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We de-mystify New Mexican food terms with pronunciations, detailed descriptions and photos. Plus provide great recipes, fun facts, and stories of the land and the people behind the burritos.

Now when someone asks you 'Red or green,' you'll know just what to say. "Christmas!"

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Red Dawn. Beer for my Horses. No Country for Old Men. Due Date. While you soak in the springs, are you wondering about the stories behind the blockbusters? And how to go visit the location of the movies that were filmed here? And which celebrities live in the Ponderosa-clad mountains around you?

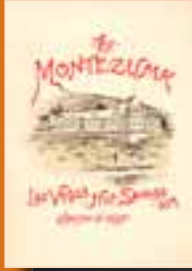
It's the Gallinas Girls to the rescue, AGAIN! (It's amazing how many times we find ourselves doing that, actually!) With our fun-filled website [www.filmedinvegas.com](http://www.filmedinvegas.com).



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 Everything you need to know about Las Vegas, New Mexico

# The Gallinas Girls' Guide To

*Everything you need to know about*



# The Montezuma Hot Springs

*The Complete Directory*



# Montezuma Hot Springs

Three hundred years ago, the Apache ran these lands. When their warriors found themselves slashed with wounds of life and war, they laid down weapon and suspicion and pressed body into ground along the banks of what would one day be called the Rio Gallinas. Healing waters bubbled around them - geothermal hot springs filled with lithium and sulphur. In order not to offend the Great Spirit and risk losing this gift of healing, the Apache consecrated the springs and surrounding areas as sacred ground.

The Montezuma Castle looms large above the Rio Gallinas, a statement of stark architectural beauty and elegance, framed by a hillside of cultivated foliage. The springs, by comparison, are homely, rock-lined pits coated with slick green algae. But dip your toes into the heat, let the liquid rise to meet ankle, then shin, thigh, waist. Understand what others have known for hundreds of years. The aching heat, the scrape of back against uneven rock, the rush of water from one pool to the next caresses your body into a state of hyperawareness, of pain mixed with relaxation.

The site was initially commercialized in 1840, when a man named McDonald built a simple wooden house by the hot springs, and charged admission. In 1846, a U.S. military hospital was established near the waters. It was converted into a hotel in 1862, and replaced by a stone building in 1879 - the United World College's Old Stone Hotel. Jesse James and Billy the Kid threw cards in an old adobe near here, and spent an evening or two together, soaking up precious minerals in the rejuvenating waters.

Today all pools are free of charge and open from dawn to midnight. Patrolled by the UWC, the site remains pristine, natural, calm. On any afternoon, children rest in the cooler pools. Mothers watch from the warmer pools, dark hair melting into heat-sealed ringlets. Old men yell across the river. They jump into the rushing current, their bellies soft and colorless.

The water speaks, gives muscles ancient mineral messages. After a good soak your body is saturated, content. The street propels you to a town filled with history, with quiet passion. The waters call you home.

It's a five mile drive to the Montezuma Hot Springs from Las Vegas, New Mexico. Hot Springs Boulevard winds past the state's behavioral health hospital, past weathered homes, past lean stray dogs and rugged men in cowboy hats and torn jeans. Usually there are no other cars on the road, just wary jackrabbits and spindly tumbleweed waiting by the side of the road. The rolling expanse melts into the foothills housing the Armand Hammer United World College.

**Directions:**  
 From Albuquerque, take I-25 north to Las Vegas. Exit at the first Las Vegas exit, #343, and turn left at the end of the ramp. Go .5 miles and take a left onto New Mexico Avenue. (You will see a Santa Fe Railroad red caboose at the intersection.)  
 Go 1.9 miles. At the first traffic light (there will be an Allsup's convenience store on your left), turn left again onto Hot Springs Boulevard (State Road #65) and continue 4.5 miles.  
 The Hot Springs are immediately to the right of the road. Look for the signs and the cars parked along the roadway. And join them!

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### Map of the Montezuma Hot Springs

*Gallinas River*

**Area One:**  
**The Recliner:** a one person warm pool shaped like a recliner  
**The Lobster Pot:** 5'4" in diameter HOT, deep, cement lined pool  
**Moon Pool:** a more comfortably hot, 2-3' deep stone lined pool  
**Duckling Pond:** a relatively shallow, rock lined warm pool, a favorite of children!

Recliner

Kids in Duckling Pond

Moon Pool

Lobster Pot

Toaster Slot #2  
2' x 5.5'

Toaster Slot #1  
4' x 3'

**Area Two:**  
**Toaster Slots:** two slit-like openings in the cement covering to this large, earth lined pool. One of the hottest, exceeded only by the Lobster Pot at times, this pool's proximity to the River makes this a the choice for folks who like it HOT & cold

**Area Three:**  
**The Cube:** up to around 6 can fit in this rock lined pool, the hottest in Area Three  
**The Playground:** cooler than the cube, this tub holds about eight  
**Dolphin:** a large, concrete-lined warm pool  
**Africa:** large sprawling lukewarm earthen pool

Play-ground

The Cube

Dolphin

Cube

Hot Springs are visible off the road to the North (right) past the entrance to the UWC. Hop the guardrail.

Parking is along the side of the road, either side.

Hot Springs Boulevard aka State Road 65 to Las Vegas

to Gallinas Canyon