

North Mesa Stables, Arenas, and Rodeo Grounds

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North Mesa Stables, Arenas, and Rodeo Grounds

The North Mesa stables, arenas and rodeo grounds are a public park that provides access to amenities for Equestrian enthusiasts to include trail riding, dressage, Western and English riding. Round pens and transient pens are available for use. Horses have long

occupied this Pajarito Plateau. From the Spanish conquest to farming, to the Boys Ranch School, then military mounts and security patrol to present-day equestrian enthusiasts for skill and pleasure, horses have been present and valued. The North Mesa stables have been part of the Los Alamos Community since 1947. The original location used for stables is now the high school football practice field and the Catholic Church. The second stable space was at 35th and Diamond (the Denver Steels area). The stables moved to North Mesa at the location of the present-day Broadview subdivision, and finally to its current location. Arenas were built, and Lots were “rented” from the AEC, and later Los Alamos County.

The current Park is divided into the Arenas, which are a public park, and privately licensed stable lots.

Additional information and fees are provided below. For more information, contact Parks at [505-662-8159](tel:505-662-8159).

North Mesa Horse Stables

The stables are operated by the Los Alamos County Parks and Open Space Division and is part of the North Mesa Stables Park.

There are a total of 122 stable lots in a range of sizes. Refer to monumentation map for sizes. Stable licenses are available to Los Alamos County residents. Residents are required to sign a license agreement and pay a licensing fee. Lots are inspected and licenses are renewed on an annual basis. Improvements to a stable lot, such as structures or fencing, are individually owned by the licensee occupying the lot, and the licensee pays property tax on the value of the improvements. Whenever a licensee vacates a lot, the improvements are available for purchase from the owner. Should a set of improvements come into the possession of Los Alamos County, they will be made available through a public process. (LINK to county owned)

The use of the lots is for the principal purpose of stabling domestic equines. At least one equine is required. Other livestock listed below are permitted.

- REQUIRED at least one Equine
- Horses, ponies, mules, hinnies, donkeys of any sex
- Goats (except unaltered male goats), sheep, cattle (no Bulls), llamas, alpacas;
- Fowl and rabbits

In 2016 a Monumentation Survey was conducted for each individual lot to accurately account for each stable lot size and location. In 2021, the [Monumentation Map\(PDF, 6MB\)](#) was officially completed and recorded in the County Clerk’s office.

Stable License Agreement

License agreements are only available to Los Alamos County Residents and are renewed on an annual basis. Licensees are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their licensed lot/s. (Insert Rules Linke HERE) Please contact the Parks Department at [\(505\) 662-8159](tel:505-662-8159) or lacrec@lacnm.us to inquire about license agreements or to obtain a list of Improvements that may currently be for sale. Please read the rules before applying.

[Stable Rules & Regulations \(PDF, 203KB\)](#) (Effective March 5, 2023)

The license rate can be found in the fee structure in the link below. The square footage is calculated using the recorded Monumentation Map. Fees and charges are covered by the Use and Rentals of County Facilities. (Link to 1735)

Maintenance

The North Mesa Stables, outside of the individually licensed lots, are maintained by the Los Alamos County Parks and Open Space Division. The county is responsible for road maintenance, manure pick up from the provided bins, the common space, and weed control along the roads and common space, adequate water to the lots, twice yearly refuse rollofs, administration. See Stable Rules and Regulations for additional information. For issues or concerns, contact staff at [\(505\) 662-8159](tel:505-662-8159).

North Mesa Arenas

The Arenas at the North Mesa Stables are a public park, and open to the general public for livestock and equestrian use. Canine use by written permission from Community Services Department.

General Conduct for All Arenas

- All domesticated animals must be controlled by leash or other restraining devices.
- No glass containers may be brought into the arena area.
- No congregating is permitted at the arena after 10:00pm or before 5:00am.****check times*****
- There shall be no breach of the peace: no person may perform, engage in, instigate and/or encourage contention or fight, or assault a person.

- Leave no trace. Please clean up after yourself.
- At no time may a domesticated animal injure, molest or intimidate another individual or animal.
- No storage of non-county owned equipment is permitted without permission.
- Put away any arena equipment to its designated location.
- Riders moving at a faster gait must move to the inside and slower riders to the outside.

Prohibited Behaviors, Actions and Uses Within Park Property (all Arenas)

- Use of the arena as a dog park
- Open Fires
- Use of arenas for commercial use without authorization.
- Any unauthorized motorized vehicles beyond parking lot
- High speed activities that create damage to the footing or the facility, or disrupt others enjoyment in sharing the arena
- Littering and/or dumping
- Posting of signs or advertisements without authorization
- Possession or discharge of any fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics
- Damage, defacement, disturbance, or destruction of any building, sign, or equipment (vandalism)
- Intentional disturbance, harassment, or injury to any animal or person
- Possession and/or use of illegal drugs
- Public intoxication via drugs or alcohol within the park (indoors and out)
- Sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit and proper liquor license
- Throwing or launching projectile objects in such a way as to annoy, interfere, impede, or endanger another park patron
- Urinating or defecating on park property other than in the places officially provided
- Engaging in any public sexual or indecent act within the arena property (indoors or out)

- Servicing of automobiles on park property, including but not limited to, washing, repairing, or performing other work, except in cases of emergency
- Carrying possessing or discharging a bow and arrow, dart, firearm, knife with a blade of more than three (3) inches in length, or other dangerous weapons on arena property, excluding law enforcement officers
- No smoking?

North Mesa Indoor Arena

The Indoor Arena was completed in 2013 after a lengthy community effort.

The primary use of this indoor facility is for exercising horses. Other animal-related groups in the community may also use the facilities, such as, but not limited to, the Search and Rescue dogs, 4H Club and dog training organizations for training and animal-related events.

CAPACITY - 49 people as set by the Los Alamos County Fire Marshall

Guidelines and Etiquette for the Indoor Arena

This arena is intended for shared use by our public. These guidelines are intended to help keep all riders/arena participants and their animals safe while using the arena, and keep the facility itself in good condition for years of enjoyment by the Los Alamos equine community:

- Before entering the arena, call "DOOR" loudly and wait 10 seconds or for an affirmative response that it is safe to enter.
- If someone falls off, please bring your animal to a halt.
- Mount your animal in the southwest corner of the arena near the light switch and at the mounting block
- Communicate with other riders/arena participants to avoid possible conflicts or accidents.
- Be considerate of novice riders/handlers and animals, give them extra space and never pass them closely or go fast.
- Pass to the left side when passing another rider going the opposite direction.
- Keep door closed while using the arena.

- Practice safe riding and safe spacing distances between horses.
- Always stay alert and courteous to others.
- Remove manure from the arena into the bins provided
- Unmounted minors must be seated or against the wall so as not to endanger themselves or the riders

Type of Scheduling

- **General open use** - first come, first use. Open to the Public.
- **Priority Use** - Day and times to be set for specific type of use (dog club, livestock groups, and clubs, etc.)
- **Reserved/Exclusive Use** - Exclusive use for clinics or other livestock related activity by an organization or group or individual is scheduled through the PROS Division at [505-662-8159](tel:505-662-8159). A certificate of liability insurance must be provided and a fee paid. (LINK TO 1735).

Brewer Rodeo Arena

The Brewer Arena was named in honor of Lionel Brewer, an early and longtime supporter of the Stables and Arenas.

The Brewer Arena is an outdoor regulation sized rodeo arena equipped with attached stock pens and chutes. Additional features include bleachers, tough shed show office, and a crow's nest. Horses with riders have priority over horse turnout in the arena. Please keep the gates closed. ***A schedule and instructions should be posted to show how to turn on and off the lights.

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Red Jackson Dressage and Jump Arena

Red Jackson was a truck driver and a heavy equipment operator. Red Jackson was a long-time member of the Sherriff's Posse. He volunteered his time as a heavy equipment operator for the County of Los Alamos. In the 1990's, he built and maintained the Dressage and Jump arena for the Equestrian Club. A Dedication Ceremony of the Los Alamos County Red Jackson Dressage and Jump Arena was held June 7, 1992, at the Sheriff's Posse Shack.

The Red Jackson Arena is located directly east of the Brewer Rodeo Arena . The arena features dressage letters, stadium jumps and cross country jumps. No horse turnout is permitted in this arena. Please keep the gates closed and respect the equipment.

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(Rates available in form 1735 -link here) Discuss rates with county

Trail Arena

The Trail Arena is also located directly east of the Brewer Rodeo Arena, It is a smaller fenced area that contains Trail type obstacles.

Round Pens (should be separated into stable section)

Three Round Pens are available to exercise your equine. Round pens are on a first-come basis, at no charge to the individual user. Please be courteous and not monopolize the pens.

Transient Pens

Transient Pens are located south of the Trail Arena and are available for temporary stabling for no more than 7 days. No buckets or services are provided. An agreement with PROS for the use of these pens is required. Contact ([LINK](#))

STOCK PENS

The Stock pens are attached to the Rodeo arena and are also available for temporary or seasonal livestock use. No buckets or services are provided, and manure removal is required. An agreement with PROS for the use of these pens is required. Contact ([LINK](#))

(Rates available in form 1735 -[link here](#)) Discuss rates with county

Webtrack Facility Search

Brewer Arena

Call to reserve the arena. Explain Why Brewer arena is named after Lionel Brewer.

Give the purpose of the Arena.

Remove: Facility rental fees, link to 1735, remove covid safety protocols

Indoor Arena

Call to reserve the arena.

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Add: Occupancy of 49 as per fire marshal

Red Jackson Dressage and Jumping Arena

Photo error (current photo is trail arena)

Call to reserve the arena.

Give the purpose of the Arena.

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Trail Arena

Give the purpose of the Arena.

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Round Pens

Title error (listed as North Mesa Therapeutic Equestrian Arena)

The round pens are available on a first come first serve basis,

Give the purpose of the round pens.

No fee for the use of the round pen.