

GHOST RANCH



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Although we know that Pedernal is southeast of the ranch, we could not leave it off of this map. Pedernal is actually 18.6 miles southeast on US-84 E toward 1708, then right on NM-96 W. You pass Abiquiu Lake on Highway 84.



Georgia O'Keeffe's home was on a seven-acre parcel in the middle of the ranch and Ghost Ranch was the subject of many of her paintings. Her home is not open to the public.

CHIMNEY ROCK

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7
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COMPOSANTO KITCHEN MESA BOX CANYON TRAILHEADS (BECOMES US FOREST SERVICE TRAIL)

LONG HOUSE

3
ON A LARK TRAILHEAD

PALOMINO PAVILION

ARTS CENTER

YURT

LABYRINTH, ZEN GARDEN & NATIVE WATERWHEEL

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CAMPGROUND

BATHHOUSE (Seasonal)

ROAD RUNNER YUCCA

COYOTE

TUMBLEWEED

FAMILY CENTER

CANYON SOCIAL CENTER

PINON

HOUSEKEEPING

ASPEN

POPLAR

LIBRARY

FIRST AID

DINING HALL

POOL

2
WELCOME CENTER

CEDAR JUNIPER PINE

CASA LOMA TAMARISK GARDEN

PACK MEMORIAL TRAIL

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GHOST HOUSE

O'KEEFFE COTTAGE

AGAPE WORSHIP CENTER

STAFF HOUSE

MATRIMONIAL MESA & CLIFFSIDE TRAILHEADS

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1
CHIMNEY ROCK TRAILHEAD (BECOMES US FOREST SERVICE TRAIL)

DIRECT GAIN CONTROL

TROMBE

GREENHOUSE

MAINTENANCE

CORRAL BLOCK

MUSEUMS

CHIMNEY ROCK TRAILHEAD

LOWER PAVILION

CONVOCATION HALL

ALFALFA FIELD

CASA DEL ARROYO

To:
HWY 84
Abiquiu Lake
Abiquiu
Española
Santa Fe

PRIVATE GATED ROAD

To: CASA DEL SOL & DIRECTOR'S HOUSE

Many films and series were shot here including City Slickers and The Ballad of Buster Scruggs.

CABIN

TRAIL RIDE PARKING

HORSE CORRAL

OLD WAGON

ROAD TO DINING HALL



Ghost Ranch is the site of one of the best known paleontological digs in the Northern Hemisphere. *Coelophysis*, the little dinosaur was discovered at Ghost Ranch in 1947.



Ghost Ranch displays ancient artifacts from Paleo Indian culture, 10,000 years ago through ancestral Puebloan times to contemporary pottery and weavings from local Pueblos.



In the late 1800s, the notorious Archuleta brothers, cattle rustlers, hid their stolen goods here and discouraged intruders by spreading rumors that the land was haunted by evil spirits. The area came to be known as "Rancho de los Brujos" or Ranch of the Witches, which later became known as Ghost Ranch.



Arthur Newton Pack, one of the country's first environmentalists, bought the ranch in 1935 and sold a little piece of it to Georgia O'Keeffe. Arthur and his wife Phoebe gave the ranch to the Presbyterian Church in 1955.



Ghost Ranch became a popular retreat for East Coast elites and Los Alamos scientists. Famous guests included Charles Lindbergh, Ansel Adams and John Wayne.

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GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We are glad you are here. Please let us know how we can make your visit more enjoyable.

LEGEND

 Telephone  First Aid  Restrooms  Water Dispenser  Ice Machine

FRONT DESK Monday - Sunday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Seasonal hours will vary. 505.685.1000
280 Private Drive 1708 | Abiquiu, NM 87510

CHECK-IN AFTER 3:00 PM CHECK-OUT TIME 10:00 AM

Please help us prepare for our next guests by stripping your bed, putting linens and towels in the pillowcase and placing the bundle outside your door.

QUIET HOURS 10 PM – 7 AM Voices and sounds carry farther than you expect. Please be considerate of your fellow guests and observe these quiet hours.

WELCOME CENTER Find information on ranch activities, scavenger hunt and local attractions. Restrooms available.

Copies Letter: \$.50; Legal: \$1.00 each.

Computer Station for guest use; also one in the Library

GUEST MEALS SERVED IN THE DINING HALL

Breakfast	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	\$10
Lunch	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	\$12
Dinner	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	\$14

For overnight guests, your name badge is your meal ticket. Purchase additional meal tickets at the front desk. Our staff prepares wholesome meals daily, served cafeteria style. Lunch soup and salad bar, vegetarian options are available.

TELEPHONES There are **NO phones in guest rooms**. An outside line can be accessed from all public ranch phones by dialing "5." Cell phone reception is best near the Welcome Center, on the mesa or near the entrance cabin.

EMERGENCIES & AED MACHINE Day or Night

DIAL "911" for life-threatening events; Front Desk DIAL "0" **AED** units and first aid kits are located in the Welcome Center, Dining Hall and Coyote. There are also first aid kits Tumbleweed, Lower Pavilion, Arts Center and Casa del Sol.

LOST AND FOUND Report lost items and turn in found items to the Front Desk.

PETS Day visitors/hikers can have pets on a leash. Pets are NOT allowed in lodging rooms or buildings but may camp in RV's. Assistance dogs are allowed with prior notice.

IMPORTANT State law prohibits smoking inside public buildings. Please smoke away from doors and entryways.

ATM The nearest ATM is at Bode's General Store in Abiquiu.

WATER & ICE MACHINES See map for water dispensers and ice machine locations. Please stay hydrated.

ALTITUDE Ghost Ranch sits at 6,500 feet. At this altitude, some folks may experience varying degrees of exhaustion, dizziness or chest pains if not acclimated. To minimize the symptoms, pace yourself, increase water intake and reduce caffeine. Use sunscreen and wear a hat.

MAIL & MESSAGES Drop outgoing mail at the Front Desk. Incoming mail/messages are posted in the Welcome Center or given to your coordinator. Emergency messages will be hand-delivered to you. Stamps are available for purchase at the Trading Post and the Front Desk.

HOUSEKEEPING & MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Make requests at the Front Desk for housekeeping and maintenance needs. Pick up old blankets for outdoor use and exchange linens during the week at Housekeeping (Aspen).

CAMPFIRES Campfires are allowed in the campground when weather permits. Non-campground fires require a permit at least 72 hours prior from the Events Department. There is a fee for firewood. With prior approval, fires are allowed in designated areas only. Please do not leave fires unattended. Be sure to extinguish fire completely.

LAUNDRY Self-service, coin-operated laundry facilities are located at Tumbleweed, Coyote, Staff House, Poplar, Casitas and Campground.

ENERGY & WATER CONSERVATION Turn off lights in rooms when they are not in use. During winter, please close windows and doors when leaving your room and monitor the thermostat to conserve heat. Use water wisely.

LIBRARY Open 24-hours a day, the Library features a Children's Room and extensive collections in Southwest Studies and Religion, daily newspapers are also available.

LABYRINTH, KARESANSUI & WATER WHEEL Meditative areas are located near the Arts Building. Walk the half-mile path or sit on contemplation benches for prayer, meditation, reflection and mindfulness. See #5 on the hiking trail guide.

TRADING POST 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Located near the Front Desk in the Welcome Center. Winter hours will vary. T-shirts, books, snacks, hats, stationery, film, local arts and crafts including jewelry and pottery are available.

ANTHROPOLOGY & PALEONTOLOGY MUSEUMS

Monday–Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM;

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 PM The Florence Hawley Ellis Museum of Anthropology and the Ruth Hall Museum of Paleontology featuring our own dinosaur and state fossil, *Coelophysis*.

BODYWORK PROGRAM Massage is available. Please check availability and make appointments at the Front Desk.

O'KEEFFE TRAIL RIDES 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM Daily For riders of all skill levels. Reservations required. 1.5 hours.

O'KEEFFE LANDSCAPE TOURS 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM Morning tours may be added. Available mid-March to mid-November daily except Wednesdays, approximately one hour long. Non-refundable per person fee. Reservations required. The tour **does not** include the O'Keeffe home. The home is not owned by Ghost Ranch. It is managed by the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and is not open to the public.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES Challenge courses, canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding on Abiquiu Lake are offered seasonally. Prices vary depending on the group size. Contact Outdoor Adventures.

TRAILS & HIKING

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS FOR YOUR SAFETY

Edges of rock formations are composed primarily of soft easily disintegrating sandstone and gypsum.

PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES. Call 911 if you are in trouble on a trail. Check in at the Welcome Center office before and after hiking. Wear hiking boots, sunscreen and carry plenty of water. Be aware that snakes, although rare and mostly harmless, do live here. ****Some trails leave Ghost Ranch property onto US Forest Service land.**

1. CHIMNEY ROCK The trailhead is located behind the Museums, past the Corral Block complex. Cross the arroyo and follow the trail up the ridge. From the top there is an excellent view of the Piedra Lumbre basin. The trail climbs from 6,500 to 7,100 feet. (Round trip - 3 miles; 1 ½ - 2 hrs)

2. MESA TRAIL Begins at the top of the road behind the main office building or at the Pack Memorial trail. This short walk of 30-45 minutes offers good overviews of the ranch as well as distant views of Pederal and Polvadera.

3. ON A LARK TRAIL Short and sweet with spectacular views, the trail begins at the top-most end of the upper mesa. Begin on any mesa access route or follow a narrow ridge for ¼ mile then switch back up the broader mesa following the cairns (rock piles) to a large boulder at the ridge's high point (¾ miles at 6,800 feet). Same route return.

4. PACK MEMORIAL This path climbs the mesa behind Ghost House offering a nice view of the ranch. A plaque honors Arthur and Phoebe Pack who gave Ghost Ranch to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1955. This is a steep, quick 5 to 15 minute walk.

FOR TRAILS 5, 6, 7, and 8 Follow the road to the Arts Center by car or by footpath beyond the Social Center. The trail begins just past the chain across the road behind Arts Center (>100 yards to the right).

5. LABYRINTH, KARESANSUI (ZEN GARDEN), WATER-WHEEL On the path between the Social and Art Centers.

6. CAMPOSANTO WALL This sacred place is dedicated to the memory of those who have loved Ghost Ranch. It is an enduring testament to the generations whose lives have been enriched here. Follow the Box Canyon trail until you reach the Camposanto sign. At the opening, immediately turn left and walk for approximately 100 yards.

7. **BOX CANYON - TI B'UIU'U Continue past the Kitchen Mesa trail, the hogans and the upper irrigation pond. Follow trail signs up the canyon crossing the arroyo multiple times. Where the trail and canyon forks, stay right. The trail ends at a recent rock fall, and large pool just beyond it. The box of the canyon is visible through the trees ahead. This hike follows a gently uphill grade from 6,400 to 6,900 feet. (Round trip - 4 miles).

8. **KITCHEN MESA Go right toward the Coelophysis Quarry. Note: the trail goes behind Kitchen Mesa then it ascends to the top. This more difficult hike includes a 15-foot chimney through a cleft in the cliff. The 3-4 hour trip climbs from 6,500 to 7,100 feet. (Round trip - 5 miles).

9. **MATRIMONIAL & CLIFFSIDE TRAILS Choose one of two starting points, then set on a moderate climb path with spectacular views of the ranch, Orphan Mesa and Piedra Lumbre basin. This trail transports you off ranch and into the rolling red mounds at the base of the sandstone cliffs seen from the road. Begin at the trailhead on the entry road to the ranch across from the High Ropes Course or the trailhead (Cliffside) behind Staff House near the Dining Hall.