



## RECREATIONAL SITES

The Geronimo Trail National Scenic Byway has many varied recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of those who visit. The lakes: Elephant Butte, Caballo and Percha, provide water sports, fishing and camping. Elephant Butte Lake is the largest lake in the State of New Mexico, and one of the largest man-made lakes in the nation. Extending 40 miles when full, the lake offers world-

class bass fishing and stocks many warm water fish. The three marinas offer a variety of services. Caballo Lake, at the base of the Caballo Mountains is smaller but is preferred by those who desire a quieter recreational experience.

The mountains of the Geronimo Trail area abound with hiking trails, mountain campgrounds and small lakes. (Numbers 1 – 14 correspond to map on page 39).



**Marina del Sur, Elephant Butte Lake**

### ❖ **Elephant Butte Lake State Park (1)**

Camping, boating, water skiing, swimming, fishing can be had at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Sites with full hook-ups, picnic facilities, group sites and primitive areas are available. Also available are nature trails, a playground area and a visitor's center with museum. Three marinas offer equipment storage and rental, food and camping supplies.

### ❖ **Caballo Lake State Park (2)**

South of Truth or Consequences off of Hwy 187 Caballo Lake State Park provides camping, boating, water skiing, swimming and fishing. Playground area and nature trails.

### ❖ **Percha Dam State Park (3)**

Listed as one of the top 5 birding spots in New Mexico, Percha Dam State Park is located 21 miles south of Truth or Consequences off of Hwy 187. Features camping, picnicking, fishing and bird watching in the shade of Cottonwoods on the Rio Grande.

## **Recreational Sites and Facilities (continued)**

### **❖ Kingston Campground (4)**

Primitive camping along a creek within walking distance to the historic buildings of Kingston. Tables, trash and toilets.

### **❖ Emory Pass Picnic Area (5)**

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

### **❖ Trail 747 and 794 (6)**

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

### **❖ Wright's Cabin Campground (7)**

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 (8)**

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

### **❖ Gallinas Campground (9)**

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

### **❖ Railroad Trailhead (10)**

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

### **❖ Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course (11)**

City owned and maintained. 9-hole course. Ratings: Men 70.7 and Women 60.0

### **❖ Sierra del Rio Golf Course (12)**

Privately owned / public 18 hole course near Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Club House restaurant, pro shop. Golf packages available. Several rating options available for men and women depending on chosen course.

### **❖ Trail 79 (13)**

Trailhead for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Restrooms.

## Recreational Sites and Facilities (continued)

### ❖ **Beaverhead Work Center (14)**

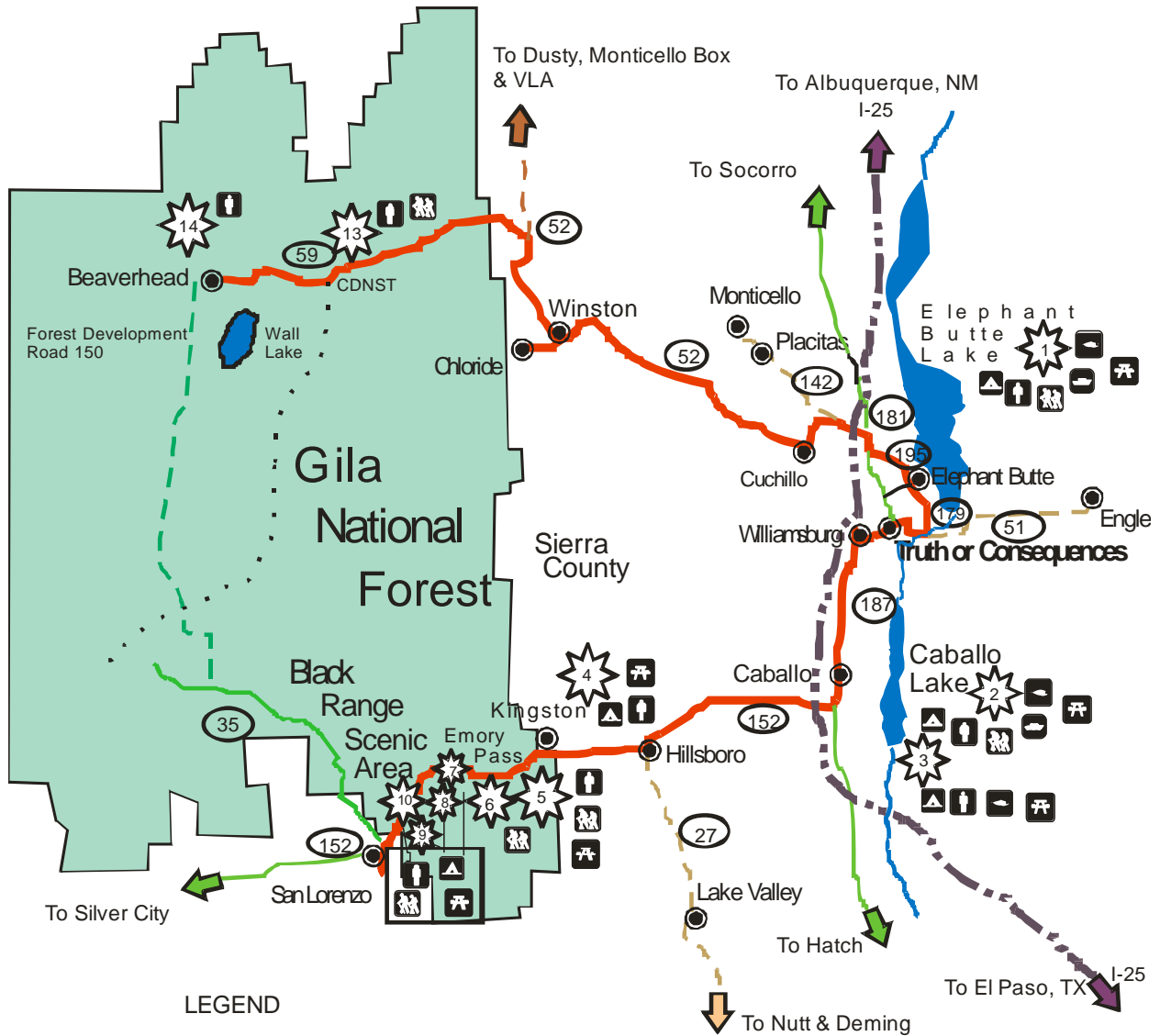
Beaverhead Work Center is located immediately to the west of the end of pavement of NM 59. This Work Center is a part of the Black Range Ranger District of the Gila National Forest. Both fire and trail crew personnel are stationed here. Location of an outside public telephone and information station. When staff is available in the office, Forest Service maps and other information can be obtained. Potable water is also available. There is no camping allowed in the administrative site, but this is an important information point and a place to re-supply water.



***Sign at Continental  
Divide National Scenic  
Trail off Hwy 59***

# Recreational Sites & Facilities

## Geronimo Trail National Scenic Byway



### LEGEND

- Geronimo Trail Scenic Byway —
- Side Trips - - -
- Secondary Roads —
- Gravel Roads - · - · -
- Interstate - · - · -
- 4-wheel Drive / High Clearance - - -

### Recreational Sites

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|------------------------|----|----------------------------|-------------|
| Elephant Butte Lake SP | 1  | T or C Golf Course         | 11          |
| Caballo Lake SP        | 2  | Sierra del Rio Golf Course | 12          |
| Percha Dam SP          | 3  | Trail Head                 | 13          |
| Kingston CG            | 4  | Beaverhead Work Station    | 14          |
| Emory Pass Picnic Area | 5  |                            |             |
| Trail 747 & 794        | 6  | Hiking                     | Restrooms   |
| Wright's Cabin CG      | 7  | Camping                    | Boating     |
| Iron Creek CG          | 8  | Fishing                    | Picnic Area |
| Gallinas CG            | 9  |                            |             |
| Rail Road Trail Head   | 10 |                            |             |