

White Sands National Park

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Discover the Park

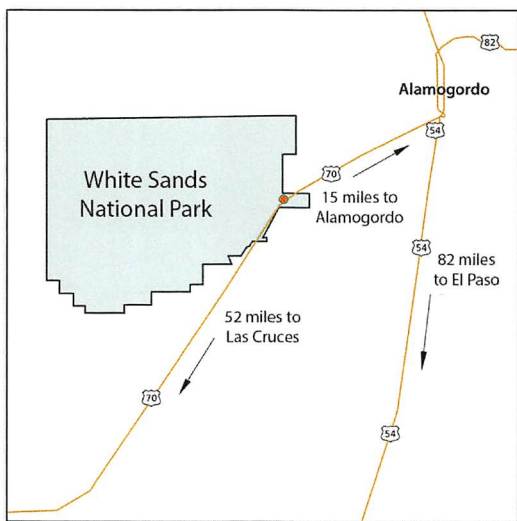
White Sands is located in southern New Mexico, in the heart of the Tularosa Basin. This national park preserves unique resources including the largest active gypsum dune field on the Earth, over 10,000 years of human history, and a stellar night sky.

The one road within the park, Dunes Drive, is a 16 mile scenic loop with ample parking areas for on-foot dune exploration.

Plan Your Visit

Know before you go and arrive prepared. Weather in the high desert can be extreme and unpredictable. Bring at least one gallon of water per person, wear sun protection, expect colder evenings, and carry a charged cell phone.

Hours of operation vary throughout the year. As neighbors of White Sands Missile Range, the park occasionally closes in support of military missions.



Things To Do

Sledding and photography are among the most popular activities. Sleds are available for purchase at the gift shop. Larger, less vegetated dunes are around the Dunes Drive loop, between miles 6 and 8.

Three picnic areas offer shaded tables and charcoal grills.

The museum and theater in

the visitor center, as well as the Interdune Boardwalk, are wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Five established hiking trails range in length from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up to 5 miles and showcase varied scenery. Before hiking, talk to a park ranger for recommendations.

For more information visit:
www.nps.gov/whitesands