

# Pilares Canyon

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For a great winter ride on sandy roads and washes with views of several arches, I highly recommend Pilares Canyon in New Mexico.

## Best route: (highway)

- Turn left onto 173 just before you get into Aztec. A sign on the right will say "Navajo State Park."
- Stay on 173E when it makes a left turn.
- Go 10.8 miles on 173 then turn left into Pilares Canyon just past mile marker 10.
- At 1/10 of a mile turn left.
- At 3/10 of a mile you'll find trailer parking on the right.

## Alternate route: (lots of hills and curves)

- Go through Ignacio all the way to the Navajo Dam.
- From the top of the dam, go 6.1 miles to 173 and turn right.
- Go 7.1 miles to Pilares Canyon on the right (just before you get to mile marker 10).
- At 1/10 of a mile turn left.
- At 3/10 of a mile you'll find trailer parking on the right.