



# UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK

## 2026 TOUR INFORMATION AND COSTS

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**Tribal Park Visitor Center:** Corner of Highway Junction 160/491, 20 Miles South of Cortez, Co.

**Main Tribal Park Office:** 480 Sunset Blvd., Towaoc, Colorado

**Park Office operating hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday Mountain Standard Time

**Tours Conducted:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturdays

Come experience a trip back into time and learn a special Native American interpretation of the culturally diverse homelands of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Spend time in our incomparable Ute Mountain Tribal Park with one of our knowledgeable Native American Ute tour guides. Guides interpret Ute\* Indian History, Ute pictographs, geological land formations, and Ancestral Pueblo\* petroglyphs, artifacts, and dwellings.

The **half-day tours** will visit Ancestral Pueblo petroglyphs, scenic lands, Ute pictographs panels, geological land formations, and surface sites. All sites on the half-day tour are within a short walking distance of the gravel road. The **full day tours** require additional time and effort. It involves a three-mile walk on unpaved trails and a climb of five ladders to visit four well preserved canyon cliff dwellings in Lion Canyon. A round trip drive on gravel and dirt roads from the Tribal Park Visitor Center is 80 miles for the full day tour and 40 miles round trip for the half-day tour. **Check in time is 8:30 A.M. and departure time into the park is 9:00 A.M.** Tours begin at the **Tribal Park Visitor Center/Museum** 20 miles south of Cortez, Colorado, at Highway Junction 160/491.

**HALF DAY (EASY): 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. \$40.00 PER PERSON/PER DAY**  
(1:00 p.m. Half day tours can be arranged with prior notice for 5 people & over)

**FULL DAY (ACTIVE): 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. \$50.00 PER PERSON/PER DAY**

**SPECIAL TOURS TO REMOTE SECTIONS OF THE PARK: \$60.00 PER PERSON/ PER DAY**  
(Minimum of four up to twelve people, children's rates do not apply, remote area tours to Porcupine House, Two Story House, Casa Colorado, Pool Canyon, Morris 3 Cliff Dwelling, and She House.  
**Mileage of \$35.00 round trip fee for these six archeological sites.)**

**TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE TRIBAL PARK: \$18.00 PER PERSON** (Round trip from Tribal Park Visitor Center into the Park)

**TOUR PARTICIPANTS 3 TO 12 PEOPLE TRANSPORTED FROM CORTEZ, COLORADO \$30.00 PER PERSON ROUND TRIP.**

**TOUR FEES ARE SEPARATE, CHILDRENS TRANSPORTATION RATES DO NOT APPLY.**

**CAMPING AT PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND IN MANCOS CANYON: \$25.00 PER-VEHICLE / PER DAY**  
(Prior reservations and permit required to camp. Camp fire wood, outdoor rest rooms, drinking & utility water available at the campground. **Campers must bring additional water**)

**CABIN RENTAL: \$22.00 PER DAY**  
(Located at the Tribal Park Primitive Campground.)

**PRIVATE TOURS: \$100.00 PER PERSON** (Minimum 2 people. Children's rates do not apply)

**\*\*TRIBAL TAX CHARGE AT: 7% ON TOUR FEE. (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6, 2025)\*\***



### **SPECIAL TOUR FEE RATES:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade is **\$12.00 per student** and grades 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are **\$20.00 per student**. School group tour conducted for up to 12 students only. School groups to reserve tours in advance.

***Rates for children within a family apply for the full and half day tour: eight and under \$10.00 each and children 9 to 15 years of age are \$20.00 per each child.***

**No senior rates apply. A half tour fee deposit is required and full payment due on the day of tour. Tour Reservation**

**Cancellation:** Tour fee deposits are refundable with one week's notice before reserved date only. The cost of a refund will be taken out from the paid tour fee. UMTTP tour weather/road condition cancellation- tour fee refunds must be requested within five days of a cancelled tour. Tour fee payments- **not accepted are debit or credit cards**. Accepted are cash, traveler's checks, money orders, and personal checks (from N.M., Co., Ariz. and Utah). **Military Discount:** Active members of the military will be given a 50% discount with proof of military identification (discount for active military members only). Credit cards, National Park Service's GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORTS and other passes are not valid here.

### **ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION**

**Water or food is not available** in the Park, but water and soft drinks are available for purchase at the Tribal Park Visitor Center/Museum. Bring plenty of drinking water, lunch for the all day trip, insect repellent, sun screen, a hat and sturdy hiking shoes. Have a full tank of gasoline if driving your own vehicle. **No dogs are allowed. Professional photography or camera tripod setup is not allowed. Smoking is not allowed in transport vehicles. Tours are not conducted on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, or major National & Tribal Holidays. Please inform the tour guide of serious health problems.** Visitors should have their own insurance. The Ute Mountain Tribal Park may cancel out tours due to bad weather or impassable roads. Tours are offered to the public from late April to October. Ute Mountain Tribal Park Visitor Center elevation is approximately 5,000 feet above sea level and North Lion Canyon trailhead 6,710 feet of sea level. Children's rate within a family do not apply on tour specials, private tours, and remote tours. Tour reservations can be set by e-mail or phone Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A tour confirmation letter will be sent out to Staff have a half hour lunch breaks.

**YOU MUST HAVE A UTE GUIDE TO ENTER THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBAL LAND.**

**WE DO NOT ALLOW SELF-GUIDED TOURS.**

***The Ute Mountain Tribal Park has the right to close off tour areas for cultural or preservation reasons.***

***And roads conditions at any time. Please communicate by phone or e-mail informing you are arriving for the tour.***

***Ute Mountain Ute Tribe/ Ute Mountain Tribal Park and its employees are not liable for illnesses, accidents, thefts, and injuries.***

**\*The Ute Mountain Utes** are the Weenuche band of Utes, one of the seven original Ute bands that inhabited the entire state of Colorado. The Ute Mountain Utes presently reside on their reservation in southwestern Colorado.

**\*Ancestral Pueblo, or Anasazi,** were people of the Pueblo culture. These Pueblo people resided in the four corners' areas (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona) until about 1300 AD. The Puebloan tribes are presently living in the states of Arizona and New Mexico and are the descendants of the Ancestral Pueblo.

**\*On May 2, 1972, the Mancos Canyon Historic District was listed in the National Registrar of Historic Places. The boundaries basically include the present Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Historic District numbers 5LP305 and 5MT4342.**

