

VISIT **DURANGO** COLORADO

DISCOVER A DOZEN VACATIONS IN ONE DESTINATION™



DURANGO, COLORADO TRAVEL PLANNER





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Bragging Rights

- "Best Fall Hiking Trails," - Insider.com
- "Best AirBnB's for Spotting Fall Foliage," - Tasting Table
- "50 of the Best US Ski Resorts," - Insider.com
- "Best Mountain Bike Destinations in Colorado," -The Travel Channel
- "Top 40 Places Young People are Moving," - USA Today
- "Chug a Lug: Top 7 Boozy Train Rides in the US," - VinePair
- "10 Best Family-Friendly Road Trips in the US," - Wise Bread
- "Top 10 Coolest Small Towns in America," - Budget Travel
- "Top Rated Travel Destinations in North America," - Expedia
- "13 Most Scenic Day Trips by Train Around the World," - The Travel Channel
- "10 Best: Oscar's Best Green Chile in Colorado," - USA Today
- "40 Most Underrated Small Towns in America," - MSN
- "America's 15 Most Livable Hiking Towns," - RunRepeat.com
- "14 Coolest Towns for Your Summer Vacation," - Forbes

Discover Durango

A DOZEN VACATIONS IN ONE DESTINATION™

We invite you to discover what makes Durango such a unique and rewarding vacation destination. Steeped in Western charm, Durango is a virtual adventure wonderland boasting outdoor recreation from skiing to dogsledding, hiking/biking to horseback riding, historic steam train to hot springs and everything in between. A vibrant downtown offers a destination filled with arts, culture and more restaurants per capita than San Francisco, six craft breweries, two distilleries, Fort Lewis College and your fair share of our 300+ days of sunshine per year.

Welcome Center

Discover everything about the Durango area at the Durango Welcome Center. Our full-service visitor center is located at Main Avenue and 8th Street in the heart of historic downtown Durango. It's a one-stop shop for everything from concert ticket sales to information on the Durango area and Fort Lewis College.

802 Main Avenue, Durango, CO 81301

ADA Accessible Public Restrooms and Drinking Fountain



Purgatory Resort, located only 30 minutes north of Durango, is a year-round mountain resort. Skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling and sleigh rides highlight the winter. In summer, Purgatory is adventure headquarters with an alpine slide, scenic chair rides, mountain biking, zipline and family activities. 800-525-0892 • www.PurgatoryResort.com





A Dozen Vacations in One Destination™

Plan your trip today!

- Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Old West Heritage
- Mesa Verde National Park
- Outdoor Recreation
- Winter Sports
- Arts & Culture
- Outdoor Sportsman - Fishing, Hunting & Game
- Shopping and Leisure
- Diversity of Ecosystem
- Agritourism - Local Food & Breweries
- Special Events & Festivals
- Meetings, Groups & Sports

My Notes:

Special Events & Festivals

A Colorado vacation isn't complete without enjoying a uniquely Durango special event! Race the train to Silverton on your bike, enjoy a summer gallery walk or outdoor movie night, and don a zany costume for Durango's annual winter celebration. In Durango, there's always a reason to celebrate!

Winter

- The Polar Express™ (D&SNGRR)
- Annual New Year's Day Special Train (D&SNGRR)
- Winterfest at Purgatory Resort Snowdown
- Romance on the Rails Brunch Train (D&SNGRR)
- Durango Independent Film Festival

Spring

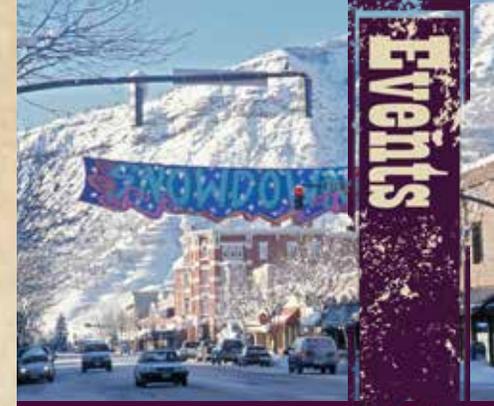
- Peanuts™ Easter Beagle Express (D&SNGRR)
- Durango Bluegrass Meltdown
- Durango Ragtime & Early Jazz Festival
- Durango Wine Experience
- Durango Celtic Festival
- Narrow Gauge Days (D&SNGRR)
- Taste of Durango
- Iron Horse Bicycle Classic
- Spring Gallery Walk

Summer

- Animas River Days
- July 4th - Salute to America
- T-Rex Express Train (D&SNGRR)
- Music in the Mountains
- Fiesta Days and Rodeo
- La Plata County Fair
- Concerts in the Park
- San Juan Brewfest
- Durango Farmers Market

Fall

- Durango Autumn Arts Festival
- Durango Double Marathon
- Oktoberfest
- Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering
- Peanuts™ The Great Pumpkin Patch Express (D&SNGRR)
- Fall Gallery Walk



Golf Courses

Dalton Ranch Golf Club	www.daltonranch.com	(970) 247-8774
Hillcrest Golf Club	www.golfhillcrest.com	(970) 247-1499

Miniature Golf Courses

Durango Park	Serious TX BBQ South	(970) 382-9009
Purgatory Resort	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(800) 525-0892
Sky Ute Casino Resort	www.skyutecasino.com	(970) 563-7777

Day Spas, Fitness Centers & Hot Springs

6th Street Hair Salon & Day Spa	www.6thstairsalon.com	(970) 259-1220
Amaya Natural Therapeutics	www.amayamassage.com	(970) 247-3939
Anytime Fitness Center	www.anytimefitness.com	(970) 259-3007
Community Recreation Center	www.durangogov.org	(970) 375-7300
Crossfit Durango	www.crossfitdurango.com	(970) 769-6903
Durango Sports Club	www.durangosportsclub.com	(970) 259-2579
Hair Fusion Salon & Spa	www.hairfusiondurango.com	(970) 259-0188
Pure Skin Day Spa		(970) 946-1907
Salt 360 Float Studio	salt360float.com	(970) 422-8284
Spaaah Shop & Day Spa	www.spaaahshop.com	(970) 375-1866
The Sweaty Buddha	www.thesweatybuddha.com	(970) 403-8885
Trimble Spa and Natural Hot Springs	www.trimblehotsprings.com	(970) 247-0111
Woodhouse Spa	www.durango.woodhousespas.com	(970) 247-7769

Tours

Alpine Wildflower Tours		(970) 759-9287
Colorado Highland Helicopters	www.coloradohighlandhelicopters.com	(970) 259-1423
Gateway Reservations	www.gatewayreservations.com	(800) 828-4228
Ghost Walk Tours	www.ghostwalkdurango.com	(970) 259-9393
Honeyville	www.honeyvillecolorado.com	(800) 676-7690
Horsefly Tours	www.horseflyhistory.com	(970) 570-0437
James Ranch Tours	www.jamesranch.net	(970) 385-6858
Mesa Verde Tours	www.durango.org	(800) 525-8855
River Bend Ranch	www.riverbendranchdurango.com	(970) 335-8877
Ska Brewing Co.	www.skabrewing.com	(970) 247-5792

Horseback Riding & Outfitters

Antler Ridge Outfitting	www.antleridgeoutfitting.com	(970) 946-1457
Buck's Livery	www.buckselivery.com	(970) 385-2110
Bugle Em Up Outfitting	www.bugleemupoutfitters.com	(970) 903-5129
Colorado Trails Ranch (dude ranch)	www.coloradotrails.com	(877) 711-2456
D&K Wagon Rides	www.dkwagonrides.com	(970) 946-8066
Elk Point Stables	www.elkpointlodge.com	(970) 884-2482
Over The Hill Outfitters	www.overthehilloutfitters.com	(970) 385-7656
Peak to Creek Outfitters	www.peaktocreekoutfitters.com	(970) 884-0199
Rapp Corral	www.rappcorral.com	(970) 247-8454
San Juan Sky Outfitters	www.sanjuanskyoutfitters.com	(970) 259-8590
Seventy-Seven Outfit	www.77outfit.com	(970) 247-3231
Western Sky Outfitters	www.westernskyoutfitting.com	(970) 219-8663





Biking



2nd Avenue Sports (rentals)	www.2ndavesports.com	(970) 247-4511
Adaptive Sports	www.asadurango.org	(970) 259-0374
Cliffside Ski & Bike (rentals)	www.cliffsideski.com	(970) 385-1461
Durango BMX	www.durangobmx.com	
Durango Cyclery (service/rentals)	www.durangocyclery.com	(970) 247-0747
Durango Harley-Davidson	www.durangoharley.com	(970) 259-0778
Durango Mountain Bike Tours	www.durangobiketours.com	(970) 367-7653
Hermosa Tours	www.hermosatours.net	(877) 765-5682
Mountain Bike Specialists (service)	www.mountainbikespecialists.com	(970) 247-4066
Mountain Waters Rafting (rentals)	www.durangorafting.com	(970) 259-4191
Pedal the Peaks (rentals)	www.pedalthepeaks.biz	(970) 259-6880
Purgatory Sports (rentals)	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(970) 385-2183
Rim Tours	www.rimtours.com	(435) 259-5223
Roll (electric bike rentals)	www.rollbike.com	(970) 233-7904
San Juan Cycles	www.sanjuancycles.com	(970) 259-6014
Velorution Cycles (service)	www.velorutioncycles.com	(970) 259-1975



Water Sports

4-Corners Whitewater	www.raftingdurango.com	(888) 723-8925
AAM's Mild to Wild Rafting & Jeep Tours	www.mild2wildrafting.com	(800) 567-6745
Adaptive Sports Association	www.asadurango.org	(970) 259-0374
Colorado Outback Adventures	www.coloradoutbackadventures.com	(970) 903-1923
Durango Rivertrippers & Adventure Tours	www.durangorivertrippers.com	(970) 259-0289
Flexible Flyers Rafting	www.flexibleflyersrafting.com	(970) 247-4628
Mountain Waters Rafting	www.durangorafting.com	(800) 585-8243
Peaks and Tides Sailing	www.peaksandtides.com	(970) 759-3604
Southwest Raft & Jeep	www.southwestraftandjeep.com	(970) 259-8313



Zipline Adventure

Full Blast Adventure Center	www.ziplinedurangoco.com	(970) 759-9880
Soaring@ Tree Top Adventures	www.soaringcolorado.com	(970) 769-2357
The Purgatory Plunge	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(800) 525-0892



Skiing, Snowboarding & Rentals



Adaptive Sports Association	www.asadurango.org	(970) 259-0374
Bubba's Boards & Mountain Sports	www.bubbasboards.com	(970) 259-7377
Chapman Hill & Ice Skating Rink	www.durangogov.org	(970) 375-7395
Cliffside Ski and Bike	www.cliffsideski.com	(970) 385-1461
Expert Edge	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(970) 385-2181
Hesperus Ski Area	www.ski-hesperus.com	(970) 259-3711
Purgatory Nordic Center	www.duragonordic.org	(970) 385-2114
Purgatory Resort	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(800) 525-0892
Purgatory Ski & Snowboard Rentals	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(970) 385-2182
Purgatory Snowcat Adventures	www.purgatoryresort.com	(800) 208-1780
Second Avenue Sports	www.2ndavesports.com	(970) 247-4511
Ski Barn	www.skibarndurango.com	(970) 247-1923
Vallecito Nordic Ski Club	www.vallecitonordic.org	(970) 884-6193



Snowmobiling, Dogsledding & Sleigh Rides

Buck's Livery (sleigh)	www.buckselivery.com	(970) 385-2110
Durango Adventure Rentals (snowmobiles)	www.durangoadventurerentals.com	(970) 335-9311
Durango Dog Ranch (dogsled)	www.durangodogranch.com	(970) 259-0694
Rapp Corral (sleigh)	www.rappcorral.com	(970) 247-8454
Riverbend Ranch (sleigh)	www.riverbendranchdurango.com	(970) 903-4060
Snowmobile Adventures	www.snowmobiledurango.com	(970) 385-2141
Tom's Tours (snowmobiles)	www.tomstours.com	(970) 903-1157





Hiking & Rock Climbing

Jungle Gym	www.junglegymdgo.com	(970) 764-4701
Trails 2000	www.trails2000.org	(970) 259-4682
The Rock Lounge	www.rockloungedurango.com	(970) 259-7625
U.S. Forest Service	www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan/	(970) 247-4874



Jeep Tours & Rentals

AAM's Mild to Wild Rafting and Jeep Tours	www.mild2wildrafting.com	(800) 567-6745
Colorado Outback Adventures	www.coloradooutbackadventures.com	(970) 903-1923
Durango Rivertrippers & Adventure Tours	www.durangorivertrippers.com	(970) 259-0289
Mountain Waters Rafting	www.durangorafting.com	(800) 585-8243
Southwest Raft and Jeep	www.southwestraftandjeep.com	(970) 259-8313



Outdoor Adventure

Altitude ATV Rentals at Vallecito Lake	www.durangoatv.com	(970) 403-2260
Durango Nature Studies	www.durangonaturestudies.org	(970) 382-9244
Hermosa Tours (biking)	www.hermosatours.net	(877) 765-5682
Kling Mountain Guides	www.klingmountainguides.com	(970) 259-1708
Peaks and Canyons Wilderness Trekking	peaksandcanyons.com	(970) 318-0195
San Juan Mountains Association	www.sjma.org	(970) 385-1210



Fishing

Anasazi Angler	www.sanjuanguides.com	(970) 385-4665
Animas Valley Anglers	www.gotttrout.com	(970) 259-0484
Duranglers	www.duranglers.com	(888) 347-4346
Heads Up Fly Fishing	www.headsupflyfishing.com	(970) 946-9313
The San Juan Angler	www.thesanjuanangler.com	(970) 382-9978
Vallecito Lake Area	www.vallecitolakechamber.com	(970) 247-1573



Camping

Plan Ahead. Make sure to check with the local Forest Service office for current camping regulations and any fire restrictions.

For information on public campgrounds:

Welcome Center at (800) 463-8726
San Juan Public Lands Office/
Forest Service at (970) 247-4874
Online at www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan
Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or
www.recreation.gov

Average Temperature

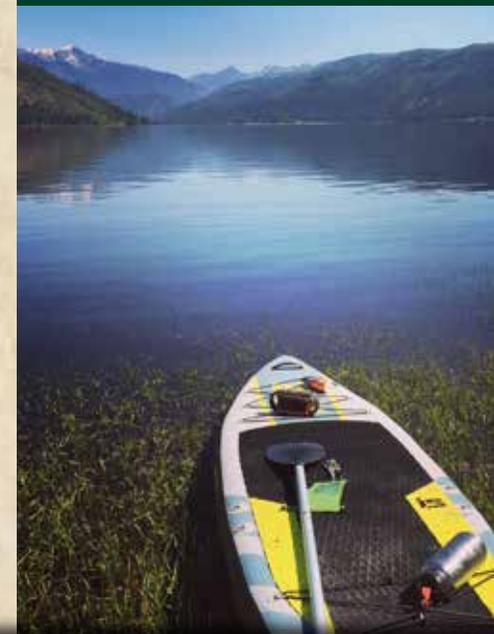
Month	Average High	Average Low
January	40°F	12°F
February	47°F	17°F
March	54°F	24°F
April	63°F	30°F
May	71°F	36°F
June	81°F	43°F
July	85°F	51°F
August	83°F	50°F
September	76°F	42°F
October	66°F	31°F
November	51°F	21°F
December	41°F	13°F



Marina, Horseback Riding, Fishing, RV/Camp-sites, Dining, Lodging, Lake Events, Groceries

Spanish for "Little Valley", Vallecito Lake is a short scenic drive from Durango. You'll discover 10,000 ft. mountains, pine trees, wildflowers and quaking aspen with a beautiful blue, well-stocked lake. Dotted along and around our 12 miles of shoreline are campgrounds, RV parks, cabins, restaurants, resorts, stores, boating and fishing marina, horseback riding stables and hunting outfitters. The Tour of Carvings offers a unique tribute to the Missionary Ridge Fire of 2002. Vallecito Lake has plenty of opportunities for relaxation, activities and recreation in a pristine mountain hideaway.

For more information, contact Vallecito Lake Chamber of Commerce (970) 247-1573 • www.vallecitolakechamber.com





Theatres

Animas City Theatre	www.animascitytheatre.com	(970) 799-2281
Bar D Chuckwagon	www.bardchuckwagon.com	(888) 800-5753
Community Concert Hall (Fort Lewis College)	www.durangoconcerts.com	(970) 247-7657
Durango Arts Center	www.durangoarts.org	(970) 259-2606
Durango Allen Theatres	www.allentheatersinc.com	(970) 247-9799
Fort Lewis College Theater	www.fortlewis.edu/theatre/	(970) 247-7010
Gaslight Twin Cinema	www.allentheatersinc.com	(970) 247-8133
Henry Strater Theatre	www.henrystratertheatre.com	(970) 375-7160
Music in the Mountains	www.musicinthemountains.com	(970) 385-6820
San Juan Symphony	www.sanjuansymphony.org	(970) 382-9753
Sky Ute Casino Resort	www.skyutecasino.com	(800) 876-7017



Museums

Animas Museum	www.animasmuseum.org	(970) 259-2402
Center of Southwest Studies	www.swcenter.fortlewis.edu	(970) 247-7456
Durango Elks Lodge Museum	www.durangoelks.org	(970) 247-2296
Durango Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum	www.wildlife.state.co.us	(970) 247-0855
Roundhouse Museum	www.DurangoTrain.com	(970) 247-2733
Powerhouse Science Center	www.powsci.org	(970) 259-9234
R.H. Crossland Foundation Historical Museum	By appointment only	(970) 259-2921
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum	www.succm.org	(970) 563-9583



Galleries & Art Spaces

A Shared Blanket	www.asharedblanket.com	(970) 247-9210
Azul	www.azulgallery.com	(970) 375-7742
Diane West Jewelry & Art	www.dianewestart.com	(970) 385-4444
Durango Arts Center	www.durangoarts.org	(970) 259-2606
Earthen Vessel Gallery	www.earthenvessel.com	(970) 247-1281
Karyn Gabaldon Fine Arts	www.karyngabaldon.com	(970) 247-9018
Scenic Aperture	www.scenicaperture.com	(970) 385-5853
Sorrel Sky Gallery	www.sorrelsky.com	(866) 878-3555
Studio &	www.anddurango.com	(773) 263-1279
Toh-Atin Gallery	www.toh-atin.com	(970) 247-8277
Wildshots Gallery	www.wildshotsgallery.com	(970) 259-6265





Archaeological Centers

Canyon of the Ancients Museum and Visitor Center	www.blm.gov/learn	(970) 882-5600
Aztec Ruins	www.nps.gov/azru	(505) 334-6174
Chimney Rock National Monument	www.chimneyrockco.org	(970) 883-5359
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center	www.crowcanyon.org	(800) 422-8975
Mesa Verde National Park	www.nps.gov/meve	(970) 529-4465

Immerse yourself in the culture of an ancient people. Durango is home to many national treasures for Native American studies and is the archaeological center of America. Mesa Verde National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that allows visitors to experience the life of the Ancestral Puebloans. Mesa Verde Tour Tickets are available at the Durango Welcome Center, as well as at the Visitor and Research Center at the park entrance. Tour tickets must be purchased in person and in advance. In addition, the Ute Mountain Tribal Park, Hovenweep National Monument, the Anasazi Heritage Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Sky Ute Cultural Center and newly designated Chimney Rock National Monument are only minutes away. Short on time? Numerous galleries and museums in Durango feature Native American artifacts, jewelry and art.



Mesa Verde National Park



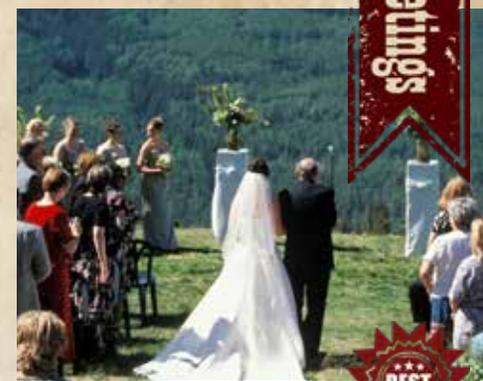
Chimney Rock National Monument



Groups & Meetings

If you are looking for an incredible venue, unparalleled amenities and memory-making activities - Durango is the perfect destination for your special event. There is so much for your group to do, see and experience in Durango. Let the Durango Area Tourism Office be your first stop for group travel planning assistance!

Group Destination Sales Office (970) 459-9055 - (866) 631-7013 - GroupSales@durango.org



Durango Weddings

Durango is the perfect spot for your Colorado wedding. Whether you dream of an intimate mountaintop ceremony, tying the knot at the bend of a river or hosting a grand wedding with all of your family and friends, Durango offers unique venues to make sure your destination wedding is truly unforgettable.

Family Reunions

Durango offers so many lodging, dining, and activity options that it is a perfect place for your next family reunion, any time of year!

Special Events in Durango

Interested in hosting an event in the Durango area? Durango has amenities for special events and festivals to celebrate nearly every occasion. From charity benefits to foodie education sessions, we can be your ultimate event planning resource.

Students

The Durango area has been discovered by savvy youth and student planners as an ideal destination for all kinds of travel, from overnight camping trips to music, from sports to whitewater adventures and unique educational programs.

Athletic Tournaments

From soccer to volleyball, hockey, basketball and baseball, Durango is your destination for athletic tournaments. With breathtaking views in every direction, Fort Lewis College sport complex, the La Plata County Fairgrounds and various other recreational venues throughout Durango serve as the ideal backdrop to any sporting event.

Meetings & Conventions

Durango simplifies meeting planning with a diverse collection of meeting and convention facilities. The Durango Area Tourism Office provides professional advice and assistance to ensure a successful event.





Durango offers advanced learning to meet and surpass the needs of the students. From nationally ranked Fort Lewis College to two-year Southwest Colorado Community College/ Pueblo Community College, Durango offers options for higher education with the highest accreditation.

Fort Lewis College

Fort Lewis College is a selective, public liberal arts college that adds to Durango's youthful flavor. Its 3,800 students get a private college education at public college cost. Nationally recognized programs, renowned faculty, and close student-faculty relationships create a college that has inspired and educated its diverse student population for over 100 years. Fort Lewis College is an active and athletic campus in a breathtakingly beautiful mountain setting. www.fortlewis.edu



Photo from Fort Lewis College

Southwest Colorado Community College/Pueblo Community College

Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of Pueblo Community College, offers comprehensive educational and training services to our community in Southwest Colorado. The two-year community college provides students assured success pathways to relevant and progressive career, transfer, and personal growth opportunities. Associate Degrees and Certificates are available in over 30 areas of specialization. www.pueblocc.edu/Campuses/SCCC



Durango, Colorado – a true railroad town

In 1873 the local gold rush began and railroads were built throughout Colorado. In 1880 the Denver and Rio Grande Railway formed the town of Durango and connected it to Denver by rail. The new town became an important railroad and smelting center almost overnight. Building the 45-mile branch from Durango to Silverton now became a primary endeavor. When the tracks reached Silverton in July 1882 and the train began hauling ore with greater speed and at less cost, the booming town was no longer dependent on toll roads and pack animals.

As the years went by, the Silver Panic of 1893, the Great Depression of the 1930s and World War II took their toll and many western railroads faced bankruptcy. The towns of Durango and Silverton endured the recessions and stayed strong. Both towns became known for their beautiful, natural scenery and determination to preserve their history. In the 1950s, Hollywood discovered Durango and its Western charm, and the area and the steam train became the setting for many big name movies. As the D&RGW pushed to abandon their once-extensive railroad enterprise, being a featured item in the movies helped ensure Durango's small remnant would not meet the same demise.

Durango began on the fast track and continues to be a major hub for business and commerce in the Southwest. While much has changed since the railroad created the town, Durango continues to thrive along the banks of the free-flowing Animas River.





Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

www.DurangoTrain.com • 888.872.4607

See for yourself why the D&SNGRR was voted “One of the World’s Top Ten Train Rides” by the Society of American Travel Writers and the “Number One North American Train Trip” by National Geographic Traveler.



Create Your Memories at the D&SNGRR

KIDS

Kids of all ages love trains.

CONNECTIONS

Spend time with family & friends in an unforgettable way!

CHOICES

Choose from family or adult-only coaches.

TRADITIONS

Start or continue a tradition of sharing the train experience with your children and grandchildren.

TRANSCENDENT

Take a step back in time as this vintage train hauls its precious cargo along the route laid out in 1881.

HISTORY

Visit the D&SNGRR museum to see railroad memorabilia, old cars, motorcycles, military artifacts and more.

ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy your ride in one of our historic narration coaches with characters who will relate tales in first person narrative.





SPECIAL EVENTS

The D&SNGRR offers special trains and events throughout the year that offer fun for all ages.

JANUARY - APRIL

- New Year's Day Train
- Snowdown Balloon Train
- Winter Photographer's Train
- Romance on the Rails Brunch Train
- Peanuts™ Easter Beagle Express

MAY - OCTOBER

- Mother's Day Brunch Train
- Durango Blues Train
- T-Rex Express Train
- Durango Brew Trains
- Durango Wine & Rails Trains
- Cowboy Poet Train
- Peanuts™ Great Pumpkin Patch Express
- Fall Photographer's Train

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- The Polar Express™ Train Ride

Visit our website for more details!



Craft Beverages



Beer

Self-proclaimed as the "Napa Valley of Beer" and "City of Brewery Love," a trip to Durango isn't complete without a pint from one of our six micro-breweries and brew pubs. Due to readily available "first use" water, Durango is ideal for brewing award-winning beers, ales and lagers. Cheers!

Craft Breweries & Distilleries

Animas Brewing Co.	1560 E. 2nd Ave	(970) 403-8850
Brew Pub and Kitchen	117 W. College Dr.	(970) 259-5959
Carver Brewing Co.	1022 Main Ave	(970) 259-2545
Durango Craft Spirits	1120 Main Ave	(970) 247-1919
Honey House Distillery	33633 Hwy 550	(970) 247-1474
Ska Brewing Co.	225 Girard St.	(970) 247-5792
Steamworks Brewing Co.	801 E 2nd Ave	(970) 259-9200



Restaurants



Restaurants

From down-to-earth eateries, cafes and brewpubs to award-winning fine dining, Durango's culinary offerings reflect the richness, creativity, talent and uniqueness of the Southwest. Simmering and sautéing well above sea level is a culinary delight: from sushi to Himalayan and classic French to American Southwest. Durango offers traditional and innovative cuisines that blend the absolute best flavors from around the world and our own backyard.

The quantity of independent restaurants, quality of ingredients and breadth of menu selections in this town boldly challenge the sophisticated culinary offerings of any metropolitan hub. Downtown Durango boasts as many restaurants per capita as San Francisco! Trail to market, you'll find foodie favorites from the area: Zuberfizz soda, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Durango Farmers' Market, Honeyville honey, Ricky's Lucky Nuts, O'Hara's jam, Fox Fire Farms wine, James Ranch artisan cheese and beef, Bread bakery artisan breads and Desert Sun Coffee.

The Durango culinary experience is renowned for innovative and seasonal menus, local produce and meats and authentic cuisine. "We thrive on being creative with our menu—blending flavors from around the world, utilizing different cooking techniques and incorporating ingredients that are fresh and local," says Karen Barger, owner and mastermind of Seasons Rotisserie and Grill. Numerous Durango restaurants boast world-class wine lists, each with their particular area of expertise and Wine Spectator International Awards of Excellence.

Visit www.durango.org or drop in the Welcome Center for a current listing of local restaurants and coffee shops.



Home Grown

Agriculture is at the heart of the Durango community, supported by a strong "eat local" mindset and an abundance of locally grown and raised meat, vegetables and food products. Agritourism brings visitors to learn about sustainability and enjoy an agri-vacation in this fertile mountain growing region. A successful weekly farmers' market promotes the region's products and serves as a gathering place. Competition for "Iron Horse Chef" creates a bond between local chefs, farmers and the community.

Farm & Ranch Tours

Experience the daily farm and ranch activities and see the animals up close. While you are on the farm, enjoy tours, lunch, wine tasting and more.

Dude Ranch

Experience a day in the life of a cowboy at a local dude ranch. Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages including horseback riding, fly fishing, cattle drives, ranch work, hiking, gymkhana, cattle sorting and hayrides.

Culinary

This mountain town boldly challenges the sophisticated culinary offerings of any metropolitan hub.

Gardens

From urban to country, community gardens create a connection between people and their food source. Experience the produce of our local gardens by tour or by taste at our many restaurants that feature local greens.



Home Grown





Night Life



The sun may set, but the activities in Durango last long into the night! Take an evening stroll along the Animas River Trail, take in a show at the Henry Strater Theatre or sing along at the Bar D Chuckwagon under the stars. Indulge at one of our six craft breweries or our two local distilleries, bring your lounge chair to a concert in the park, or casually cruise Main Avenue on a horse-drawn carriage ride.

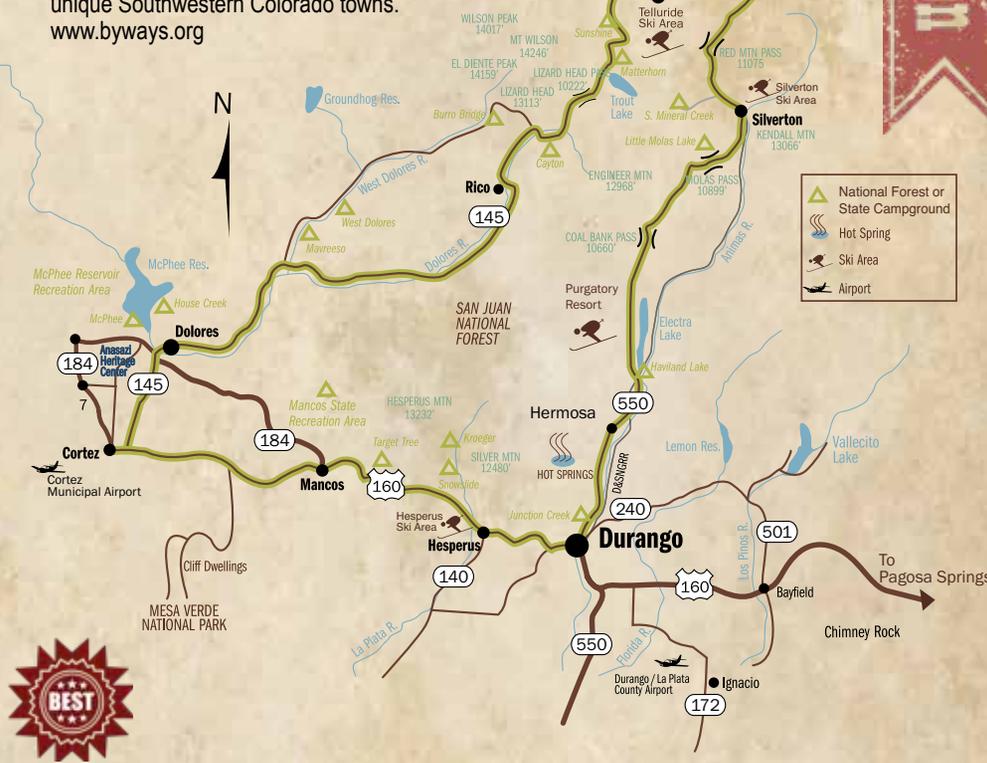
- Live Music
- Theater
- Fine Dining
- Old West
- Breweries
- Outdoor Concerts
- Shopping
- Gallery Walks
- Evening River Walks
- Wine Tasting

Drop in the Downtown Welcome Center (802 Main Ave) or visit www.durango.org for the current listing of events and festivities.



San Juan Skyway

The San Juan Skyway is one of the most scenic drives in America, spanning elevations from 6,200 feet outside Durango to 11,075 feet at Red Mountain Pass. Along the route you will find alpine forests, historic mining towns, expansive cattle ranges, ancient Ancestral Puebloan ruins and breathtaking views. The 232-mile loop takes about 7 hours to drive and winds through 8 unique Southwestern Colorado towns. www.byways.org





Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO)

With a 9,200 foot runway, modern secure terminal, over a dozen flights daily from two air carriers serving three hubs year-round and one additional seasonally, Durango offers a full-service regional airport.

1000 Airport Road • (970) 382-6051



Service from Denver, CO
IAH/DRO Houston Seasonal Flights
 Saturdays June 8 - October 26
DRO/ORD Chicago Seasonal Service
 Saturdays June 8 - October 26

Service from Dallas, TX & Phoenix, AZ
ORD/DRO Chicago Seasonal Flights
 Saturdays June 8 - August 17
LAX/DRO Los Angeles Seasonal Flights
 Saturdays June 6 - September 3



Transportation & Car Rentals

Alamo	www.alamo.com	(970) 247-3944
Animas Transportation	www.animastransportation.com	(970) 259-1315
Avflight Durango	www.avflight.com - Durango Airport	(970) 259-7400
Avis Rent-A-Car	www.avis.com - Durango Airport	(970) 375-7831 (970) 247-9761
Buck Horn Transportation	www.buckhornlimousine.com	(970) 769-0933
Durango Cab	www.durangocabservice.com	(970) 259-4818
Durango La Plata County Airport	www.flydurango.com - 1000 Airport Road	(970) 382-6051
Durango Transit (local bus)	www.durangogov.org/index - 250 W 8th St	(970) 259-5438
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	26977 Hwy 160 www.enterprise.com - Durango Airport	(970) 259-2101 (970) 385-8648
Hertz Rent-A-Car	www.hertz.com - Durango Airport	(970) 247-5288
High Up Tours and Transportation	www.highuptours.com	(970) 238-0136
National Car Rental	www.nationalcar.com - Durango Airport	(970) 259-0068



Driving to Durango



Riding

Durango is the gateway to the real deal for motorcyclists. Spectacular scenery, great dining, friendly folks, national parks and a taste of the Old West wait to be discovered. Whether you camp or stay in a hotel, riding the winding mountain roads offers the ultimate motorcycle adventure. Be sure to bring your camera because your friends probably won't believe everything you tell them.

From Durango:

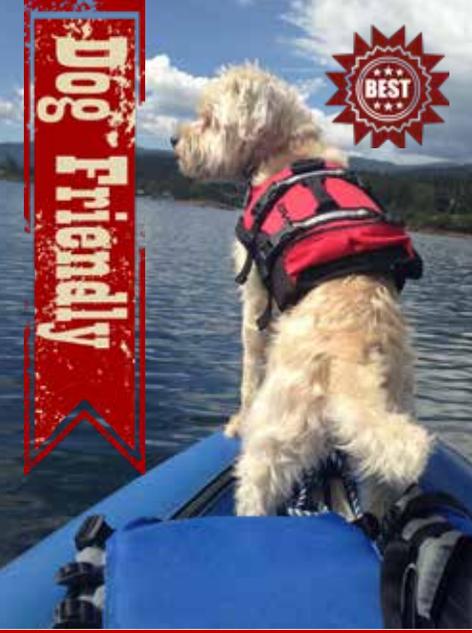
Attraction	Miles	Hours
Mesa Verde	35	45 min.
Vallecito Lake	25	40 min.
Grand Canyon	325	6
Chaco Canyon	135	2.5
Monument Valley	197	3
Four Corners	84	1.5

City	Miles	Hours
Bayfield	20	25 min
Ignacio	25	30 min
Vallecito Lake, CO	25	40 min
Albuquerque, NM	220	3.5
Santa Fe, NM	217	4

City	Miles	Hours
Colorado Springs, CO	319	6.25
Denver, CO	342	7
Flagstaff, AZ	316	6
Phoenix, AZ	461	8
Las Vegas, NV	542	9
Salt Lake City, UT	399	7.5
Moab, UT	165	3
Amarillo, TX	504	9
Dallas, TX	861	14



Dog Friendly



Dog Friendly

This town is truly one for the dogs! Durango, Colorado and the surrounding area boast miles of trails to hike, rivers to swim and an outdoorsy, dog-friendly atmosphere. When you're ready to escape the dog-eat-dog world of the big city, Durango is a top choice for you and your four-legged friend.

Well-behaved dogs (and their owners) can visit a number of Durango businesses to get a dog treat. When strolling downtown, your pooch will appreciate the numerous water bowls outside retail shops. Health code doesn't allow dogs inside restaurants; however outdoor cafes and picnic areas often have tables where you may dine and your well-behaved dog is welcome.

Durango confirmed its four-pawed fetish by opening the Durango Dog Park in December 2003. Located at the base of Smelter Mountain on the banks of the Animas River, this 24-acre park allows dogs to run, roam and swim off the leash.

Kennels

Durango Pet Resort	20 Davidson Creek Rd	(970) 259-7387
Healthy Hounds & Fat Cats (day care)	21738 Hwy 160 W	(970) 375-9700
Pampered Pets	2943 CR 321, Ignacio	(970) 883-2220
Puppy Love Boarding Kennels	130 CR 234	(970) 259-3043
Willow Tree Kennels	6510 CR 203	(970) 259-0018

Dog-Friendly Hotels

Adobe Inn	(970-247-2743)	Apple Orchard Inn	(970-247-0751)	Budget Inn	(970-247-5222)
Caboose Motel	(970-247-1191)	Comfort Inn & Suites	(970-259-7900)	Double Tree Hotel	(970-259-6580)
Durango Downtown Inn	(970-247-5393)	Econolodge	(970-247-4242)	Hampton Inn	(970) 247-6885
Holiday Inn	(970-385-6400)	Homewood Suites	(970-259-2996)	La Quinta Inn & Suites	(970) 259-8400
Motel Durango	(970-259-3311)	O-Bar-O Cabins	(970-259-3649)	Purgatory Lodge	(800-525-0892)
Quality Inn	(970-259-5373)	Residence Inn	(970-259-6200)	Rochester Hotel	(970-385-1920)
Siesta	(877-314-0741)	Strater Hotel	(970-247-4431)	Super 8	(970-259-0590)
Travelodge	(970-247-1741)				



Hotels & Motels

			Kitchen Units	Jacuzzi	Outdoor Pool	Indoor Pool	Laundry	Pets Allowed	Handicapped	RATES
Adobe Inn	www.durangohotels.com 2178 Main Avenue	(970) 247-2743	•	•				•	•	\$
Adventure Inn	www.adventureinn.com 3515 N. Main Ave	(970) 247-4042						•	•	\$
Best Western Durango Inn & Suites	www.bestwestern.com 21382 Hwy 160 W	(800) 547-9090 (970) 247-3251						•	•	\$\$
Best Western Mountain Shadows	www.bestwestern.com 3255 Main Avenue	(800) 521-5218 (970) 247-5200						•	•	\$\$
Best Western Rio Grande Inn	www.bwriograndeinn.com 400 E 2nd Avenue	(800) 245-4466 (970) 385-4980						•	•	\$\$\$
Budget Inn	www.budgetinndurango.com 3077 Main Avenue	(800) 257-5222 (970) 247-5222						•		\$
Caboose Motel	www.caboosemotelDurango.com 3363 Main Avenue	(800) 424-6423 (970) 247-1191						•		\$
Comfort Inn & Suites	www.comfortinn.com 455 S Camino del Rio	(800) 424-6423 (970) 259-7900						•	•	\$\$
Days Inn	3030 Main Avenue	(970) 259-1333						•		\$\$
DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton	www.doubletree.com 501 Camino del Rio	(800) 222-8733 (970) 259-6580						•	•	\$\$\$
Durango Downtown Inn	www.durangodowntowninn.com 800 Camino del Rio	(970) 247-5393 (866) 306-5438						•	•	\$\$
Durango Lodge	www.durangolodge.com 150 5th Street	(888) 440-4489 (970) 247-0955						•		\$\$
Econo-Lodge	www.econodurango.com 2002 N Main Avenue	(866) 291-4990 (970) 247-4242						•		\$\$
Fairfield Inn & Suites	www.marriott.com/durango 21719 W Hwy 160	(970) 259-1300						•	•	
General Palmer Hotel	www.generalpalmer.com 567 Main Avenue	(800) 523-3358 (970) 247-4747						•	•	\$\$\$
Hampton Inn	www.hampton-inn.com/hi/durango 3777 Main Avenue	(800) 247-6885 (970) 247-2600						•	•	\$\$
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites	21636 Highway 160 W www.holidayinn.com	(970) 385-6400 (800) 315-2621						•	•	\$\$\$
Homewood Suites by Hilton	15 Girard Street www.homewoodsuites.com	(970) 259-2996						•	•	\$\$\$
La Quinta Inn & Suites	lq.com 125 Mercury Village Dr.	(970) 259-8400						•	•	\$\$\$
Motel Durango	www.motelDurango.com 2202 Main Avenue	(970) 259-3311						•	•	\$
Nobody's Inn	www.nobodysinn.com 920 Main Avenue	(970) 759-2158						•		\$\$
Purgatory Resort	www.PurgatoryResort.com #1 Skier Place	(800) 525-0892						•	•	\$\$\$
Quality Inn	www.choicehotels.com 2930 Main Avenue	(970) 259-5373						•		\$

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Residence Inn by Marriott	www.marriott.com 21691 Hwy 160 West	(800) 331-3131 (970) 259-6200	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$
Rochester Hotel	www.rochesterhotel.com 726 E 2nd Avenue	(800) 664-1920 (970) 385-1920						•	•	\$\$\$
Siesta Motel	www.durangosiestamotel.com 3475 Main Avenue	(877) 314-0741 (970) 247-0741	•					•		\$
Silverpick Lodge & Condominiums	www.silverpicklodge.com 48475 Hwy 550 N	(800) 295-4820 (970) 259-6600	•	•					•	\$\$\$
Strater Hotel - Historic Downtown	www.strater.com 699 Main Avenue	(800) 247-4431 (970) 247-4431		•						\$\$\$
Super 8 Motel	www.super8.com 20 Stewart Drive, Bodo Park	(800) 800-8000 (970) 259-0590					•	•	•	\$\$
Travelodge	www.travelodge.com 2970 Main Avenue	(800) 578-7878 (970) 247-1741	•					•	•	\$\$

Alpen Rose RV Park	www.alpenroservpark.com 27847 Hwy 550 N	(877) 259-5791 (970) 247-5540
Bayfield Riverside RV Park (year round)	bayfieldriversidervpark.com 41743 Hwy 160, Bayfield	(888) 884-2475 (970) 884-2475
Blue Spruce RV Park & Cabins	www.bluesprucervpark.com 1875 CR 500, Vallecito Lake	(888) 884-2641 (970) 884-2641
Durango KOA & Cabins	www.durangokoa.com 30090 Hwy 160	(800) 562-0793 (970) 247-0783
Durango North Riverside KOA	www.koa.com/campgrounds/ durango-north 13391 CR 250	(800) 562-2124; (970) 247-4499
Five Branches Camper Park & Cabins	www.5branches.com 4677 CR 501A, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-2582
Lightner Creek Campground & Cabins (year round)	www.camplightnercreek.com 1567 CR 207	(970) 247-5406
National Forest Campgrounds	www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan	(877) 444-6777
Sky Ute Casino Resort	www.skyutecasino.com 14324 US Hwy 172 N	(970) 563-7777
Tarpley RV-Repair Services	www.tarpleyrv.com 25871 Hwy 160	(970) 247-8707; (800) 356-8701
United Campground	www.unitedcampgrounddurango.com 1322 Animas View Dr	(970) 247-3853
Vallecito Resort	www.vallecitoresort.com 13030 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(800) 258-9458 (970) 884-9458
Westerly RV Park (year round)	www.westerlyrvpark.com 6440 CR 203	(970) 247-1275



			Private Baths	Jacuzzi	Common Room	Television	Full Breakfast	Fireplace	SKI Packages	\$ RATES
Antlers on the Creek	www.antleronthecreek.com 999 CR 207	(970) 259-1565	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$
Apple Orchard Inn	www.appleorchardinn.com 7758 CR 203	(800) 426-0751 (970) 247-0751	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$
Blue Lake Ranch	www.bluelakeranch.com 16919 Hwy 140, Hesperus	(888) 258-3525 (970) 385-4537	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$
Country Sunshine Bed & Breakfast	www.countrysunshine.com 35310 Hwy 550 N	(800) 383-2853 (970) 247-2853	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$
Gable House	www.durangobedandbreakfast.com 805 E 5th Avenue	(970) 247-4982	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$
Leland House Bed & Breakfast Suites	www.lelandhouse.com 721 E 2nd Avenue	(800) 664-1920 (970) 385-1920	•			•	•	•		\$\$\$
Lou's Bed & Breakfast	www.lousbedandbreakfast.com 3115 E 2nd Avenue	(970) 769-3332 (970) 259-0505	•	•	•	•				\$\$



			American Plan	Kid Programs	Jacuzzi	Fishing	PM Entertainment	Game Room	Horseback Riding	Swimming Pool	Tours	Water Skiing	Smr./Wtr.
Colorado Trails Ranch	www.coloradotrails.com 12161 CR 240	(877) 711-7843 (970) 247-5055	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$

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Cabins

Bayfield/Vallecito Vacation Homes	www.bayfield-vallecitolakevacationhomes.com 245 Mushroom Dr, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-4320
Bear Paw Lodge	www.bearpawlodge.com 18011 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(877) 884-2508 (970) 884-2508
Cooper's Cabins	www.cooperscabinsonlake.com	(970) 799-1909
Croll Cabins	www.crollcabins.com 4557 CR 501-A, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-2083
Deagoats'n Sheep Ranch	www.degoatsnsheep ranch.com 9397 CR 502, Bayfield	(970) 884-0502
Durango Colorado Vacation Cabin Rental	www.durangocoloradocabin.com	(970) 317-0326
Eagle's Nest Cabins & Homes	www.eaglesnestcabinsandhomes.com 48 W. Vallecito Creek Rd	(970) 769-5280
Elk Point Lodge	www.elkpointlodge.com 21730 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-2482
James Ranch Cabin	www.jamesranch.net	(970) 247-8652
Lemon Lake Lodge	www.lemonlakelodge.net 4748 C.R. 243	(970) 259-3160
Lightner Creek Campground & Cabins	www.camplightnercreek.com 1567 CR 207	(970) 247-5406
Lone Wolf Lodge	www.lonewolf lodge.com 18039 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-0414
Meadowlark Cabins	www.meadowlarkvacations.com	(786) 253-2723
O-Bar-O Cabins	www.obaro.com 11998 CR 240	(970) 259-3649
Pine River Lodge	www.pineriverlodge.com 14443 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(970) 884-2563
Silver Mountain Guest Ranch	www.silvermtnguest ranch.com 3800 CR 208	(877) 247-1919

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Rentals & Condos

Avalon Acres	www.avalonacresofdurango.com 273 Rivers End Lane	(970) 382-8134
Bear Paw Lodge Vacation Home Rentals	www.bearpawlodge.com 18011 CR 501, Vallecito Lake	(877) 884-2508 (970) 884-2508
Brimstone Condos at Purgatory Resort	www.brimstonecondos.com 400 Sheol Street, PurgatoryResort	(970) 259-1066
Durango Colorado Vacations	www.durango-colorado-vacations.com	(970) 247-4292
Durango Premier Vacation Rentals	www.premiervacationrentalsgroup.com	(970) 749-4820
Durango Property Management	www.durangorentals.com	(970) 259-5612
Durango Purgatory Rentals	www.durangopurgatoryrentals.com	(970) 385-7736
Durango Red Cliff Properties	www.durangoredcliffproperties.com 8827 C.R. 250, Durango	(970) 799-4673
Ferringway Condos	www.ferringway.com #6 Ferringway Circle	(800) 624-9714 (970) 247-0441
Pines & Pine Acres	www.condoseastwest.com US Hwy 550 N	(970) 247-3688
Purgatory Resort	www.PurgatoryResort.com	(800)525-0892
Rio Angels	www.rioangels.com	(512) 944-0741
Silverpick Lodge	www.silverpicklodge.com 48475 US Hwy 550 N	(800) 295-4820
Trimble Hot Springs	www.trimblehotsprings.com 6475 C.R. 203	(970) 247-0212 (877) 811-7111
Vacation Accomodations of Durango	www.vacationaccomodationsof-durango.com	(970) 749-5894

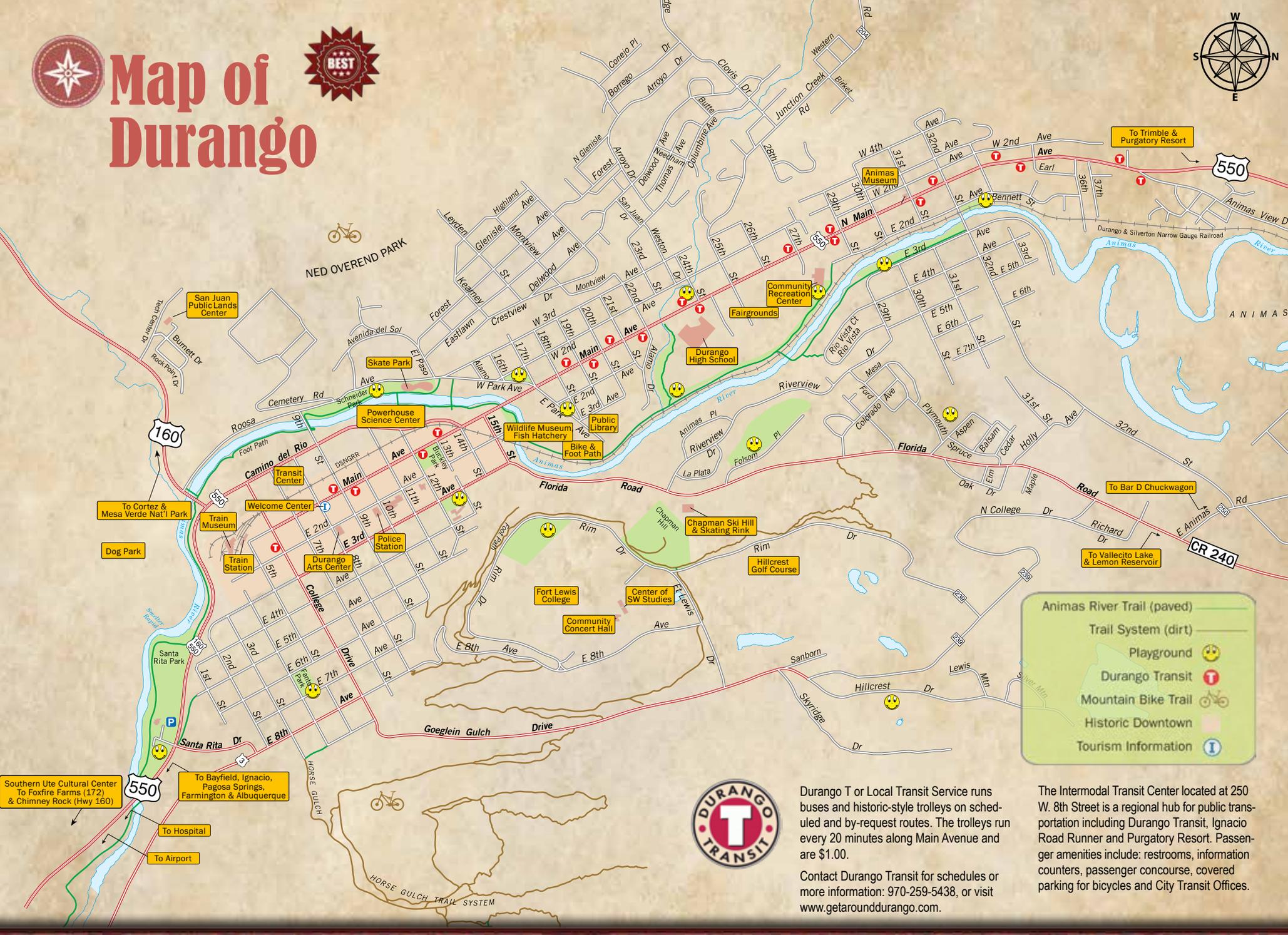
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Map of Durango



Animas River Trail (paved) —

Trail System (dirt) —

Playground ☺

Durango Transit T

Mountain Bike Trail 🚲

Historic Downtown 🏡

Tourism Information I



Durango T or Local Transit Service runs buses and historic-style trolleys on scheduled and by-request routes. The trolleys run every 20 minutes along Main Avenue and are \$1.00.

Contact Durango Transit for schedules or more information: 970-259-5438, or visit www.getarounddurango.com.

The Intermodal Transit Center located at 250 W. 8th Street is a regional hub for public transportation including Durango Transit, Ignacio Road Runner and Purgatory Resort. Passenger amenities include: restrooms, information counters, passenger concourse, covered parking for bicycles and City Transit Offices.



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800.525.8855**

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