

# ALAMOGORDO

*View the Past and*  
**EXPLORE THE FUTURE.**

## Welcome To Alamogordo

### WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Open every day except Christmas Day

Winter: Visitor Center 8am-5pm  
Dunes Drive 7am-Sunset

Summer: Visitor Center 8am-7pm  
Dunes Drive 7am-9pm

**505-679-2599 or 505-479-6124**

The most popular attraction for visitors is White Sands National Monument, a gigantic sea of sparkling white gypsum. Also known as one of the world's natural wonders, the glistening white sand covers nearly 300 square miles. The great wavelike dunes of gypsum are very unique in the country and are known for their dazzling beauty and gorgeous views.

During the heat of the day, wildlife in the desert mostly remains underground in burrows, but lizards, beetles, pocket mice and birds are active. Some have evolved a white coloration to blend in with the sands for protection. So keep on your toes, you might catch a glimpse of one running by.

All trips into the White Sands National Monument should begin at the visitor's center, where there are museum displays describing the formation of the dunes as well as plant and animal life in the area. Picnic grounds with tables and grills are also available. And don't forget to purchase a snow disk for the kids to slide down the hills of white gypsum. You might even want one for yourself!



### NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF SPACE HISTORY

Open 9am-5pm  
every day except  
Thanksgiving &  
Christmas Day

**505-437-2840  
or 877-333-6589**



Barely had the footprints of such notorious figures like Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett and Geronimo been covered when daring men were making the first strides into the Space Age. Throughout its history, Alamogordo has helped the nation move from the slow pace

of the Old West into the computerized frenzy of the space age. Because of its involvement in this evolution, Alamogordo was chosen to be the site of the International Space Hall of Fame. Twenty-eight countries participated by furnishing artifacts and other exhibits of man's conquest of space. New exhibits are being displayed monthly for your viewing and experience high on the hill overlooking the beautiful Tularosa Basin.

The complex is now known as the New Mexico Museum of Space History, including outdoor exhibit areas: the John P. Stapp Air and Space Park and the Astronaut Memorial Garden, which is dedicated to the memory of the seven astronauts who perished when the Shuttle Challenger exploded on January 28, 1986.

## CLYDE W. TOMBAUGH IMAX DOME THEATER

Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

**505-437-2840**  
or **877-333-6589**

And just down the hill at the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX® Dome Theater and Planetarium, grab a bag of hot popcorn and have a seat in the cool state-of-the-art theater. You'll be amazed at the world's largest format projection system and you'll take in a wrap-around motion picture that's out of this world. With several great movies to choose from you may want to spend the day here. So, plan your day and don't miss this exciting theatrical experience.



## ALAMEDA PARK AND ZOO

Open 9am-5pm every day except Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

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The Alameda Park Zoo was established in 1898 with a small collection of waterfowl and deer. Today the well shaded, seven-acre zoo is home to 90 different species, nearly 300 animals. Visitors enjoy colorful birds, mountain lions, black bears, endangered wolves, and are entertained by the antics of variety of lively monkeys.

The Alameda Park Zoo offers travelers, large groups, and students a shaded retreat, picnic area, and playground. The Zoo is located on White Sands Blvd. at the 10th Street intersection.



## TOY TRAIN DEPOT AND MUSEUM



Open Noon-5pm  
Wednesday- Sunday  
**505-437-2855**

Jump on the train and take a 2.5 mile ride around Alameda Park. This Depot was first built in Torrance,

NM in 1898. The building was moved to Corona where it served as the Southern Pacific Depot until 1974, when it was moved to Alamogordo. This 100-year old depot contains hundreds of models of engines, cars, cabooses and other railroad antiques. Relive your childhood by watching the model train run past the towns of a bygone era.

## FLICKINGER

The Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts

**505-437-2202**

Voted "Best in Live Entertainment" is a premier venue for International Music, Theater and dance! The Flickinger Center is the home of New Voice Theater, The Alamogordo Music Theater, Community Tail Gate Concerts, and many more GREAT events.

## TULAROSA BASIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Open 10am-4pm Mon- Saturday.

Closed Sundays  
& legal holidays

**505-434-4438**

The Tularosa Basin Historical Society Museum is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Tularosa Basin's history. Artifacts are on display in this great little museum open free to the public and located next door to the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. The society has collected historical documents, artifacts, and published materials of historic importance, and built this museum to preserve and display them. Stop by and check out the forty-seven star United States Flag, Alamogordo's Centennial Quilt, the rifle that shot a plane down and many, many other artifacts.



## OLIVER LEE MEMORIAL STATE PARK

### and Dog Canyon National Recreation Trail

Located 12 miles south of Alamogordo on US 54 down Dog Canyon Road

**505-437-8284**



Visitors to the Oliver Lee Memorial State Park can journey

back in time to the days of this influential rancher during regularly scheduled guided tours of the house. Oliver Milton Lee's Dog Canyon Ranch headquarters has been completely rebuilt from ruins and is authentically furnished. Planners utilized historic photographs, archaeological evidence and first hand accounts from former residents.

It's worth the effort to experience the Dog Canyon National REcreational Trail and its beautiful, panoramic view of the Tularosa Basin and the glimmering White Sands National Monument. The 5.5 mile hike departs from the Oliver Lee Visitors Center and ends on Forest Road 90B at Joplin Ridge. Visitors will not be breaking new ground by hiking the trail, as it was a means of travel from the Tularosa Basin to the Sacramento Mountains for thousands of years.

## DESERT LAKES GOLF COURSE

**505-437-0290**

Desert Lakes Golf Course is a municipal course with VERY affordable green fees and is open year-round. Tee times are suggested. The course is nestled into the foothills of the Sacramento Mountain range, with spectacular homes wrapping around it. The greens are elevated and there are water hazards to keep you on your toes. Not only is it a challenging course, little surprises from nature are all around.



## THREE RIVERS PETROGLYPH SITE & PICNIC AREA

The Three Rivers Petroglyphs are outstanding examples of Jornada Mogollon rock art. The basaltic ridge contains over 21,000 petroglyphs including masks, sunburst, wildlife, hand prints, and geometric designs. A rugged trail begins at the visitor's shelter. It is about 1/2 mile long (one mile round trip), and links many of the most interesting petroglyphs.

Across the road are dwellings of Native Americans which have been partially reconstructed on their original location for your enjoyment. At the picnic/camping area, there are sheltered tables and barbecues, toilets, refuse containers and drinking water. Firewood is available and there is plenty of parking.

## Alamogordo Visitors Center

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