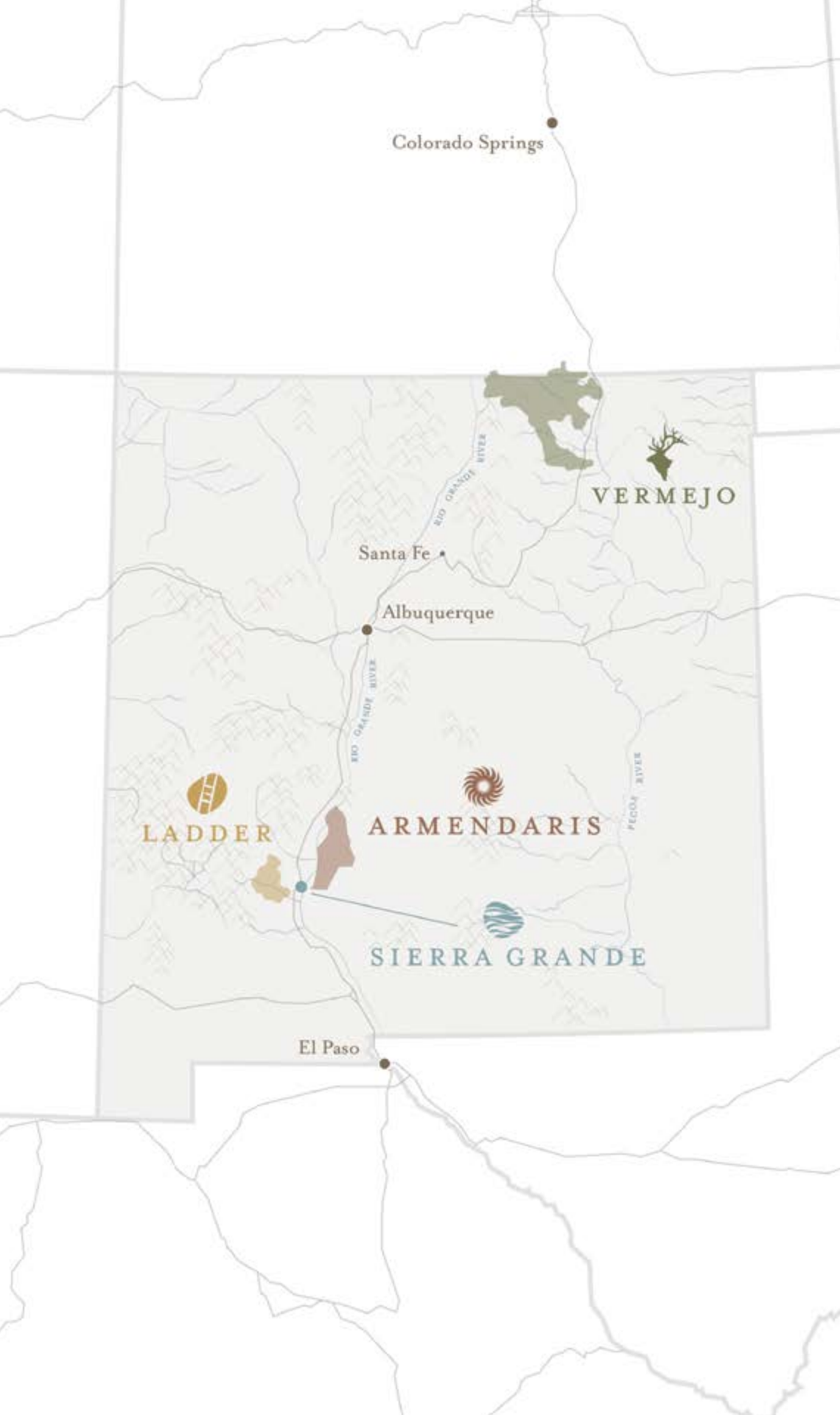




VERMEJO

A TED TURNER RESERVE

PROPERTY GUIDE



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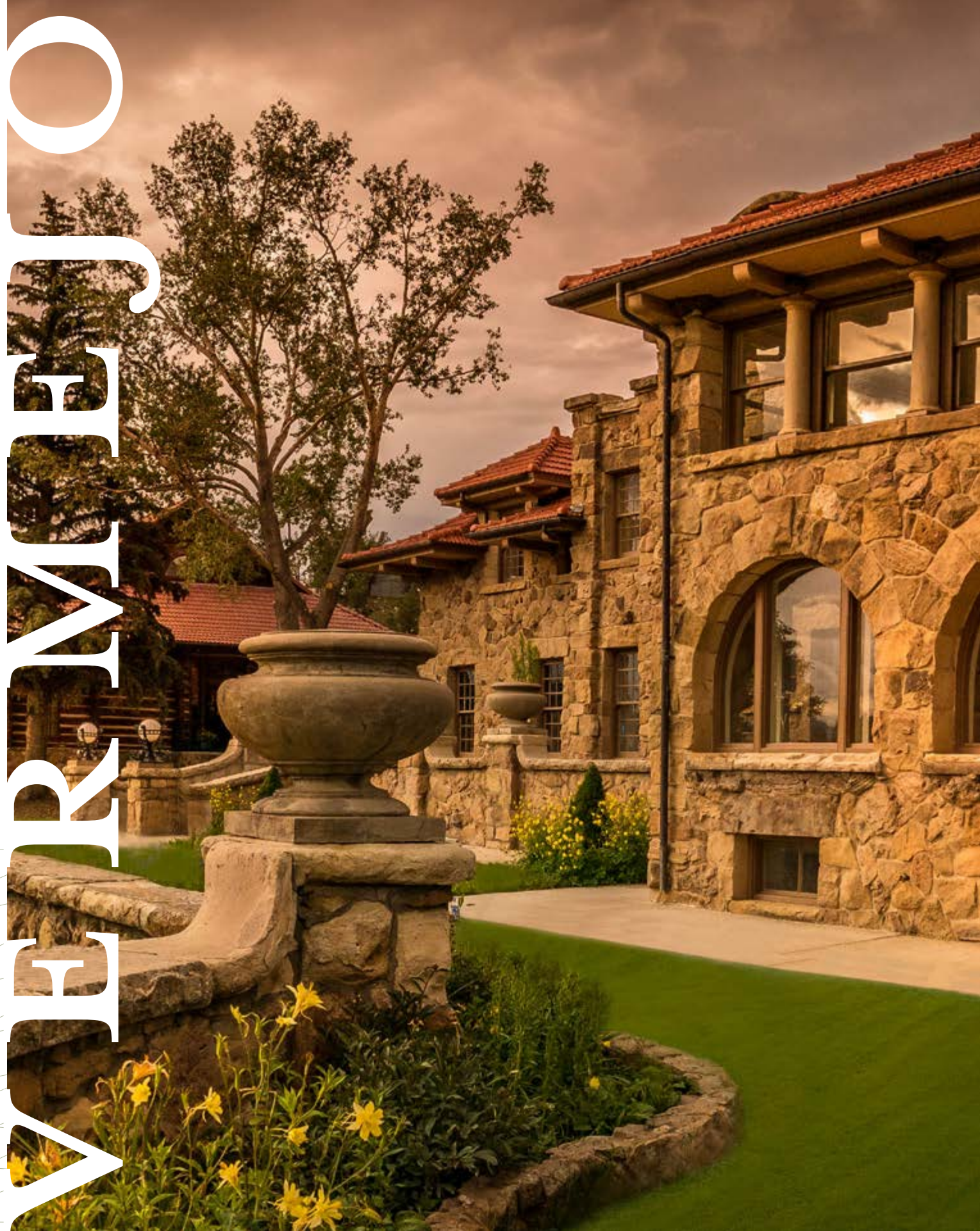
FIND
YOURSELF
IN NATURE

A JEWEL OF NEW MEXICO

Located in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, Vermejo is rich in history, diverse wildlife, and majestic landscapes. Our unique location in the southern Rocky Mountains and extraordinary size, over 550,000 acres, allow for ample year-round outdoor activities and opportunities for guests to enjoy and explore nature.

Ted Turner purchased Vermejo in 1996, with a commitment to conserving both the land and the threatened species that call it home. Because of these efforts, Vermejo is a special place where the ecosystem is balanced and respected.

Our mission is *connecting people with nature*—and perhaps the only thing we love more than Vermejo itself is sharing it with others.





ACTIVITIES

With a property larger than most national parks, Vermejo's outdoor activities are nothing short of spectacular. You'll have 920 square miles at your doorstep, and world-class activity guides ready to show you all that the property has to offer. From hiking across rugged mountain terrain and riding horses through our property's mighty canyons, to observing Vermejo's incredible and diverse wildlife and snapping photos of the stunning Sangre de Cristo sunsets, there's an activity for everyone.



TAILORED EXPERIENCES

We recommend that all our guests use our complimentary itinerary building service by talking with our activities team before they arrive. Our team will work with you to build a personalized adventure featuring activities and amenities tied to your interests, such as horseback riding, relaxing massages, or fitness classes.

GUIDES

Outdoor activities are included in the cost of your stay when self-guided or with a group on the activity schedule. For an additional cost, we have private guides available to take you to our many activity venues and scenic spots on the property for a private tour. Our seasoned guides are well-versed in Vermejo's history, land, and wildlife, and will tailor your activities and explorations to your skill level, ability, and interests.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

With over 10 miles of single-track trails around Headquarters, biking is a great way to explore the property. We recommend scheduling your ride with the activities team, whether guided or not, so that we can ensure we have the right size bike set up and ready to go.

For those who seek an accelerated biking adventure, arrange to have one of our mountain biking guides escort your group through the backcountry on our endless miles of two-track roads. We have state-of-the-art mountain bikes customized just for you.





HIKING

With the differing ecosystems and varied terrain found at Vermejo, we're able to create excursions fit for hikers of all levels and interests. There are over 12 miles of hiking trails that can be accessed directly from Headquarters. We welcome you to hike our scenic trails unguided, but we do offer guided hikes as well.

Our activities team would be happy to schedule time with one of our private guides to make sure you get the most out of our beautiful property. Whether a short stroll along the Vermejo River, or an intense trekking adventure to the top of Big Costilla Peak, our seasoned guides can lead the way.

4 PEAKS IN 5 DAYS TREKKING TOUR

Whether you're a new visitor to Vermejo or a returning guest, our 4 Peaks in 5 Days Tour is perfect for those looking for a bit more adventure. The program is designed specifically for the outdoor enthusiast accustomed to high elevations and rugged terrain.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As the name suggests, participants will ascend four signature Vermejo peaks over the course of five days. On the day of arrival, guests will have plenty of time for acclimation and rest. Orientation and soft tours will be offered on the evening of check-in, with guided hiking commencing the following day with a pre-sunrise departure.

Participants will summit one peak each day of their stay, apart from the third day, which is designed to be a day of rest. On this day, participants may create their own agenda and enjoy any of our great activities such as fishing, sporting clays, horseback rides, historic tours, a massage, or good old-fashioned relaxation. Each evening, guests will return to the Main Lodge for fine dining and a great night's sleep.

4 PEAKS IN 5 DAYS TREKKING TOUR LASTS 5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS

Join our annual group event offered in June or plan your own privately guided excursion anytime.

Due to the physical nature of this program, we require guests to submit a Pre-arrival Hiking History & Health Questionnaire at the time the reservation is made.





FISHING

With 19 fishable lakes and approximately 30 miles of pristine streams, Vermejo is a world-class fishing destination and Orvis-endorsed fly-fishing haven. In the early 1900s, previous owner William Bartlett constructed many of our well-known trout fishing venues on the property, which continue to provide unparalleled sport for anglers of all types.

BEFORE YOU GO

We've made fishing simple for all angling skill levels. Grab a map and gear from our fish house and head out on your own or schedule a private guide to take you right to the best spots. Walk the river banks and sight cast for Rio Grande cutthroat trout, browns, and brookies, enjoy world-class dry fly fishing and nymphing, or cast from one of our many boats.

MOVING WATER

If moving water is your game, our 30 miles of stream provide a casting adventure across varying terrain, where you can reel in wild trout from the meandering waters in the high country or the iconic setting of the Vermejo River. Guests will often notice wildlife such as bison and bald eagles while fishing and enjoying the incredible views of Vermejo's mountain peaks.

Vermejo collaborated with numerous conservation partners to restore the Rio Grande cutthroat trout to the entire Costilla Creek watershed on the property. The Rio Grande cutthroat trout restoration project encompasses more than 100 miles of stream habitat and 18 lakes, providing future generations an opportunity to encounter and catch this native North American trout.





SPORT SHOOTING

Vermejo offers an array of shooting activities designed to be safe and enjoyable for shooters of all levels. Our guides will educate guests on proper firearm safety, technique, and handling, as well as provide all necessary equipment.

5 - STAND

is a great place to get an introduction to firearms and firearm safety, where guests can learn to shoot a gun for the very first time. This range includes a variety of shots from five different shooting stands.

LONG RANGE SHOOTING

is an excellent opportunity for guests to test their marksmanship. Using our high-powered rifles, guests will learn the finer techniques on how to hit a target up to 1,000 yards away.

RIFLE SHOOTING

is another great activity for beginners and experts alike. Our small caliber rifles and reactive targets make this activity one of the most exciting ways to enjoy shooting, while also learning the proper techniques on how to safely handle different types of firearms.

SPORTING CLAYS

involves walking to ten differently configured stations that provide varying levels of difficulty.

Guests can sign up to visit one of our ranges or book a private guide to enjoy all our ranges have to offer.

ARCHERY

If you prefer bow and arrow, experience Vermejo's 3D archery course. Our archery guides will size and fit you with a proper bow and educate you on proper safety handling. This unique course is different than most that simply offer target shooting from one fixed location. Our course has eight well-placed stations of 3D targets depicting different types of animals along a trail. You will hike from one station to the next and test your shooting ability from varying distances, angles, and through obstacles such as trees and bushes.

This course is designed to be enjoyable for all ages and skill levels.

Guests can sign up to visit one of our ranges or book a private guide to have the range all to oneself.



HORSEBACK RIDING

At Vermejo, our equestrian trail system is one of the largest in the United States. With famous trails, such as *Seven Lakes*, *Casias Creek*, *Behind 'the Wall'*, and the *Bernal Trail Ride*, horseback riding is an excellent way to discover some of the property's most magnificent terrain. Riding is available year-round from different locations on the property.

Guests can sign up to participate in our weekly scheduled group rides or receive a personal wrangler at the private guide rate.

WEEKLY GROUP RIDES

FROM HEADQUARTERS

30-minute to 1-hour rides depart twice daily, winding along the Vermejo River

FROM THE HIGH COUNTRY

Our Reserve Ambassadors are happy to plan custom rides that include picnic lunches or allow for a stop along the way for guests to take advantage of some hiking or fishing.

These specially customized rides require advanced planning. Additional charges apply.





FITNESS

True to our mission to connect people with nature, we've created unique ways to bring the gym outside and provide various exercise options for our guests who wish to stay active during their stay.

CLASSES

We offer several complimentary group fitness classes weekly including yoga, power yoga, Pilates, and NatureFit on our fitness trail.

Looking for a private one-on-one class? Schedule certified and skilled instructors through the activities team, for an additional cost.

FITNESS TRAIL

Our adventure fitness trail is a challenging one-mile loop that boasts 5 fitness stations, great views and will be sure to get you sweating, all while immersing you in nature. You are free to use the trail at any time or join a group class.



GEOCACHING

A modern, high-tech treasure hunt, geocaching is a fun way to get outdoors and exercise both mind and body. Using a GPS receiver and a map, guests set out to a specific set of coordinates and find caches hidden around Vermejo's many historical sites. It's a great family activity, and guests of all ages will enjoy learning the property's history and hunting for the prizes.

Our activities team will equip you with a geocaching kit or schedule a private guide to help you along this outdoor treasure hunt.

DISC GOLF

Located near our fitness trail within our Headquarters' complex is a sprawling 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf; however, instead of a traditional golf ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws.

Our activities team can provide you with everything you need to play on your own or with a group.



PHOTOGRAPHY

To help you take home some of Vermejo's legendary beauty, we offer a variety of photography services, workshops, and tours. Whether you are interested in capturing your stay or honing your own skills behind the camera, our professional photographers are ready to assist.

PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Our professional photographers are available to accompany you on your once-in-a-lifetime adventures. Whether fly fishing with your family or enjoying a retreat with friends, our on-site photography services will capture each special moment, allowing you to immerse yourself in nature.

All sessions can be booked through our activities team and include a disc of enhanced images, with an average of 50-80 images per hour. Single, hourly rates, as well as custom-designed packages and albums, are available upon request.

SEASONAL WORKSHOPS

For guests looking to focus on the art of photography during their vacation, we work with renowned professional photographers to offer seasonal workshops that are centered around the most picturesque times of the year.

Each season brings out very special characteristics of Vermejo's landscape. From the abundance of wildlife offspring roaming the property and the summer wildflower season to the brilliant colors of Aspen trees and exciting wildlife displays of elk during the fall, these are the prime opportunities to capture Vermejo at its finest.

PACKAGES RANGE FROM 3-4 DAYS AND INCLUDE ALL ACCOMMODATIONS

Previous tours have included Babes & Blooms and Autumn Elk & Aspens. Information about current workshops is available through our activities team.



DAY TOURS

From sunrise to sunset, day tours are ideal for gaining a fuller understanding of the unique character, historical landmarks, and inhabitants of the property. Using their extensive training and expert knowledge of Vermejo, our seasoned private guides and Natural Resource Specialists will lead you through the property, to explore the plant and wildlife, cultural heritage, and conservation efforts on the land.

HISTORIC TOURS

Vermejo is rich in ancient history dating back to the earliest settlers from centuries ago. Scattered across the property are abandoned turn-of-the-century coal mines and logging operations with remnants of the communities that worked them. Guests can visit adobe ruins, pit houses, charcoal kilns, and other encampments to view some of their artifacts. The property possesses a rich cowboy history, with cowboy camps and abandoned cabins built in the 1920s. From shortgrass prairie to alpine tundra, the incredibly diverse ecosystems of Vermejo provide an unparalleled experience while exploring cultural history.

WILDLIFE TOURS

With over 550,000 acres of property, Vermejo provides dynamic habitats for dozens of mammals and hundreds of bird species. Mule deer, bison, pronghorn, wild horses, elk, and an array of animals make Vermejo one of the best vacation spots in the U.S. to see local wildlife.

Black bears roam the property, alongside rarely seen mountain lions and bobcats. The high country is home to bighorn sheep, pika, the occasional marmot, and the endangered Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

For bird enthusiasts, our five distinct ecosystems create the perfect chance to encounter a wide variety of bird types, from the colorful western tanager to the elusive mountain plover.



CONSERVATION & ECO TOURS

Vermejo is known for being economically self-sustaining while remaining ecologically sensitive to the environment. Be part of the action by volunteering in one of Vermejo's conservation projects. The eco tours reveal how Vermejo keeps everything balanced to create a beautiful picture of sustainability.

UNIQUE ACCESS

We have several Natural Resource Specialists on staff that are eager to teach and share their passion for the work they do at Vermejo. Guests can schedule an educational session with specialists to learn about bison management and the incredible efforts Ted Turner has exercised to save our national mammal. Alternatively, guests can spend an afternoon with a forestry specialist to gain an understanding of how we responsibly care for and protect our forests and prairies.



THE VERMEJO SPA

Take some time for yourself. The Vermejo Spa offers rejuvenating wellness programs and deeply therapeutic experiences. Our comprehensive wellness sessions and treatment packages can be tailored to your specific needs, offering services such as European rose mud body wraps, hot stone massages, hair and scalp treatments, and aromatherapy packages.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR SPA SERVICE, PLEASE CALL THE FRONT DESK AT 575.445.3097

Availability is limited—to ensure you have the opportunity to enjoy the spa's services, please make your reservation well in advance. We are happy to cancel or reschedule your service at no charge with at least 24-hour notice.



VERMEJO DINING

Vermejo's talented culinary staff is dedicated to using the finest and freshest local ingredients to prepare exceptional dishes to please all palates. Vermejo's on-site garden allows our culinary team to showcase seasonal flavors and diverse menu options. Our staff will be happy to recommend a wine pairing for each entrée from our extensive wine collection.

CURATED DINING

Take fine dining to the next level. From an intimate 5-course wine and food pairing dinner for two to sunset cocktails at Castle Rock, we offer a variety of uniquely crafted dining experiences that ensure a truly memorable occasion.

COOKING CLASS

Hone your culinary skills side-by-side with our Master Chefs. Our cooking classes are inspired by the season and will feature locally sourced ingredients paired with modern and traditional cooking techniques.

SAMPLE CLASSES

Gnocchi, Bread, Ricotta Cheese, Trout & Game Meats, Greenhouse Garden Salad & Dressing

Dinner reservations are available for patrons not staying at the property but are subject to availability and current overnight occupancy.

Advance booking required. Additional charges apply.

For more information, please contact the front desk at 575.445.3097.



ACCOMMODATIONS

An adventurous vacation experience, a stimulating corporate retreat, or an exhilarating weekend getaway—whatever your reason for visiting our property, Vermejo promises outstanding guest service matched by our magnificent setting, spectacular wildlife, and exceptional cuisine.

Vermejo has several accommodation options to choose from when planning your perfect getaway. Whether you're looking to stay at the luxurious 25,000-square-foot Casa Grande estate, the eco-friendly mountaintop Costilla Lodge, or an intimate historic cottage, Vermejo staff is happy to assist in selecting the perfect option for you.





CASA GRANDE

Mr. Turner's former residence offers a uniquely grand experience for guests at Vermejo. Meticulously remodeled in its original Shingle and Victorian style, this 25,000-square-foot house offers 7 guest rooms, each with a private bath. The mansion was originally constructed between 1907-1909 by Joseph Lyman Silsbee (1848-1913), mentor to legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Special features of Casa Grande include a ballroom, a billiard room, a conservatory, and two pianos—a 1905 Steinway Concert Grand piano and an 1886 Steinway upright.

Casa Grande is the ideal setting for a group of families, friends, or a corporate retreat and is available to book per room, or as a buyout.



COSTILLA LODGE

Located at an elevation of 10,200 feet, and twenty-five miles from the Main Lodge, Costilla Lodge offers the ultimate high country getaway. Constructed using the property's own timber and stone, Costilla includes eight private guest rooms and baths, with grand views and balcony from each room. Surrounded by alpine prairie and rocky mountain wildlife, with an impressive two-story central living area complete with an elaborate stone fireplace, this is the perfect respite for your family vacation.

Costilla has received a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Costilla Lodge is an ideal setting for a group of family, friends, or a corporate retreat and is available to book per room or as a buyout.





THE COTTAGES

William H. Barlett, a grains dealer from Chicago, purchased the Vermejo property in 1901. Barlett's first step to building his ideal mountain hideaway was to develop cottages for his family and staff. To this day, Barlett's five cottages still stand, offering the perfect setting for parties seeking a bit more privacy. Each cottage is fashioned as a charming home away from home and has a special tie to Vermejo's history.

CHANDLER COTTAGE

Originally built for Vermejo's secretary in the Bartlett era, this graceful two-story guest cottage is just across the lawn from the Main Lodge. The newly renovated 4-bedroom house is named after Harry Chandler, former Los Angeles Times publisher who formed the Vermejo Club, a group of individuals including Herbert Hoover, Harvey Firestone, Cecil B. DeMille, Douglas Fairbanks, and Mary Pickford, who used Vermejo as a private haven in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Chandler Cottage features a King Suite and a single Queen Suite downstairs, alongside a welcoming living room and wet bar. Upstairs, it has two single Queen rooms with their own baths.

BARTLETT COTTAGE

Formerly the men's quarters, this two-story, five-bedroom, recently renovated cottage reflects the elegant style of Casa Grande. Bartlett Cottage includes King bedroom suites each with large private baths, and one room with two Queen beds and a private bath. A large living space with a wet bar provides a delightful gathering spot, perfect for families or groups.

GOURLEY COTTAGE

This five-bedroom accommodation once housed Vermejo's staff butler. Three of the rooms have private baths, while the two downstairs bedrooms share a bath. Like most of the other buildings within short walking distance to the Main Lodge, Gourley Cottage sits in dignified solitude across the manicured lawn.

PENNZOIL COTTAGE

Former property owner William Bartlett built this home to accommodate the physician treating Barlett's ailing son, Norman, at the time. With spectacular views of the Vermejo Valley, this four-bedroom house offers a cozy living room and complete privacy.

MAXWELL COTTAGE

Once a historic washroom, Vermejo guests now enjoy Maxwell Cottage's spacious living area and three bedrooms. Maxwell also features a small kitchen equipped with a full-sized refrigerator, flat-top stove with four burners, microwave, and coffee pot. A large side yard allows guests to catch glimpses of elk and deer while sipping their morning coffee.



ABOUT TED TURNER

Founder of CNN, Professional Sports Team Owner, Sailing Champion, Restaurateur, Philanthropist, Conservationist—Ted Turner's many titles are as diverse and impressive as his renowned legacy.

Ted Turner's appreciation for nature runs deep, compelling him to work tirelessly through his private company, Turner Enterprises, and his various foundations in support of land and species conservation. Turner has given millions to programs for improving air and water quality, developing a sustainable energy future to protect our climate, safeguarding environmental health, and protecting wildlife and habitats to maintain biodiversity.

Ted Turner wishes to share his love of nature and discovery in the hope that those visiting his properties will develop a deeper appreciation for and awareness of what our Earth has to offer and, just as importantly, a shared responsibility for the well-being of our environment.



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE.

As stewards of spectacular biodiverse lands, we are committed to restoring, sharing, and safeguarding America's wild places for future generations, while providing an inspiring guest experience that showcases our planet's natural treasures. We proudly collaborate with the important environmental preservation and wildlife restoration projects, funded by the Turner Foundation and Turner Endangered Species Fund, to make a positive impact on the world around us. We welcome you to witness conservation in action while enjoying the holiday of a lifetime.

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