

# Santa Fe Relocation Guide

from Southwestern College



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# Welcome to Santa Fe!

Here are some things to keep in mind when searching for your new home:

- Santa Fe has a bit of a tight rental market, so this means that depending on where you're coming from, rent may be on the high end for what you are getting.
- Living closer to Southwestern College means living further from Downtown Santa Fe, so start thinking about what you would like to be closer to and what you are looking for in terms of location.
- Apartment Living:
  - One bedroom apartments in Santa Fe are usually around \$650+ a month.
  - Two bedroom apartments start around \$750+ a month.
  - Often times apartments will rent out months in advance, so it is best to put in an application and get on a waitlist if you are interested.
  - There are quite a few apartments in Santa Fe that are tax-credit properties or part of affordable housing programs; these types of housing usually have income restrictions and do not generally rent to full time students.
- Houses, Casitas, and Shared Housing:
  - Shared housing is a common choice for many of our students who are relocating to Santa Fe on their own.
  - Many students find housing in casitas, which are small houses, generally on a shared property with a landlord.
  - Renting casitas and houses can range anywhere from \$400 to \$1500, depending on how many rooms there are and how many people are sharing the space.
  - Renting space in a house or casita is usually done in the short term; they typically cannot be leased far in advance. For this style of living, it is best to keep checking for availability and scoping places out in person, if possible.
  - Check the SWC Facebook groups for students who may also be looking for housing or have rooms available in current apartments/houses.

Here are some resources to help you on your search:

[Southwestern College Facebook Group](#)

[Southwestern College Students and Alumni Creative Support](#)

[Santa Fe Craigslist](#)

[Apartments.com](#)

[Apartmentguide.com](#)

[Casas de Santa Fe Rental Offices](#)

[Neighborhood Scout](#) (this site has a good map of all of the various neighborhoods)

[Santa Fe Public Schools Information](#)

# Neighborhoods of Santa Fe

**Southwest Santa Fe City:** closest to Southwestern College; close proximity to various shopping centers including the Santa Fe Place Mall; about 15-25 minutes from downtown Santa Fe

## Apartments:

### **Rancho Carrera Apartments:**

[www.myranhocarreraapartments.com](http://www.myranhocarreraapartments.com)

4000 La Carrera, 87507

(855) 539-7780

1 and 2 bedroom apartments with back patio; 5 minute drive from campus, quick access to Hwy 599 and I-25; washer and dryer included.



### **The Bluffs at Tierra Contenta:**

6600 Jaguar Dr, 87507

(505) 471-3100

2-4 bedroom units; about 5 minutes drive from campus; close proximity to the Southside library and neighborhood walking trails.

### **Juniper Park Apartments:**

1308-1314 Rufina Ln, 87507

(505) 780-4652

About 10 minutes drive from campus; close proximity to shopping centers and Cerrillos Rd; no pets allowed.

### **Talavera Apartments:**

[www.mytalaveraapartments.com](http://www.mytalaveraapartments.com)

4129 S. Meadows Rd, 87507

(855) 560-0033

1-3 bedroom apartments; 5 minute drive from campus; quick access to Hwy 599 and I-25.

### **Vista Alegre Apartments:**

[www.vistaalegreapthomes.com](http://www.vistaalegreapthomes.com)

1489 Zepol Rd, 87507

(505) 473-1298

Studio-3 bedroom apartments; about 5 minutes drive from campus.

### **San Isidro Apartments:**

[www.sanisidroapartmentssantafe.com](http://www.sanisidroapartmentssantafe.com)

4501 San Ignacio Rd, 87507

(505) 474-5808

1-3 bedroom apartments with back patio; 5-10 minutes drive from campus; right next to shopping center with grocery, movie theater, various restaurants, and more.



## **Other Southwest Neighborhoods:** with shared housing opportunities.

**Agua Fria:** Agua Fria runs from east of downtown Santa Fe to Southwestern College. It is a through street for various neighborhoods, including an historic district. Multiple parks and close proximity to various shopping centers. Diverse housing including more urban homes (closer to the plaza) and more rural homes.

**Tierra Contenta:** 5 minute drive from campus; located near the public library and various hiking and biking trails.

**Casa Alegre:** located in between Agua Fria and Cerrillos Rd, about 15 minutes from downtown and campus; the area features close proximity to various shopping centers, schools, and churches; multiple parks within the neighborhood.

**Southeast Santa Fe City:** East of Cerrillos Rd.; about 10 minutes drive from downtown Santa Fe and 15 minutes drive from Southwestern College campus.

## **Apartments:**

### **San Miguel Court Apartments:**

2029 Calle Lorca, 87505

(505) 471-8325

1-3 bedroom apartments; about 10-15 minutes drive from campus; close proximity to shopping centers and the railway system; fully equipped kitchens.



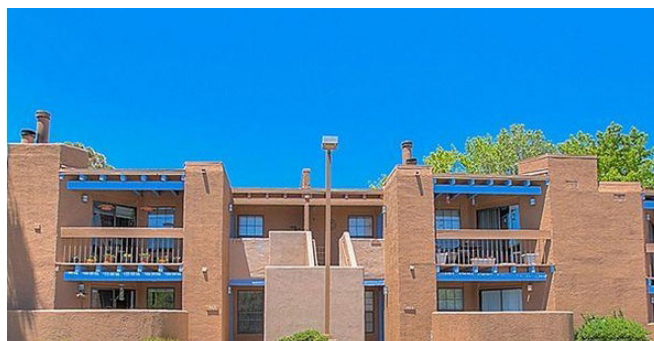
### **Dakota Canyon Apartments:**

[www.dakotacanyonnm.com](http://www.dakotacanyonnm.com)

501 W. Zia Rd, 87505

(505) 989-3487

Studio-2 bedroom apartments; about 10-15 minutes drive from campus; quick access to both downtown Santa Fe and I-25; some with "office" space included.



### **Vizcaya Apartments:**

[www.vizcaya-apartments.com](http://www.vizcaya-apartments.com)

2500 Sawmill Rd, 87505

(877) 295-4825

1-3 bedroom apartments; about 10-15 minutes drive from campus; right off St. Francis Dr. with quick access to downtown Santa Fe; private patios/balconies.

### **San Mateo Apartments:**

[www.sanmateodesantafe.com](http://www.sanmateodesantafe.com)

601 W. San Mateo, 87505

(505) 988-1727

1-3 bedroom apartments; about 10-15 minutes drive from campus; close proximity to St. Francis Dr. access to downtown; close proximity to railway system and I-25.

**Other Southeast Neighborhoods:** with shared housing opportunities.

**Historic Eastside/Canyon Rd:** This historic neighborhood features a mixture of older and newer homes, often hidden behind high walls with narrow roads running through. Canyon Rd. runs through the center, with art galleries and restaurants, including Friday night gallery openings.



**South Capital:** Located just south of the State Capitol building and bordered by the Old Santa Fe Trail to the east and Guadalupe to the west. Close proximity to downtown Santa Fe.

**The Museum District:** Located south of the Historic Eastside with the Old Santa Fe Trail running through the district just below the foothills. Just minutes from downtown with views of the Sangre de Cristo mountains and Santa Fe Ski Basin.

**Northwest Santa Fe City:** About 20 minutes from Southwestern College campus and about 10 minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Close proximity to DeVargas Mall and Shopping Center and Hwy 599 access.

## **Apartments:**

### **La Casa Loma Apartments**

[www.lacasaloma.com](http://www.lacasaloma.com)

100 Rio Vista Pl, 87501

(505) 995-9914

Studio-3 bedroom apartments and 3 bedroom townhomes; overlooks Sangre de Cristo Mountains; some with fireplaces; decent storage space; 5-10 minutes from downtown and about 20 minutes from campus.

### **Los Pinones Apartments:**

[www.lospinones.com](http://www.lospinones.com)

825 Calle Mejia, 87501

(855) 522-7820

1-3 bedroom apartments with patio/balcony; assigned parking; about 20 minutes from campus and 5-10 minutes from downtown; quick access to Hwy 599 and St. Francis Dr.

**Other Northwest Neighborhoods:** with shared housing opportunities.

**Casa Solana:** About a 20 minute drive to campus down Hwy 599 or Agua Fria. Less than 5 minutes from the De Vargas Mall and shopping center. Backs up to an open space with a dog park in walking distance. About 10 minutes from downtown Santa Fe.

**Aldea:** Newer urbanist development west of downtown Santa Fe; about 20 minutes drive from campus; easy access to Hwy 599; expansive views of the surrounding mountains; over 200 acres of open space with miles of walking trails.

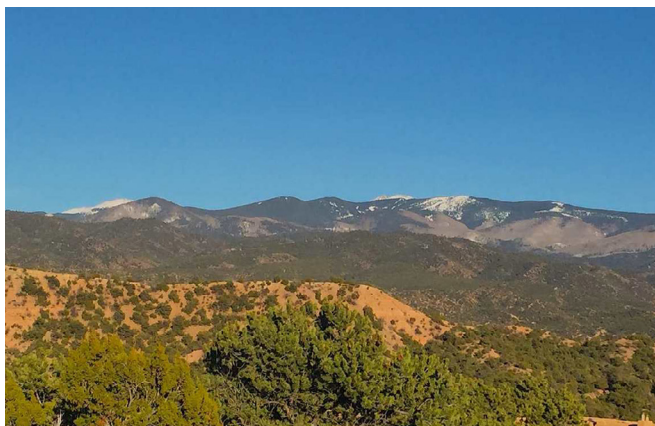
**Northeast Santa Fe City:** About 20 minutes from Southwestern College campus and about 10 minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Close access to hiking trails of Hyde Memorial State Park and Hyde Park Rd. to Santa Fe Ski Basin.

**Hyde Park:** close to Hyde Memorial State Park; a variety of hiking and only 15 minutes from the Santa Fe Ski Basin. There are several scenic neighborhoods that border Hyde Park Rd., looking over the city and the surrounding mountains. Some of the communities are close enough to walk to town; others are further up the mountain. There is a mix of gated communities, newer developments, and older homes.



**Northeast Santa Fe County:** Located about 20-30 minutes from Southwestern College and 10-15 minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Quick access to US-285 and Hwy 599 to get to campus. Tucked away in the mountains with close proximity to various hiking trails.

**Tesuque:** about ten minutes north of Santa Fe, this natural valley is close to the Santa Fe Opera and many hiking trails. It neighbors the Tesuque Pueblo, and houses a mix of old-line families and newcomers. 20-30 minute scenic drive to campus along Hwy 599/Santa Fe relief route. The Tesuque Village Market (local restaurant, market, and bar) sometimes has postings for local housing.



**Rio en Medio:** located near Tesuque, this small community houses mostly families but there may be opportunity for shared housing. Close proximity to various hiking trails in the Santa Fe National Forest. Quick access to US-285 and Hwy 599 to campus.

**Southwest Santa Fe County:** Various communities located 15-30 minutes from Southwestern College and 30 plus minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Many of these areas feature open ranch lands and expansive views.



**Galisteo:** Located about 30 minutes from Southwestern campus. Small, quiet, close-knit community atmosphere with expansive views. The town itself has minimal amenities, including a community center, local church, and ranch lands.

**Rancho Viejo:** Located south of Santa Fe near the Santa Fe Community College. About 15 minutes drive from campus. A variety housing communities with miles of paved trails through natural open space with mountain views.

**La Cienega:** South of NM 599 on the other side of the airport. Open space and ranch lands close to the La Cieneguilla Petroglyph site with various hiking trails. About 10-15 minutes drive from campus.





# Advice from Current Students

“If you can plan a trip to Santa Fe before moving, that might be your best bet, especially if you have pets. Word of mouth and other local means of communication are what I have seen in operation for relaying information about both housing and jobs. Check craigslist often. Look at the Penny Saver and New Mexican newspapers. Join the SWC Facebook group and ask for help. Contact Peg at the front desk to see if she’s heard about any housing. It can be discouraging, but it is worth the time and effort you spend.” -Jess, First Year Student

“Find the neighborhood(s) you like and start scanning the Craigslist ads to see what’s available so you can get an idea of rent. Drive around at different times of the day and night to see what goes on in the neighborhood. I found that you had to be diligent and if you liked a place, grab it as it could be gone if you wait. I mainly used Craigslist and driving around the neighborhoods I liked to find ‘for rent’ signs. With the casitas, the owners normally interview people over a weekend and then make their decision.” -Marianne, First Year Student

“Ask around to the people who work in stores in Santa Fe; they will give the best advice to what the areas are like and the kinds of people that live and shop around there. Ask professors, ask police, ask local merchants, ask current students. Go see some of the homes. Drive around neighborhoods to get an idea of what your looking for and how far you would be willing to drive.” -Laura, First Year Student

“Be open to any and all possibilities and allow creative thinking to be part of the process. Visiting in person is really a great way to see what is here. ASK EVERYONE! Be proactive.” -Beth, First Year Student

“I started looking for places early but it was impossible to secure a place before moving here; everyone wanted to meet me in person. Once I arrived, my roommates and I looked for a house and found the one we currently live at pretty quickly through Casas de Santa Fe rental offices.” -Hillary, Second Year Student

# Budget Considerations

Where are you coming from and what will you be bringing with you?

Here are some things to consider:

- Ask yourself some questions: How many miles will you be traveling? Are you bringing larger items such as furniture? How much time, money, and energy do you have to spend?
- There are a variety of options for moving: Fly and have your belongings shipped, drive your vehicle and tow your belongings, rent a truck and tow your vehicle, rent a crate and have it shipped with you, sell your belongings and move with a suitcase...there are endless creative options!
- Research your options: The cost of each of these options varies depending on where you live, how much stuff you plan on bringing, and if you have a place to live upon your arrival in Santa Fe.

Getting price estimates:

Ask providers any questions you may have: how much will it cost? How long will it take? Will your items be protected from damage?

**Here are some options of providers for moving services:**

## **U-Pack**

[www.upack.com](http://www.upack.com)

(800) 355-1696

You pack your items in a crate or trailer and they will move it for you. Free moving quotes on the website.

## **U-Haul**

[www.uhaul.com](http://www.uhaul.com)

Rental trucks and trailers as well as towing equipment. Boxes and packing supplies also available.

## **United Van Lines:**

[www.unitedvanlines.com](http://www.unitedvanlines.com)

(877) 740-3040

Provides full service or do-it-yourself moving and storage options.

## **PODS**

[www.pods.com](http://www.pods.com)

(877) 770-7637

You pack your items in a storage unit and they move it for you. Various container sizes. Long distance moving and storage options available.

## **Budget**

[www.budgettruck.com](http://www.budgettruck.com)

Rental trucks and towing equipment available. Check the website for deals and coupons.

## **Greyhound Shipping Services**

[www.shipgreyhound.com](http://www.shipgreyhound.com)

Ship boxes using Greyhound. They offer student discounts up to 40% off shipment.