

Church Rock – Pyramid Rock

Part of Township 15 N / R 17 W / Sec. 2

If you are in the Four Corners region, reward yourself by exploring the trails at Church Rock and Pyramid Rock! This well-marked trail system is just off Interstate 40, offering the perfect chance to hike amongst the red and yellow striped canyons and sandstone washes of an area full of historic and geologic wonder. The trails start at Red Rock Park and are authorized by an agreement between the State Land Office and the City of Gallup, NM (R-33252).

The trails start out at over 6,500-feet in elevation and can be moderately steep through switchbacks as you approach the peak. The entire trail provides incredible views and there are especially amazing panoramic views of the surrounding canyons once you reach the top of Pyramid Rock. There are informative signs and cairns along this fun path that treats hikers to scenes of spectacular sandstone spires and sagebrush environs. Forming a breath-taking sandstone steeple, Church Rock provides stunning photo opportunities and is even more striking in person.



Getting there: Take Interstate 40 west towards Gallup. Take exit 33 toward McGaffey, NM Hwy 400 South. Turn left onto W. Historic 66 toward the Army Depot. (4.2 miles). Turn right onto NM-566. (1/2 mile). Turn left into Red Rock Park. Follow the signage to either Church Rock or Pyramid Rock trailhead once in the park.



THINGS TO KNOW:

- * A Recreational Access Permit is not required to access these trails due to the recreation easement with the City of Gallup. Recreational users of other State Trust Lands must have a recreational access permit to access these lands. You can apply for the permit here: <https://openforadventure.nmstatelands.org/>
- * Obey all postings/respect private property! No digging for or collecting cultural artifacts!
- * SLO operates under a multiple-use concept therefore visitors may encounter other permitted users on-site.
- * We strongly recommend visitors to trust lands carry and utilize a GPS device to avoid trespassing on to lands not managed by the NMSLO.
- * Visitors are not allowed to manipulate any of the site's improvements and are prohibited from interfering with the ranching operations.
- * Please try to minimize your use footprint and pack out all trash. [Leave No Trace](#).
- * Please be attentive to weather reports. Storms can form quickly.
- * Pack appropriate clothing for the season. During spring, summer and fall, typical day-hiking gear is recommended.
- * Please close the gate after entering the site, even if you find it open, and ensure the gate remains closed.

For more information, please call 505-827-5760