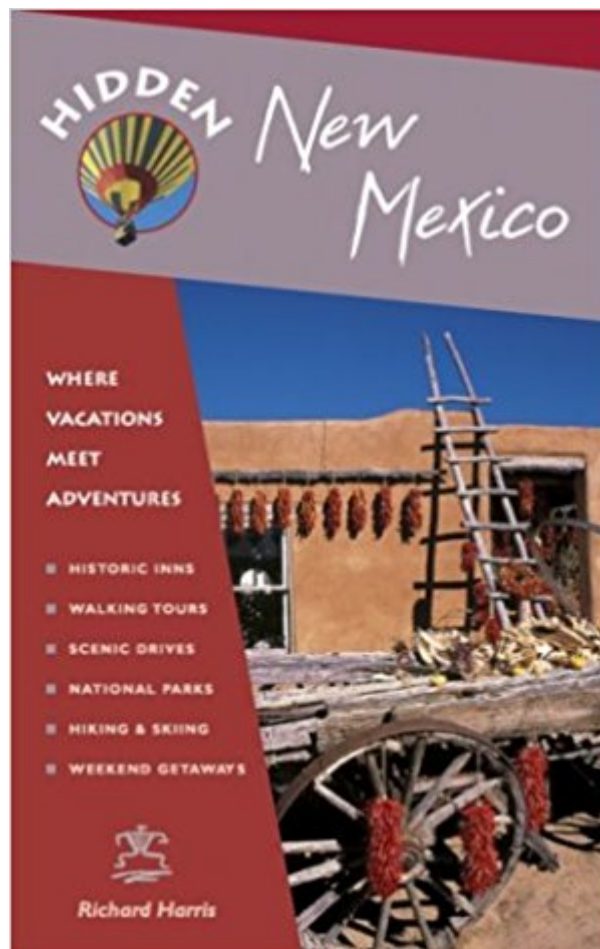




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# Hidden New Mexico: Including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos And The Enchanted Circle



## Synopsis

Combining unique travel choices, outdoor adventures, and little-known locales into guides where vacations meet adventures, each title in the Hidden series offers readers the comfort of detailed maps, internet information for each listing, suggested itineraries, and walking and driving tours. A resident of Santa Fe for over twenty years, travel writer Richard Harris has come to know New Mexico's attractions well. A strong believer in eco-tourism, Harris guides travellers to the natural and cultural attractions that have made New Mexico world-renowned, while helping readers understand how to both enjoy and preserve them. Complete details on campgrounds, hiking trails, biking paths, ski resorts, and whitewater runs are included. Hidden New Mexico offers reviews of locally run hotels and recommendations of over sixty restaurants serving Mexican, new Mexican, and Nouveau Southwestern cuisine, as well as information on cooking classes where visitors can learn to make their own hot and spicy favourites. With eight pages of full-colour maps, this is the perfect insider's guide for visitors from near or far.

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The Hidden guidebook series hot-peppers its pages with little arrows that point to a multitude of off-the-tourist-track sites.

If you want temperatures, driving distances, and accommodation prices get the free books from AAA. If you want great information about out of the way, interesting places you'll probably miss

otherwise, buy this book. I have all the "Hidden" books and always use them when planning a trip. I find them especially useful when I want to go an alternate route to places I've traveled before. If you want to plan a trip using the "Blue Highways" use this book-if you want to get there fast and miss a lot of interesting things, fly...then buy the book anyway to see what you've missed.

I love mysterious New Mexico, and this little book provides a wealth of information and reading enjoyment. As a writer, I bought it for research on my upcoming mystery series featuring cowboy gumshoe Buck McDivit. It didn't fail me.

I had a previous edition of this book and found it useful. Bought this one for more current info on dining and lodging. I would recommend it to a friend but also that one take advantage of New Mexico's annual travel guide--free online as well.

Even though this book is ten years old it still has alot of good background information about the Albuequerque, Santa Fe, Taos and the areas between them.

After 25-30 Trips over the last 40 years, found a few new things in this book!

This book gives virtually no driving directions or driving times - an email query to the publisher was not acknowledged. It claims that the only way to fly in is to Albuquerque - in fact, United flies to Santa Fe, as I discovered while boarding my plane to Albuquerque - giving me an extra hour's drive coming and going. The maps are inadequate at best - few of the attractions/lodgings mentioned are shown. Hotel listings are incomplete, and biased toward the high end. Admission fees to attractions - often as high as \$10/person - are not given. Many sights are mentioned (Anasazi cliff dwellings, Mesa Verde) without a description, but are not in the index. No chart of annual temperatures was given - that I could see - I found out the hard way that it gets very, very cold in the winter. In short, using this book to plan and travel was an extremely frustrating experience.

We live in New Mexico, and every holiday or free weekend we use this guide to lead us to new exciting and beautiful places. This book is the perfect travel companion for anyone interested in smaller, off the beaten path places. This book led us to discover Las Vegas, NM, a (yet) not so touristy place unlike Taos or Sante Fe. Thanks to this guide, we enjoyed the free road side Hot Springs located in a pristine alpine valley, and delicious restaurants that put the more known places

to shame. It has small eateries and interesting museums, parks like the little known Three Rivers Petroglyph National Monument with thousands of drawings, on the way from Socorro to Alamogordo. Yet again, this is a place not mentioned in other tourist maps or books. I would recommend for anyone really interested in traveling through New Mexico to also have DeLorme Topographic Map of New Mexico with them for references and the smaller roads. The general RandMcNally or AAA maps just don't cut it. Those topo maps are only about 16 dollars and will work great with the Hidden New Mexico book or any travelguide. Check out Chaco Canyon National Monument as well, and stay in El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, you will not believe your eyes! That was also a tip from the Hidden New Mexico book. Enjoy the most beautiful state in the nation (I am biased, I know)!

This is probably a good book, but if you buy the Frommers Guide to Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque you get the same "hidden" details and more accurate reviews. Brought this book on my vacation and maybe got two bits of interesting info from it once after I got there.

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