

Chapter 1 : Things To Do - White Sands National Monument (U.S. National Park Service)

White Sands National Monument preserves a major portion of this unique dunefield, along with the plants and animals that live here. Monument Closures Occasionally the road into the monument can close due to missile testing.

Read the full disclosure policy here. When it comes to national parks in the U. But the National Park Service manages much more than just national parks. In fact, the NPS manages more than areas through the U. And many of these are severely under-appreciated. Speaking of the first time you see the dunes, it took me quite a few years to make it to this part of New Mexico. The closest city is Alamogordo, which is at least hours from Albuquerque and requires you to have a car and some patience for driving through desolate landscapes and military missile ranges. Because of this, it took a few years for me to finally get there. But the wait was SO worth it. So imagine our surprise when my friend Lisa and I pulled up on a Saturday morning to find dark storm clouds and rumbles of thunder! Thankfully, we had also visited the park the evening before, when the skies had been mostly clear. Plants, too, have adapted to survive in such a harsh environment. Mother Nature is pretty incredible, and visiting a place like this is a good reminder. And the answer is “ pretty much whatever you want! Here are a few things you can and should do at White Sands: Drive all the way to the back of the park where the loop is. Then pick a place to park and get climbing! This is absolutely allowed ” and even encouraged! Check out all the Ranger Programs at White Sands here. This section does contain some affiliate links. Beware the sun ” To go along with the above tip, be sure to apply and re-apply sunscreen, too. With sunny days per year and a surface that reflects sunlight right up into your face, this is an easy place to get a sunburn. Go early or late in the day ” It can get HOT here it is a desert, after all , so to avoid the highest temperatures, go early in the morning or later in the day. Lisa and I went around 4 p. Check for closures ” White Sands National Monument is right next to the White Sands Missile Range, so closures for military missile tests are not uncommon. It took me years to finally make it to White Sands ” but the wait was well worth it. Have you ever heard of White Sands? Would you like to go?

Chapter 2 : White Sands of Longboat, Longboat Key, Florida Timeshare Resort | RedWeek

The White Sands condo in LONG BEACH. Pricing starts at \$, and goes up to \$1,, Contact us to find out about the latest deals in White.

The resort offers access to both the Gulf of Mexico Beaches and dock facilities on Sarasota Bay, The facilities are mostly single or double cottages or town houses with half of the resort on the Gulf Side and the other half on the Bay side. We own Week 7, in an oversized one bedroom town house on the bay side. The upstairs bedroom has a spectacular view of Sarastoa Bay. The bay side is like its own community with cottages surrounding the pool and making it very open and welcoming. The Gulf side is narrower and feels more crowded than the bay side. White Sands is very tropical with a pool on both the bay side and the gulf side of the resort and tennis courts on the gulf side. The Kitchens are in the process of being upgraded, as the resort has had a minor special assessment to address this need, The units are large, comfortable and fully equipped. Since the resort is small, service is very personal and check-in has always been very easy. The staff is responsive to any request made to them. Longboat Key is a barrier beach to Sarasota and there are many cultural events and exhibits to be seen there. Longboat Key is changing dramatically. The Waterfront Property is at a premium and the few timeshares on Longboat Key are the best way to keep a foothold in what is becoming an area dominated with huge mansions and high-priced condos. With most of the smaller properties, the mom and pop motels and similiar facilities being sold to the highest bidder, resorts like White Sands becomes more precious to those who want to visit and enjoy Longboat Key. White Sands is a quiet resort which is family friendly and a great spot for a romantic get-a-way or simply relaxing watching the sun rise on Sarasota Bay or set on the Gulf of Mexico. There are no planned activities as many of the people coming in February when we are, are owners or returning renters. They do provide paddle boats and row boats on the bay side and there are sail boats for the use of guests on the gulf side. The resort also has bikes which can be used on the expansive side walk that runs the length of the island. The resort has gas barbeques and tables, The bay side, where our unit is located, is well situated to avoid road noise from the busy "main street" of long boat key. The front entrance is on the road side but the focus of the units are towards the inner bay side of the resort, where there is a heated pool and putting green By chrisd5 Jul 14, Great place for a long or short stay. Staff is exteremely accomodating. Cocktails at sunset on the gulf side is an evening event By dlgony Jun 4, We have stayed at White Sands three times. The setting is gorgeous especially the bay side. The resort offers you waterfront on both the Gulf of Mexico and Sarasota Bay. There are free Bikes and Boats, and Gas Grills. Our experience with the resort is that it was clean and well maintained and nice to have a washer dryer in the unit.

Chapter 3 : White Sands Beach Resort |

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Chapter 4 : White Sands Condos for Sale and Condos for Rent in LONG BEACH

White Sands National Monument is located in Southern New Mexico just outside of Alamogordo. The white sand is dazzling, and makes for great photo opportunities. There are a lot of fun activities for everyone, too, especially kids.

Dick Buscher The Desierto de Chihuahua is the largest desert in North America as it covers over 250,000 square miles, 650,000 square kilometers and extends deep into the Central Plateau of Mexico. Its many endemic plant species suggest that the desert just might be the most biologically diverse desert in the world. The northern portion of the Chihuahuan Desert projects north of the international border into southcentral New Mexico, creating a rare and vast area of white gypsum sand dunes. NPS From space, this is the largest gypsum dune field in the world and its accompanying seasonal lake, Lake Lucero, can be seen within an internally drained valley known as the Tularosa Basin. The dune field covers some 250 square miles square km at an elevation ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 feet 1,000 to 1,200 m. Some 40 percent of the dune field is protected within the White Sands National Monument. The remaining 60 percent of the dunes are within a United States military area and that limits its use by the public. From here to there Credit: For many millennia, rains have eroded these mountains, washing the grains of gypsum into the valley and depositing them into Lake Lucero. In the extreme desert heat, the evaporating water of the seasonal lake leaves behind fine gypsum sand, resulting in the prevailing westerly winds blowing the gypsum particles into massive white sand dunes. The genesis of this white sand desert began some million years ago when this area of what is now North America was covered by a shallow sea. When the sea receded and the saltwater lakes evaporated, thick layers of salt and gypsum were left covering the ancient seabed landscape. Years in the making Credit: NPS Some 70 million years ago, during a period of regional mountain building, the nearby San Andres Mountains and Sacramento Mountains were uplifted to elevations as high as 9,000 feet 2,700 m. As the mountains rose high above the newly formed Tularosa Basin, so too did the thick deposits of gypsum. Thousands of years of rain and snow dissolved the high mountain gypsum, washing it down the many mountain slopes into the basin where it accumulated in Lake Lucero. When the lake water evaporates, a thin layer of crystallized gypsum, called selenite, was left behind. The continuation of weathering breaks the selenite into crystals of fine grains of gypsum sand, which the winds pile high into steep dunes. Some of the more spectacular dunes can reach a height of 60 feet 18 m. Unique in the World Credit: NPS Geologists define sand as any substance composed of a mineral between 0.075 and 2.0 millimeters. Most of the sand found on Earth is composed of quartz. Most of this quartz sand began as a rock such as sandstone, limestone or granite and over time weathered into the small grains of quartz sand. The white sand dunes of New Mexico are about 98 percent pure gypsum sand and because of the regional aridness of the land, resulted in the massive windblown white sand dunes. Geologists estimate that 4. Living in extremes Credit: NPS The regions between the dunes are fascinating environments where determined wildlife scrape by a living in the inhospitable environment. The soil found within the dune field ranges from shallow to very deep. Some areas of the inter-dune fields are poorly drained, while other areas drain excessively. Flora of the desert Credit: NPS More than 300 species of plants can be found growing in the white sand dune field. The plants that survive in this nutrient-poor alkaline soil must be able to adapt and endure high soil salt levels, drought and freezing temperatures 38 degrees Fahrenheit minus 38 degrees Celsius. On the active sand dunes, the dominant species of plants include the soap tree yucca *Yucca elata*, shown here, as well as skunkbush sumac *Rhus trilobata*, fourwing saltbush *Atriplex canescens* and gyp grama *Bouteloua breviseta*. Home to many Credit: NPS More than 300 species of birds, numerous species of insects, 50 species of mammals, seven species of amphibians, one species of fish and 30 species of reptiles, including this diamondback rattlesnake *Crotalus atrox*, make their homes within this unique white sand dune field. Adapting to the environment Credit: NPS Some animals found within the dune field have adapted and evolved to their harsh white arid environment. The Apache pocket mouse, *Perognathus flavescens apachii*, with its almost white fur, is harder for predators to see among the white sand dunes. Since more of the white-furred pocket mice survive, relative to mice with non-white fur, they pass the genes for white fur on to the future generations of pocket mice. This adaptation to the white sands can also be seen in other species of insects and lizards that make their homes here. NPS The uniqueness and raw beauty of

the white sand dunes have long been recognized. The idea of preserving the area from development started as early as 1880, when a group of El Paso, Texas community leaders proposed the formation of Mescalero National Park. That idea failed, but in 1907, President Herbert Hoover sought to preserve the area under the Antiquities Act of 1906 with a national monument designation. Today, over 1 million people come to the white sands to explore and experience this unique natural wonder every year. NPS Ancient footprints of such animals as mammoths and mastodons, sabertooth cats and the huge 8,000 lb, 3,600 kg ground sloth have been found around and under the dunes; so too have the footprints of early man. National Park Service paleontologists state that "thousands and thousands of trackways" are found across the region. These megatrack sites are the largest ones known in North America from the Pleistocene epoch, which ended some 12,000 years ago. A grand landscape Credit: NPS There is no place like it on the planet "this land of massive gypsum sand dunes. Some have described it as a lunar landscape, or an ocean of sand or simply a land of splendid desolation. But for those who come and experience these massive white sands dunes, they almost always depart this landscape with a feeling of peacefulness and awe.

Chapter 5 : White Sands National Monument (U.S. National Park Service)

The White Sands is centrally located on our famous boardwalk and its Millionaire's Row of oceanfront condos. It is only 5 short blocks from Long Beach's shopping district, where one can stroll Park Avenue, shop, dine, people watch or catch the Long Island Railroad.

Within White Sands National Monument, you will find countless opportunities for discovery, fun, and the creation of lifelong memories. So venture out into the dunes and explore this special place. Whether you delight in the challenge of a strenuous hike to spectacular vistas, a family outing in an irresistible playground, or an inspirational moment in an untamable land, an unimaginable adventure awaits you! Begin your journey at the visitor center. Your visit can be more enjoyable when you better understand the rich ecosystem around you. Our adventure packs are just the thing to help you do that! Parents can check out a top by the visitor center and ask if we have one available to loan. Fill out the necessary form for borrowing the pack and be on your way to an adventure! Backcountry Camping White Sands National Monument offers the opportunity to backcountry camp amongst the glistening gypsum dunes of New Mexico. There are ten primitive backcountry camping sites available on a first-come, first-served basis. Obtain your permit at the visitor center before the cut-off time. Then backpack to your assigned site and become a guest of the nocturnal animals that make their home in this unique ecosystem. Deserts have their own unique hazards. The key to having a fun and an exciting experience camping at the monument is preparation and common sense. Bicycling Cycling through the monument offers unobstructed views of an ever-changing dunefield and allows your senses to truly experience the sights and sounds of this unique landscape. Visitors planning to explore by bicycle should be aware that bicycles are only allowed on Dunes Drive and not allowed on hiking trails or off-trail in backcountry areas. While bicycles are allowed on the road, it is not without its hazards. The scenic road lacks much of a shoulder and only the first five miles are paved. Obey traffic regulations and wear bright colors, protective clothing, and a helmet. Driving Dunes Drive Dunes Drive, an eight-mile 13 km scenic drive, leads from the visitor center into the heart of the gypsum dunefield. The mile 26 km round-trip drive takes approximately 45 minutes. However, you may want to allow additional time for taking walks in the white sand, photography, or learning about the natural and cultural history. The first four miles of Dunes Drive are paved and the last four miles are a hard-packed, gypsum road. The road is suitable for cars, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and buses. Along the road, you will find wayside exhibits, hiking trails, picnic areas, vault toilets, and parking areas. Hiking A vast sea of snow-white gypsum dunes is beckoning you to go for a hike. There is no better way of experiencing the unique landscape of White Sands National Monument than by venturing out onto any of our five established trails. Explore the dunes and enjoy the silence and solitude of the dunefield with stunning views of the surrounding mountains. Plan ahead to ensure you have a great and safe hike. Remember, your safety is your responsibility. Horses and Other Pack Animals Monument;though there are restrictions on their use and where you may ride them. Horses must be brought-in on a trailer, and you must have a horse permit signed by a ranger. Please read the following regulations before you arrive in the park. Junior Ranger A Junior Ranger activity book is waiting for you at the visitor center! Once you have finished your activities, please return your book to a park ranger at the visitor center to be sworn in as an Official White Sands Junior Dunes Ranger! Learn about the native plants of the Chihuahuan desert by taking a walking tour of the native plant garden in front of the visitor center. This self-guided tour is free and available in brochure, field journal, and audio forms at the Visitor Center front desk. Photography Anyone can take good pictures at White Sands National Monument, regardless if you are shooting with your phone or a top-of-the-line DSLR digital single-lens reflex camera. In our vast dunefield of varying shapes and angles, timeless vistas, and piercing contrasts, visitors are literally surrounded by compelling subjects to photograph. Great pictures, however, require techniques and way of looking at things that pros have learned. When choosing where to focus, pay attention to composition and lighting. Picnicking Picnicking in the monument has been one of the all-time favorite things to do in the area for generations. Pick your own style of picnicking, a blanket with a shade umbrella;a tailgate;or use one of the many canopied picnic tables and grills available

throughout the monument. There are two picnic tables adjacent to the visitor center at the park entrance and three established picnic areas in the heart of the dunes near the end of the Dunes Drive, with 62 tables in total. These picnic sites are available only on a first-come, first-served basis. One group picnic area may be reserved in advance by organized groups. Ranger Programs Park rangers lead a variety of seasonally available programs and activities designed to help you experience the monument countless ways. Join a ranger and explore the mysteries of a geologic wonder sculpted by wind and water that preserves the ancient past and shelters an incredible diversity of plants and animals. Sledding The powdery, white gypsum dunes not only look like snow, they behave like it as well. Sledding down the slip face of dunes is a popular, exhilarating activity at White Sands National Monument. Sledding is allowed in the loop portion of Dunes Drive, away from the road and where there is little or no vegetation. Become familiar with proper sledding techniques and safety precautions. The visitor center is an excellent example of Spanish Pueblo-style adobe architecture, also known as "Pueblo-Revival," constructed on-site from to using readily-available, local materials. The visitor center is where you can obtain information on our daily programs; browse the park store and gift shop; wander through the native plant garden; explore the interactive museum; and be mesmerized by the incredible sights presented in our award-winning orientation film "A Land in Motion.

Chapter 6 : Rooms | White Sands Beach Resort

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Chapter 7 : WHITE SANDS RESORT - Updated Prices & Motel Reviews (Amagansett, NY) - TripAdvisor

white sands condominiums Ever since its construction and opening, White Sands has been full to capacity. Being located in the center of Long Beach, it boasts all the best this vibrant seaside town has to offer.

Chapter 8 : White Sands Missile Range - Wikipedia

White Sands National Monument is a United States national monument located in the state of New Mexico on the north side of Route 70 about 16 miles (26 km) southwest of Alamogordo in western Otero County and northeastern Doña Ana County.

Chapter 9 : Visiting White Sands National Monument

The White Sands Oceanfront Spa and Resort is the perfect getaway, conveniently located outside of New York City, along the New Jersey Shoreline in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.