



# DARKHORSE RANCH

21074B Rancho Canon de Luz, Ojo Caliente, New Mexico 87549



#### **Area Summary**

The Española area is located in Rio Arriba County just north of Santa Fe between Los Alamos and Taos along US Highway 84 on the banks of the Rio Grande River. Located 25 miles north of Santa Fe, 45 miles south of Taos, 25 miles east of Los Alamos and 24 miles to Ojo Caliente. It is in a valley nestled between the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges and the meeting point of three rivers, the Rio Grande, the Rio Chama and the Rio Santa Cruz. Espanola is described as the first European-founded capital of the "New World". This designation refers to a capital within the boundaries of the United States since Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic predates the establishment of Española by 100 years as a European-established capital in the Americas. The region was explored in 1598 by Don Juan de Oñate who declared the area a capital for Spain. Oñate and Spaniard conquistadors arrived in the Española area on July 11, 1598, at the confluence of the Chama River and the Rio Grande, where they established a camp at a place then called Yunque-Yunque. He created the Spanish settlement in an area inhabited by indigenous descendants of the Anasazi.

The small town of Ojo Caliente lies along U.S. Route 285 near the Rio Grande between Española and Taos, approximately 50 miles north of Santa Fe, the state capital. It is the location of, or nearest community to, the Ojo Caliente Hot Springs Round Barn, built in 1924, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also what it is most known for. Once you have driven through the small town you will find that it is mostly mountain terrain where the locals use it for grazing cattle or it is vacant land. Large parts of the mountainous terrain belong to the National Forestry or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property.

New Mexico has a large amount of BLM and National park property for many of New Mexico's outdoor recreation activities for the diverse landscape and cultures of the state. Almost all of this land is open for recreational use, such as hiking, cycling, hunting, fishing, camping (including dispersed camping), range shooting, horse-back riding, off road vehicle usage, whitewater rafting, kayaking and much more. In Winter you can ski and snowboard at nearby Taos, Angel Fire, Santa Fe, and other ski areas. The area has a rich Indian heritage and many historical sites. Nearby sites include Anasazi sites at Bandelier National Monument and Puye Cliff Dwellings. In the Spring and Summer the outdoor activities are endless. A few hours away you will find Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde National Park. You can hike the tallest peak in New Mexico, Wheeler Peak which is estimated to have an elevation of 13,159 located in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains.

Due to its large area and economic climate, New Mexico has a large U.S. military presence marked notably with the White Sands Missile Range and Kirtland Airforce Base as well as various U.S. national security agencies who base their research and testing arms in New Mexico such as the Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories. During the 1940s World War II era Project Y of the Manhattan Project was confidential and was located in Los Alamos, NM. Researchers developed and built the country's first atomic bomb and nuclear test. Los Alamos did most of the Nuclear research during and after World War II and it continues to do a big part in the Nations scientific research.

### Information for Espanola & Surrounding areas

First Responders and medical services

• Espanola Fire Department (27 mi)



- Espanola District 7 State Police Department (27 mi)
- Espanola Police Department (27 mi)
- Espanola Sheriff Department (27 mi)
- Espanola Presbyterian Hospital with air flight (28 mi)
- Ojo Caliente Fire Department (4.3 mi)

#### Airports

- Ohkay Owingeh Airport (IATA: ESO<sup>[2]</sup>, FAA LID: E14, formerly Q14) is a public/ private use airport and does not service any major airlines. (25mi)
- Santa Fe Regional Airport (Services; United and American Airlines) (62 mi)
- Albuquerque International Sunport Airport (Services; Advance Air, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines, Boutique air, Frontier, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest, United, Volaris) (118 mi)

#### Places to stay

- Inn & Mercantile At Ojo (Ojo Caliente / 4.2 mi)
- Ojo Caliente Pueblo Suites (Ojo Caliente / 4.5 mi)
- Okay Hotel Casino (Espanola / 27 mi)
- Santa Claran Hotel (Espanola/ 29 mi)
- Days Inn by Wyndham (Espanola / 30 mi)
- Buffalo Thunder Resort (Pojoaque towards SF / 40 mi)

Attached on the following pages you will find maps with driving distances, times and miles from Dark Horse Ranch to surrounding key areas as well as estimated average climate information.





1 hr 54 min (118 mi)

Abq International Airport



32 min (28 mi)

Espanola, NM



1 hr 8 min (62 mi)

SF Regional Airport



33 min (28 mi)

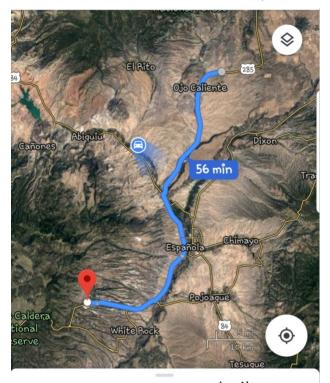
Espanola Presbyterian Hospital





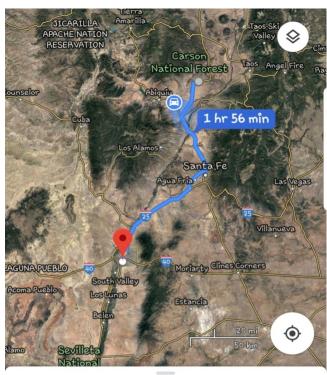
1 hr 5 min (56 mi)

SF St. Vincent Hospital



56 min (47 mi)

Los Alamos Hospital



1 hr 56 min (116 mi)

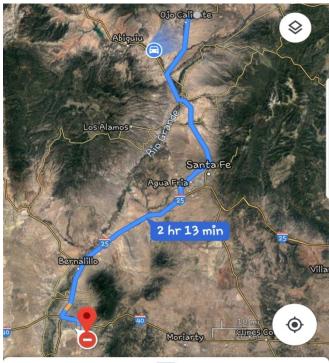
University of New Mexico Hospital



54 min (48 mi)

Los Alamos National Laboratory





2 hr 13 min (126 mi) Kirtland AFB

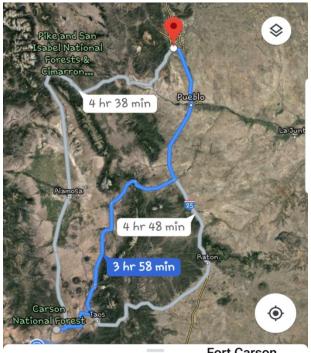


4 hr 46 min (285 mi) White Sands Missle Range



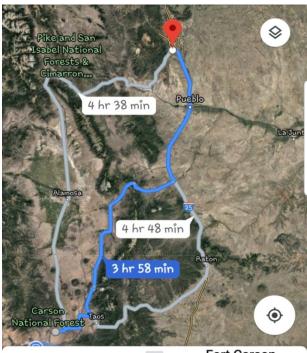
2 hr 3 min (122 mi) Sandia National Laboratory





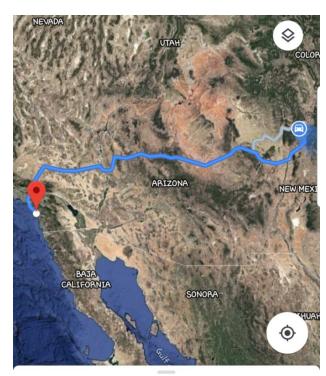


Fort Carson, Colorado



3 hr 58 min (241 mi)

Fort Carson, Colorado



13 hr 51 min (939 mi) Camp Pendleton

CLIMATE	Ojo Caliente, New Mexico	United States
Rainfall (in.)	14.8	39.2
Snowfall (in.)	30.8	25.8
Precipitation Days	38.0	102.0
<u>Sunny Days</u>	285	205
Avg. July High	86.0	86.1
Avg. Jan. Low	17.4	22.6
Comfort Index (higher=better)	71	54
<u>UV Index</u>	5.9	4.3
Elevation ft.	7321	2443



CLIMATE	Espanola, New Mexico	United States
Rainfall (in.)	15.1	39.2
Snowfall (in.)	19.1	25.8
<u>Precipitation Days</u>	44.0	102.0
<u>Sunny Days</u>	281	205
Avg. July High	88.7	86.1
Avg. Jan. Low	12.8	22.6
Comfort Index (higher=better)	69	54
<u>UV Index</u>	5.9	4.3
Elevation ft.	5594	2443

CLIMATE	Santa Fe, New Mexico	United States
Rainfall (in.)	15.8	39.2
Snowfall (in.)	30.8	25.8
<u>Precipitation Days</u>	80.0	102.0
Sunny Days	283	205
Avg. July High	86.5	86.1
Avg. Jan. Low	18.8	22.6
Comfort Index (higher=better)	72	54
<u>UV Index</u>	6.3	4.3
Elevation ft.	6995	2443

CLIMATE	Los Alamos, New Mexico	United States
Rainfall (in.)	16.0	39.2
Snowfall (in.)	56.6	25.8
<u>Precipitation Days</u>	89.0	102.0
Sunny Days	276	205
Avg. July High	80.8	86.1
Avg. Jan. Low	19.4	22.6
Comfort Index (higher=better)	71	54
<u>UV Index</u>	6.3	4.3
Elevation ft.	7211	2443

CLIMATE	Albuquerque, New Mexico	United States
Rainfall (in.)	12.5	39.2
Snowfall (in.)	14.2	25.8
<u>Precipitation Days</u>	81.0	102.0
Sunny Days	280	205
Avg. July High	91.0	86.1
Avg. Jan. Low	25.1	22.6
<u>Comfort Index</u> ( <u>higher=better</u> )	77	54
<u>UV Index</u>	6.3	4.3
Elevation ft.	4954	2443





## **DarkHorse Ranch Contact Information**

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