

Cross-country Ski Rental Options in Albuquerque

Highly Recommended: Before you leave the shop, be sure to engage the boots in the bindings before. Ask the staff to show you how they work.

Note: Not all boots are compatible with all bindings and must match type of binding, size and, sometimes, brand. If this is new to you, practice putting on the equipment at home before you head out in the snow. It's much easier when you're not sliding around!

Reserving equipment in advance is a good idea since groups sometimes reserve an entire stock of rental gear and some weekends are very busy.

Sport Systems on Montgomery NE, rents cross-country ski equipment. The bindings are NNN-BC. These are fine for beginners and classic cross-country skiing. There is a bar in the toe of the boot that slots into the binding. BC means they are a little wider than standard NNN bindings. These are best for classic cross-country skiing on well-tracked and groomed trails and ski touring with kick and glide forward motion.

KAFB Outdoor Recreation, 846-1499, for anyone with a base ID (not a visitor pass), Air Force personnel and Sandia employees, has a full range of equipment, including cross-country, alpine touring (AT) gear and excellent back-country touring equipment.

Sandia Employee Recreation Program (SERP), 844-8486, rents cross-country ski equipment (NNN bindings) to Sandia, DOE and contract employees.

UNM Recreational Services at Johnson Center, the University of New Mexico, has equipment rental on main campus for students and employees.

REI no longer rents equipment.

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