

Explore New Mexico this Summer!

With Summer coming up we wanted to share with you a recent find to help with your summer explorations! The Atlas Obscura website (www.atlasobscura.com), At Atlas Obscura, their mission is to inspire wonder and curiosity about the incredible world we all share.

Specifically, New Mexico places, visit them here (www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/new-mexico/places). There are things we've never heard of, and of course some we have, right here in New Mexico and thought we'd share them. Take a look at the website where you can see them all with more information, links and photos! This is not a complete list of what they have on the website, we removed some of the obvious locations.

SANTA FE, NM - House of Eternal Return (Meow Wolf): Immersive environment funded by George R.R. Martin is part haunted house, part choose-your-own-adventure, and part jungle gym.

LA MADERA, NM - Ra Paulette's Hand-Carved Caves: One man has carved a number of natural New Mexico caves into psychedelic sandstone temples.

TULAROSA, NM - White Sands National Monument: Explore the largest pure gypsum deposit in the world, and go dune sledding while you're at it.

ROSWELL, NM - International UFO Museum and Research Center: A museum dedicated to the alleged Roswell Incident.

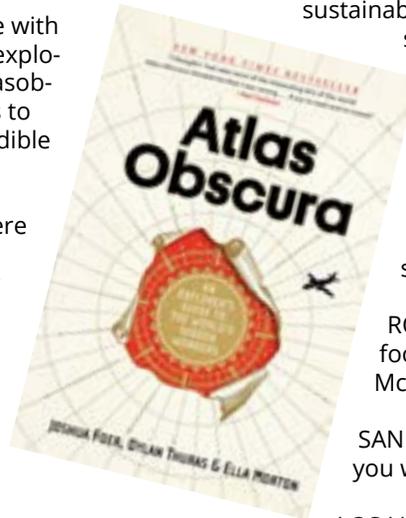
CARLSBAD, NM - Carlsbad Caverns: Second largest cave chamber in the world, discovered in 1898 by a sixteen year old and his friend known as "pothead."

FARMINGTON, NM - Bisti Badlands: Seemingly grown on some other world, these New Mexico rock formations look like a disused science fiction set.

QUEMADO, NM - The Lightning Field: In the remote high desert of New Mexico, a strange array of poles beckon fury from above.

LAS VEGAS, NM - Dwan Light Sanctuary: A futuristic temple of light uses prisms and rainbows to create an atmosphere of peace.

SOCORRO, NM - Trinity Atomic Bomb Site: Once a year, visitors can tour the desolate site that birthed the Atomic Age.



TRES PIEDRAS, NM - Earthships: These aggressively sustainable art homes look like something out of 1970's science fiction.

CARLSBAD, NM - Lechuguilla Cave: A cave's rare beauty held a cavernous secret hidden underground.

LOS CERRILLOS, NM - Origami in the Garden: Giant origami sculptures tucked into desert scenery beckon passers-by to explore further.

ROSWELL, NM - Roswell McDonald's: This fast food outlet is the only space and UFO-themed McDonalds in the world.

SANDIA PARK, NM - TinkerTown: "I did this all while you were watching TV."

LOS LUNAS, NM - New Mexico Mystery Stone: On the side of a remote mountain, a stone face bearing an inscription of mysterious origin.

SAN JON, NM - Glenrio Ghost Town: The old Route 66 town straddling Texas and New Mexico died along with the Main Street of America.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History: The official atomic museum of the United States explores the explosive and productive history of a much maligned energy source.

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM - Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument: A unique geological area spiked with wind-carved rocks that resemble teepees.

DATIL, NM - The Very Large Array: Twenty-seven massive radio antennas on the high plains of New Mexico search for life on other planets.

Abiquiu, NM - Echo Amphitheater: Natural sonic phenomenon comes with a grisly legend of murder and blood.

VELARDE, NM - Mesa Prieta Petroglyphs: A preserve with 75,000 ancient drawings remains the realm of public - not just scientific - exploration.

ALAMOGORDO, NM - PistachioLand: World's Largest Pistachio

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - ATLAS-I: This pseudo-steampunk weapons facility is the world's largest wood and glue structure, and packs quite a wallop.

SANTA FE, NM - Loretto Chapel: Wedding chapel's myste-



rious spiral staircase said to be miraculously constructed.

SANTA FE, NM - Museum of International Folk Art: Sprawling collection of over 106,000 toys from around the world.

LAS CRUCES, NM - Prehistoric Trackways National Monument
Wee (and not so wee) footprints that insects and reptiles of the Paleozoic Era left behind.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM - Spaceport America
The world's first commercial spaceport is disappointment of cosmic proportions.

ALAMOGORDO, NM - New Mexico Museum of Space History: Home of the International Space Hall of Fame.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The De Anza Motor Lodge: This burnt out motel hides priceless Native American artwork in its basement.

CEDAR CREST, NM - TWA Flight 260 Crash Site: Deadly airliner crash preserved for those willing to climb and pay respects.

LOS ALAMOS, NM - Bradbury Science Museum: This museum started as a collection of Manhattan Projects and continues to add exhibits as they are declassified.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - American International Rattlesnake Museum: A museum devoted entirely to the rattlesnakes and snake-related art.

HILLSBORO, NM - Lake Valley Historic Townsite: Crumbling remnants of what was once a booming town full of silver.

MILLS, NM - Kiowa National Grassland: Adobe ruins punctuate the beauty of an 800 foot canyon carved by the Canadian River.

EMBUDO, NM - Johnnie Meier Classical Gas Museum: One man's passion for gas stations is on display along the Rio Grande in northern New Mexico.

BOSQUE FARMS, NM - Pueblo of Isleta: This centuries-old pueblo church houses the body of a Franciscan friar who is said to be a rare "incorruptible" corpse.

WATROUS, NM - Fort Union National Monument: The ruins of this abandoned fort now stand as a picturesque reminder of America's march West.

SANTA FE, NM - 109 East Palace: This innocuous New Mexico storefront was once the secret jump-off spot for Manhattan Project scientists.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - Little Beaver Town: An abandoned amusement park based on the popular 1940s Red Ryder comic strip.

ALAMOGORDO, NM - Alamogordo Landfill: Buried beneath the New Mexico sands are believed to be millions of copies of Atari's E.T. video game.

TAOS, NM - D.H. Lawrence Forbidden Art: Reproductions of nine oil paintings banned from England in 1929 coyly hidden behind a curtain in a New Mexico conference room.

TAOS SKI VALLEY, NM - Wheeler Peak: This highest peak in New Mexico is named after an explorer who had a habit of lending his monicker to peaks.

DEMING, NM - Triangles: In the middle of a desert subdivision, there is supposedly an impact crater site from Kcymaerxthaereal times.

SANTA FE, NM - De Vargas Street House: This southwest-styled home in Santa Fe claims to be the oldest house in America thanks to an ancient bit of foundation.

SANTA FE, NM - Haiku Pathway: A serene garden path lined with 36 haiku stamped into clay stones.

DEMING, NM - Cabinetlandia: A half-acre utopia in the New Mexico desert features a graveyard, a library, and a mailbox.

MAGDALENA, NM - Bracewell Radio Sundial: A one-of-a-kind sundial at the Very Large Array honors a radio astronomy pioneer, incorporating the original piers from his breakthrough radio telescope.

TREMENTINA, NM - Scientology's Trementina Base: A strange symbol marks a secret Scientology base, and is meant to guide its leader back to Earth.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - Pueblo Montañño Chainsaw Sculpture Garden: When life gave this firefighter a forest fire, he made a rough-hewn sculpture park using a chainsaw.

SOCORRO, NM - Socorro Isopod: A warm desert spring holds one of the rarest species on earth.

LINCOLN, NM - Lincoln County Courthouse: The site of Billy the Kid's most famous escape and the end to the Lincoln County War.

TIJERAS, NM - Starfire Optical Range: The U.S. Air Force has an anti-satellite laser weapon.

SILVER CITY, NM - Wall of Bottles: A head-high wall constructed of thousands of wine and other bottles held together by stucco.

LORDBURG, NM - Fraggie Rock: The outcropping is graffitied with the name of the beloved musical Muppet television series.

GLORIETA, NM - Pigeon's Ranch: The remains of a historic ranch house that witnessed the Civil War battle dubbed the "Gettysburg of the West."

ROSWELL, NM - POW Iron Cross
The symbol was surreptitiously built into the river bank by German prisoners of war.