

Canyons of the Ancients

Visitor Center & Museum

A museum interpreting the Ancestral Puebloan pre-history and culture of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument and the Four

and the Four Corners

Corners region.

More than 3.5 million artifacts from Southwest Colorado are curated at the museum and are available for research.

Discover for Yourself



Located just 10 miles north of Cortez, 17 miles from Mesa Verde National Park on the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway.

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Bureau of Land Management 27501 Hwy 184 Dolores, CO 81323 (970) 882-5600

www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/CANM-visitor-center-museum

Museum Hours

Open: 9am-5pm Daily (10am-4pm November-February) Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Museum Shop

Features replicas, cards, posters and an exceptional book collection on native culture, archaeology and more for all ages.

DISCOVER the Ancestral Puebloan story through a trail to Escalante Pueblo, exhibits, a life-size pithouse replica and films.

EXPERIENCE virtual archaeology through unique computer programs

for all ages, special events and quest speakers.

TOUCH the past through hands-on activities for the family including grinding corn, weaving on a loom, using microscopes and touching real artifacts.

EXPLORE and learn about archaeology, local history and Native American lifeways at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Stop by the visitor center and museum.



