Ruidoso is just a short drive away from some of New Mexico’s most popular attractions:

Steeped in history and heritage, Lincoln County is a history buff’s dream! Retrace Billy the Kid’s last escape in historic Lincoln and the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway, immerse yourself in the pre-Civil War frontier of Fort Stanton or simply take in the majestic beauty of the Mescalero Apache tribal lands.

The Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan recounts the harrowing story of the bear cub that was rescued from a forest fire in the Lincoln National Forest and later became a national symbol for fire safety. Continue on to Carrizozo for a stroll through quaint galleries topped off by a visit to the Malpais, a lava bed formed about 5,000 years ago.

Visit White Oaks, a quaint ghost town full of Old West history and beautiful Victorian structures. While you’re there, don’t miss the No Scum Allowed Saloon, named as one of the “Top Ten Cowboy Bars in the West” by American Cowboy Magazine.

Take a quick trip to Alamogordo, home to the International Space Hall of Fame at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, and gateway to the stunning natural wonder of White Sands—definitely a must-see!

A short drive to the east and you’ll find yourself in Roswell, site of the 1947 UFO crash and the International UFO Museum.

Carlsbad Caverns is a great day-trip from Ruidoso. This cave system hidden beneath the desert features the largest chambered cavern in North America.

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Ruidoso is a year-round playground set in the cool pines of the Sacramento Mountains in southern New Mexico.

Known for both adventure and rejuvenation, Ruidoso offers something for everyone. Alpine skiing, boutique shopping, art galleries, championship golf courses, wildlife viewing, the acclaimed Spencer Theater, hundreds of miles of trails, horse racing at Ruidoso Downs and world-class gaming are just a few attractions found in this quaint mountain village.