

NEW MEXICO Trace

BACK ROADS OFTEN LEAD TO GREAT



VENTURE off the freeway and onto the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway, and you'll see what we mean. This Scenic and Historic Area encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico, linking Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Enjoy a breathtaking view from atop Sandia Crest, then drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid and Cerrillos, now alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums, hiking and restaurants.

ALONG THE TURQUOISE TRAIL, you can explore unique towns, offering restaurants, shops, lodging, artists' studio/galleries and museums. For medical services (911). Prehistoric peoples made their homes here. Spanish missionaries explored the area and battles were fought over this land. Outlaws and Confederate soldiers camped in the area. And Kit Carson marched Navajo people along the Trail in their "Long Walk" to incarceration at Fort Sumner.

Scenic views, diverse cultures, extensive history and great outdoor opportunities continue to entice visitors to journey down the beautiful Turquoise Trail today...

2025 EVENTS WWW.TUROUOISETRAIL.ORG/EVENTS MAY 3 CERRILLOS ART IN THE PARK, 9AM-3PM CERRILLOS TURQUOISE TRAIL PACK BURRO RACE, 10AM

17-18 MADRID CRAWDADDY BLUES FESTIVAL, 12PM-8PM

26 MADRID MEMORIAL SOFTBALL GAME. NOON

JUNE 7 & 8 MADRID CHALLENGE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, 9AM

JULY 4 MADRID 4TH OF JULY PARADE, NOON

26 CERRILLOS VILLAGE HISTORY HIKE. 10AM-NOON

AUGUST 30 FIESTA DE CERRILLOS, 10AM-3PM

SEPT 13 MADRID VINTAGE BASE BALL GAMES, 11AM

20, 21, 27, 28 TURQUOISE TRAIL STUDIO TOUR, 10AM-5PM

OCTOBER 3-12 MADRID CHILE FESTIVAL, MINE SHAFT TAVERN

4 CERRILLOS TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE, 9AM-3PM

DECEMBER 6 MADRID CHRISTMAS PARADE, 4PM

6, 13, 20 MADRID CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, SATURDAYS 'TIL 7PM SUNDAYS, BUSINESSES OPEN REGULAR HOURS

FARMER'S MARKETS • MAY- OCTOBER

CEDAR CREST • WEDNESDAYS, 3-6PM **CERRILLOS • THURSDAYS, 4-7PM**





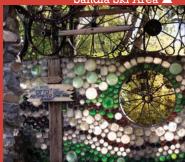
Bike Trails





Sandia Crest - 10,678 ft









Unique Cerrillos Turquoise

SIGHTSEEING ALONG THE HISTORIC TURQUOISE TRAIL

TIJERAS, CEDAR CREST, SANDIA PARK, SAN ANTONITO & CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST

Tijeras is the gateway to the Turquoise Trail and the bustling mountain communities along its path. Arrive via the Singing Road: (East Bound Rt 66, near mile marker 5) 1,300ft of roadway on Route 66 which uses rumble strips to play "America the Beautiful" for those obeying the speed limit. Stop at the Sandia Ranger Station office for information and brochures and visit the Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site. (505) 281-3304 • www.FriendsOfTijerasPueblo.org

Cedar Crest, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025, is home to an eclectic selection of shops to explore, restaurants to sample and lodging, including a convenient camping/RV park.

As you travel north you'll see the Sandia Mountains, which are part of the Cibola National Forest, a scenic and recreational paradise full of outdoor activities including bicycling, hiking, horseback riding, climbing and skiing. This beautiful area is home to a diverse collection of animals and plants, and birdwatchers come from around the world to witness the hawk and eagle migrations. Just outside of Sandia Park, along Hwy 536, the road to Sandia Crest, you'll find the Tinkertown Museum; a collection of one man's life work that includes a handcarved animated miniature western town and a three-ring circus. Follow the Byway, or "Crest Road", through the beautiful Cibola National Forest. During the drive you'll see incredible vistas and pass through five different life zones.

SANDIA CREST

Sandia Crest is the "High Point on the Turquoise Trail". The magnificent summit of the Sandia Mountain has an elevation of 10,678'. The view from the observation deck is awe-inspiring. Venture into the Sandia Mountain Wilderness to hike through aspen glades and across flowering meadows on a well-marked trail system. From mid November through March three species of Rosy Finch call Sandia Crest home, making the area an ideal destination for bird-watchers. For an exciting ride up or down the mountain to Albuquerque, take the Sandia Peak Tramway, the longest jig-back tram in the world. Round out your experience at the TEN 3 restaurant for a drink or fine dining. Call for information: (505) 856-1532, or visit www.SandiaPeak.com.The full-service Sandia Peak Ski Area &

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GOLDEN

Golden appeared suddenly in 1839 as the New Placers gold-mining town called El Real de San Francisco de Paola. When some years later the US post office arrived, there were already other San Franciscos, and so they called this one Golden. It is home to the Henderson Store, an historic Trading Post. The old church is San Francisco de Assis.

MADRID

Madrid's rich history, dating from the mid 1800's, has taken it from the discovery of coal, to a mining town, to today's distinctive artist's community. Because of the unique geology of the area, a phenomenon found in only two other mines in the world, hard and soft coal were mined here with shafts as deep as 2500'. The area was booming in its heyday supplying coal for the Santa Fe Railroad, local consumers and the US Government. The company town became famous for its Fourth of July parade, lighted Christmas displays and minor league baseball games in the first lighted stadium in the west. When coal use declined the town fell silent. It became a ghost town.

In the early 1970's, artists and craftspeople arrived. They converted old company stores and houses into quality shops and galleries and services. Madrid has an original tavern & soda fountain and in the summer there are softball games, festivals and concerts at the Historic ballpark. The Fourth of July parade and Christmas celebrations (weekends in December) have been revived by Madrid's current residents. www.VisitMadridNM.com

CERRILLOS

The area turquoise and lead deposits were critical to the jewelry and pottery making of the prehistoric Indians and these mines influenced Spanish settlement. The Cerrillos mining district from 900ad is one of the oldest and most marked of the Old Spanish Mineral Developments in the Southwest. In fact, turquoise mined here found it's way by trade routes to Mexico & Central America. Cerrillos was full of hearty miners who extracted gold, silver, lead, zinc and turquoise from area mines at its peak in the 1880's. The miners supported the town's 21 saloons and four hotels.

While it was once seriously considered for the capitol of New Mexico, today Cerrillos, with its dirt streets, is a picturesque reminder of the Old West. There are several shops, galleries, a children's park and the Cerrillos Turquoise Mining Museum & Petting Zoo; plus hiking, biking and horse trails in the Cerrillos Hills State Park. The town has been the setting for several motion pictures. St Joseph Church has mass Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

www.CerrillosNewMexico.com

CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK

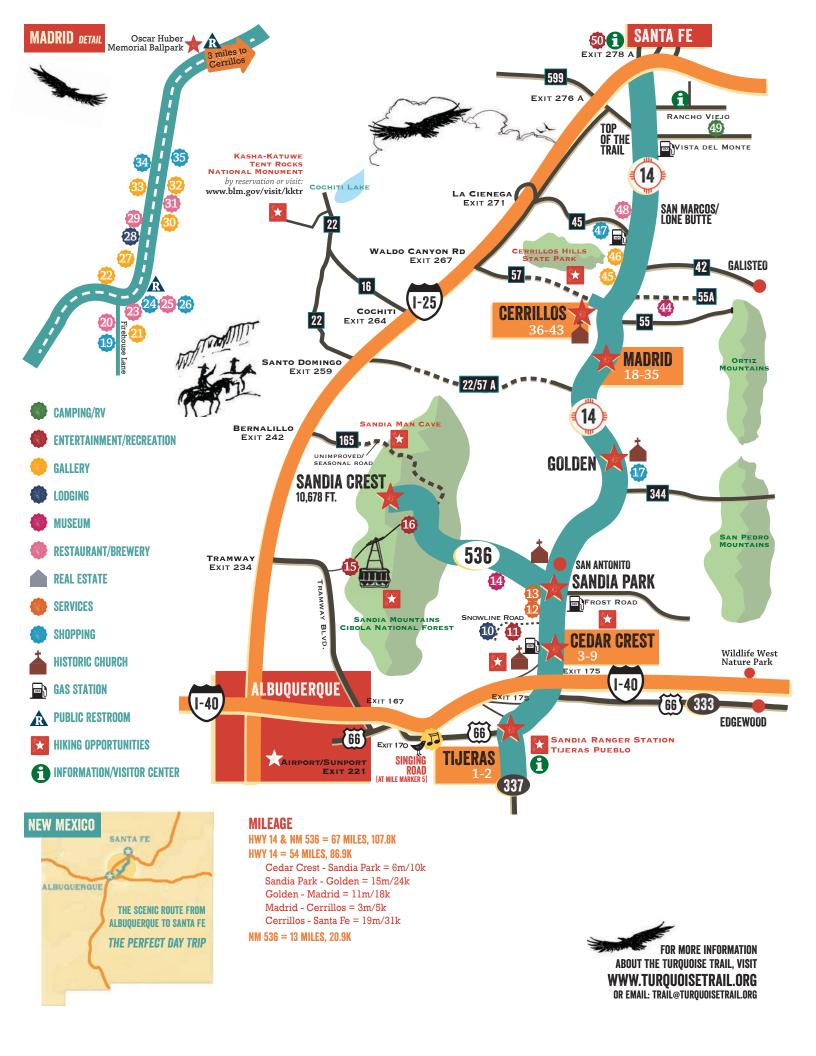
Located north of Cerrillos village, Cerrillos Hills State Park is a day-use park with five miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riding offering spectacular views of northern New Mexico as well as safe access to dozens of pre-1900 mines. Just 18 miles south of Santa Fe and 40 miles north of Albuquerque, Cerrillos Hills takes you back to a quieter time and wilder place. Park Office: 37 Main Street in Cerrillos, (505) 474-0196. Call or visit the websites for a schedule of events. Visit EMNRD.NM.gov and CerrillosHills.org

Christmas in Madrid Cerrillos Petting Zoo Cerrillos Hills State Park Art Galleries abound

SAN MARCOS/LONE BUTTE AREA

Located on a high llano (plateau), this area was once a major center for farming and pottery making in the upper Rio Grande valley, but was abandoned after the 1680 Pueblo Revolt. It is now mostly residential. A gas station and restaurants. A side trip on Hwy 45 leads you past 2 private New Mexico movie ranches where over 100 movies were made.

As you drive on towards THE TOP OF THE TRAIL, look at the open range in the direction of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, you may see antelope.





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