

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL



Explore the City in a New Way – By Bike or Snowshoes

Business Outlook! By [Rivkela Brodsky / Journal Staff Writer](#) on Mon, Oct 3, 2011

You can now tour the city or state in a new way — by bike or snowshoes.

That's thanks to couple Josh Arnold and Heather Wess, who opened Routes Rentals & Tours back in May at Mountain and 11th NW. The shop celebrated its grand opening Sept. 22.

"Josh and I, we traveled a lot — or we did before we opened the business," Wess jokes with the Journal. "We would always get out of the car to see a city in a different way."

The business, which opened in more than 1,000 square feet at 1102 Mountain NW Suite 101, offers bike and snowshoe rentals as well as tours. Owners are Albuquerque natives who love cycling and the Duke City.

You may have noticed the company's signature cruiser around town with yellow tires and red handlebars, seats and bell. Those are available for rent by the hour, half day or full day.



Half- and full-day rentals of mountain bikes, kids' bikes and tandems are also available. Tandem rentals are the most popular among locals, Wess said. Road bicycles and electric bikes are coming soon. Prices range from \$15 to \$50. Rentals come with a helmet and a customized map. Delivery and pickup are free in Albuquerque but also available in Santa Fe and Taos, Wess said.

Scenic and themed tours are also available, like a Balloon Fiesta tour or a holiday tour, among others. Rentals are included as part of tour fees. Those who own bikes can also join tours at a discounted price. Tours start at \$25. There are also free tours offered each month. To rent, visit the store or make a reservation online at www.routesrentals.com. Snowshoe tours start in the winter. Snowshoes rental is \$15 a day.

The shop also features a boutique that offers books, cards, gifts, New Mexico items and more. Routes Rentals & Tours also offers bike sales and maintenance.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. For more, visit the company's website or call 933-5667.