

## Durango Travel Information

**D**urango is a major tourist destination throughout the year. The town of thirteen thousand people has more hotels, restaurants and support services than most towns of it's size. When choosing a place to stay in Durango, it is most convenient to stay in the downtown historic district (especially if you will not have personal transportation) as you will be within walking distance of restaurants, shops, grocery stores and the SWA office. However, staying downtown tends to be more expensive than staying further out of town. Call Southwest Adventures for recommendations on out of town accommodations.

**Getting to Durango:** American Airlines flies direct from Dallas and Continental from Houston. United Express flies out of Denver and America West flies out of Phoenix. If you can't fly directly to Durango, another option is to fly to Albuquerque, rent a car and make a 3 hour drive north to Durango or take a commuter flight with Rio Grande Air. We offer free airport transfers for clients doing our multi-day trips throughout the winter, spring and fall months. If you are driving, Durango is 8 hours from Phoenix, 6 1/2 hours from Denver, and 18 hours from Dallas.

**Durango Reservations:** 800-828-4428 or [gdm@durangotravelservices.com](mailto:gdm@durangotravelservices.com) - Flight, hotel and activity reservations. They also offer discounted package options.

**Recommended places to stay in Durango** (reservations recommended). See back page for campgrounds (summer only).

Jarvis Suites Hotel (800) 824-1024: Very convenient, clean and nice. Discount for Southwest Adventures clients.

Durango Lodge: (888) 440-4489: Convenient, next to train station, less expensive, clean and continental breakfast.

Best Western Rio Grande: (800) 245-446: Convenient, next to train station, mid - high price range.

Double Tree (800) 222 - 8733: Convenient, business class hotel. Upper price range.

**Local taxi, airport pick-up and drop-off:** Durango Transportation - 970-247-4161 or 1-800-626-2066

### Recommended Restaurants (Locals choice):

Skinny's -On Main between 10th and 11th

Carver's Bakery - 1022 Main St. Brew pub and restaurant.

Steamworks - 801 E. 2nd Ave. Brew pub and restaurant.

Italian: Ariano's, Mamas Boy.

Continental: Ore House, Randy's, Seasons.

Mexican: Gazpacho, Tequila's.

Seafood: Red Snapper.

### Supermarkets:

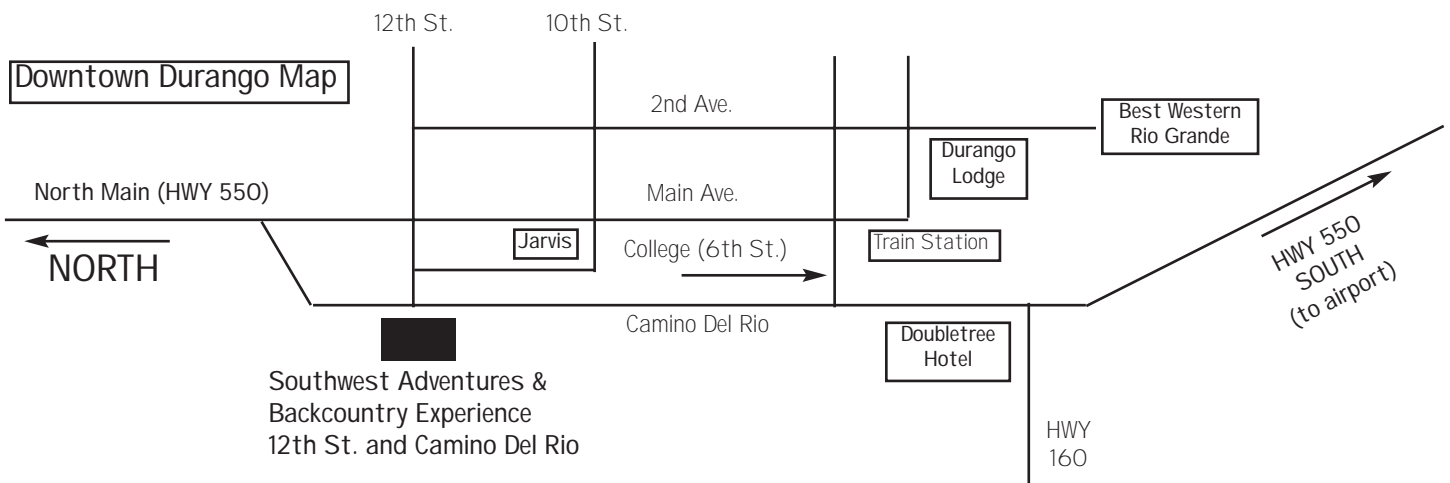
Albertson's - 6th St. & Camino del Rio

City Market South - 9th St. & Camino del Rio

City Market North - 32nd St. & Main Ave.

Nature's Oasis - 11th St. and Camino del Rio

Durango Natural Foods - 8th ave. and College dr.



## CAMPGROUNDS:

**Forest Service Campgrounds** (limited facilities): \$8 per night per site. First come, first serve basis.

Junction Creek Campground - close to downtown Durango, a very nice and convenient site for camping. To get there, drive north on Main Ave. and turn left on 25th St. Follow this road for about 6 miles to the campground entrance on the left.

Haviland Lake Campground - 15 miles north of Durango on Hwy 550.

Chris Park Campground - next to Haviland Lake Campground. This is a group campsite that is reervable for large groups through reserveusa.com or 1-877-444 - 6777.

Purgatory Creek Campground - 25 miles north of Durango, across from Purgatory Ski Area.

**Commercial Campgrounds** - these have full facilities and cost between \$15 and \$35 per night.

Lightner Creek Campground - 970-257-5406. Take Hwy 160 west for three miles. Turn right on Lightner Creek Rd. (County Road 207). Follow this road for three miles to the campground entrance on the left.

United Campground - 970-247-3853. 1 mile north of Durango on Hwy 550.

Ponderosa KOA Campground - 970-247-4499 Drive 10 miles north from Durango on Hwy 550. Turn right on County Road 250. Drive 1/2 mile to campground entrance on right.

Durango East KOA - 970-247-0783. 5 miles east of Durango on Hwy 160.

## Additional Camping Information

Forest Service Information  
970-247-4874

Durango Chamber of Commerce  
970-247-0312 or 800-525-8855