



## Alternative Camping Near Chaco

Occasionally, the 49 regular sites and 2 group sites in Gallo Campground fill up. Usually, this occurs on Friday and Saturday afternoons, holiday, weekends, special events, and on other unpredicted days when many visitors and groups happen to converge. Here are some nearby options when our campground is full.

**Ruby Ranch:** A working cattle ranch 16 miles south of the park on Hwy 57 (rough dirt road) invites individuals and groups to camp. There is unlimited camping (\$5.00 per person/per night). 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.

**Chaco Outlier Campsites:** Chaco Outlier now offers Cabin Rentals, a spacious campground, and unlimited hiking. Enjoy views of Mt. Taylor, Borego Pass, Chaco Mesa and more. Located 19 miles south of Chaco Canyon on Route 9. Cabin rentals are \$40 per night, if more than 2 people five dollars apiece. Campgrounds are \$20.00 per campsite or \$7.00 per person if more than 5 people. For more information and reservations, go to [chacooutlier.com](http://chacooutlier.com) or call Steve Williams at (505) 655-3246/ Cell (505)285-7120.

**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 Sundays.

**Angel Peak Scenic Area:** Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Angel Peak 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 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.