

DIRECTIONS

Taos Ski Valley, as the name suggests, is a small, relaxed ski area approximately 15 miles from the town of Taos, New Mexico, in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Elevation is at 9200 feet. Summer daytime temperature ranges from 70-78, often with afternoon showers, and can be cold at night and in the morning, so plan to dress in layers. Since some people react to high elevation at first, be prepared for the possibility of lightheadedness, fatigue, or headaches. The air is dry so plan to drink a lot of water. Bring sunscreen. Bring a swim suit for the hot tub and hiking boots for the trails.

Websites: www.taosskivalley.com; www.taosguide.com; www.taosvacationguide.com;
www.columbineinntaos.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM TAOS TO TAOS SKI VALLEY AND COLUMBINE INN

The Columbine Inn & Conference Center is located 18 miles north of Taos, New Mexico. From Albuquerque or Santa Fe, proceed north on Hwy 68/64 through the town of Taos to the intersection of Hwy 68/64, Hwy 522, and Hwy 150. The intersection is 3 miles north of Taos and there is a Texaco station on the corner. Turn right at the intersection onto Hwy 150 and go 13.5 miles where you will see the Village of Taos Ski Valley sign. We are on the left side of Hwy 150, 200 yards past the village sign. You will see our sign on the left.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO TAOS

From Albuquerque: I-25 to Santa Fe; exit on 599 north to by-pass Santa Fe; Hwy. 285 to Hwy. 68 to Taos.

From Arizona: I-40 to Albuquerque; I-25 to Santa Fe; Hwy. 285 to Hwy. 68 to Taos.

From Denver: I-25 to Colorado Springs to Walsenburg; Hwy. 160 to Fort Garland; Hwy. 159 and Hwy. 522 to Taos.

From Vail: I-70 to Copper Mountain; Hwy. 91 to Leadville; Hwy. 24 and Hwy. 17 to Alamosa; Hwy. 285 to Tres Piedras; Hwy. 64 to Taos.

From Breckenridge: Hwy. 9 to Fairplay; Hwy. 285 and Hwy. 17 to Alamosa; Hwy. 285 to Tres Piedras; Hwy. 64 to Taos.

From Crested Butte: Hwy. 135 to Gunnison; Hwy. 50 to Hwy. 285 to Hwy. 17 to Alamosa; Hwy. 285 to Tres Piedras; Hwy. 64 to Taos.

From Purgatory/Durango: Hwy. 160 to Pagosa Springs; Hwy. 84 to Chama; Hwy. 17 to Antonito; Hwy. 285 to Tres Piedras; Hwy. 64 to Taos.

From West Texas: I-40 to Clines Corners; Hwy. 285 to I-25 to Santa Fe; Hwy. 285 to Hwy. 68 to Taos.

DRIVING DISTANCES/APPROXIMATE TIMES TO TAOS

Albuquerque 135 mi./2:15
Breckenridge 263 mi/4:00
Colorado Springs 230 mi./3:45
Crested Butte 271 mi/4:15
Dallas 682 mi/10:30
Denver 300 mi/4:30
Durango 208 mi/3:15
El Paso 400 mi/6:00
Phoenix 568 mi/8:30
Santa Fe 72 mi/1:15
Telluride 324 mi/5:00
Tucson 569 mi/8:30
Vail 276 mi/4:30

TRANSPORTATION

NOTE: Shuttle trips can sometimes take longer than the shuttle company indicates. The drive to the Columbine Inn takes 2 ½ to 3 hours by car, however the shuttle makes stops in various areas and can take up to 5 hours total. Anyone who wants to send their travel dates and info to other participants in order to arrange to share car rentals should contact the GTT office several weeks before the module.

Airlines Servicing Albuquerque, Denver & Colorado Springs: America West, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Mesa Air, Southwest (Abq. only), TWA, United, US Air,

Car Rental Companies

Dollar. Taos Airport office, 800-800-4000, 505-758-3500

Enterprise. Taos office, Paseo del Pueblo Sur, 505-737-0514

Available out of Albuquerque, Denver & Colorado Springs: Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Thrifty

Albuquerque to Santa Fe & Taos Airport Shuttles

Both shuttle companies will take you directly to the Columbine Inn. You must make reservations in advance.

1) Twin Hearts Express. 800-654-9456, 505-751-1201. Four trips from Albuquerque airport daily at 11:30 am, 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 pm. \$60 one way or \$115 round trip. They make lots of stops. It takes 2 to 2.5 hours to get either direction.

2) Faust's Transportation. Told us they no longer make scheduled trips. They will take one to four passengers by appointment, \$300 per one-way trip.

www.newmexicoliving.com/faust.htm 888-830-3410, 505-758-3410. faustbus@laplaza.org

Local Transportation

Chile Line Town of Taos Transit. Around town - 50¢ per trip. Three routes starting at 7am. 751-4459, town.taos.nm.us or atrujillo@town.taos.nm.us

Taos County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau

Members of the Taos County Chamber of Commerce welcome you to Taos. More than 650 businesses representing the wide range of services available in our area. When you arrive in Taos, stop by the Taos Visitor Center at Hwy. 68 and Paseo del Cañon and let friendly professionals help you plan your stay here. For more information ahead of time call: 800-816-1516 or visit taoschamber.com