Essential Information While You’re at Bosque del Apache

Hours:

**Tour Loop:** open from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. November 20th, sunrise is 6:45 a.m. and sunset is 5:01 p.m.

**Visitor Center and Nature Store:** during the Festival the visitor center and nature store will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Festival Registration Desk** (inside visitor center): open 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

**Expo Tent:** open Wednesday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**The Friends Hospitality Booth** in the Expo Tent: open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

**Wildlife Zone** Booths: open Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Entrance Fees:**
The tour loop entry fee for private passenger vehicles has been waived from November 20th through 23rd. Enjoy your opportunity to visit Bosque del Apache free during the Festival. All Commercial Use Fees remain in effect.

**Pets and Other Animals:**
From October 1 through March 31, pets must be inside the vehicle at all times while on the tour loop. They are not allowed on any trails adjacent to the tour loop, including the Boardwalk, John P. Taylor Jr Memorial Trail, Marsh Overlook Trail, Rio Viejo Trail, and the Observation Blind/Trail, nor are they allowed on the observation decks, or inside the visitor center or Expo Tent. Pets are permitted in the visitor center parking lot and on all hiking trails west of Highway 1 (Chupadera Wilderness National Recreation Trail and Canyon National Recreation Trail), though they must be physically restrained at all times on a leash no longer than six feet. Please pick up after your pet.

**Photography:**
Photography is welcomed and encouraged in public areas. “Area Closed” signs apply to all visitors, including photographers. Normal courtesy with respect to the viewing rights of others is expected.

**Climate:**
The refuge is at the northern edge of the Chihuahuan Desert at 4500’ elevation. Days are usually sunny and a temperature change of 30 degrees is common. Early mornings in November can be below freezing and windy, and some summer mosquitoes can linger.

**Camping:**
There is no public camping or overnight parking on the refuge. Staff at the visitor center or volunteers in the Hospitality Booth can advise about camping and RV parks in the area.

**Vehicles and Parking:**
The refuge lies along both sides of NM Highway 1, which connects I-25 Exit 139 in San Antonio with I-25 Exit 115 south of the refuge. NM Hwy 1 is a 55 mph state highway. Stopping suddenly on the roadway to look at birds or other wildlife is dangerous, so please use the wide turnouts along both the north and south approaches. The visitor center parking lot can accommodate motor homes. You are welcome to unhitch and use your tow vehicle on the tour loop. Please drive carefully on the gravel tour loop roads, and stay on designated roads and turnouts. The speed limit is 25 mph. There are both one-way and two-way sections, so observe signs carefully. Vehicles ahead of you may stop suddenly as visitors spot birds or wildlife. Tour loop roads are wide: please pull over to allow others to pass safely.

**Hiking Trails:**
Bosque del Apache has eight trails, totaling eighteen miles. The Low Flow Conveyance Channel East Service Road (9.4 miles long) is also open to hiking. For locations see the refuge map on page 72.

**Biking:**
To ensure the safety of both visitors and wildlife, the seasonal bicycle policy is enforced: From October 1 through March 31, bicycling is allowed on the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Scenic Overlook, Bosque Road, and on the Low Flow Conveyance Channel East Service Road (see map on page 72 for details). From April 1 through September 30, bicycling is allowed on all of the above, the seasonal tour roads, and both the north and south loops of the auto tour loop. The state allows biking on Hwy 1. Please use caution on this busy roadway and railroad crossing.
Here's How to Register!

Advance Registration
We encourage you to register online, using the registration button at http://www.festivalofthecranes.com. Although online registration is preferred, you also may use the registration form on page 69-70, and mail it to PO Box 340, San Antonio, NM 87832; or call our Registrar at 575-835-2077. Telephone hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon Mountain Time. If you have a question, call us and leave a message and we’ll call you back. Online early registration for Friends members only will begin Tuesday, September 3rd at 9 a.m. (MDT). Not a member but wish to register early? Become a member of Friends of Bosque del Apache! Non-member online registration will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 9 a.m. (MDT). The Registrar will begin entering mailed registrations (both member and non-member) in the order in which they were received at 1 p.m. (MDT) on September 5th. Please note that registration costs for Festival of the Cranes are not tax deductible.

Email confirmation of your registration, your receipt, and your agenda schedule are automatically sent when you register online. Your agenda schedule is your ticket. Some events fill up quickly in the first two weeks, so we encourage you to register early. Events that sell out quickly typically have waiting lists. Check waiting lists online or call the Registrar for help. Please note: though an event might be sold out, often space becomes available at the bus stop or event location on a first-come basis.

Festival Accommodations
See the Socorro map on page 73. Be sure to make your reservations early, as most accommodations become fully booked for the Festival.

Event Information during Festival
Have an event question? Need to register for an open event? Need your agenda printed? All are available online or at the Festival Registration Desk, which is open Wednesday to Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon in the visitor center.

Cancellation Policy
Festival of the Cranes reserves the right to cancel or revise any event when necessary. If it becomes necessary for us to cancel a paid event for which you have a reservation, we will notify you by email, telephone, or in writing and issue a full refund. If you cancel your paid event by email, telephone, or in writing, the following refund policy applies: Cancellations received by October 2nd will be refunded in full, minus registration fees. Cancellations from October 3rd through November 1st will be refunded 60% of the total registration, minus registration fees. Cancellations received after November 1st will not be refunded. There are no refunds for amounts that are less than $20. If you need to cancel, please consider making your registration a contribution to the conservation of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Your contributions help preserve this national treasure that we all love.
Designing Your Schedule?

Read Me; I'm Helpful.

To help you plan your Festival activities, we’ve assigned a letter for each type of event and an icon to the location. Use the Schedule of Events on pages 12-14 to plan your visit. Be careful to check the Location Code Keys and schedule for sufficient travel time between various Festival venues. See key guide below for more details and travel times.

Refer to these key symbols and travel times when planning your Festival schedule.

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Tours will introduce you to new things and places. They range from water management tours on the refuge to a tour of Albuquerque Birding Hot Spots. Please note that on birding tours, the emphasis is on birding. The emphasis on other tours depends on the topic. Although bird and wildlife watching will take place when the opportunity arises on all tours, photography opportunities involving more than point-and-click will be limited unless otherwise noted. Participants on most tours will board buses or vans. Some tours, however, will require caravanning or walking. Please read descriptions carefully and call the Registrar with any questions.

Seminars

Seminars on a variety of subjects are presented by people who are experts in their field and love to share their knowledge. Seminars are located in the refuge’s visitor center and the Expo Tent.

Workshops

Workshops are generally a combination of seminar, hands-on activities, and/or field work. Check the location when you plan your schedule.

Hikes

Hikes range from a stroll for an intimate view of the refuge to more moderate off-refuge hikes to a fairly strenuous climb up Chupadera Peak. Read the descriptions carefully, bring plenty of food and water when necessary, and dress for the weather and the terrain. Call the Registrar if you have questions.

Events

Events offer a variety of entertainment choices that include Dinner Theater, Friends Annual Dinner, Friends Keynote Social, and the NM Tech Performing Arts Series.

Shopping? Look for unique and beautiful hand-crafted treasures in the Friends of Bosque del Apache Nature Store at the visitor center. The Expo Tent with optic, photographic and eco-travel exhibitors offers premium exhibitor products all in one place. The Expo Tent also houses the Friends Hospitality Booth. Also check out page 4 for more shopping options.

Hungry? We have excellent local food vendors right at the refuge with a wide variety to select from, or visit any of our fine restaurants in San Antonio or Socorro. See maps on pages 73 and 74.
Where Can We Eat?

Most of the motels serve breakfast, but if you’re up with the birds, you’ll also be able to find breakfast at the refuge Wednesday through Saturday. **Green’s Kitchen and Catering** and **Breakfast Burritos N More** will be in the Wildlife Zone area (see map on page 71) Wednesday through Saturday, serving the public with hot coffee, breakfast, lunch, and snacks!

In San Antonio, there’s the **Buckhorn Tavern** and the **Owl Bar**, both world-renowned for their green chile cheeseburgers, and the **San Antonio Crane Cafe** featuring New Mexican food. See map on page 73.

On Friday and Saturday, stop by **San Antonio Elementary School** for breakfast and lunch from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dinner specials will be served from 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, breakfast and lunch will be served from 7:30 a.m. Until 2:00 p.m. See ad on page 45 for additional shopping options while you are there.

If you need a sack lunch to take on a tour, ask at your favorite restaurant, order from Anne at the **San Antonio General Store**, 575-835-4594, or talk to Julie at **Green’s Kitchen And Catering** at Bosque del Apache, 575-418-1291.

You can enjoy the **Annual Friends Dinner** on Thursday evening and the **BRANT Keynote Social** on Friday evening, both at the **Bodega Burger Co. & Lounge in Socorro**. **Annual Friends Dinner** will have a presentation from **Gina Dello Russo**, in addition to the dinner. Please see the ad on page 38 for more information. **BRANT Keynote Social** with **David La Puma** will include a southwestern tapas appetizer bar and keynote presentation; see ad on page 49.

For a sampling of what is available in town, visit the Friends booth in the Expo Tent or Festival Registration Desk in the refuge visitor center for ideas and to get directions to restaurants and the many other activities. See the Socorro map on page 73.
YOU are vital to shaping the future of Bosque del Apache!

Join the Friends as we sustain and protect this magnificent oasis, now and for future generations.

Your membership dollars help ensure the health of this ecosystem, which wildlife have relied upon for centuries.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge faces many challenges today:

• A shrinking water supply from the Rio Grande and increasing threat of drought
• Problematic and inconsistent federal funding
• Cuts to our national and state’s general education funds, resulting in more strain on Bosque del Apache’s environmental education programs

All of this comes as refuge staff continue the arduous and ongoing work of maintaining habitat for the wildlife who call Bosque del Apache home. Friends like you provide funding for refuge projects, such as:

• Management of wetlands and wildlife food sources
• Water use efficiency
• Educational programs, to promote environmental and conservation awareness
• Annual public events, including Festival of the Cranes
• Facilities maintenance and more efficient resource usage
• Publications, like this Habitat! brochure and our quarterly newsletter, Bosque Watch
• Expansion of the refuge Visitor Center and refuge acreage

Support what you love by becoming a Friend of Bosque del Apache TODAY!

http://www.friendsofbosquedelapache.org
# REGISTRATION FORM - 32nd Annual Festival of the Cranes 2019

P.O. Box 340, San Antonio, NM 87832 Phone 575-835-2077

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Friends Membership
Please join the Friends of Bosque del Apache by including your membership dues with your registration:

- Snow Goose (Individual) $25
- Northern Harrier (Family) $50
- Sandhill Crane (Family) $120
- Peregrine Falcon (Family) $250
- Golden Eagle (Society) $1000
- Business Sponsor $500

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P.O. BOX 340
SAN ANTONIO, NM 87832

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FRIENDS 32ND ANNUAL DINNER
Choose one dinner:
- Pecan Chicken
- Bourbon Braised Short Rib
- Chile Relleno Duo

Dessert choice:
- Chocolate Cake
- Cheese Cake

See page 38 for full menu descriptions.

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Trail Distances - Roundtrip Mileage

- Canyon: 2.2 miles
- Chupadera Loop: 1.0 miles
- Chupadera: 9.5 miles
- John P. Taylor: 1.0 miles
- Observation Blind: 0.5 miles
- Boardwalk: 0.5 miles
- Marsh Overlook: 1.5 miles
- Rio Viejo: 1.7 miles
- Sparrow Loop: 0.5 miles

Chaupadera Park Elevation: 6,100 ft.

Visitor Center Plaza Area
- Friends House
- Desert Arboreum
- Conference Room
- School Program
- Visitor Center
- Visitor Center Plaza

See Detailed Map of Visitor Center Campus on Page 71

Scenic Drive Entrance
- Elevation: 4,515 ft.
- Canyon National Recreation Trail
- Rio Grande Confluence Trail
- Dapoter Deck
- Eagle Scout Deck
- Coyote Dock
- Wildlife Dock

Seasonal Tour Road Open: Apr 1 - Sept 30

Point of Lands
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro
- Overlook

To reach Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge from Albuquerque, take I-25 south to Exit 138 (San Antonio) travel east 1.4 mile on US-380 to the flashing signal, turn right onto NM-1 and drive south 8 miles to the visitor center.

From Las Cruces, take I-25 north to Exit 115 for NM-197 and turn right on Old US Hwy 85, turn left on NM-1 and proceed 16.3 miles to the visitor center.

Visitor Center / HQ
- Information Kiosk
- Fee Booth
- Accessible Restroom
- Parking Area
- Observation Point
- One-Way Tour Loop Road
- Two-Way Tour Loop Road
- Seasonal Road
- Trail Bridge
- Audio Tour Stop (Tour CD Available for Purchase in the Visitor Center)
Socorro Map
Festival Venues
1. NMT IRIS PASSCAL
2. NMT Frank T. Etscom Campus Observatory
3. NMT Macey Center
4. Bodega Burger Co. & Lounge
5. San Miguel Church
6. Garcia Opera House
7. J.E. Smith House
Travel Guide for Venues Across New Mexico

**Socorro to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge:**
Approximate Travel Time: 25 minutes
Take I-25 South towards Las Cruces
Take Exit 139 toward US-380
Turn Right on NM Highway 1
Visitor Center will be on the right in 8 miles

**Socorro to Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge:**
Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour
Take I-25 North to Exit 215
Merge onto NM-47 North/Broadway Blvd SE
Turn left onto Desert Road
Sharp left onto 2nd Street SW in South Valley
Visitor Center will be on the right

**Socorro to Abó Salinas Pueblo Missions:**
Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Take I-25 North to Exit 175 and merge onto US-60 E to Bernardo/Mountainair
Follow S-60 E to NM-55
Follow NM-55 S to your destination

**Socorro to Water Canyon Campground:**
Approximate Travel Time: 30 minutes
Merge onto US-60 W from west California St in Socorro
Follow US-60 W to Water Canyon Road
Follow Water Canyon Road to the campground

**Socorro to Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge:**
Approximate Travel Time: 25 minutes
Take I-25 North to Exit 169 toward Sevilleta
Take 1st left turn
Turn right at the 1st cross street
Sevilleta will be on the right

**Socorro to the Very Large Array:**
Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour
Merge onto US-60 W from west California St in Socorro
Follow US-60 W to NM-52
Turn left on NM-52 South.
Turn right on Old Highway 60.

**Socorro to Tularosa Basin Gallery of Photography in Carrizozo:**
Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Take I-25 South to Exit 139 toward US-380 E to Carrizozo
Turn right onto East Avenue
Turn left onto Central Avenue
Turn right onto 4th Avenue
Tularosa Basin Gallery of Photography is on the corner of 4th Avenue and 12th Street

**Socorro to White Sands National Monument:**
Approximate Travel Time: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Take I-25 South to Exit 139 toward US-380 E to Carrizozo
Turn right onto East Avenue
Turn right onto US-54 West
Turn right onto Charlie Lee Memorial Relief Route
Use right lane to take US-70 west ramp toward Las Cruces
Turn right onto Dunes Drive, arrive at Visitor Center

Please Note: These travel times are approximate and may not include new construction work or traffic delays. Please check road status in advance and plan your trip based on current road conditions.