

# Albuquerque Summer 2026 Event Calendar

A vertical, printable guide with 2 major summer events plus easy local adventures for families, visitors, and anyone planning weekends in ABQ.

Planning note: dates and hours can change, so re-check the official links before you go. This guide was compiled from current official event and attraction pages on May 8, 2026.

## Put these on the calendar first

### Saturday, June 13, 2026 | Heights Summerfest

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque

**Why go:** Free family event with live entertainment, handmade goods, food trucks, local drinks, and free kids' activities.

**Good fit for:** A low-planning Saturday night with kids, grandparents, or out-of-town guests.

**Cost:** Free

[Official event details](#)

### Saturday, July 18, 2026 | Route 66 Summerfest

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** Nob Hill along Central Ave. from Girard Blvd. to Washington St.

**Why go:** Big street-festival energy with multiple stages, local bands, food trucks, and a family-friendly Route 66 Centennial kickoff.

**Good fit for:** Visitors, date night, older kids, and anyone who wants one of the city's signature summer nights.

**Cost:** Free

[Official event details](#)

### Bonus recurring pick | Zoo Music at the ABQ BioPark Zoo

**2026 dates:** Fridays on June 5, June 19, July 10, and July 24

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (gates open at 6; performances start at 7 on event pages)

**Where:** ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 10th St. SW

**Why go:** Touring band plus local music, themed learning stations, animal care chats, and picnic-on-the-grass energy.

**Cost:** Ticketed event

[Zoo Music schedule](#)

## Anytime adventures for hot days, easy weekends, and visiting family

### Sandia Peak Tramway

**Best for:** Big views, sunset rides, and showing off Albuquerque to visitors.

**When:** Wed - Mon; uphill rides 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday closed. Last ride down is 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10:00 p.m. Thu - Mon.

**Need to know:** Buy tickets online before arriving, and bring layers because weather changes quickly on the mountain.

**Where:** 30 Tramway Rd, Albuquerque, NM 87122

[Hours and directions](#)

### ABQ BioPark Aquarium + Botanic Garden

**Best for:** Summer mornings, younger kids, grandparents, and low-stress half-day outings.

**When:** Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily; last entry is 30 minutes before closing.

**Need to know:** Tickets are sold online up to two weeks in advance. Daily activities and keeper talks are included with regular admission.

**Where:** Aquarium at 2601 Central Ave. NW; Botanic Garden is adjacent in the BioPark campus.

[BioPark tickets and hours](#)

### Petroglyph National Monument

**Best for:** Early morning or evening hikes, quick local history, and a very Albuquerque outing.

**When:** Trails are open year-round, but hours vary by trail. Boca Negra is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with last entry at 4:00 p.m.; Piedras Marcadas is sunrise to sunset.

**Need to know:** Bring water, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Pick the trail that matches your energy and the day's heat.

**Where:** Trail areas are spread across Albuquerque's West Side; the park headquarters is at 6001 Unser Blvd. NW.

[Park trails and hours](#)

## Tingley Beach

**Best for:** Free, flexible summer time with kids or a calm evening walk along the water.

**When:** Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

**Need to know:** No admission required. Fishing ponds, walking paths, birdwatching, and model boating make this an easy add-on to a BioPark or Old Town day.

**Where:** 1800 Tingley Dr. SW

[Tingley Beach info](#)

## Explora

**Best for:** Indoor relief from the heat and hands-on science for kids who need to move and touch everything.

**When:** Monday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Need to know:** Explora has more than 250 interactive exhibits and is in the Old Town / museum area, which makes it easy to pair with lunch or a second stop.

**Where:** 1701 Mountain Rd. NW

[Explora visitor info](#)

## Rail Yards Market (easy Sunday add-on)

**Best for:** A recurring local Sunday plan with food, vendors, music, and a distinctly Albuquerque feel.

**When:** Sundays, May through October, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Need to know:** Great choice when you want something social and low-pressure without committing to a huge event day.

**Where:** 777 1st St. SW

[Market schedule](#)

## Quick planning tips

### How to use this calendar

1. Pick **one anchor event** each month so summer does not get away from you.
2. Keep **two backup adventures** in mind for hot afternoons, smoky days, or surprise visitors.
3. For mountain, monument, and outdoor stops, go early or later in the day and carry water.
4. For ticketed attractions, buy online first whenever the official page suggests it.

[Citywide events hub](#)