

# Visiting the Historic Toadlena Trading Post

Enjoy the pristine landscape  
of the interior of the Navajo reservation

If you have only experienced the Navajo Reservation as you whiz by on one of the highways that border its 17 million acres, then you are in for a pleasant surprise.



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❏ The reservation is located in the Colorado Plateau region of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico and offers travelers willing to get off the highway a breathtaking view of sandstone cliffs, towering pine trees, and alpine meadows.

Located on the far eastern side of the reservation in western New Mexico, the historic Toadlena Trading Post sits on the east side of New Mexico's Chuska Mountain range, an hour or so drive from the Four Corners area, Farmington, and Gallup.



And talk about views! The trading post is located high above the floor of the valley, affording visitors a 200-mile view of the unique terrain: Shiprock, Chaco Canyon, Beautiful Mountain, the San Juan mountains, and the Bisti Badlands.



## Driving to Toadlena



### From Farmington, NM:

- Take Highway 64 west to the village of Shiprock
- From Shiprock, go south on State Highway 491.

### From the Four Corners region:

- Take Hwy 64 east to State Highway 491 south.

### From Gallup, NM:

- Go north on State Highway 491.

### From all regions, once you are on State Highway 491:

- Travel to road N-19 (just north of the town of Newcomb, NM)
- Turn east at the gas station at the corner of Highway 491 and NR-19; follow the road to Toadlena.

There is plenty of signage to guide you, but make sure you have a map because cellular phone reception is sporadic. As you travel, be on the lookout for a chance to spy a herd of the area's famous sheep, which have been bred for generations to produce an array of natural wool colors not found in other flocks.



## ❖ Lodging

After visiting Toadlena, you can find lodging in the communities of Farmington, Window Rock, or Gallup. Campgrounds are available, on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Chaco Culture National Historical Park in nearby Chaco Canyon, a 34,000 acre park that features 1,200 ancient Anasazi ruins. Other campgrounds are available in the area as well .

### Farmington Hotels

Courtyard Inn  
560 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM  
(505) 325-5111

Best Western Inn & Suites  
700 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM  
(505) 327-5221

Holiday Inn Express  
2110 Bloomfield Boulevard,  
Farmington, NM (505) 325-2545

La Quinta Inn  
675 Scott Ave, Farmington, NM  
(505) 327-4706

Comfort Inn  
555 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM  
(505) 325-2626

Region Inn  
601 E Broadway, Farmington, NM  
(505) 325-1191

Travelodge  
510 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM  
(505) 327-0242

Hampton Inn  
1500 Bloomfield Boulevard,  
Farmington, NM (505) 564-3100

Casa Blanca Inn B&B  
505 East La Plata Street, Farmington,  
NM (800) 550-6503

America's Best Value Inn  
600 E Broadway, Farmington, NM  
(505) 325-2288

## Window Rock Hotels

Quality Inn  
48 West Highway 264, Window Rock, AZ  
(928) 871-4108

## Gallup Hotels

Hampton Inn & Suites  
1460 W. Maloney Avenue, Gallup, NM  
(505) 726-0900

Quality Inn & Suites  
1500 West Maloney Avenue, Gallup, NM  
(505) 726-1000

Sleep Inn  
3820 US 66 East, Gallup, NM  
(505) 863-3535

Ramada Limited  
1440 W Maloney Ave, Gallup, NM  
(505) 726-2700

Royal Holiday  
1903 West Historic Highway 66, Gallup,  
NM  
(505) 722-4900

Best Western  
3010 E Historic Hwy 66, Gallup, NM  
(505) 722-7600

Red Roof Inn  
3304 West Highway 66, Gallup, NM  
(505) 722-7765

Comfort Suites  
3940 East Highway 66, Gallup, NM  
(505) 863-3445

Comfort Inn  
3208 West US 66, Gallup, NM  
(505) 722-0982

## Campgrounds

Sulphur Spring Campground  
Shiprock, NM 87420

Wagon Wheel Campground  
Lukachukai, AZ 86507

Buffalo Pass Campground AZ 86544

Summit Campground  
St Michaels, AZ

Hunters Point Campground  
St Michaels, AZ

## ✦ Other Attractions in the New Mexico Navajo Reservation area

No matter what your interests are, the region around the Historic Toadlena Trading Post will have something to offer you.

### Farmington museums for every taste

If you are staying near Farmington, stop by the Farmington Museum to see “From Dinosaurs to Drill Bits,” an exhibit chronicling the history of oil and gas in the San Juan Basin using top-notch technology. You can also learn about the rich farming history of the town from pioneer settlement to the present day development and growth of the city.

If you are bringing the kids with you, make a point to visit the E3 Children’s Museum and Science Center for a variety of exhibits designed to entertain and educate the kids, ranging from dinosaurs and shadow art to sound and magnetism.

For a mix of nature and technology, go to the B-Square Ranch for the Bolack Museum of Fish and Wildlife and the Bolack Electromechanical Museum. These two museums show the great juxtaposition of the natural



world and human impacts on it throughout history. You will find many artifacts of industrialization in the West and beyond at the B-Square Ranch.

If you long for the days before industrialization, stop by the Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village for a reminder of the history of the American West, from one-room schoolhouses to early agricultural equipment.

Since 1882, railroad tracks from Durango to Silverton have been carrying cargo and passengers by train. Take a ride at the Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum on one of the trains through breathtaking natural scenes such as the San Juan National Forest.



### **Experience nature and Navajo culture**

While you're nearby, you might as well check out Four Corners Tribal Park, the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point. Position yourself so you have one foot in Colorado and the other in Utah, one hand in Arizona and the other in New Mexico, and you will truly be in four states at one time. You will also be able to indulge in some traditional Navajo foods,

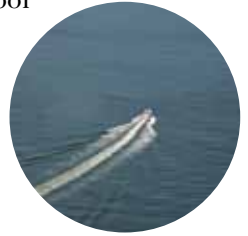


crafts and jewelry at this monument.

The Canyon de Chelly National Monument has one of the longest continuously inhabited areas of our country. The park, home to a living Navajo community, offers a view of authentic Navajo culture through its architecture, artifacts, and geology.



If hands-on outdoor activities are more your style, schedule a day at Navajo Lake State Park, New Mexico's second-largest lake.



Whether hiking, swimming, fishing, or boating, there are endless opportunities to enjoy one of New Mexico's most versatile parks.

One of the most unique attractions you can visit in the area is Bisti/De-na-zin Wilderness near Farmington. The Wilderness was a coastal swamp of an inland sea, which has been forever preserved as a desert wilderness. You will see steeply eroded hills and unusual rock formations that offer signs of the area's past as a habitat for large trees, reptiles, dinosaurs and primitive mammals.



## **For more information**

**If you would like additional information on traveling  
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