



Fort Stanton



Lincoln County
Courthouse and Jail

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The Fort Stanton Historic Site is a must-see attraction when visiting Lincoln County. Nestled on Highway 220 that bisects the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway, New Mexico’s newest historic site features over 155 years of southwestern history ranging from its initial creation as a military garrison to its significance as the first tuberculosis hospital in the state, to an internment camp for German seaman during World War II.

This 150-year-old pre-Civil War fort (1855) was home at one time to Kit Carson, the Buffalo Soldiers, ‘Black Jack’ Pershing, German prisoners, Geronimo and Billy the Kid.

Fort Stanton, Live is set this year for July 14. This event brings costumed reenactors from the Civil War and Indian Wars era to the Fort for demonstrations, presentations, concert and a military ball which will have visitors dancing into the night. Additionally, the event brings authors, historians, photographers, artists, and a variety of historical vendors to site to share their crafts and other handiwork. Local food vendors are on hand to provide sustenance for your day at the Fort as well, so bring a healthy appetite for knowledge, food and fun.

Lincoln Historic Site – Billy the Kid

This National Historic Site is considered by many historians to be the most authentic old west

town remaining in the United States. Center of the bloody Lincoln County War, the little hamlet was launched into the history books by a host of famous characters including Billy the Kid, Kit Carson, Pat Garrett, John Chisum and Lew Wallace.

In a sense, you’re walking through a museum as you stroll through the town. The core of the historical importance here is the Lincoln County War and its players, which include Billy the Kid (he made a famous escape from the Courthouse), Sheriff Pat Garrett, John Chisum, Alexander McSween and John Tunstall.

Walking through all of these museums/locations gives one the sense of the way things were. The Courthouse seems almost untouched. The town is located 12 miles east of Capitan on U.S. 380 (30 miles north of Ruidoso). Inn of the Mountain Gods

New Mexico’s premier mountain resort offers beautiful

rooms, great service, delicious meals, incredible gaming action, and breathtaking alpine scenery to nurture your soul. Situated high in the picturesque mountains of Mescalero, New Mexico just outside of Ruidoso, guests return time and time again to Inn of the Mountain Gods to enjoy the clean mountain air, stunning panoramic views, and exciting entertainment options.

Midtown Ruidoso

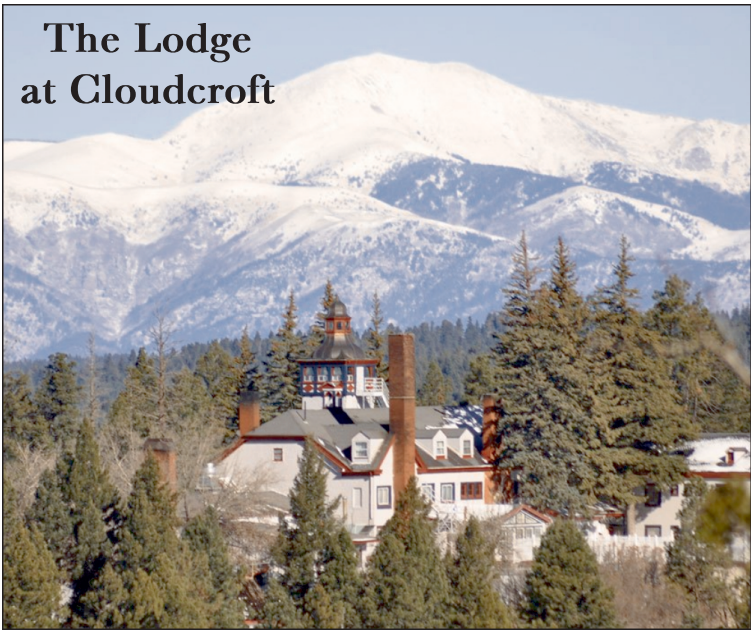
Midtown is a uniquely Ruidoso experience filled with shopping and entertainment. Here you will find colorful and exciting shops, wine tasting adventures, terrific local eateries, and nightlife including live music and dancing. Wandering through Midtown is a must-do on every Ruidoso vacation.

Ruidoso Downs

In addition to horse racing action during the summer, Billy the Kid Casino is next door with slot machines, video poker, Blackjack and Keno. Billy’s



Gillespie Cabin



The Lodge
at Cloudcroft

Sports Bar and Grill has live entertainment and great food specials. Of course, come for the horse races Fridays through Mondays through Labor Day. Post time is 1 pm.

Hubbard Museum

The Hubbard Museum of the American West combines a famous art collection, modes of assorted forms of transportation down through the ages, plus Native American antiquities. Two other cultures – Hispanic and Pioneer –are also predominantly included. Just one visit to this must-see museum will give all – children and adults alike – a rounded and compelling education of the past.

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The scholarship application is available on the Texas Wildlife Association website, <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>. Applications must be postmarked by July 31st. Winners will be announced by August 15th.

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