

North Mesa Stables, ~~Arena~~Arenas, and Rodeo Grounds

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North Mesa Stables, ~~Arena~~Arenas, and Rodeo Grounds

The North Mesa stables, ~~arena~~arenas and rodeo grounds are a public park that ~~provide~~provides access to amenities for Equestrian enthusiasts to include ~~trial~~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).

Check Availability

North Mesa Stables Lot Draw Information

The Los Alamos County Parks Division kicks-off the North Mesa Stables lot reallocation draw process on May 22, 2024. The random draw selection process includes a registration period, followed by the draw itself. The North Mesa Stables area is public land owned by Los Alamos County. Separate stable lots are individually licensed to residents on an annual basis, but the improvements on each lot are owned by the licensee. Los Alamos County has one lot – 143, for which improvements and associated lot license will be made available through the draw process. Click the link below for the registration form.

[Registration Form\(DOCX, 47KB\)](#)

North Mesa Horse Stables

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

There are a total of 122 stable lots ranging in size, small lots averaging 3,600 square feet a range of sizes. Refer to large lots, averaging 13,081 square feet. monumentation map for sizes. Stable lots licenses are available to Los Alamos County residents who. 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 current licensee occupying the lot and whenever, 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 are is for the principal purpose of stabling domestic equines. Permitted animals will include: 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 accuracy accurately account for each stable lot's lot size and location. In 2021, the Monumentation Map(PDF, 6MB) was officially completed and recorded in the County Clerks Clerk's office.

Stable License Agreement

License agreements are only available to Los Alamos County Residents and are renewed on an annual basis. Licenses 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 or lacrec@lacnm.us to inquire about license agreements or to obtain a list of stables Improvements that are may currently be for sale. Please read the rules before applying.

Stable Rules & Regulations (PDF, 203KB) (Effective March 5, 2023)

Stable Lot The license rate is \$0.06 per sq. ft. and can be found in the fee structure in the link below. The square footage is calculated off using the recorded Monumentation Map. Fees and charges are covered by the Use & Rental Land & Facilities Administrative Guidelines #1735(PDF, 5MB) 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

rolloffs, administration. See Stable Rules and Regulations for additional information. For issues or concerns, contact staff at [\(505\) 662-8159](tel:5056628159).

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North Mesa ~~Covered Arena~~Arenas

~~The primary use of this indoor facility is for exercising horses during unfavorable weather or at night under the lights. 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**~~

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 ~~outside of the arena.~~
- No glass containers may be brought into the arena area.
- ~~○ Interior lights shall be turned off when arena is not in use.~~
- No congregating is permitted at the arena after 10:00pm or before 5:00am. ~~****check times****~~
- ~~○ Animal waste must be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner in the provided container before leaving the arena.~~
- 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.

- ~~○ Repair all holes and divots that your horse or other animal creates.~~
- Put away any arena equipment to its designated location.
- Riders moving at ~~the~~ faster gait must move to the ~~outside~~inside and slower riders to the ~~inside~~outside.

Guidelines and Etiquette for Covered 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 the facility itself in good condition for years of enjoyment by the Los Alamos Community:~~

- ~~○ If someone falls off, please bring your animal to a halt.~~
- ~~○ Before entering the arena, call "DOOR" loudly and wait 10 seconds or for an affirmative response that it is safe to enter.~~
- ~~○ Mount your animal in the center of the arena; do NOT mount on the outside of the track.~~
- ~~○ Communicate with other riders/arena participants to avoid possible collisions or accidents.~~
- ~~○ Be Considerate of novice riders/handlers and animals, give them extra space and never pass them closely or going fast.~~
- ~~○ Pass left side to left side when passing another rider from the opposite direction.~~
- ~~○ Keep gates closed while using the arena.~~
- ~~○ Practice safe riding/animal show spacing distances.~~
- ~~○ Stay alert and courteous to others at all times.~~

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

- Use of the arena as a dog park
- Open Fires
- Use of ~~arena site or shelter~~arenas for commercial use without authorization.
- Any unauthorized motorized vehicles beyond parking lot
- ~~○ Absolutely **no** free horse turn-out~~

- ~~No high~~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~~signs or advertisements without authorization
- Possession or discharge of any fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics
- ~~Injury~~Damage, defacement, disturbance, or destruction of any building, sign, or equipment (vandalism)
- Intentional disturbance, harassment, or injury ~~of~~to any animal or person
- Possession and/or use of illegal drugs
- Public intoxication via drugs or alcohol within the ~~arena area~~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, youthlivestock 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. This will be for group use, not individual, and the group must

provide a certificate of liability insurance must be provided and pay a fee: paid.
([LINK TO 1735](#)).

Covered Arena	Rates	Business-Use Rates
½ Day (4hrs)	\$50	\$100
Full Day (8hrs)	\$100	\$200

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 shootchutes. Additional features include bleachers that face to the east, tough shed show office, and a crow's nest that faces. Horses with riders have priority over horse turnout in the west arena. Please keep the gates closed. ***A schedule and instructions should be posted to show how to turn on and off the lights.

Type of Scheduling

- **General open use** - first come, first use open to public
- **Priority Use** - Day and times to be set for specific type of use (dog club, youth 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. A certificate of liability insurance must be provided and a fee paid. [LINK TO 1735](#).

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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.

Type of Scheduling

- General open use - first come, first use open to public
- **Priority Use** - Day and times to be set for specific type of use (dog club, youth groups, and clubs, etc.)
- **Reserved/Exclusive Use** - ~~Exclusive use for clinics by an organization or group~~ other livestock related activity by an organization or group or individual is scheduled through the PROS Division at 662-8159. This will be for group use, not individual, and the group must provide a 505-662-8159. A certificate of liability insurance must be provided and pay a fee: paid. (LINK TO 1735)

Outdoor-Arena	Rates	Business-Use Rates
½ Day (4hrs)	\$50	\$100
Full Day (8hrs)	\$100	\$200

Red Jackson Dressage Arena

The Red Jackson Dressage Arena is located directly east of the Brewer Rodeo Arena and behind the North Mesa Covered Arena. The arena features dressage markers, jumps and obstacles that can be maneuvered.

Type of Scheduling

- ~~General open use - first come, first use~~
- ~~Priority Use - Day and times to be set for specific type of use (dog club, youth groups, and clubs, etc.)~~
- ~~Reserved/Exclusive Use - Exclusive use for clinics by an organization or group is scheduled through the PROS Division at 662-8159. This will be for group use, not~~

individual, and the group must provide a certificate of liability insurance and pay a fee.

Dressage Arena	Rates	Business-Use Rates
½ Day (4hrs)	\$50	\$100
Full Day (8hrs)	\$100	\$200

Therapeutic Arena

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

Trail Arena

The Therapeutic Trail Arena is also located directly east of the Brewer Rodeo Arena, ~~and right next to the Covered Arena.~~ It is a smaller fenced area that contains Trail type obstacles ~~for you and your horse to practice and maneuver around.~~

Therapeutic Arena	Rates	Business-Use Rates
½ Day (4hrs)	\$50	\$100
Full Day (8hrs)	\$100	\$200

Round Pens ~~& (should be separated into stable section~~

Three Transient Pens

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

Transient Pens

Transient Pens are ~~the pens that are separate and to the located~~ south of the Therapeutic Trail Arena and are available ~~to those passing through, travelled to participate in an event, or needing a for~~ temporary space (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

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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.

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

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.

Remove: Facility rental fees, link to place their animal.1735, remove covid safety protocols

Round Pen	Rates	Business Use Rates		-
Round Pens	\$0	\$15		-
Transient Pen	1 st -48 hours	Rate	Maximum-Days	-
Transient Pens	FREE	\$20	7	-

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Trail Arena

Give the purpose of the Arena.

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

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.

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