

## Sports

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**Race for the Cure** — The 19th annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's 5K Race for the Cure is Sunday, **Feb. 19**, at Cohen Stadium, 9700 Gateway North. The fundraiser has become one of the region's biggest races. Events include a 5K competitive run at 8 a.m., and a 5K and 1-mile noncompetitive run/walk at 8:30 a.m. Grounds open at 6 a.m. Survivors' Celebration/Awards are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Parking is at Cohen Stadium, EPCC Transmountain Campus and Northpark Mall (shuttle service provided from EPCC and Northpark).

Entry fees: \$35 for competitive 5K, \$30 for noncompetitive 5K/1-mile, \$10 for Kids for the Cure (ages 5-12); \$35 for Sleep in for the Cure.

Registration/information: 533-4433 or [komenelpaso.org](http://komenelpaso.org). Online registration available through noon Feb. 9.

On-site registration is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 11-12**, at Sunland Park Mall; and 2-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 16-18**, at Cielo Vista Mall.

**Jack Rabbit Classic** — The 12th annual trail and road runs are 8:30 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 26**, at Franklin Mountain State Park, Tom Mays Unit, off Transmountain Road. Events include 7.5 mile and 3.5-mile trail runs and a 5K paved road run. Cost: \$20 for 5K and \$25 for trail runs by Feb. 23; \$25 for 5K and \$30 for trail runs Feb. 24-25. No race day registration. Spectator fee is \$4 for park entrance. Information: Chris, 478-5663 or [tpwd.state.tx.us](http://tpwd.state.tx.us). Online registration through 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at [raceadventuresunlimited.com](http://raceadventuresunlimited.com).

Packet pick up is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Feb. 24-25** at Up and Running, 3233 N. Mesa. All runners must pick up packets and park entrance permit prior to race day.

**50-Plus Walking Group** — City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department hosts free walks targeted for ages 50 years and older at 9 a.m. selected Tuesdays and Thursdays in December at various locations. Information: (575) 541-2550.

- Thursday, **Jan. 26** — Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell
- Tuesday, **Feb. 7** — Desert Trails Community Park, 3492 Sonora Springs (off Roadrunner Parkway)
- Tuesday, **Feb. 14** - Baylor Canyon (US-70 east to Baylor Canyon Road at trail head)
- Thursday, **Feb. 16** — Sam Graft Park, 4230 Sedona Hills Parkway
- Tuesday, **Feb. 21** — NMSU campus track
- Thursday, **Feb. 23** — Tony Gomez Park, 2010 Espina Street (at Farney)
- Tuesday, **Feb. 28** — Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park on Jornada Road (US-70 east to Mesa Grande).

**Walk For Literacy** — Dr. Nixon Elementary School's PTA hosts its inaugural 5K race and 1 mile fun run/walk benefiting the school's literacy development is 8 a.m. Sunday, **March 4**, at the school, 11141 Loma Roja. Trophies for top three male and female runners and for the largest team and military team. Metals to top three male and female in age groups 9 and younger. First 200 runners receive t-shirt. Cost: \$20 after March 2 (team discount for 10 persons or more is \$5 per person. Information: 274-5222 Online registration through Feb. 29 at [raceadventuresunlimited.com](http://raceadventuresunlimited.com).

Pre-race packet pick up is noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday, **March 3**, at Up and Running, 1475 George Dieter. Race day registration and packet pickup is 7 to 7:45 a.m.

## Winter sports

**Ski Cloudcroft** — The southernmost ski area in the United States is two miles east of Cloudcroft on U.S. 82, has 26 trails with two ski lifts, plus a tubing lift, rental shop, "Mustard's Last Stand" restaurant, vertical drop 700 feet, snowboarding, tubing with elevations of 8,350 to 9,050 feet. Open late fall through early spring, pending weather conditions. Information/snow conditions: (575) 682-2333 or [skicloudfcroft.net](http://skicloudfcroft.net).

Lift tickets: \$35 (\$25 age 12 and younger for full day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$28 (\$20 age 12 and younger) for half day 1 to 4 p.m. Ski, and snowboard rentals available, and beginner ski school packages offered.

Tubing available for \$20 per day; \$14 half day (weekends only).

**Ski Apache** — Ruidoso's 750-acre ski and snowboarding area, now in its 50th season, has 11 lifts and 55 trails on the slopes of Sierra Blanca, with a base elevation of 9,600.

The ski area usually opens Thanksgiving weekend and remains open through March, depending on conditions. The 24-hour Ski Apache Snow Report number is (575) 257-9001. Information: (575) 464-3600 or [skiapache.com](http://skiapache.com).

Lifts are open from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., depending on weather conditions. All-day lift tickets are \$54 (\$45 age 13-17; \$34 12 and younger; free for ages 70 and older. (Prices slightly higher on peak days). Military discounts available. Season passes: \$200-\$600. Discounts available for multiple-day or half-day skiing.

Gondola ride tickets are \$16 (\$10 age 6-12; free age 5 and younger).

The full rental package starts at \$20 a day; \$12 for children 12 and under.


Ski Apache offers first-time skiers a free lift

ticket with beginner lessons.

The ski shop is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on peak days)

Ski Apache is 130 miles from El Paso, and the drive takes about 3 hours. From Alamogordo, take U.S. 70/54 north to Tularosa, then follow U.S. 70 east to Ruidoso. Turn left on NM 48 and go six miles north. Take NM 532 to the ski area — it's a slow, winding 12-mile climb.



**Public Ice Skating** — Skating offered 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays, noon to 3 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays at the Sierra Providence Event Center next to the Coliseum, 4100 Paisano. No public skating Friday, Feb. 17 and 24, and 7 to 10 Saturday, Feb. 18, due to Rhinos home games. All ages welcome. Admission (includes skate rental): \$8 (\$6 military). Spectator admission is free. Information: 479-PUCK (7825) or [elpasohockey.org](http://elpasohockey.org).



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