

Bear Mountain Lodge, Silver City, NM

Things to do...

Spend your days hiking and biking. Bring binoculars – more than 300 kinds of birds are found here. Enjoy a tour of The Nature Conservancy's nearby Gila and Mimbres river nature preserves. The resident naturalists offers activities and hikes that examine the area's abundant wildlife. Nearby Silver City also offers colorful shops, galleries and a wealth of history.

Accommodations ...

Bear Mountain Lodge offers eleven luxuriously furnished rooms, hardwood floors, handcrafted southwestern and Mission-style furnishings, private baths and a delicious home-cooked breakfast. The rooms are housed in three distinct buildings. Six rooms are in the two-story Lodge, four are housed in the adjacent Myra's Retreat (named for the former owner, Myra McCormick) and The Wren's Nest guesthouse offers a private getaway with an efficiency kitchen. Enjoy the comfort of our conservation-minded furniture, which was locally crafted from small-diameter sustainably harvested trees from nearby forests.

We stayed in the Wren's Nest, it had a queen bed, small bath, and a kitchenette. We wanted the kitchenette to be able to prepare some of our own meals, mainly due to dietary restrictions, but it wasn't really necessary, as the lodge provided really good meals. Our friends stayed in one of the rooms in Myra's Retreat. They had a king bed, large bath, and the retreat has a common sitting room, with a fireplace and morning coffee.

Information ...

At Bear Mountain Lodge you can relax under a star-filled sky, discover Silver City's galleries and historic buildings, bike high mountain trails and savor the mouthwatering meals. Come to explore, learn or just to relax at this unique bed and breakfast.

Breakfast is provided, sack lunches and dinner available at additional cost. We ate dinner there 3 of the 4 evenings and they were great. Good food, local produce, much of it organic, well prepared. We didn't try the sack lunch, but the menu looked good. We usually snacked or got our lunch on the road.

Snacks are available all day and consist of cookies, coffee, tea, etc. The lodge is open and provides a very well stocked library, and a PC for internet access. They also have wireless available in the lodge.

We did make all the hikes on the property, mostly to work off the snacks, and they are a great way to view the natural beauty of the area. A day trip to the Gila Cliff Dwellings, another to search out used book stores in Silver City, other than that, it was just relax, read, and rejuvenate.

This is a great place to come, enjoy nature, and recharge your batteries. Enjoy excursions in the area, enough to keep everyone's interest up and yet not over stimulate...

**Stephanie Inn – Cannon Beach,
OR**



This is a great place to stay. Its our favorite weekend getaway or anytime to get away for that matter. Located in Cannon Beach, Oregon, right on the Ocean its a peaceful and luxurious time. The rooms have queen and king beds, fireplace, jacuzzi for 2 in a large bathroom, siting areas, dvd, cd players, and small refrigerators. They are comfortable and nicely decorated. Rates are seasonal and run from \$175-\$600 depending on the room. They have special packages and special rates at different times of the year. Rates include breakfast and an evening wine tasting. Cookies and coffee are always out for guests. There is a resturant that has a 7 course meal, reservations recommended. We usually get a first floor ocean side room, they usually run around \$300-500 a night. The staff are exceptional. We compare all other places to the professional, courteous, and helpful attitude of the staff at the Inn, nobody comes close. They give the word customer service new meaning. Cannon Beach is an artsy community, lots to look at down town in all the shops and art galleries, but let's face it, your not going there to see Cannon Beach. The Inn will provide a log and wine for a fire and drinks on the beach at sunset, so give it a try. I highly recommend this for your next romantic getaway. 5 out of 5 [Web site link](#)

Red Setter Inn – Greer, AZ



This is a great place for a getaway, located in a very small town in the White Mountains of Arizona. They have both rooms in the Inn and some cabins. All are very nice and comfortable, the Inn is located near a creek and you can hear the sound of the running water at night. Not much to do in Greer, a couple of restaurants and shops. Fishing is the main attraction, so it's perfect for that romantic getaway when you want to just pay attention to each other. Take some books, they have a video library and just sit on the porch and relax. 4 out of 5 [Web link to the Red Setter Inn](#)

Blue Lantern Inn – Dana Point, CA



We stayed at the **Blue Lantern Inn** enroute from AZ to WA in 2005. It was a great stay, we have been talking about going back. It is located close to San Clemente and on a bluff overlooking the ocean. There are some great restaurants within walking distance and the Inn has breakfast and wine tasting. We had a very nice room with an ocean view. I can highly recommend this if you are going to be in the area. It would make a nice weekend getaway. 4 out of 5 [Web link to Blue Lantern Inn](#)

Hotel 1000 – Seattle, WA



The **Hotel 1000** is an excellent hotel. Located in downtown Seattle it is centrally located to all the major downtown activities. It is a very modern and high tech hotel with some interesting features. A glass wall between the bath and bed area make it feel larger than it is, plus the bathtub fills from the ceiling. Large screen plasma television, high speed internet, and a computerized refreshment refrigerator, all make it very interesting. But, it maintains its luxury and charm, even with all the high tech gadgets, it's a nice romantic place to getaway to the big city. 2 restaurants in the hotel and a very nice bistro across the street, not to even mention the tons of restaurants in and around the hotel in downtown Seattle. We got an Internet special and paid \$250 a night for a deluxe room. Check it out. 3.75 out of 5 [Web link to Hotel 1000](#)

Riverplace Hotel, Portland, OR



The Riverplace Hotel in Portland is rapidly becoming our favorite place to stay in that city. We have been 2 or 3 times already and never been disappointed. It is located on the river front right at the end of a walking area that has numerous restaurants, galleries, and shops. It is within walking distance of downtown and the weekend market. When we go, we just have the valet park the car in the garage and that's it for the weekend, walk everywhere else. A very nice restaurant in the Hotel, plus a bar and coffee shop. During good weather you can sit on the patio, drink wine and beer, read a book, and people watch. It's a nice relaxing time. A wine bar and bistro just a few doors down for some nice wine and appetizers and a McCormicks and Schmicks at the end of the block. We have been lucky enough to get some good specials on the Internet and the Hotel has upgraded us to a suite on both trips, nice. 4 out of 5 [Web link to Riverplace Hotel](#)

Inn at Sonoma – Sonoma, CA



We stayed at the **Inn at Sonoma** during a trip between AZ and WA in 2005. We spend 2 nights here while visiting the Sonoma Valley. The Inn was nice and a great place to stay. We had a standard room and it was very adequate for us. While the accommodations were great, we were disappointed in the activities in Sonoma Valley, at least in Sonoma itself. We travelled to other small towns in the area and found better

resturants and shopping than in Sonoma. But if your going to Sonoma, this is a quality place to stay. 3 out of 5 [Web link to Inn at Sonoma](#)