

Appendix B

TOURISM ASSET INVENTORY

INTRODUCTION

The last Geronimo Trail Tourism Asset Inventory was conducted for the 1997 Corridor Management Plan. Ten years later Sierra County has seen businesses come and go, and changes occur in the demographics. This Tourism Asset Inventory is updated as currently as possible. This inventory remains critical for the following reasons:

1. Ensures that all actual and potential attractions / assets within the communities along the GTNSB are identified and evaluated;
2. Provides travel trade and other officials with comprehensive information about the tourism offerings within this region of New Mexico;
3. Identifies assets along the Byway which need to be preserved both at present and in the future;
4. Is useful in efforts to prepare tourism development programs; and
5. Can be utilized for educational purposes and as a tourism consumer information resource.

Lesser known events and attractions along the GTNSB are also identified in the Geronimo Trail Tourism Asset Inventory. Visitor stays can be increased if additional events and attractions are promoted. Additional revenue and jobs in these areas of interest can help to generate funds needed for the restoration and preservation of the traditional New Mexico way of life.

This Geronimo Trail Tourism Asset Inventory can be used as a stand-alone document for agencies and organizations needing tourism information for purposes of reports and grants. The Internet has increased accessibility and visibility in many areas of this Tourism Asset Inventory. Whenever possible, website addresses have been provided.

TOURISM ASSET INVENTORY

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Scenic and Natural

- Turtleback Mountain
A peak resembling a turtle on top of the mountain overlooking the City of Truth or Consequences and the Rio Grande. This landmark was used to mark the location of the hot mineral springs in the area. It has been a favorite for hikers for years.
- Rio Grande
The fourth longest river in the U.S., the Rio Grande meanders around the town of Truth or Consequences as it moves from Elephant Butte Lake to Caballo Reservoir.
- Buffalo Cactus Ranch
Large greenhouse filled with a variety of exotic species of cacti and succulents from all over the world.
1600 S. Broadway, Truth or Consequences
575-894-0790

Historical and Archeological

- Geronimo Springs Museum & Geronimo Trail Visitor & Information Center
Displays of early Mimbres-Mogollon pottery, Apache artifacts and culture. Hispanic heritage, ranching, mining, geology of area history of town and county. Open Monday – Saturday 9AM – 5PM.
211 Main Street, Truth or Consequences
Director: LaRena Miller Phone: 575-894-6600
- Las Palomas Plaza at Geronimo Spring
Located west of the Geronimo Springs Museum, Las Palomas Plaza was the site of original spring used by Apaches, referred to as Sacred Healing Waters. Also used by soldiers from Ft. McRae and by early settlers to the area. In 2001 the Las Palomas Plaza was dedicated as one of the public art pieces along the Rio Grande corridor. Artist Shel Neymark designed and created colorful ceramic mountains and streams that flow with the natural hot springs.

- Nature Trail
Located near Ralph Edwards Park the trail leads one through rocks and native vegetation. There is evidence of an early Indian encampment where the rocks were used for grinding grain.

Cultural

- Truth or Consequences Ralph Edward's Fiesta
1st Weekend in May. Celebrates changing name of Hot Springs, NM to Truth or Consequences. Parade, races, fiddler's competition, golf tournament, rodeo.
- New Mexico Old Time Fiddler's State Contest
3rd or 4th Weekend in October in Truth or Consequences. Contestants from all over New Mexico compete in various age categories for the title of State Champion Fiddler. Competition, jam sessions and dances.
- Gathering of Quilts
4th Saturday of February at the Ralph Edward Civic Auditorium in Truth or Consequences. Display of local quilts with raffle and door prizes.
- Sierra County Longhorn Show
President's Day Weekend in February. Held at County Fair Barn in Williamsburg.
- Destination Sierra County
3rd Weekend in September throughout Sierra County. Local & regional arts events in different areas of the County. www.destinationsierracounty.com
- Sierra County Fair
2nd Weekend in October at County Fair Barn in Williamsburg. Livestock shows and sale. Food vendors and arts & crafts.
- Run for the Wall
Veteran's Day Weekend at Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall. Bike run, bike rodeo, car show. Supports the Veteran's Memorial Wall.
- ArtHop www.torcart.com
2nd Saturday of each month. Downtown T or C

Hot Springs and Bath Houses

Facilities available for hot baths, massage, or just to see the water. Some have accommodations. All are located in Truth or Consequences and are part of the Downtown Historic Bath District. Website addresses or 1-800 numbers are provided if available.

Artesian Bath House	312 Marr	575-894-2684
Charles Bath House	601 Broadway	575-894-7154
	www.charlesspa.com	
Fire Water Lodge	309 Broadway	575-894-0315
	www.firewaterlodge.com	
Hey-Yo-Kay Hot Springs	300 Austin	575-894-2228
	www.hay-yo-kay.com	
Indian Hot Springs	200 Pershing	575-894-3823
La Paloma Hot Springs & Spa	311 Marr	575-894-3148
	www.lapalomahotsprings.com	
Pelican Spa	306 S. Pershing	575-894-0055
	www.pelican-spa.com	
Riverbend Hot Springs	100 Austin	575-894-7625
	www.nmhotsprings.com	
Sierra Grande Lodge & Spa	501 McAdoo	575-894-6976
	www.sierragrandelodge.com	

Recreation

City Tennis Courts	200 W. Fourth	No Phone
Community Playhouse	710 Elm Street	575-894-7222
	Dances Thursday and Saturday nights to Old Time Fiddle Music	
Louis Armijo Park	South Broadwy Wmsburg	No Phone
	Picnic shelters, softball and basketball areas	
Ralph Edwards Park	E. Riverside Dr.	No Phone
	Picnic shelters, horseshoes, playground, basketball, volleyball	
	Skateboard Park	
Senior Recreation Center	301 S. Foch	575-894-6856
	Shuffleboard, Billards, Senior dances & community events	
T or C Municipal Golf Course	685 W. Marie	575-894-2603
	City owned and maintained 9-hole course	

Accommodations

Ace Lodge	1302 N. Date	575-894-2151
The Belair Inn	705 N. Date	575-894-8977
	www.thebelairinn.com	

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Comfort Inn	2251 N. Date	575-894-1660
Desert View Inn	906 Date St.	575-894-2239
www.desertviewinn.com		
Hot Springs Inn	2270 Date St	575-894-6665
Motor Manor Motel	595 Main St	575-894-3648
Oasis Motel	819 N. Date	575-894-6629
Red Haven Motel	605 N. Date	575-894-2964
www.redhavenmotel.com		
Super 8 Motel	2151 N. Date	575-894-7888
Trail Motel	619 Date St.	575-894-3106

RV Parks

Artesian Bathhouse & RV Park	312 Marr Street	575-894-2689
Center Court	Hwy 181 & Warm Springs Blvd	575-744-5453
Cielo Vista RV Park	501 S. Broadway	575-894-3738
www.cielovistarvpark.com		
Cottonwood RV Park	505 E. Third St.	575-894-2181
Desert Skies RV Park	675 S. Foch	575-894-1864
Pershing St. RV Park	675 S. Pershing	575-744-4626
Riverbend Hot Springs & RV Park	100 Austin	575-894-7625
www.nmhotsprings.com		
RJ RV Park	2103 S. Broadway	575-894-9777
Sleepy Hollow RV Park	806 Van Patten	575-894-0037
Sun or Shade RV Park	618 Marr	575-894-1822
Winter Haven RV Park	2335 S. Broadway	575-894-7985

Restaurants

A & B Drive In	211 Broadway	575-894-9294
BBQ on Broadway	308 Broadway	575-894-7047
Café Bella Luca	303 Jones St	575-894-9866
Dairy Queen	1920 N. Date	575-894-3044
Denny's Restaurant	2255 N. Date	575-894-0333
Domino's Pizza	428 E. Third	575-894-3434
Hacienda Mexican Restaurant	1615 S. Broadway	575-894-1024
Happy Belly Deli	313 Broadway	575-894-3354
Hilltop Café	1301 Date	575-894-3407
Kentucky Fried Chicken	1908 Date	575-894-2952
Taco Bell	1908 Date	575-894-2952
La Cocina	1 Lakeview Dr	575-894-6499

La Pinata	1990 Broadway	575-894-9047
Little Sprout Marketplace	400 N. Broadway	575-894-4114
Los Arcos Steak & Lobster	1400 N. Date	575-894-6200
McDonald's	2109 N. Date	575-894-6259
Pacific Grill	800 N. Date	575-894-7687
Pizza Hut	1934 N. Date	575-894-9001
Sonic Drive In	2000 N. Date	575-894-3023
Subway Sandwiches	1900 N. Date	575-894-4782
Sunset Grill	304 S. Pershing	575-894-8904
T-R-C Big A Burger	719 W. Main St	575-894-3099
Turtleback Oasis Marketplace	520 Broadway	575-894-0179

Picnic Supplies

- 2 Grocery Stores
- 2 Dollar Stores
- 3 Convenient Stores

Gasoline Available

Engle (Side Trip) Hwy 51

Historic & Archeological

- **Jornado del Muerto**
Pullout and sign talking about this area of the road that crosses the "Jornada del Muerto", or "Journey of the Dead Man", named so for the many lives that were lost in the crossing due to lack of water and from attacks by hostile Apache.
- **Engle**
Only three buildings remain in this old cattle ranching town of the late 1800's. Engle was once a largeshipping center for cattle driven in from the Tularosa Basin and surrounding ranches of the Jornada. Engle was the early home of Eugene Manlove Rhodes, a well-known writer of western novels in the early 1900's. Railroad tracks parallel the El Camino Real, the early Spanish road from Mexico City to Santa Fe. All are on private property.

Recreational

Paseo del Rio Campground Hwy 51 575-744-5421

Part of the Elephant Butte Lake State Park system located on Hwy 51 adjacent to the Rio Grande. The 17-site campground is ADA accessible and complete with shelters, tables, and grills. There are no sewer or electric services offered in this area, however there is a comfort station with showers located near the entrance and a toilet near the east end of the park. The campground provides a more remote and less crowded atmosphere conducive to day use and tent camping. There are also opportunities to enjoy river fishing, bird watching, and hiking on an interpretive loop trail nearby.

Williamsburg

Recreational

Williamsburg Roadside Park Jct 187 & I-25

Accomodations

Rio Grande Motel 720 N. Date 575-894-9769

RV Parks

Desert Haven Campground & RV Park 575-894-2778

www.deserthavenanimalrescue.com

Grande Rio Court 524 Del Rio 575-894-1933

Shady Corner RV Park 100 Rio Grande 575-894-3685

Picnic Supplies

2 Convenience stores

Gasoline Available

Caballo

Scenic & Natural

➤ Caballo Lake & Mountains

Man-made lake created by Caballo Dam to hold water released from Elephant Butte Lake for use in electrical generating, and held for irrigation purposes as needed. Barren rocky desert mountains arise on east side of Lake.

Recreational

Caballo Lake State Park	Hwy 187	575-743-3842
Camping, boating, water-skiing, swimming, fishing, playground area and nature trails.		

Percha Dam State Park	Hwy 187	575-743-3942
Camping, picnicking, fishing along the river. Playground and nature trails among huge cottonwood trees.		

RV Parks

Caballo Lake RV Park	Hwy 187	575-743-0502
www.zianet.com/caballolakervpark		
Caballo Lake State Park	Hwy 187	575-743-3942
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/caballo		
East View RV Park	Hwy 187	575-743-2904
LakeView RV Park	Jct Hwy 187 & 152	575-743-2242
Li'L Abners	Hwy 187	575-743-0153
Percha Dam State Park	Hwy 187	575-743-3942
Ricky Dee's Place	Hwy 187	575-743-0808

Restaurants

Arrey Café	Hwy 187	575-267-4436
Caballo View Store & Café	Hwy 187	575-743-0057
J & M American & Italian Food	Hwy 187	575-743-0027

Picnic Supplies

LakeView RV Park	Jct Hwy 187 & 152	575-743-2242
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Gasoline Available

Hwy 152

Historic & Archaeological

- Lake Valley Back Road Byway Kiosk Mile Marker 55

NO Gasoline Available

Hillsboro

Scenic & Natural

- Hillsboro Box / Hwy 152
Massive canyon walls with cacti and desert plants growing out of vertical cliffs

Historic & Archeological

- Black Range Museum
Displays of early mining days in Sierra County, especially early days of Hillsboro and Kingston area. History of many early, famous mines of the area. Open by appointment only. 575-895-5233
- Hillsboro Historic District
Self-guided walking tour of Hillsboro with map of old town, including ruins of courthouse and jail, businesses located in historic buildings and cemetery on nearby hill. Maps available at the Geronimo Trail Information & Visitor Center and at participating businesses.
- Suspension Bridge
Built in 1927, this bridge was a pioneer in the construction of truss bridges of its type. It remained in use for nearly 70 years. The bridge can now be accessed from a parking lot and by foot.

Cultural

- Christmas in the Foothills
1st Saturday of December in Hillsboro. Pre-Christmas celebration, open houses and studios, silent auction and arts and crafts show at the Hillsboro Community Center.
- Hillsboro Heritage Day
3rd Saturday in May. Home and garden tours. Music Festival fundraiser to toward the purchase and protection of the old court house.

Accommodations

Enchanted Villa Bed / Breakfast	Main St.	575-895-5686
Barbershop Plaza Motel	Main Street	575-895-5283

Hillsboro Court & Market	Main Street	575-895-5214
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RV Parks

Hillsboro RV Park	200 W. Mattie	575-895-3381
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Restaurants

Barbershop Café	Main Street	575-895-5283
General Store Café	Main Street	575-895-5306
Hillsboro Court, Market & BBQ	Main Street	575-895-5214

Picnic Supplies

General Store	Main Street	575-895-5306
Hillsboro Court & Market	Main Street	575-895-5214

NO Gasoline Available

Lake Valley (Side Trip) Hwy 27

Scenic & Natural

- Grassy mountain foothills make this a rich ranching country

Historical & Archeological

- Lake Valley Town-site
Self-guided walking tour of old ghost town. Restored school house is museum and open to visitors when volunteer is present. Maintained by Bureau of Land Management.

NO Gasoline Available

Kingston

Scenic & Natural

- Gila National Forest
The tree-covered peaks, including Hillsboro Peak and Sawyers Peak, also encompass the Aldo Leopold Wilderness, the Gila Wilderness and numerous camping and hiking facilities. The Aldo Leopold Wilderness, a vast area along a portion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, was named for the early

- Devil's Backbone
Rugged, rocky cliffs towering above the roadway.
- Kneeling Nun Vista
Spectacular view of mountains to the west for several miles. The Kneeling Nun mountain was a landmark for both the Indians and early white explorers.

Recreational

Emory Pass Picnic Area

Picnic tables overlooking a magnificent view of mountains to the east, south and north. Toilets, trash, grill, trailhead and parking.

Trail 747 and 794

Trailhead off of Hwy 152 near Emory Pass Vista turnoff, overnight pull-off, no facilities

Wright's Cabin Campground

Camping and picnic area on side of hill overlooking Hwy 152. Accessible only by a climb from the parking area. Tables, toilet, grill.

Iron Creek Campground

Off of Hwy 152. Provides camping and picnic area near a creek. Hiking trails on the mountainside. Tables, toilets and grills.

Gallinas Campground

Off of Hwy 152. Provides camping area down in canyon with trail following creek down stream. Trash, toilets.

Black Range Scenic Drive Hwy 152 (continued)

Railroad Trailhead

Off of Hwy 152. Primitive camping area long a stream. Parking, trash, toilets.

NO Gasoline Available

Elephant Butte

Scenic & Natural

- Elephant Butte Lake
A man-made lake created as a result of the construction of Elephant Butte Dam. The lake is approximately 40 miles long. Summer brings a vision of boats dotting the water and campers along the

shores. Winter features visits from migratory birds stopping for a drink and a rest before continuing on to their winter home.

- Kettle Top & Black Bluffs
Volcanic formations created the high mesa on the east side of the lake with the sharp cliffs descending to the water. Kettle Top Peak has long been a landmark.
- Luchini Nature Trail
A nature trail running between Elephant Butte Inn and the Elephant Butte Lake State Park Visitor's Center. Shows off the variety of native plants with identifying markers.

Historical & Archeological

- Elephant Butte Dam & Power Plant
Elephant Butte Dam was constructed between 1911 – 1916 for irrigation and flood control. The hydroelectric plant was added in the 1930s to provide electricity to the southwest. Both dam and electric plant were closed off to the public after 9-11. The dam can be viewed from above off of Hwy 51 and around the back road from Dam Site Recreation area.
- Dam Site Recreation Area
Constructed by the CCC in the 1930s, the rock walls were a home to rock squirrels until high water forced them higher up the hillside.

Cultural

- Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
Third Saturday in March. Held at Sierra del Rio Golf Course
- Fly Freedom's Flag Parade
Saturday of Memorial Weekend. Boat parade and ceremonies honoring all veterans and troops that have protected and are protecting our freedom. Held at Marina del Sur.
- Elephant Butte Chile Challenge Cook-off
Second Saturday in June. Enter the competition with your best batch of red or green, or come on out and vote in the People's Choice award. Held at Desert Cove Campground in Elephant Butte Lake State Park.
 - Independence Day / 4th of July Fireworks

4th of July Weekend. Fireworks begin at dusk from Rattlesnake Island; watch the show in the sky or see it reflected on the surface of the lake.

- **Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta**
First weekend in September. Events include ascension of hot-air balloons, splash-n-dash over the water teamed with motorboat crews from Southwest Drag Boat Racing Association, Sky Dive New Mexico Water Boogie. Car and truck show from 10am-1pm. Elephant Butte Inn and Elephant Butte Lake State Park.
- **City of Elephant Butte Anniversary Party**
3rd or 4th Weekend in October. Events include a golf tournament, quilt show, woodworkers' show & sale; Rough Stock Rodeo, parade, & Buffalo Bar-B-Q. \ Elephant Butte Inn, community center and Sheriff Posse Arena.
- **Beachwalk Luminaria Festival & Floating Lights Parade**
2nd Saturday in December. Thousands of luminaries line paths on the beach that lead to bonfires with cocoa, posole, and caroling. The Floating Lights Parade begins at dusk. Sponsored by the Rotary Club and held at Elephant Butte Lake State Park.

Recreational

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| Dam Site Marina | Off Hwy 51 | 575-894-2073 |
| Marina adjoining the Dam Site parking lot and restaurant. Impressive rock work was done by the CCC. | | |
| Winding Roads Park | Off Hwy 51 | |
| Former housing area, the beautiful grounds and rock walls were part of the CCC construction of the 1930s. Great view of the Elephant Butte and the Lake. Picnic area, playground, trash, restrooms. | | |
| Elephant Butte Lake State Park | Hwy 195 | 575-744-5421 |
| Camping, boating, water-skiing, swimming, fishing. Sites with full hook ups, group sites, and primitive areas along the lake. Picnic area, children's playground, visitor's center and nature trails. | | |
| Marina Del Sur | Hwy 195 | 575-744-5567 |
| Largest marina, located in Elephant Butte State Park, providing full services. | | |

Rock Canyon Marina	Rock Cyn Road	575-744-5462
Full service marina north of main State Park area off of Rock Canyon Road.		

Sierra del Rio Golf Course	101 Clubhouse Drive	575-744-4653
Private 18-hole golf course. Golf packages available www.sierradelrio.com		

Accommodations

Elephant Butte Inn	Hwy 195	575-744-5431
www.elephantbutteinn.com		

Marina Suites Motel	200 Country Club Rd	575-744-5269
www.marinasuitesmotel.com		

RV Parks

Agua Vista RV Park	Hwy 195	505-250-2539
Cedar Cove RV Park	Hwy 195	575-744-4472
Dam Site RV Park	Hwy 51	575-894-2073
Elephant Butte S.P. Campground	Hwy 195	575-744-5421
Enchanted View RV Park	Off Hwy 195	575-744-5876
Lake Side RV Park	Off Hwy 195	575-744-5996
Monticello RV Park	North area of EB Lake	575-894-6468
Rio Lago RV Park	Hwy 195	575-744-5427

Restaurants

Big Food Express	212 Warm Springs Rd	575-744-4896
Casa Taco	704 Hwy 195	575-744-4859
Dam Site Restaurant	Off of Hwy 51	575-894-2073
Hodges Corner	401 Hwy 195	575-744-5626
Ivory Tusk Tavern	Elephant Butte Inn	575-744-5431
The Club Restaurant	Sierra del Rio Golf Course	575-744-7106

Picnic Supplies

3 Convenience Stores

Gasoline Available

Monticello (Side Trip) Off Hwy 52

Historic & Archeological

- Monticello town and Plaza
Beautiful example of old Hispanic village. Settled in

1850 by early Hispanic colonists. Town has plaza in the center, with the church on the north and stores surrounding the central area. Plaza buildings are now privately owned and are being restored.

NO Gasoline Available

CUCHILLO

Scenic & Natural

- Ritch's Pecan Farm
Pecan orchard and candy shop with home-made pecan candy. Open seasonally.

Historic & Archeological

- San Jose Mission Church
Third church built in the village of Cuchillo as town was plagued by floods over the years which washed away sections of the town including the previous churches. Open tours. Check in at Cuchillo Creek Café
- Cuchillo Store & Bar
Was stage coach stop-over an a place to change horses when coaches ran from the railroad depot in Engle to Winston, Chloride and other mining towns of the region. The Store caught on fire in 2000 and was closed. The bar remained open until 2003. New owner plans to restore the building and open a micro-brewery with a museum and small gallery.

Cultural

- Cuchillo Pecan Festival
Last Saturday in Feburary. A celebration of the pecan harvest, featuring pecan pie, music, pecan candy, arts and crafts, flavored pecans, a barbecue, pecans, and more pecans. Proceeds go to NM Boys' and Girls' ranches. Held at Ritch's Pecan Farm.

Recreational

NM Pack Trips & Trail Rides Box 35 575-743-2026
Hunting and backpacking guide services.

CHLORIDE

Scenic & Natural

- Picturesque valley surrounded by rugged peaks

Historic & Archeological

- Downtown Chloride
Ghost town of Chloride, old buildings including the Pioneer Store Museum. “Hanging Tree” in center of town, recently restored bank building, bars and several old homes
- Pioneer Store Museum www.pioneerstoremuseum.com
Open year round. Displays of many items used back in Chloride’s heyday as a rough and tumble mining town. There is a picnic area and restrooms.

Cultural

- Monte Cristo Gift Store & Gallery
Located next to the Pioneer Store Museum and open year round the restored Monte Cristo Dance Hall and Saloon is now a gift store and Co-op gallery. All arts and crafts are made locally. Gallery run by the artists. www.pioneerstoremuseum.com

RV Parks

Apache Kid RV Park	Chloride	575-743-2736
www.pioneerstoremuseum.com		

NO Gasoline Available

Monticello Box & Ojo Caliente (Side Trip) Hwy 52

Historic and Archeological

- Monticello Box Canyon
Drive north a few miles from the junction of NM 59 and NM 52 and view the terrain which was once part of the Warm Springs Apache Reservation. the site of the army camp and the location of the capture of Geronimo in 1877 for removal to the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. Located on private

property, the site is visible from the dirt road where you can view the cut in the hill which is Monticello Box canyon. There are few remains of the old fort. High clearance vehicles are recommended and a respect for No Trespassing signs.

NO Gasoline Available

HWY 59

Scenic & Natural

- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)
High point on the road where the CDNST crosses Hwy 59. Natural division of watershed east and west. The area abounds with deer, elk, wild turkey, and birds plus mountain vegetation.

NO Gasoline Available

Beaverhead

Scenic & Natural

- Beaverhead
Beautiful mountain valley spread out in lush grassland. Old ranching country with cattle grazing. Deer, elk and other wildlife are frequently sighted.

Historical & Archeological

- Beaverhead Ranch
Old ranch house and out-buildings from late 1800s. Private property.

Recreational

Beaverhead Work Center

Located immediately to the west of the end of pavement of NM 59. This Work Center is a part of the Black Range Ranger District of the Gila National Forest. Both fire and trail crew personnel are stationed there. There is an outside public telephone and information station located here. When staff is available in the office, Forest Service maps and other information can be obtained. Potable water is also available at this location. There is no camping

allowed in the administrative site, but it is an important information point and a place to re-supply water.

NO Gasoline Available

FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROAD 150 (Side Trip)

Scenic & Natural

➤ FDR 150

This road is no longer a part of the GTNSB but remains an important side trip as it creates a loop that can take the adventurous visitor from the north part of the GTNSB at Hwy 59 to the south portion of the GTNSB at Hwy 152. F.S. 150 travels through the Aldo Leopold Wilderness, named for the early naturalist who encouraged the preservation of wilderness areas. The Gila National Forest was the first wilderness declared a National Wilderness in the nation. As the largest primitive area still maintained, visitors travel through a vast land of beautiful healthy forest and can choose to stop to hike or camp along the way.

Recreational

Wall Lake (not currently open to the public)

Privately owned mountain lake located off of Forest Service Road 150, nestled in a valley along a creek. Some cliff dwellings face the lake and other prehistoric sites are found in the area. Owner has plans to develop the lake and re-open in the next year or so.

Trail #40 Diamond Creek Trail

A 16 mile trail to Diamond Peak rated “most difficult”. Follows the bottom of the canyon with water flowing during the wet season. Good camping spots among Douglas and Aspen trees. Creek is closed to fishing.

Trail #72 Black Canyon Trail

Rated “very difficult” this trail is 12 miles south of Diamond Creek but can be accessed at Black Canyon off of FDR 150. Trail takes one 12 miles to Reeds Meadow. Follows the creek to a large canyon.

Upper & Lower Black Canyon Campground
5 Campsites, restrooms, fishing

Rocky Canyon Campground
2 campsites, restrooms

NO Gasoline Available

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