

Welcome to the inaugural New Mexico CLE and Ski, “Taos Health Law Roundtable.” Conference attendees will benefit from top-level health law CLE sessions in the mornings and afternoons, with plenty of free time in the middle of the day for skiing and snowboarding.

If you do not ski or board, don’t worry – there are plenty of interesting activities all around Taos. We have put together a few options for you here, and for even more to do listed by category, visit <http://www.taoschamber.com/list/>

Please be aware that distances between various sites may be much farther than you might expect. Whether driving yourself or contracting with a service such as Uber, check mileages to better calculate travel times.

Excursions

On Your Own

Taos Pueblo, 120 Veterans Highway

Guided tours begin at 9:00 a.m., with a new tour starting every hour on the hour until 3:00 p.m.

Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Phone: (575) 758-1028

Website: <https://taospueblo.com/home/>

Cost: \$16 per person, with a \$2 per person discount for groups of 6 or more adults. Children under ten are free.

The adobe structures of Taos Pueblo are estimated to be more than a thousand years old. When the Spanish came to Pueblo country, some assumed they had found their “Cities of Gold” because of the mica-based mineral found in the clay used for mudding the buildings glitters when struck by light. The adobe structures are mudded every year by owners of the homes or by a designated group of men. The majority of the homes are still owned and maintained by the family. The homes are generally passed down from one generation to the next with, usually, the eldest son being the sole owner. These homes are still used for religious and cultural activities. The homes are the connection to the Pueblo way of life and to their ancestors.

Photographs: Photography for personal use is allowed, but you must secure prior approval and pay a camera fee (this includes phones) at the Tourism Office. Please be aware that the Pueblo requests you do not photograph tribal members without permission.

What to wear: While the terrain is not rugged, comfortable walking shoes are recommended, as is dressing in layers. Sunscreen is a must; remember, you are at altitude and burning is a possibility even in January.

Earthships Community – 2 Earthship Way, El Prado, NM 87529

Seven days a week, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 575-613-4409

Email: visitorcenter@earthship.com

Website: <http://www.earthshipglobal.com>

Cost: \$8 plus tax for one-hour self-guided tours; \$18 plus tax for adults taking a two-hour community guided tour

Visit a remarkable – and truly New Mexican – community of passive solar houses made of natural and upcycled materials such as earth-packed tires. Reminiscent of the work of Antoni Gaudi, these free-form houses rely on natural energy sources and allow their owners to become independent from the “grid.”

Group Tours

Snowshoe Tours

Heritage Inspirations – Angelisa Murray, Owner (cell phone – 415-627-7141)

Main Office Phone: (575) 779-5516

Email: info@heritageinspirations.com

Website: <http://www.heritageinspirations.com/>

Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., snow and weather permitting

Cost: \$149 per person + tax; \$99 per person + tax for parties of four or more

Reservations are required

In a permitted area restricted from skiers and snowmobilers in Carson National Forest. Amole Canyon is a pristine old growth ponderosa pine forest with excellent conditions for all levels of snowshoe experience. Snowshoes, poles, and gourmet lunch with hot drinks provided.

What to wear: Backpack, snow boots, warm gloves and hat, sunglasses or goggles, and comfortable waterproof thermal layered clothing. When snowshoeing you will warm up quickly, so having a backpack in which to store discarded layers is ideal, as is a water bottle.

Gorge Bridge, Hiking, and Pueblo Tour

Also provided by Heritage Inspirations. See contact info above. Tours depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

Begin your journey with a trip to the Taos Gorge Bridge, the seventh tallest bridge in the U.S. At the bridge grounds, you can walk along a short section of the Rim Trail to learn about its dynamic geological story while soaking in the incredible views of the Rio Grande Rift and the river, of the same name, below.

From there, we will enter the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument for an interpretive guided experience. This land displays evidence of the ancient peoples’ regional inhabitation with petroglyphs, prehistoric dwellings sites and other archeological discoveries, and in so doing, previews Taos Pueblo’s long ancestral connection to the land. This is a 2.4 mile, moderate hike through the valley.

Then, you’ll move onto the World Heritage UNESCO site of Taos Pueblo, the Pueblo’s multi-storied adobe buildings have been continuously occupied for over 1,000 years and is one of the oldest inhabited communities in the United States. Learn about these Tiwa speaking northern most Puebloans by listening to a private community docent explain to you this bucolic village’s historical and modern contexts.

Finally, enjoy a traditional Puebloan lunch from Al’Thloo’s Café. Al’Thloo means grandmother in Tiwa and reflects the locally inspired home-made specialties like chicken stuffed fry bread and piñon coffee.

If you want a deeper understanding and viewing of the original peoples' tribal dwellings and see for yourself why humans have been attracted to this gorgeously stark landscape for thousands of years, then book this tour today!

Cost: \$225 per person, plus tax for party of two; \$185 per person, plus tax for party of three or more. Includes entry fees into Taos Pueblo and a traditional Pueblo style lunch.

Snowmobile Tours

Big Al's Wilderness Adventures – Al Johnson, Owner/Operator

Main Office Phone: (575) 751-6051

bigaltsv@taosnet.com

Al Johnson has lived here for over 30 years, he knows the Taos Ski Valley inside and out. He will guide you through some of the most beautiful, snow-filled trails you have ever seen. Imagine the excitement and exhilaration of snowmobiling through the Taos Ski Valley from 9,000 to nearly 12,000 feet of elevation. Big Al's snowmobile tour will take you to the top of the mountains where you will enjoy stunning 360 degree views of the Taos Ski Valley, including Wheeler Peak, which is the highest point in New Mexico at 13,161'.

Don't worry If you have never snowmobiled before, Big Al prides himself on providing personal service to ensure you will enjoy every minute of your first snowmobile tour. If you have been snowmobiling before, you will appreciate the professionalism and tremendous value of Big Al's snowmobile tours. Our snowmobile tours typically last for two hours, and we are confident you cannot pack this much fun and excitement into two hours anywhere else! Be prepared to laugh and smile the entire time as Big Al personally guides you through beautiful snow-filled trails that have to be seen to be believed.

Customized Driving Tours

Turquoise Tours – Lindsay Mapes, Chief Adventure Officer (cell phone – 505-863-4228)

Main Office Phone: (575) 776-8687

Website: <https://turquoisetours.us/>

Your customized Taos tour of the most notable sites begins at 9:00am or 1:00pm. Custom tour times are available upon request, when possible. All sites and stops are customizable as this tour is catered to your interests and needs.

Suggested sites include Taos Pueblo Native American village and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the breathtaking Taos Gorge Bridge over the Rio Grande, the funky and famous Taos Earthship Biotecture neighborhood, and the Historic Taos Plaza at the heart of Taos. Other stops may be added or substituted at your request.

An average of three hours should be allotted for this tour which may vary depending upon traffic conditions and destination lengths of stay.

Cost: \$99 per person, plus tax. Food and beverages not included. Guide gratuities are encouraged.

Spa

El Monte Sagrado, 317 Kit Carson (You do not have to be a hotel guest to book spa appointments.)

Sunday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Phone: (575) 758-3502

Email: emslivingspa@hhandr.com

Website: <https://www.elmontesagrado.com/the-living-spa>

Dining

Doc Martin's Restaurant (In the Taos Inn), 125 Paseo del Pueblo Norte

Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Phone: (575) 758-1977

Website: <https://www.taosinn.com/doc-martins>

Lambert's of Taos, 123 Bent Street

Seven nights a week, 5:00 p.m. - Close

Phone: (575) 758-1009

Email: info@lambertsoftaos.com

Website: <http://lambertsoftaos.com/new-manager/main>

Michael's Kitchen and Bakery, 304 C, Paseo de Pueblo Norte

Seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Phone: (575) 758-4178

Website: <https://www.michaelskitchen.com/index.html>