miles west of Alamogordo to experience one of the most incredible natural treasures in the world—**White Sands National Park**. Breathtaking, glistening white sand dunes cover 275 square miles. Stop by the White Sands Visitor Center to stock up on water, snacks, adventure packs, hiking information and sleds. Grab a Jr. Ranger activity book to inspire even the youngest of adventurers.

Before setting out, enjoy interactive exhibits in the White Sands National Park Museum to learn more about the history, culture, scientific discoveries and ecology of the area.

An adventure through White Sands National Park offers hiking, memorable photos, and observing over 800 species of wildlife—including New Mexico's State Bird, the Roadrunner. Don't forget to enjoy the favorite pastime of kids and kids at heart—sledding down the dunes and playing in the snow-like sand.



White Sands National Park

### AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

❑ Take a daily Sunset Stroll—a free, one-mile, guided park ranger walk that takes place approximately an hour before sunset. Then, stick around for a star gazing experience, with the dunes reflecting the moonlight for a night sky view second to none.

Drive back to your hotel, or plan ahead to back country camp at White Sands.

## Day Three

### MORNING

❑ The **Lincoln National Forest** is perfect for active family fun. Spanning four counties and three major mountain ranges, this gigantic forest is a nature lover's playground. Hike, bike, ride horses, and observe the diverse wildlife.

### NOON

❑ Enjoy a picnic in the forest, or head into Cloudcroft or High Rolls for lunch.

### AFTERNOON

❑ Make your way to the **New Mexico Museum of Space History** and learn about the state's rich space exploration history. Explore manned spaceflight exhibits and see rockets, engines and a moon rock. Try on a space suit and see if you've got the right stuff!

❑ Continue your adventure at the Museum's **New Horizons Dome Theater and Planetarium**. Featuring large format films, planetarium shows and live star shows, you're guaranteed an out of this world experience.



New Horizons Theater