



## Chaco Campground Closure for Emergency Repairs in 2009

Camping at Chaco Culture National Historical Park will be interrupted in 2009 when emergency repairs begin at the Gallo Campground to replace the septic system. **When construction begins, the park will suspend all camping in the park. Visitors will need to make alternative arrangements for their Chaco visit and find another camping option. The campground closure is expected to begin on June 15, 2009 and continue until project completion (approximately three weeks).** The park will continue to provide updates on this closure, the expected project completion date, and the campground re-opening. Visit the park web site ([www.nps.gov/chcu](http://www.nps.gov/chcu)) or call the park for updated information (505-786-7014 ext. 221). The park regrets this inconvenience. The nearest camping options in the park's immediate area include:

**Cactus Hill:** 13 miles north of the park along CR 7950 (dirt road), local Navajo elders Mary J. Harrison and John Begay, invite campers to camp on their property. Camping is primitive and campers must be self contained (i.e. bring own food, water and pack out all trash). Contact by email at: [chaco57camping@yahoo.com](mailto:chaco57camping@yahoo.com) or call for more info at 505-860-5412 (leave message).

**Ruby Ranch:** A working cattle ranch 16 miles south of the park on Hwy 57 (rough dirt road) invites individuals and groups to camp at their ranch. There is unlimited camping (\$5.00 per person/per night) at the ranch. Camping is primitive and campers will need to be self contained (i.e., bring their own food and water, pack out all trash and properly dispose of human waste). The ranch can accommodate large groups. Large groups may need to make arrangements to rent portable toilets through local vendors. Call Mickey or Amy Williams at (505) 979-0614 for further details.

**Blanco Trading Post:** A working trading post located at 12341 S. Hwy 550, 29 miles north of Chaco off US 550. Fourth generation traders Justin and Savannah Higgins invite individuals and groups to camp adjacent to their trading post (\$5.00 per person/per night). Group rates are available. Restrooms and food service are available at the post during operating hours 6:30am to 9:00pm (summer). Water is available. Call (505)-632-1219 or e-mail: [info@blancotradingpost.com](mailto:info@blancotradingpost.com) for more info. Visit their web site at: [www.blancotradingpost.com](http://www.blancotradingpost.com).

**Lybrook Mercantile:** A working trading post located near Mile Marker 103 on US Hwy 550, 34 miles from Chaco (on the way to Cuba & Albuquerque). Tent camping is \$10.00 per night. There are 6 RV sites with hook-ups at \$20.00 per night. There are no showers. Restrooms, laundry, gas, propane, groceries, and food service are available at the post during operating hours 8:00am to 6:00pm. Water is available for RVs.. Call (575)-568-4477 for more info. Closed on Sunday.

**Angel Peak Scenic Area:** A Scenic Area managed by the Bureau of Land Management is located 39 miles north of Chaco, off US 550 on CR 7175. Look for a turnoff just south of mile marker 137. A dirt road leads 6 miles to the primitive campground. Angel peak Campground has nine sites available for tent camping; each with picnic tables and fire grates. Picnic shelters are located at three campsites, two with single shelters and one with a double shelter suitable for larger groups. Two accessible vault toilets and trash receptacles are conveniently located in the campground. A short nature trail leads to an overlook of the spectacular canyon. No electrical hookups or water are available. Contact BLM-Farmington Field Office at (505) 599-8900. Visit their web site at: [http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/farmington/angel\\_peak\\_scenic\\_area.htm](http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/farmington/angel_peak_scenic_area.htm).

In addition to these sites, there are commercial campgrounds available in Cuba, Bloomfield, Farmington, Grants, and Gallup. National Park Service campgrounds are also located at other regional sites such as Mesa Verde National Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, El Malpais & El Moro National Monument, and Bandelier National Park. Additionally, there are numerous public campgrounds in the region managed by the US Forest Service, Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation, and New Mexico State Parks.

Superintendent Barbara West thanks visitors for understanding our situation and helping the park by looking for alternative camping possibilities until the emergency repairs are completed. The park will continue to provide daily tours of Pueblo Bonito (10am and 2pm), Night Sky Programs on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings (8pm) and other special presentations, like the summer solstice Pueblo dances at Pueblo Bonito on June 20, 2009.

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# Additional Camping options for the areas surrounding Chaco

## **Simon Canyon**

Largely undeveloped area managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Allows primitive backcountry camping. Attractions include Simon Canyon Pueblito, the remains of a Navajo defensive site dating to 1754.

**Fee:** None

**Distance from Chaco:** 80 miles

**Contact:**

BLM Farmington Field Office

(505) 599-8900

[http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/farmington/Simon\\_Canyon\\_ACEC.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/farmington/Simon_Canyon_ACEC.html)

## **McGee RV Park**

Large RV park along the San Juan River between Farmington and Bloomfield. 574 RV spaces with electric and water hookups. Each of these sites is 21' by 41'. In addition there are 100 dry camping sites. There is a dump station on site.

**Fee:** \$18 per night for sites with hookups; \$10 per night for dry camping sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 67 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 334-9481

## **Navajo Lake State Park**

New Mexico state park focused on Navajo Lake, a large reservoir on the San Juan River. Several campgrounds. Can accommodate both tent and RV camping.

**Fee:** \$10 per night for developed sites (plus \$4 each for water or electric hookups); \$8 per night for primitive sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 85 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 632-2278

(888) 451-2541

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/navajo.htm>

## **Bisti/De Na Zin Wilderness Area**

Undeveloped wilderness area known for its impressive geology. Allows backcountry primitive camping.

**Fee:** None

**Distance from Chaco:** 60 miles

**Contact:**

BLM Farmington Field Office

(505) 599-8900

<http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/wilderness/bisti.html>

## **Ruins Road RV Park**

RV park in Aztec, NM, very close to Aztec Ruins National Monument. 45 spaces available.

**Fee:** \$20 per night for sites with full hookups; \$10 per night for dry/tent camping sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 75 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 334-3160

## **Desert Rose Resort**

RV park and KOA Campground in Bloomfield.

**Fee:** \$31-\$36 per night for RV sites; \$24-26 per night for tent sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 60 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 632-8339 (information)

(800) 562-8513 (reservations)

[desertroseresort@aol.com](mailto:desertroseresort@aol.com)

## **Angel Peak RV Park**

Private RV park in Bloomfield, NM. Full hookups.

**Fee:** \$22 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 60 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 632-6780

[info@angelpeakrv.com](mailto:info@angelpeakrv.com)

<http://angelpeakrv.com/>

### **Apache Nugget Casino**

Allows RV camping in parking lot by arrangement. No hookups.

**Fee:** Call for info.

**Distance from Chaco:** 40 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 759-3242

### **Adolph's RV Park**

Private RV park in Cuba, NM.

**Fee:** \$17 per night with hookups; \$10 per night without

**Distance from Chaco:** 60 miles

**Contact:**

(575) 289-3306

### **Los Piños Trailer Court**

RV park on north side of Cuba, NM

**Fee:** \$20 per night for sites with hookups; \$10 per night for tent sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 60 miles

**Contact:**

(575) 289-3525

### **Sueños Encantados Bed & Breakfast**

Bed & breakfast south of Cuba. RV and tent sites available.

**Fee:** \$15 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 65 miles

**Contact:**

(575) 289-3327

### **Theresa's Beauty Shop & RV Park**

Northwest of Cuba on US 550.

**Fee:** \$15 per night for RV sites with hookups; tents by arrangement

**Distance from Chaco:** 59 miles

**Contact:**

(575) 289-2486

(575) 289-3244

### **Clear Creek Campground**

Forest Service campground in Jemez Mountains east of Cuba, NM. 15 sites available. Sites have tables and fire rings. Vault toilet.

**Fee:** \$10 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 71 miles

**Contact:**

Santa Fe National Forest, Cuba Ranger District

(575) 289-3264

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/recreation/districts/cuba/camping/clearcreek.html>

### **Rio de Las Vacas Campground**

Forest Service campground in Jemez Mountains east of Cuba, NM. 16 sites available. Sites have tables and fire rings. Vault toilet. Potable water available.

**Fee:** \$10 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 72 miles

**Contact:**

Santa Fe National Forest, Cuba Ranger District

(575) 289-3264

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/recreation/districts/cuba/camping/riodelasvacas.html>

### **Coal Mine Campground**

Forest Service campground at Mt. Taylor, near Grants, NM. 15 sites available.

**Fee:** \$5 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 84 miles

**Contact:**

Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District

(505) 287-8833

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/recreation/rec-mttay.shtml>

### **Lobo Canyon Campground**

Forest Service campground at Mt. Taylor, near Grants, NM. 6 sites available.

**Fee:** None

**Distance from Chaco:** 84 miles

**Contact:**

Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District

(505) 287-8833

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/recreation/rec-mttay.shtml>

### **Quaking Aspen Campground**

Forest Service campground south of Ft. Wingate, NM. 20 sites available.

**Fee:** \$5 per night

**Distance from Chaco:** 89 miles

**Contact:**

Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District

(505) 287-8833

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/recreation/rec-mttay.shtml>

### **McGaffey Campground**

Forest Service campground south of Ft. Wingate, NM. 29 sites available. No potable water.

**Fee:** \$15 per night for RV hookups (electric only); \$10 per night for tent sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 91 miles

**Contact:**

Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District

(505) 287-8833

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/recreation/rec-mttay.shtml>

### **Ojo Redondo Campground**

Forest Service campground south of Thoreau, NM. 15 sites available.

**Fee:** None

**Distance from Chaco:** 88 miles

**Contact:**

Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District

(505) 287-8833

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/recreation/rec-mttay.shtml>

### **Bluewater Lake State Park**

New Mexico state park south of Prewitt, NM. Mostly known for fishing, but has a variety of camping options as well.

**Fee:** \$10 per night for developed sites (plus \$4 each for water or electric hookups); \$8 per night for primitive sites

**Distance from Chaco:** 71 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 876-2391

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/Bluewater.htm>

### **Red Rock Park**

East of Gallup, NM. Has large campground equipped with hookups, restrooms, showers, and picnic areas.

**Fee:** Call for info

**Distance from Chaco:** 90 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 722-3839

[http://www.ci.gallup.nm.us/rrp/00182\\_redrock.html](http://www.ci.gallup.nm.us/rrp/00182_redrock.html)

### **Gallup KOA**

KOA campground in Gallup, NM.

**Fee:** Call for info

**Distance from Chaco:** 100 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 722-2333

(800) 562-3915

### **USA RV Park**

Private campground in Gallup, NM. Tent and RV sites available.

**Fee:** \$32.62 per night (water, electric, & sewer hookups); \$30.37 per night (water & electric hookups only); \$22.48 per night (no hookups/tent site)

**Distance from Chaco:** 100 miles

**Contact:**

(505) 863-5021

[Reservations@usarvpark.com](mailto:Reservations@usarvpark.com)

<http://usarvpark.com/>

**El Malpais National Monument and National Conservation Area**

Wilderness area jointly administered by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Allows primitive backcountry camping.

**Fee:** None

**Distance from Chaco:** 97 miles

**Contact:**

BLM Grants Field Station

(505) 287-7911

El Malpais Information Center

(505) 783-4774

<http://www.nps.gov/elma>

[http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/rio\\_puerco/el\\_malpais.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/rio_puerco/el_malpais.html)