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TURQUOISE TRAIL STUDIO TOUR

The artist collective working along New Mexico's famed Turquoise Trail will open 36 studio locations, with over 45 artists to the public 10am-5pm on September 23-24 and September 30-October 1, 2023. The event, comprising of sculpture gardens, professional art studios, and artist owned galleries are located on the officially designated National Scenic Byway, State Highway 14, that connects Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

"This tour welcomes guests to a free, self-guided exhibition of artists-at-work. Previous artist studio tours in the area took place over a 20-year span and operated under various names prior to the creation of the Turquoise Trail Studio Tour, debuting in 2021. The broad and deep history of mining, baseball, ghost towns and artists, paints it's richly textured brush strokes that eventually transformed the area into an artist's Mecca. The art ranges from outdoor sculpture of monumental scale to jewelry, painting, pottery, glass, steel, ceramic sculpture, found object and recycle art, photography and more. "Having an opportunity to visit an artist's studio is a joy many never get to experience. In my experience as an artist, one can make lifelong friends, not just collectors."

- Deborah Rael Buckley, artist/collector

The historic towns of Cerrillos and Madrid, now havens for artists, combined with 'ghost towns' like Waldo and Golden, and the ancient Pueblo areas of Sandia Park make this scenic area one of the most unique day trips from both Albuquerque or Santa Fe. The Turquoise Trail has numerous ventures to offer visitors with a collection of restaurants, parks, trails, horseback riding and four breweries. The studios themselves are often park-like and an adventure all their own. Many of the artists are seasoned veterans and some are nationally known and exhibit internationally.

Autumn is considered New Mexico's best: Chile roasting season, warm days, cool nights, and stunning sunrises and sunsets. Santa Fe is known as the third largest art market in the U.S. and this studio tour offers an intimate view into the creative process. Maps are available at all studios, and it is recommended that tour goers stop at the first studios at either end of the tour for a map. Or preview and print a map online at <https://turquoisetrailstuiotour.com> to research artists and create the best plan to experience the studio tour, the vast landscape and a deep sense of place through your experience on the studio tour.