

# Deming, NM

Deming is your gateway to southwest New Mexico's rich history and abundant sunshine. This town of 15,000 invites you to enjoy their friendly town, beautiful surroundings and a unique annual event.

The best place to start an exploration of the region's history is at the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum. The historic Deming Armory and Customs House was restored to hold a world class collection of Mimbres Indian painted pottery. Additionally, the museum houses historic period-furnished rooms, an antique auto collection and many other displays. Within the city of Deming, you can take a downtown walking tour to visit 36 other historic buildings, including the Luna County Courthouse.

You can also find a great variety of fascinating historic sites within an hour's drive of Deming. Get a glimpse of bandit life at Pancho Villa ("vee'-ya") State Park, wander through old west ghost towns, and climb to the Gila ("hee'-la) Cliff Dwellings where you can get a perspective of how a life of farming would have been in the rugged canyons long ago.

Deming is a great base for exploring New Mexico's natural beauty. Are you interested in rocks? At City of Rocks State Park you can marvel at volcanic formations. Rockhound State Park allows you to collect minerals and rocks to take home! The Catwalk offers a hike of spectacular natural beauty. Nearby Spring Canyon and Elephant Butte also appeal to hikers and photographers.

For quirky, quacky amusement, visit Deming in August and take in the Great American Duck Race. Residents enter their ducks to compete in races on land and in water, and also host

a hot air balloon show, parade and carnival. So plan to come back to Deming and enjoy a few days of history, natural beauty and sunshine.

## Source(s):

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