

THE FOLDED MAP TAOS, NEW MEXICO



What makes it great

Nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and originally built as a fortified plaza with adobe buildings, Taos got its name from the nearby Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After suffering through several Indian raids and serving as a base for mountain men who trapped the nearby rivers, Taos developed into an art colony during the last 100 years. The Enchanted Circle is a loop around Wheeler Peak (the highest point in New Mexico), slicing through scenic mountain vistas, earning the notoriety of being one of the most desired rides in the state. The area also offers a great cross section of authentic northern New Mexican food.

Top motorcycle events in the area

Red River Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally,
Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally, SummerFest Poker Run

Biker-friendly establishments

Bar: Bull O' the Woods

Restaurant: Michael's Kitchen

Lodging: The Retreat at Angel Fire

Quintessential local cuisine

Carne adovada, Hatch green chile stew, calabacitas, sopapilla with honey

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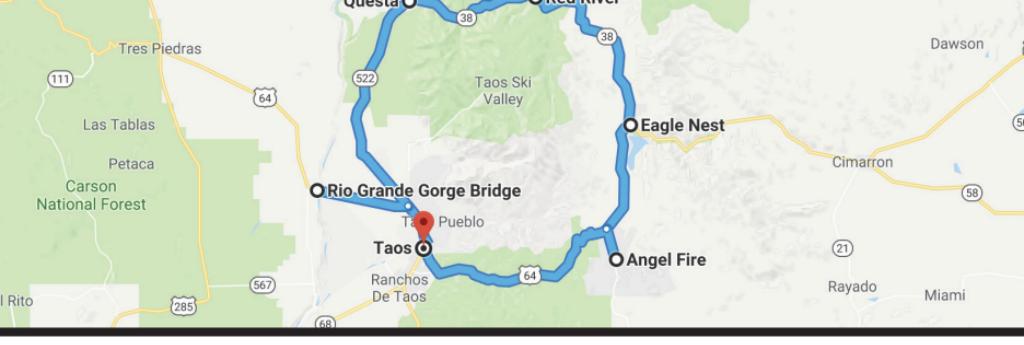
Thunderbird Harley-Davidson, Santa Fe Harley-Davidson,
High Plains Harley-Davidson, Indian Motorcycle of Albuquerque

Motorcycle-related attractions

Unser Racing Museum, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial State Park

Local rides

To experience the Enchanted Circle, begin in Taos and head north on NM-68 towards Questa. Be sure to take the side trip on US-64 for the seven-mile ride to Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, one of the highest spans in America. Back on NM-68 north, take a right on NM-522 into Questa and then east towards the mountains on NM-38. Next is Red River followed by the town of Eagle Nest where you again pick up US-64 into Angel Fire. (Take some time to visit the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial State Park in Angel Fire.) US-64 will then take you back into town through Taos Canyon. Keep an eye out for coyote, elk, both golden and bald eagle and the Mexican gray wolf.



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