

White Sands National Park

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ADVENTURE

Alamogordo is an outdoor lover's paradise with unlimited adventures. From journeying through the vast Oliver Lee State Park to exploring the immense beauty of the White Sands National Park, there's a unique experience and exploration for every outdoor lover in the open spaces of Alamogordo.

Day One

MORNING

❑ Stop by the **Aubrey L. Dunn Sr. Visitor Center** at 1301 N. White Sands Blvd. to get information about the area. Head 15 miles west of Alamogordo to start the day with one of the most incredible natural treasures in the world—**White Sands National Park**. White Sands is breathtaking with sprawling white sand dunes covering 275 square miles. Make sure to stop into the White Sands Visitor Center to stock up on water, snacks, adventure packs, hiking information, and sleds.

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

Set off to explore White Sands National Park, and enjoy sledding, hiking, taking memorable photos, and observing wildlife.

NOON

❑ Before leaving White Sands, enjoy a scenic and peaceful picnic in the dunes or on a vintage covered picnic table.

AFTERNOON

❑ Travel just south of Alamogordo, into the foothills of the Sacramento Mountains, to visit **Oliver Lee Memorial State Park** and enjoy the great 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. Explore nature, observe wildlife, and hike trails leading to pools, where the water



Oliver Lee Memorial State Park

flows throughout the year and creates a peaceful oasis in Dog Canyon. Be sure to bring your camera, as the Dog Canyon Recreational Trail provides scenic and breathtaking views of the Tularosa Basin.



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LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

☐ Head back to town for dinner before returning to your hotel, or stick around **Oliver Lee Memorial State Park** for a picnic and camping. If you time your visit right, enjoy one of the monthly star parties for an astronomy and nature experience second to none.

Day Two

MORNING

☐ Start the day with adventure at **Lincoln National Forest**, which spans four counties and three major mountain ranges. A must-see destination, the forest provides the perfect opportunity to experience outdoor recreation while hiking, biking, riding horses, and observing the many types of wildlife in the forest.



NOON

☐ Plan a picnic in the forest, or make a stop in nearby **Cloudcroft, New Mexico** to eat at one of many local restaurants.

AFTERNOON/LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

☐ Explore the mountain town of Cloudcroft, where you can catch a sunset from 9,000ft above sea level and explore Burro Ave. for great shopping opportunities.

Take in the mountain air while playing disc golf, rent an ATV for an off-road experience, or strap on some skates at the Cloudcroft Ice Rink during winter months.



☐ On the way back to Alamogordo, stop at historic the **Old Apple Barn** for a taste of the good old days. Indulge your sweet tooth with gourmet fudge, try delicious ciders or vintage sodas, and enjoy a slower pace as you get a glimpse of history.

Day Three

MORNING

☐ Start your morning at **Three Rivers Petroglyph Site**, located between Tularosa and Carrizozo on Highway 54. It is one of the few sites in the region that provides direct access to petroglyphs created by Jornada Mogollon people who used stone tools to create the art we now see on the rocks. Explore more than 21,000 glyphs depicting animals, humans, and nature.



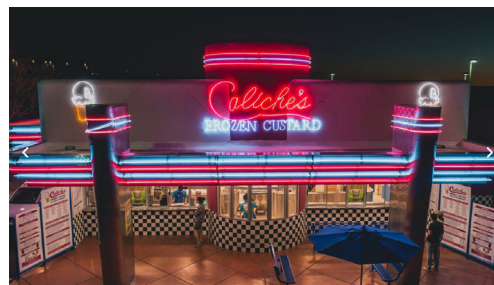
Three Rivers Petroglyph Site

NOON

☐ Grab lunch at a local restaurant like Casa de Sueños for a taste of the Southwest.

AFTERNOON

☐ Get active and get back to nature in Alamogordo. With an average of 287 days of sunshine each year and over 100 maintained trails for hiking, biking, ATVs, and horseback riding, there's something for every outdoor explorer. Check out our trails at alamogordonnmtrue.com/hiking-biking/ to choose your expedition. If you're hiking, don't forget to post a selfie with the hashtag #HikeAlamogordo so everyone can see your shot of your adventure.



LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

☐ End off your journey to Alamogordo with a quick stop at **Caliche's**, one of Southern New Mexico's most beloved frozen custard shops. Our recommendation: A Gizmo with Caramel!