



## Lake Lucero Safety Tips

Welcome to the Lake Lucero tour at White Sands National Monument. The route to Lake Lucero requires us to drive across the White Sands Missile Range. We must obtain special permission from the missile range in order to offer this trip. To continue to offer this tour, we ask you to consider the following:

- You will be outside for several hours and walking 1.5 miles (2.41 km) roundtrip over rough, uneven desert terrain and washes. The trail is not maintained, nor is it wheelchair or stroller accessible. This hike is rated moderate. It is not recommended for those with impaired mobility or health concerns.
- Emergency medical response will be delayed due to the remote location. Emergency services can be up to one hour away. Health concerns should be carefully considered before committing to this hike.
- Bring ample drinking water (at least two liters/person), snacks, hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. No water is available on the trail.
- Hiking boots/stout walking shoes are required. Sandals or open-toe shoes are not allowed.
- Seating is not available on the hike; however, you may sit on the ground at any time during the program if you wish.
- Dress accordingly for the weather. Long sleeves and long pants are highly recommended even on warm days to protect your skin from the sun.
- Please do not take photographs on the drive to or from Lake Lucero, which is on Department of Defense property. You may take photographs at Lake Lucero, which is on National Park Service property.
- Please stay in your place in the caravan. Do not slow down, stop, or pass other vehicles.
- There is a required 17.5 mile (27.36 km) drive (one-way) through a remote location with limited cell phone reception. Make sure you have enough fuel as the nearest gas station is 18 miles west from the Small Range Missile Gate.
- Please do not remove any natural features (e.g., selenite crystals) or historical objects (e.g., barbed wire). Federal law prohibits these actions (36 CFR 2.1). Do not touch or remove any UXOs as they may be dangerous.
- Two portable toilets are available for use at the Small Missile Range Gate and one is located the Lake Lucero trailhead. There are no other restroom facilities available during this tour.
- Pets and service animals are allowed as long as they are non-disruptive, on a leash no longer than 6 feet (2 m), and under physical control at all times. Please pick up after your pet(s).
- Leaving the tour early is prohibited. All guests must enter and leave with the caravan. However, guests are welcome to return to the trailhead and wait in their vehicles if necessary.
- Wild and potentially dangerous animals call this trail home. Please be aware of your surroundings.
- Per Missile Range regulations, concealed carry weapons are not allowed on the tour.

Lake Lucero Parking Plan: Red car is ranger. Green cars are visitors.

