



CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

There are several popular seasonal events, festivals and other cultural attractions in communities along the Geronimo Trail. Parades, entertainers, crafts and good food provide excitement for the local citizen as well as the visitor.

SPRING

- **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.
- **Hillsboro Heritage Day**
3rd Saturday in **May**. Home and garden tours. Music Festival fundraiser to support the restoration of the old court house.
- **Fly Freedom's Flag Parade Memorial Weekend** Saturday in Elephant Butte. Boat parade, ceremonies, honoring veterans and troops.

SUMMER

- **Winston Fiesta**
1st Saturday in **June**. Parade, food, cow-chip poker, games, BBQ, dance
- **Elephant Butte Chile Cook-off**
2nd Saturday in **June** at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Best Red or Green.
- **4th of July Fireworks**
4th of **July** Weekend at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Display begins at dusk from Rattlesnake Island, reflecting over the water. Lake visitors can enjoy the fireworks from surround camp sites or surround the island with their boats and enjoy the fireworks close up.

FALL

- **Balloon Regatta**
1st Weekend in **September** in Elephant Butte. Ascension of hot-air balloons with splash-n-dash over water, other balloon events
- **Destination Sierra County**
3rd Weekend in **September** throughout Sierra County. Local & regional arts event and workshops in different areas of Sierra County. Dinners, BBQs, book signings by famous authors.

Cultural Attractions (continued)

- **Sierra County Fair**
2nd Weekend in **October** at County Fair Barn in Truth or Consequences. Livestock shows and sale. Food vendors and arts & crafts.
- **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.
- **Elephant Butte Days**
3rd or 4th Weekend in **October** in Elephant Butte. Golf Tournament, rodeo quilt and woodworking show, buffalo BBQ.
- **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.

WINTER

- **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.
- **Luminaria Festival & Floating Lights Parade**
2nd Saturday in **December** at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Luminaria-lined paths. Lighted boat parade, campfires, Christmas carols. Involves many Sierra County citizens and organizations.
- **Sierra County Longhorn Show**
President's Day Weekend in **February**. Held at County Fair Barn in Truth or Consequences.
- **Gathering of Quilts**
4th Saturday of **February** in Truth or Consequences. Display of local quilts with raffle and door prizes.
- **Cuchillo Pecan Festival**
4th Saturday of **February** in Cuchillo. Celebration of pecan harvest with pecan pies, pecan candy, food vendors, arts and crafts and entertainment.