



# Sugarite Canyon

NEW MEXICO STATE PARKS

## Map and Trail Guide

The grasslands of the Great Plains and the forests of the Rocky Mountains combine at Sugarite Canyon State Park to form a cool, wooded retreat. Here, mule deer can be found in abundance while elk, wild turkey, foxes, black bears, and mountain lions make occasional appearances.

The park's 4,500 acres, with nearly 20 miles of trails, range in elevation from 6,900 feet at the Visitor Center to 8,320 feet atop Little Horse Mesa. Come, enjoy Northeastern New Mexico's best-kept secret.

### Planning Your Visit

**Visitor Center** 575-445-5607  
Open 8 am– 4 pm in summer months and when staffing allows.

**Showers** Open year-round. Hours: 8 am–7:30 pm May to October; 8 am–4 pm November to April.

**To reserve a site, call 877-664-7787**

**Lake Alice Campground** 16 sites. Sites 1–12 have water and electrical hookups. Sites 6 & 7 have sewer hookups. Open year-round.

**Little Horse Mesa Campground** 11 sites, walk-in access, tent only

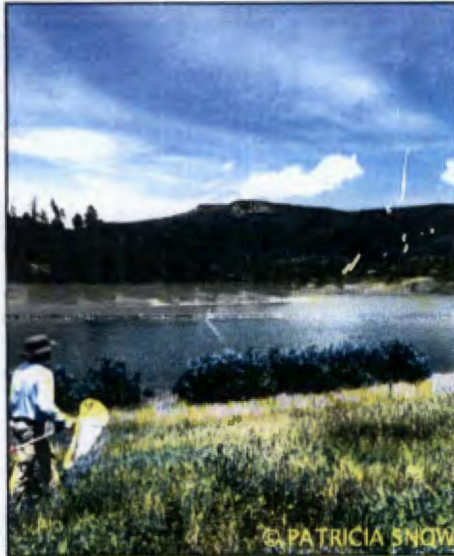
**Soda Pocket Campground** 21 sites. Open May to October.

Entrance gate is locked dusk–7 am nightly.

**For Your Safety** Help protect wildlife by never leaving food items unattended or unsecured, day or night. • Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. • Campfires must be attended at all times. • State laws protect all natural and historic features in the park.

### More Information

Sugarite Canyon State Park  
211 Highway 526  
Raton, NM 87740  
575-445-5607 (office)  
877-664-7787 (reservations)



Looking west from Lake Maloya Trail

### Trail Guide

**Chicorica Boardwalk** 500 feet, one way. Easy. Elevated wooden boardwalk along the Chicorica Creek features a wildlife viewing blind. Accessible to wheelchair users. Begins at visitor center.

**Coal Camp Trails** Self-guiding gravel trail loops through historic ruins of a former coal mining town (0.75 mile loop), then ascends to the mine level (1.5 miles, one way). Moderate. Begins at visitor center.

**Deer Run Trail** 2.5 miles, one way. Moderate. This peaceful hike, with an elevation change of 700 feet, winds through oak forests and meadows, and crosses a canyon stream. Begins at Lake Alice or Soda Pocket campground.

**Lake Alice Trail** 1.25 miles, one way. Moderate. Gravel trail follows a former railroad bed along the canyon bottom. Begins at Lake Alice campground or visitor center.

**Lake Maloya Trail** 2 miles, one way. Easy. Explore the isolated coves along Lake Maloya's quiet western shoreline and part of the

Lake Dorothy State Wildlife Area. Begins west of Lake Maloya dam.

**Lake-to-Lake Trail** 2.5 miles, one way. Moderate. The park's newest trail has one bridge crossing over a beaver pond. Mostly wooded. Begins east of Lake Maloya dam or at Lake Alice campground.

**Little Horse Mesa Trail** 0.25 mile, one way. Strenuous 300-foot climb leads to the park's highest point. Hikers are rewarded with incredible views of the canyon and country beyond. This spur of Opportunity Trail begins near Soda Pocket campground.

**Opportunity Trail** 3 miles, one way. Moderate. This beautiful footpath full of changing scenery along Segerstrom Creek ascends to a grove of aspen trees in a meadow. Begins west of Lake Maloya dam or near Soda Pocket campground.

**Ponderosa Ridge Trail** 2 miles, one way. Moderate. This gently-sloping trail passes through grassy meadows with freshwater seeps, and offers scenic views down Sugarite Canyon and of the rock formations atop Little Horse Mesa. Begins west of Lake Maloya dam or near Soda Pocket campground.

**River Walk Trail** 0.5 mile loop. Easy. Enjoy two bridge crossings along this wooded birding hotspot. Begins at visitor center.

**Vista Grande Nature Trail** 0.5 mile loop. Moderate. This self-guiding nature trail features a short spur that climbs to a panoramic overlook. Guidebooks available at trailhead. Begins at Soda Pocket campground.

**Wapiti Trail** 2.5 mile loop. Strenuous. Variable grades and a variety of land covers offer views of Lake Maloya and Little Horse Mesa. Begins east of Lake Maloya dam.



