



Getting You and Your Gear to Crow Canyon

Location

Crow Canyon is located amidst majestic mountains, mesas, and canyons about 4 miles northwest of the town of Cortez in southwestern Colorado. We are 15 miles west of the entrance to Mesa Verde National Park and 40 miles northeast of the Four Corners Monument, where the states of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico meet.

Driving to Crow Canyon

Highways link Cortez to cities in all directions. We are 50 miles west of Durango, Colorado; 400 miles southwest of Denver, Colorado; 250 miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico; 400 miles northeast of Phoenix, Arizona; and 350 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah.



Traveling by Air

The Durango–La Plata County Airport, located about 80 minutes from campus, is served by United Express and Frontier Airlines via Denver and by US Airways via Phoenix. Crow Canyon will provide shuttle transportation to and from the Durango airport at no extra charge to program participants. Alternatively, you may fly into one of the following cities and rent a car: Farmington, New Mexico (75 miles to Cortez); or Albuquerque, New Mexico (about a 5-hour drive to Cortez).

Getting Your Gear Here

If desired, you may ship your gear to Crow Canyon ahead of time via FedEx, UPS, or the US Postal Service; be sure to allow ample time for shipping (maximum weight per carton: 25 lbs). See the separate gear list for tips on what to pack.

Address cartons as follows:

Your name
Program name and dates *Example: Archaeology Research Program (9/4–9/10)*
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
23390 Road K
Cortez, CO 81321-9408

You may also ship cartons home at the end of your program; arrangements can be made while you are on campus.

Arrival and Departure

Important!

It is **essential** that you complete the Travel Plan (see “Required Forms and Deadlines”) and return it to Crow Canyon at least **three weeks before** the first day of your program!

Arrival

Programs begin on Sunday evening, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and an introduction and orientation session at 6:30 p.m. The campus is open at 2:00 p.m. on arrival day. Please schedule your arrival between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A member of our staff will be on-duty at the front desk of the Gates Archaeology Laboratory (the Gates Building) to greet you and provide you with your housing assignment.

If you are arriving in Cortez before the first day of your program and staying at a local motel, but still need a ride to campus on Sunday, be sure to complete the “Early Arrival/Late Departure” section of the Travel Plan.

If you will be arriving on campus after 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, **please let us know**. If you arrive between 6:15 and 9:00 p.m., we can make arrangements for you to have a light meal when you get here. After 10:00 p.m., no one will be available to greet you. **Call 800.422.8975, ext. 120, and tell us your anticipated arrival time!**

Departure

Programs end with a self-serve continental breakfast on Saturday morning. We will transport you to the Durango airport in time for your flight or, alternatively, to a local (Cortez) motel or car rental agency. You are welcome to remain on campus until 8:30 a.m.