

Please send questions or suggestions to Elaine Koehler, PAPNM Monthly Paintout Co-coordinator, [paintout@pleinairpaintersnm.org](mailto:paintout@pleinairpaintersnm.org) To assist you in finding paintout locations, please purchase a current NM road map. Carpool as often as you can.

Saturday, January 2

**La Luz Trail, Albuquerque**—Meet at 1 PM at the parking lot by the trail head. There are nice views near the parking lot and along the trail. Restroom facilities are available.

**Directions** from north or southbound I-25 in Albuquerque:

1. Take Tramway east to Forest Rd. 333, which is the La Luz Trail and Juan Tabo Picnic Area turnoff
2. Turn east at Forest Road 333.
3. Follow the signs and continue up the Road until you come to a right turn that has stone pillars. Just beyond is the parking lot.

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

**Big Tesuque**—let's paint an afternoon snow scene at Big Tesuque Picnic Area. We can meet in the parking area right at Big Tesuque at 1 PM. The Big Tesuque Campground & Picnic Area is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains above Santa Fe. Here you will find two small creeks, aspen and pines. This time of year the area will be snow-covered and we can enjoy the challenge of painting in the snow. Restroom facilities are available.

**Directions** from Santa Fe:

1. From I-25 South of Santa Fe, take either the Cerrillos, St. Francis, or Old Pecos Trail exit—it will be easiest if you take the St. Francis exit;
2. Head into downtown Santa Fe to Paseo de Peralta which loops around the old town and Plaza. Turn right (east—toward the mountains) onto Paseo and follow the road to Washington Ave (at the pink Masonic Temple):
3. Turn east (toward the mountains) on Washington Ave;
4. At stoplight turn right on Artist Road which becomes Hyde Park Road;
5. Follow Hyde Park Road up toward the Ski Basin for approximately 9-10 miles to Big Tesuque Creek campground and picnic area, which is located on a broad hairpin turn.

**Directions** from Taos on Highway 285:

1. Turn left onto Paseo de Peralta for a short distance to Washington Ave. (at the pink Masonic Temple);
2. Turn east (toward the mountains) on Washington Ave;
3. Follow directions 4 & 5 above.

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

**Madrid**—meet at Noon for lunch or browsing through the galleries and looking for painting spots. Park in the lot north of the Mine Shaft Tavern on the east side of Hwy 14. There are many painting spot choices in town or along the Turquoise Trail (Rt. 14).

**Directions** from Albuquerque on eastbound I-40:

1. Take I-40 east to Tijeras, exit 175 onto SR-333.
2. After 1 mile turn left onto Hwy 14 North.
3. Continue on Hwy 14 for 18 miles to Madrid.

**Directions** from Santa Fe on southbound I-25

1. Take the NM Hwy 14/Madrid exit (exit 278B or 276 west of Santa Fe).
2. Go south on MN 14 for about 18 miles to Madrid.

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Placitas**—let's meet at the Merc at Noon where there are restrooms and food. Some may want to paint from this location or continue on to the Placitas Loop Rd.

**Directions** from either north or southbound I-25:

1. Take the Placitas/Bernalillo exit and go East (toward the Sandias) on NM 165
2. Watch for the shopping center The Merc on your left. Pull in and meet at the south end near the shops.
3. To paint on the Loop Rd. continue on NM 165 to milepost 3 and pull in to the dirt parking lot. If the roads are dry there are numerous spots to paint along the Loop Road.