

# Scenic Byways



Placita Church



Elephant Butte Dam and Lake



Arrey Chile Field



Hillsboro Jail



Las Palomas Plaza in T or C

## **G**eronimo Trail National Scenic Byways

Sierra County's history and beauty come alive on these side trips off the beaten path.

### **Northern Historic Towns of Cuchillo, Winston, Chloride, Monticello and Placita**

Originally late 1880's mining towns, Winston and Chloride are now small settlements at the base of the Black Range. Monticello, Cuchillo and Placita, originally founded in the 1880's, remain focused on agriculture: pecans and chiles in Cuchillo, organic farms and vineyards in Monticello for a balsamic vinegar winery, and herbs in Placita for tinctures and balms.

### **Eastern Sites of Engle, Jornada del Muerto**

Engle, established in 1879 as a railroad station, was a shipping point for cattle, ore and supplies. The Jornada del Muerto was known as a dangerous segment of the migration and trade route Mexican settlers used to travel northward.

### **Elephant Butte Lake and Dam, Power Plant, City of Elephant Butte, Elephant Butte Lake State Park**

Elephant Butte Dam, built in 1911-1916, forms the 40-mile long Elephant Butte Lake. The lake is used for recreation, irrigation control and generation of electricity.

### **Agricultural Valley in southern Sierra County along the Rio Grande. Las Palomas, Caballo, Caballo State Park, Percha Dam State Park, Arrey, Derry**

These agricultural communities are centered around the Rio Grande. All along the Rio Valley green fields and pecan groves receive life-giving water from irrigation canals.

### **Southern Historic Mining Towns of Hillsboro, Kingston, and Lake Valley**

All of these mining communities were founded in the late 1800's. Each grew quickly to support over a thousand workers and nearly disappeared following the 1893 Silver Panic. Hillsboro and Kingston remain as small artists' communities.

### **Downtown Truth or Consequences and Williamsburg**

Geronimo Springs Museum with Las Palomas Plaza, art galleries, a shopping district with artists and import shops and boutiques, and hot mineral springs create an active and colorful downtown.

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