

Call of the Wild: AN OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST'S GUIDE TO YEAR-ROUND TAOS RECREATION

Whether you take to the skies or the water, or prefer to keep your feet on the ground, there are limitless ways to embrace nature in this northern New Mexico oasis.



BY AIR

Taos' clean, fresh air and breathtaking views make it a picture-perfect destination for hot air ballooning all year round. The sunrise flights over the [Rio Grande Gorge](#) with [Pueblo Balloon](#) can make for an unforgettable morning—especially when it comes with a surprise drop down into the timeless [Rio Grande](#). A post-ride champagne brunch ties the whole experience together and make the 5 AM wakeup call well worth it.

Extend the adventure even after you land on the ground and grab a hearty breakfast burrito that's beloved by Taosenos at [Mary Jane's Home Cooking](#) – you can find this local standby parked outside [Coffee Apothecary](#).



BY RIVER

The Rio Grande equals fun, period. It is the gift the keeps on giving. Taos' Class IV rapids make it the premier spot in New Mexico for white water rafters and kayakers from near and far. Between mellow river floats and the thrilling Taos Box, everyone can join in on the fun. River operators like [Los Rios River Runners](#) and [Far Flung Adventures](#) offer river adventures for beginners, pros and people of all skill levels.

The Rio also offers calm waters filled with rainbows, browns, brookies, and cutbows that have fly fishers frequenting Taos all summer long. Looking for a pro to show you the ropes? Any of the experienced guides at [Taos Fly Shop](#) can take you on an unforgettable fly fishing adventure.

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BY LAND

There is only one way to get up close and personal with the natural beauty of Taos and that is to hit the trails. On foot or on horseback, solo or with a furry friend, this land is your land to explore.

The hike to [Wheeler Peak](#) (New Mexico's highest point at 13,169 ft.) may be challenging, but you'll be rewarded with panoramic views that show exactly why New Mexico is called the Land of Enchantment. There's also the South Boundary Trail's "Heaven on Earth" downhill singletrack that makes for a scenic and exhilarating mountain bike adventure. [Gearing Up Bicycle Shop](#) can get you prepped and ready for Taos' trails!

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BY RIVER

Though it's perfect for adventure, the Rio Grande also serves as the headquarters for lazy days, leisurely floats and rejuvenating with a soak in the natural hot springs along the river. If you're seeking an especially relaxing day on the water, try a stand-up paddle board yoga tour with local tour operator [Heritage Inspirations](#).

After a day on the water, what sounds better than a beer and a burger? A local favorite is [Eske's Brew Pub](#) for pub fare and live music.

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BY LAND

If you want some extra legs for your adventure, a sunset horseback ride or a llama trek with [Wild Earth Llama Adventures](#) through the Taos wilderness with lunch may be more your style. And after all of the adventure, there's no shortage of open spaces to set up camp and enjoy the tranquility of Taos.

Pro tip: the [Williams Lake Trail](#) at [Taos Ski Valley](#) is a beautiful, less intense alternative to the Wheeler Peak hike and the West Rim Trail is a low intensity path that packs a punch with its views of the [Rio Grande Gorge](#).

When you're done trekking, [Doc Martin's](#) at the [Historic Taos Inn](#) should be your next stop for blue corn beer-battered chile rellenos and a prickly pear margarita to wash down the adventure.

