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## Experience Ruidoso, New Mexico

Nestled between tall pines and mountain vistas at an elevation of 6,900 feet, Ruidoso is home to Presbyterian Lincoln County Medical Center, which has served the community and surrounding areas since 1950 when the facility first opened as the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley General Hospital. Lincoln County Medical Center is owned by the County of Lincoln, and since 1972, Lincoln County Medical Center has been leased and managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

### The Community

With a population of nearly 20,000, the Lincoln County area offers many larger-town amenities in a smaller-community environment, including:

- Five public [school districts](#) throughout the area and a branch campus of [Eastern New Mexico University](#) that offers associate degrees and various certificate programs
- Many [real estate](#) listings for move-in-ready homes, including gated communities and country club memberships, as well as developments for building or purchasing land close to town for ranching
- Active [chamber of commerce](#), community groups and recreational activities including Little League
- Many [local churches](#) of various religious affiliations

### Things to Do

The Village of Ruidoso and the surrounding areas offer a wide range of activities for both visitors and residents. From outdoor adventures to art galleries and theaters, some of the fun things to do include:

- Skiing and snowboarding at [Ski Apache](#) on the sacred Sierra Blanca Mountain
- Fishing and other water activities at Grindstone Lake, Mescalero Lake, Alto Lake and Rio Ruidoso
- Hiking and biking along many tree-lined [trails](#) and other various [outdoor activities](#)
- Exploring state parks, including [Historic Lincoln](#) (home of Billy the Kid) and [Smokey Bear State Park](#)
- [Golfing](#) at one of the seven different public and private courses
- Shopping in the walkable [Midtown Shopping District](#) for unique clothing, art and restaurants
- Attending the horse races at [Ruidoso Downs Racetrack](#), home of the All-American Futurity, the richest Quarter Horse race in the U.S.
- Seeing a show at [Spencer Theater](#) or touring one of the many local [artist](#) galleries
- Relaxing at the [Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort](#) for a close-to-home getaway



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