

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks --Local Business Impact

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How is the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (OMDP) important to your business?

For a photographer, having the appropriate and perfect backdrop is critical for any shot to be a success. There are a number of elements that have to be taken into consideration for getting the best picture possible: the lighting, background colors and objects, plant and animal life, and the sky. As a portrait photographer who also specializes in pets, professional, and event photography, I work hard to make sure the photos capture what my clients want to highlight and feature.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument is a perfect, natural background for senior portraits, wedding and engagement pictures, commercial, and professional headshots, providing a unique and iconic backdrop to any photo. So often, photographers have to artificially create a beautiful background for their photographs. With OMDP, we have a naturally created, gorgeous backdrop surrounding our city, surprising us every day with new views of our mountains.

How do you see OMDP Benefitting the community?

I have grown up in this area, exploring the many outdoor and underground spaces we are so lucky to have. Being able to hike in Dripping Springs and La Cueva, exploring the caves throughout our state, appreciating and respecting the outdoors are strong values of mine.

When I am out in the monument, either for my work or with friends, I have seen the number of people also enjoying those spaces increase over the past 10 years. During the pandemic, our national monument saw an increase in visitor ship as the outdoors provided a safe environment for people to engage. OMDP provides recreation, solace, exercise, and adventure for every person that chooses to experience it



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