



## Area Attractions Near White Sands



**H**ave you ever needed to just get away from everything for a day or two? Within a two-hour drive or less from White Sands, you can enjoy special places that can take you back in time or even up in space. Many of these areas can be enjoyed in one day so you can spend a weekend enjoying White Sands National Monument and several great places nearby.

### New Mexico Museum of Space History & IMAX

New Mexico Museum of Space History is located just 20 miles from White Sands. The museum is a four story building that describes New Mexico's place in space history. The museum also has an IMAX theater. To get there just follow White Sands Blvd. to Indian Wells, turn right, and follow the brown signs to the museum.

For more information  
Call 575-437-2840 or 1-877-333-6589  
Visit [www.nmspacemuseum.org](http://www.nmspacemuseum.org)



### Alameda Park Zoo

Alameda Park Zoo is the oldest zoo in the southwest and is located just 15 miles from the monument on White Sands Blvd. Established in 1898, the zoo is home to over 250 animals ranging from ducks to Mexican grey wolves and everything in between. The zoo is also filled with numerous trees, which makes it a nice place to picnic.

For more information  
Call 575-439-4290  
Visit [ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/communityservices/zoo/Alameda\\_Park\\_Zoo\\_Information\\_and\\_Fees.htm](http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us/coa/communityservices/zoo/Alameda_Park_Zoo_Information_and_Fees.htm)



### Toy Train Depot & Museum

Toy Train Depot and Museum is located 17 miles from the monument on White Sands Blvd. The depot is home to New Mexico's first railroad museum and a miniature train that can take you all around Alameda Park. The building was built in 1898 and previously served as the Torrance New Mexico Central Railroad Depot.

For more information  
Call 575-437-2855  
Visit [toytraindepot.homestead.com](http://toytraindepot.homestead.com)



### Cloud Climbing Trestle

The trestle is located 30 miles from White Sands and is near the village of Cloudcroft. It can be viewed from Highway 82 or you can hike to see the remnants of the train tracks. The trestle is a small remnant of a train system that carried wood and passengers from Cloudcroft to Alamogordo. The Trestle was used from 1899 to 1947.

For more information  
Call 575-682-2551  
Visit [fs.usda.gov/lincoln](http://fs.usda.gov/lincoln)



## Lincoln National Forest

The Lincoln National Forest protects 1,103,441 acres of land. Of the three districts that make up the Lincoln National Forest, the Sacramento District is located just 30 miles from White Sands on Highway 82. The forest offers many recreational activities such as hiking, camping, skiing, and snowshoeing.

For more information  
Call 575-434-7200  
Visit [fs.usda.gov/lincoln](http://fs.usda.gov/lincoln)



## Aguirre Springs

Located 39 miles from White Sands, southwest on Highway 70, Aguirre Springs is open year-round for camping, hiking, and picnicking. It is located at the base of the Organ Mountains, which is one of the steepest mountains in the western United States. Managed by the BLM, Aguirre Springs is a great way to get out of the car and explore the desert lowlands and uplands.

For more information  
Call 575-525-4300  
Visit [www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/las\\_cruces/aguirre\\_spring\\_campground.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/las_cruces/aguirre_spring_campground.html)



## New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Located just an hours drive from White Sands on Highway 70, this museum catalogs New Mexico's farming and ranching history. One can enjoy several exhibit areas and a barn that houses live animals. The museum also hosts living history demonstrations. Call ahead for program schedules.

For more information  
Call 575-522-4100  
Visit [nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://nmfarmandranchmuseum.org)



## White Sands Missile Range Museum and Missile Park

The White Sands Missile Range is a great place to visit for military history aficionados and for those interested in learning about America's missile and space history. The museum and park are located only 30 miles southwest from White Sands on Highway 70. You will need your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to enter the missile range.

For more information  
Call 575-678-8824  
Visit [www.wsmr-history.org](http://www.wsmr-history.org)



## National Solar Observatory

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the solar system? If so visit the National Solar observatory located on Sacramento Peak, 51 miles from White Sands in the Lincoln National Forest. This observatory has a visitor center, gift shop, and amazing telescopes that give scientists a view into space.

For more information  
Call 575-434-7190  
Visit [www.nsosp.nso.edu](http://www.nsosp.nso.edu)



## Oliver Lee Memorial State Park

Located just 24 miles from White Sands on Highway 54, Oliver Lee Memorial State Park is a great place to learn about the history of the area. Tours are only given on certain days of the week. Call the park for program schedules. The park is also ideal for hiking and camping (RV and tent). Managed by NM State Parks.

For more information  
Call 575-437-8284  
Visit [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/prd/oliverlee.htm](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/prd/oliverlee.htm)



## Three Rivers Petroglyph Site

Three Rivers Petroglyph Site is a recreation area managed by the BLM, which is located 51 miles from White Sands on Highway 54. Home to thousands of petroglyphs, Three Rivers is a nice place to stop and learn about the history of the area. This site also offers areas for RV and tent camping as well as picnicking.

For more information  
Call 575-525-4300  
Visit [www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/las\\_cruces/three\\_rivers.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/las_cruces/three_rivers.html)

