

Appendix 1

Montezuma County Outdoor Recreation and Heritage Asset Inventory

Introduction

The inventory of outdoor recreation and heritage assets includes a list of trails and trail systems, activities occurring/allowed on the trails, level of difficulty, seasonality, ease of access, and jurisdiction. The inventory lists outdoor recreation facilities such as reservoirs, state wildlife areas, and other facilities. About 70 businesses directly related to outdoor recreation (including non-profit businesses) were included in the inventory spanning business categories such as retail, manufacturing, tours and guide services, youth organizations, guest ranches, and commercial campgrounds.

Trails Systems Nearest Cortez

| Trail System or Trail | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Phil's World | mountain biking, running, hiking, OHV, motorcycle | easy, moderate, difficult | year round when dry | easy | BLM, CO State Land |
| Sand Canyon | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse | easy, moderate | year round when dry | moderate | BLM/CANM |
| Geer Natural Area | mountain biking, running, hiking | moderate, difficult | year round when dry | easy | City of Cortez |
| Colorado Backcountry Discovery Route | 4x4, motorcycle, camping | easy, moderate, difficult | warmer season | easy | Multiple |
| Sage Hen | mountain biking, running, hiking, hunting | moderate | year round when dry | easy | USFS |
| Mud Springs RMZ | 4x4, rock crawling, AVT, hiking, mountain biking | difficult | year round when dry | moderate | BLM |

Trails Systems Nearest Dolores

| Trail System or Trail | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Boggy Draw (warmer seasons) | mountain biking, running, hiking, OHV, ATV, motorcycle, camping, hunting | easy, moderate | year round when dry | moderate | USFS |
| Boggy Draw (winter) | nordic skiing, fat biking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hunting | easy, moderate | with snow coverage | moderate | USFS |
| McPhee Overlook, Bean Canyon | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse | moderate | year round when dry | easy | USFS |
| Priest Gulch Trail, Calico Trail, Rough Canyon, Grindstone, Gold Run | dirt bike single track, hiking, hunting, horse, backpacking | difficult | warmer season, no snow | easy | USFS |
| Bear Creek, Morrison Trail | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse, hunting | difficult | warmer season, no snow | easy | USFS |
| TransAmerica Trail | motorcycle, 4x4 | easy, moderate, difficult | warmer season, no snow | easy | Multiple |

Trails Systems Nearest Mancos

| Trail System or Trail | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Aqueduct Trails | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse | easy, moderate | year round when dry | moderate | BLM |
| Chicken Creek Trails | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse, hunting | easy, moderate | year round | moderate | USFS |
| Transfer area trails, Aspen Loop Trail | nordic skiing, snowshoe, fat biking, snowmobiling, hunting | moderate, difficult | warmer season, no snow coverage | moderate | USFS |
| Echo Basin trails and roads | ATV, 4x4, hiking, motorcycle, mountain bike, camping, hunting | moderate, difficult | warmer season, no snow coverage | moderate | USFS |
| West La Platas peaks (Sharkstooth, Hesperus, Centennial, Spiller, Babcock) | mountain biking, running, hiking, OHV, motorcycle, 4wd, camping, hunting | difficult | warmer season, no snow coverage | difficult | USFS |
| Chutes and Ladders | mountain biking, running, hiking, horse, camping | easy, moderate | year round when dry | easy | BLM |

Outdoor Recreation Facilities Nearest Cortez

| Facility Name | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|--|
| Hawkins Preserve | rock climbing, bouldering, education, science, ADA accessible trail, hiking, mountain biking | easy, moderate, difficult | year round when dry | easy | Cortez Cultural Center, City of Cortez |
| Narranguinsep Reservoir SWA | non-motorized boating, fishing | easy | warmer season | easy | CPW |
| Montezuma County Fairgrounds | riding arenas, auto race track, indoor events center, camping, trails | easy | year round | easy | Montezuma County |
| Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club Shooting Range | shooting sports | easy | year round | easy | Membership Club |
| Toten Reservoir | wakeless boating, fishing | easy | year round | easy | CPW |

Outdoor Recreation Facilities Nearest Dolores

| Facility Name | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| McPhee Reservoir | motorized boating, non-motorized boating, fishing, camping, non-motorized trails | easy | warmer season | easy | USFS |
| Upper Dolores - Bear Creek to West Dolores | kayaking, pack rafting, fishing | moderate, difficult | late spring, early summer | moderate | USFS |
| Upper Dolores - West Dolores to Town | rafting, kayaking, pack rafting, SUP, fishing | easy, moderate | year round when dry | moderate | USFS |
| Dolores River SWA | fishing, river access | easy | year round | easy | CPW |
| Twin Spruce Ponds | fishing, non-motorized boating | easy | year round | easy | CPW |

Outdoor Recreation Facilities Nearest Mancos

| Facility Name | Activities | Difficulty | Season | Access | Management |
|---|--|------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Mancos State Park | wakeless boating, fishing, camping, non-motorized trails | easy | warmer season | moderate | CPW |
| Summit Reservoir and Pruett Reservoir State Wildlife Area | wakeless boating, fishing, waterfowl hunting | easy | year round when dry | easy | CPW |
| Joe Moore Reservoir State Wildlife Area | wakeless boating, fishing, hunting, horse | easy | year round when dry | easy | CPW |

Outdoor Recreation Public Campgrounds

| Public Camping Nearest Mancos | Public Camping Nearest Dolores | Public Camping Nearest Cortez | Towaoc |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Mancos State Park | House Creek Campground | Hovenweep Campground | Ute Mountain Tribal Park Campground |
| Transfer Horse Camp | McPhee Campground | Bradfield Campground | |
| Morefield Campground (Mesa Verde) | Boggy Draw (Dispersed) | Goodman Point (Dispersed) | |
| Chutes and Ladders (Dispersed) | | Cannonball Mesa (Dispersed) | |
| Chicken Creek (Dispersed) | | | |

Other dispersed camping opportunities:

- Areas throughout CANM (closest municipality is Cortez)
- West La Platas area (closest municipality is Mancos)
- West Dolores area, Stoner Mesa area (closest municipality is Dolores)
- Dolores County camping that also serves Montezuma County: Groundhog Reservoir Campground, Emerson Campground, Mavreeso Campground, Gobel trailhead.

Heritage Assets Nearest Dolores

| Facility Name | Description | Season | Access | Management | ADA Accessible Facilities |
|--|---|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CANM Visitor Center and Museum, Dominguez Pueblo, Escalante Pueblo | Year-round indoor facility and easily accessible archaeological sites | year round | easy | BLM/CANM | Yes |
| Galloping Goose Historical Museum | Railroad history and the Town of Dolores | open May 15 to October 15 | easy | Galloping Goose Historical Society | Yes |
| CANM - Lowry Pueblo | Drive-to archaeological site with restrooms and with an ADA accessible trail | year round when not snow covered | moderate | BLM/CANM | Yes |
| Dolores Visitor Center | Visitor center provided by Dolores Chamber of Commerce | May through October | easy | Dolores Chamber of Commerce | Yes |
| San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway | Scenic byway loop connecting Mancos, Dolores, Rico, Telluride, Ridgway, Ouray, Silverton and Durango. | year round | easy | CDOT | Yes |

Heritage Assets Nearest Cortez

| Facility Name | Description | Season | Access | Management | ADA Accessible Facilities |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hovenweep National Monument | Six prehistoric villages, visitor center, and campground | year round when dry | moderate | National Parks Service | Yes |
| CANM - Sand Canyon Pueblo | Village site at the head of Sand Canyon accessible via short trail (less than 1 mile) with interpretive signs along the way. No facilities. | year round when not snow covered | moderate | BLM/CANM | No |
| CANM-Sand Canyon Trail -Saddlehorn Pueblo -Corncob House Pueblo -Double Cliff House Pueblo -Sunny Alcove -House with Standing Curved Wall -Castle Rock Pueblo | Numerous sites accessible by non-motorized single track trail | year round when not snow covered | moderate | BLM/CANM | No |
| Cortez Welcome Center | Visitor | year round | easy | Mesa Verde Country | Yes |
| Four Corners Monument | Hardscaped facility where four states meet, includes vendor market | year round | easy | Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation | Yes |
| Sunflower Theater | Event venue in historic building | year round | easy | KSJD Radio | Yes |

Heritage Assets Nearest Cortez

| Facility Name | Description | Season | Access | Management | ADA Accessible Facilities |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yucca House National Monument | Ancestral site | year round | moderate | NPS | No |
| Cannonball Mesa | Numerous sites accessible by 4wd road and informal hiking routes. Dispersed camping sites located throughout the area. | year round when not snow covered | difficult | BLM/CANM | No |
| Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway | 114 mile long, paved route through much of CANM. | year round | moderate | BLM/CANM, National Park Service | Yes |
| McElmo Creek Flume | Wayside stop along US 160 4 miles East of Cortez with interpretive kiosk and ADA accessible trail | year round | easy | CDOT | Yes |
| Cortez Cultural Center | Cultural, arts and nature programming; visitor info and education; Hawkins Preserve | year round | easy | Cortez Cultural Center (non-profit) | Yes |
| Montezuma Heritage Museum | Exhibits present and interpret Montezuma County's history | year round | easy | Montezuma County Historical Society | Yes |

Heritage Assets Nearest Towaoc

| Facility Name | Description | Season | Access | Management | ADA Accessible Facilities |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ute Mountain Tribal Park | Cliff dwellings, guided tours only, camping or cabins available. | when tours are offered | difficult | Ute Mountain Ute Tribe | No |

Heritage Assets Nearest Mancos

| Facility Name | Description | Season | Access | Management | ADA Accessible Facilities |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jersey Jim Lookout Tower, Aspen Guard Station, Glade House | Historic structures in the Transfer area, rented as overnight accommodations by Jersey Jim Foundation | warmer season when not snow covered | difficult | USFS, Jersey Jim Foundation | No |
| Mesa Verde National Park | Full service, 52,000 acrea national park. Cliff dwellings viewed from road or accessible by hiking trail, tours, lodging, camping, visitor center, restaurant | year round | moderate | National Parks Service | Yes |
| Mancos Opera House | Historic opera house in downtown Mancos | year round | easy | Private | Yes |
| Mancos Visitor Center | Visitor center provided by Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce | April to October | easy | Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce | Yes |

Community Parks

| Cortez | Mancos | Dolores |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Parque Da Vida | Boyle Park | Joe Rowell Park |
| Montezuma Park | Cottonwood Park | |

Golf Courses:

- Conquistador Golf Course
- South Forty Golf Course

Outdoor Recreation Businesses

| Sector | Montezuma County Businesses |
|--------------------------|--|
| Retail | Dolores Outfitter Run + Hike Carrouth Armory Mesa Verde Motorsports High Desert Life Outdoors & Exchange Goods for the Woods Fun Center Cortez Kokopelli Bike & Board |
| Retail and manufacturing | Sorrel Top Cowboy Supply Dolores River Rifles Tipi Supply |
| Manufacturing | Osprey Dusty Roads Gear Alpaca Wanderlust Vans |
| Tours | Ute Mountain Tribal Park |
| Youth organization | High Desert Devo Open Sky Wilderness Therapy Deer Hill Expeditions San Juan Bible Camp Four Corners Christian Camp |

Outdoor Recreation Businesses (cont.)

| Sector | Montezuma County Businesses |
|-----------------------|--|
| Trails | Mancos Valley Resources (Mancos Trails Group, Friends of Chicken Creek) San Juan Trail Riders Southwest Colorado Cycling Association Big Loop Maps, Big Loop Trails |
| Event organizer | Fairgrounds Speedway 12 Hours of Mesa Verde |
| Guest ranch/resort | Echo Basin RV Resort Lost Canyon Lake Lodge |
| Hunting outfitter | Colorado Elk Camp Outfitters Rough Canyon Outfitters T Bar M Outfitters |
| Commercial campground | 19 campgrounds/RV parks throughout the county |