

Vzpomínky (30)

Geromino Trail Scenic Byway - Nové Mexiko (Arizona)

Americká národní scénická cesta připomínající apačského bojovníka, náčelníka a šamana Geromina nazývaného v rodném jazyce jako "Ten, který zívá" čili "Zíval" (nar 1825?).

Další detaily o jeho osobnosti a životě Geromina v Trampském magazínu.

The GERONIMO TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY encompasses some of the most spectacular scenic and natural beauty in the Southwest. The terrain varies from dry deserts to mountain forests, spanning many distinct life zones. Human history in the area dates for thousands of years. The three diverse ethnic groups, Native American, Hispanic and Anglo, contributed to the history and settlement of the area making for an unusual blend of local culture.

**SCENIC BYWAY SIDE TRIPS:**

**Rio Grande Valley on NM 187** – The early farming communities remain agricultural areas. The large variety of crops includes chili, cotton, sorghum, onions, pecans, melons, winter wheat, and alfalfa.

**Engle** – Once a major railroad town and cattle shipping area, only three buildings remain. All are private property in the midst of an area that was once a part of the Jornada del Muerto.

**Forest Road 150** – This dirt road south of Beaverhead is recommended for 4-wheel drive, high clearance vehicles. The 46-mile road connects on the south with NM 35 near the Mimbres Ranger Station, and is a picturesque adventure into the undeveloped lands between the Gila Wilderness and Aldo Leopold Wilderness areas.

**Lake Valley** – A walking tour of the old townsite is offered by the Bureau of Land Management. The schoolhouse has been restored and is open to the public.

**Monticello** – This example of an early Hispanic town has former business buildings surrounding the central plaza. Now all have been converted into private dwellings. The church is still in use for special occasions and feast days, and the central plaza is now a community park.

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## SCENIC BYWAY

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#### **FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Cuchillo Pecan Festival** - Fourth Saturday in February in Cuchillo, NM. This event is held at Ritch's Pecan Farm and features homemade pecan pies and candy, arts/crafts, food, and music.

**Annual Gathering of Quilts** - The last weekend in February in Truth or Consequences, NM. The Civic Center is the location of a large display of quilts made by local quilting clubs over the previous year.

**Winston Spring Fiesta** - Third Saturday in April in Winston, NM. Special features include a parade, bar-be-cue, cow chip poker, flea market, and a dance.

**Elephant Butte Kite Festival** - Third weekend of April at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, NM. It is held on the beach, with amateur and professional kite flying contests, and participants from ages 3 to 93. Categories include both homemade and commercial kites.

**Old Time Fiddler's Fiesta Contest** - Fourth weekend in April in Truth or Consequences, NM. The Civic Center is the location for a Friday jam session, Friday night dance, Saturday competitions in several categories, Saturday night dance, and Sunday championship finals.

**Ralph Edwards Fiesta** - First weekend in May in Truth or Consequences, NM. This has been an ongoing attraction since 1950, and celebrates the change of the town's name. Included are a parade, rodeo, arts/crafts and food booths, car show, and dance on Saturday. Sunday features family games and competitions in the Ralph Edwards Park.

**RV & Boat Show** - First weekend in May at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, Elephant Butte, NM. Held on the parking lot of Marina del Sur, this event features numerous RV and boat dealers displaying the latest in outdoor recreational toys.

**Hillsboro Apple Festival** - Labor Day weekend in Hillsboro, NM. The highlight of this event is an arts/crafts fair and flea market for half a mile between the bridges at each end of town. Apples, apple pies, and entertainment round out the event.

**Balloon Regatta** - Second weekend in September at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, NM. Hot air balloons take off from the sandy beaches and participate in contests of skill where each balloon is teamed with a boat on the Lake.

**Harvest Festival** - Last Saturday in September in Monticello, NM.

Local produce, food and arts/crafts are for sale on the plaza. Special booths relate local history and recognize early residents.

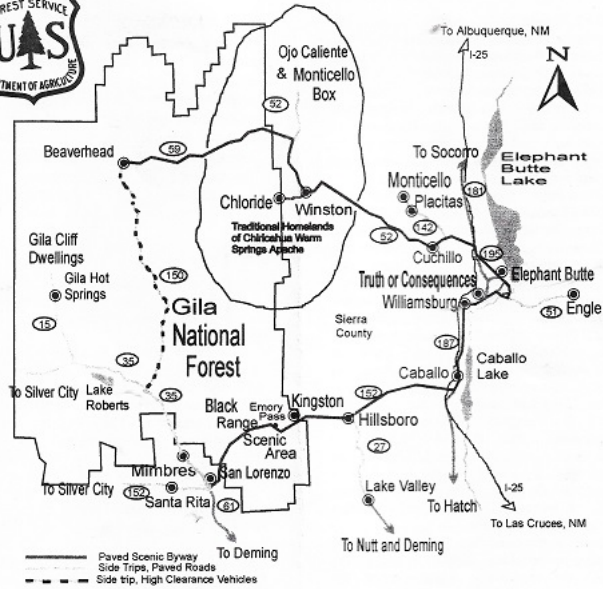
**Geronimo Days** - Second weekend in October in Truth or Consequences, NM. This celebration recognizes the three cultures that contributed to the unique heritage of New Mexico. There are Native American entertainers, Hispanic and Mariachi music, and cowboy music and poetry. A frontier town lends atmosphere, and a variety of food and arts/crafts vendors are available.

**NM Old Time Fiddlers State Championship** - Third weekend in October in Truth or Consequences, NM. Same format as the spring contest, but restricted to New Mexico residents.

**Veterans Day Car Show** - Held the Saturday closest to Veteran's Day in Truth or Consequences, NM. Over 150 antique and classic cars, motorcycles and tractors are displayed on the grounds of the New Mexico Veteran's Home on this Saturday. One of the largest car shows in New Mexico. Trophies awarded. Food is available.

**Christmas in the Foothills** - Second Saturday in December in Hillsboro, NM. Located in the foothills of the Black Range, enjoy the picturesque village of Hillsboro with its adobe architecture dressed for the season, a unique \$49.99 art show, a wide range of arts and crafts, music, and special menus and displays at local restaurants and shops.

**Weekend of Lights** - Third weekend of December at Elephant Butte and Elephant Butte Lake State Park, NM. Friday night display of luminarias and 100,000 lights at Oasis Golf Course at Elephant Butte. Light displays throughout the City of Elephant Butte. Saturday night luminaria beach walk with campfires, food and caroling at Elephant Butte Lake State Park.



— Paved Scenic Byway  
 - - Side Trips, Paved Roads  
 - - - Side Trip, High Clearance Vehicles

**Distances to Truth or Consequences from:**

Alamogordo, NM	137 miles	Hillsboro, NM	32 miles
Albuquerque, NM	147 miles	Kingston, NM	41 miles
Beaverhead, NM	87 miles	Las Cruces, NM	74 miles
Caballo, NM	15 miles	Lordsburg, NM	145 miles
Chloride, NM	43 miles	Monticello, NM	21 miles
Cuchillo, NM	18 miles	San Lorenzo, NM	68 miles
Deming, NM	85 miles	Silver City	90 miles
Elephant Butte, NM	5 miles	Socorro, NM	76 miles
El Paso, TX	119 miles	Tucson, AZ	301 miles
Hatch, NM	38 miles	Winston, NM	40 miles

**TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES:** Located on Interstate 25, this growing community on the banks of the Rio Grande offers a delightful year round climate, and many hotels/motels and restaurants. A recreational paradise, nearby fishing, hunting, hiking and bicycling are popular. It is referred to as the City of Health for the many hot mineral springs and bath houses. There are two museums, 9-hole golf course, skateboard park, tennis courts, several municipal parks and conference and convention facilities. Many gift shops and antique stores are located here, as well as art galleries and novelty shops.

**WILLIAMSBURG:** This small village, adjacent to Truth or Consequences, provides services to travelers on Interstate 25.

**CABALLO:** This community stretches for 18 miles along Caballo Lake, and has several businesses scattered along its main thoroughfare. Nearby Caballo Lake State Park provides boating, water skiing, fishing and camping. The Rio Grande and Caballo areas are a birdwatchers paradise.

**HILLSBORO:** A picturesque old mining town dating from the 1800s, Hillsboro is now a well-known community of writers, artists, ranchers and miners. The tree-lined village features a history museum, cafes, post office, bar, motel, shops, art galleries, a bed and breakfast and a small grocery store and gas station.

**KINGSTON:** Once the largest boom town in New Mexico, today Kingston is a quiet village nestled in the Black Range Mountains. Home to old businesses converted into homes, a historic lodge turned bed-and-breakfast that offers seminars on straw-bale building, and craft shops, it beckons photographers and landscape painters. Hiking, mountain biking, and camping in the Gila National Forest are popular.

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**BLACK RANGE SCENIC AREA:**

Magnificent scenery of the Gila National Forest highlights this curvy drive through the Black Range Mountains and across Emory Pass. Campgrounds, picnic areas, and frequent pull-outs invite you to stop and enjoy the breathtaking views. Hiking and backpacking trails are marked at the trailheads. Due to mountain conditions, allow sufficient driving time at reduced speeds.

**CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL:** The national hiking trail is accessible on NM 59.

**WINSTON/CHLORIDE:** These adjacent old towns share a history of mining and ranching. Winston has a general store with fuel, bar, café and post office. It is nestled in a valley that was once part of the Warm Springs Apache homelands. Chloride, 2½ miles to the west, serves as a major gateway to the Gila National Forest. The old Pioneer Store has been restored into a museum, and has an adjacent RV park. Visitors can enjoy a walking tour of the town, as well as hiking or biking in the National Forest.

**CUCHILLO:** This early Hispanic farming community became a stagecoach stop and resting-place for travelers during the late 1800s. The former stage stopover at the Cuchillo bar is still open today and provides a unique look into the past. The only café is open on weekends for authentic Mexican food, and the Pecan Farm offers pecan candy in season.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** This resort and retirement community has excellent motel accommodations, restaurants, auto and boat services. The championship 18-hole golf course is open year-round. Adjacent Elephant Butte Lake State Park, with its miles of beaches, camping facilities, three marinas and year-round fishing, is ranked #1 among New Mexico state parks. A variety of water sports are popular summer activities.