

Vzpomínky (32)

FORT SUMMER, NM, USA

Řeka Pecos, stromy (Bosque Redondo), půda, slunečné, teplé, suché klima přivedly setlery do Fort Summer do části USA, oblíbené křižovatky ve východní části středu Nového Mexika.

Billy the Kid

In the violent decade of the 1880's, Billy the Kid was a notorious young outlaw known throughout the territory of New Mexico.

Ten years old when he arrived in Santa Fe with his widowed mother and brother Joe, he was known as Henry McCarty.

His mother married William H. Arntzen and moved the family to Silver City, NM. Over the next seven years, the young man who was to become an outlaw legend was known variously as Kid Arntzen, William H. Bonney and El Chelo.

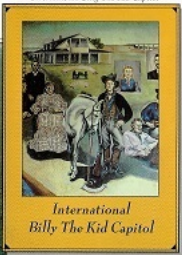
The famous Lincoln County War added to Billy the Kid's reputation as a fearless gunman. The bloody conflict pitted the nouveau and established businessmen against new enterprises. Local law officers and the Governor sided with the older establishment. Billy lined up with new comers... the Tansill faction.

When Tansill was killed, the seething violence in the area erupted into a bloodcur with repeated killings on both sides. Billy the Kid became the most hunted man in the Territory. Stories of his frequent captures and daring escapes are recorded in all the county area newspapers.

Following his last, most famous, jailbreak from Lincoln County, Billy the Kid fled to friends in the Fort Summer area. It was in the home of Peter Maxwell, son of Lucien B. Maxwell, that Sheriff Pat Conitt surprised Billy in the dark and shot him. The date was July 14, 1881. Billy was 21 years old, and had supposedly killed 21 men.

Billy is buried between his "pole" Chelie Bowdoin and Tom O'Flaherty, in the old government cemetery seven miles southeast of the present town of Fort Summer.

International Billy The Kid Capitol

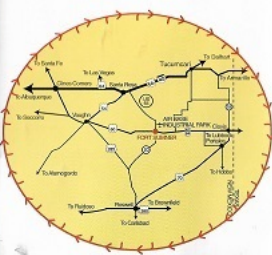


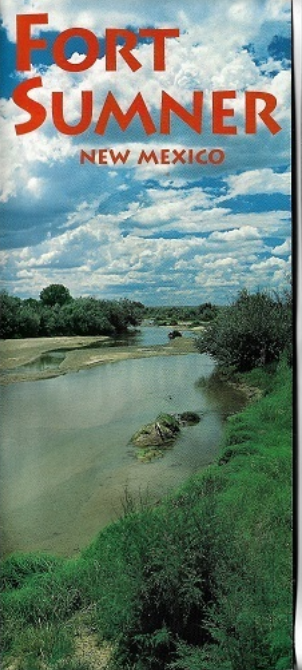
FORT SUMMER, NEW MEXICO

Population	1,269 village 2,252 county
Altitude	Friendly
Climate	maximum sunshine
Avg. Rainfall	no smog!
Snowfall	15 1/2"
Summer	infrequent
Winter	80's-90's
	30's-40's
Altitude	4,030 ft.

Economy irrigated agriculture, ranching, small businesses, gas & oil

Transportation Junction U.S. Highway 60/84 & State Road 20
Daily bus service
Fort Summer Airport (private planes)
AT & SF Railroad (main freight line west)





FORT SUMMER

NEW MEXICO

**Fort Sumner Today...
Pride of the Pecos!**

The river, the trees, the rich, irrigated lands brought early settlers to Fort Sumner. The surrounding woods, called Bosque Redondo, had been a trading area for the Spanish and Indians for 100 years. That same sunny, warm, dry climate with a six-month growing season still makes Fort Sumner a popular crossroads in East Central New Mexico. Low humidity, no smog! Huge skies filled with sunsets that have to be experienced, not described. The friendliness of the folks in Fort Sumner make it a comfortable and easy-going place to live, work and visit.

Water sports are a hub of activity in Fort Sumner, with nearby lakes and the Pecos River offering boating and fishing. Many pleasant parks can be found in the area and private overnight campgrounds are available.

Centrally located between New Mexico's Albuquerque and Santa Fe and the West Texas towns of Amarillo and Lubbock, Fort Sumner enjoys the pleasures of the city just hours away while maintaining a small town style of life.

Ranching and irrigated farming still rank at the top of the County's economic development, with small businesses, oil and gas interests following.

The water, the climate, the friendly people...these have always been the attractions of Fort Sumner—especially the people who take pride in their hometown and make Fort Sumner the Pride of the Pecos!



Recreational Facilities

- Bain Memorial Pool
- Sumner Lake State Park
- Bosque Redondo Park
- Dallas Park
- Mary Jane Humphrey Park
- Vick Golf Course
- Bowling Alley
- Tennis Court
- Basketball Courts
- Baseball Field
- De Baca County Fair Grounds

Annual Event

Old Fort Days
Second weekend in June

**Good Food,
Affordable Lodging!**

- Restaurants
- Motels
- Gas Stations
- Campgrounds

**Fort Sumner Air Base
Industrial Park**

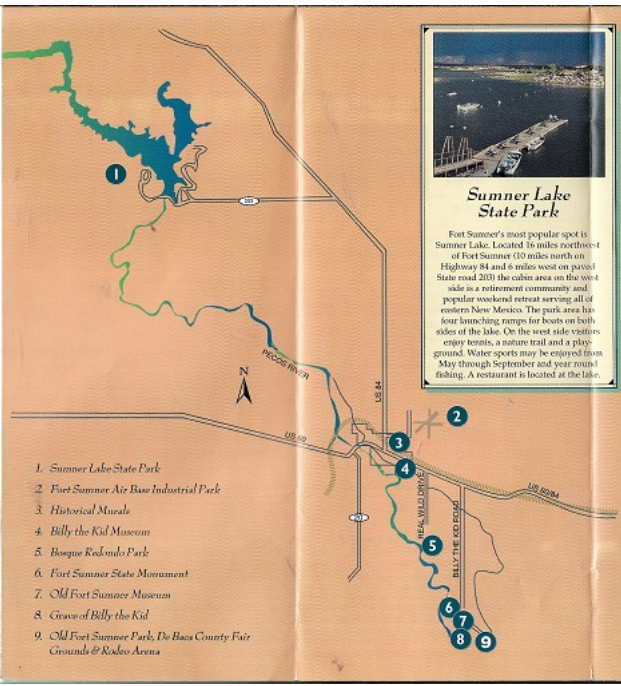
Located northeast of Fort Sumner, the Air Base Industrial Park contains 720 acres and has three asphalt runways. A concrete parking apron of 500 feet by 3,000 feet, a metal quonset-style hangar and other buildings complete the property. Constructed during World War II, it is now used for private planes. The runways are lighted and meet FAA regulations.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Scientific Balloon Facility use the Fort Sumner Air Park as a base for launching balloons for scientific research. Since it's opening in 1987 the National Scientific Balloon Facility has expanded greatly, and now brings in scientists from all over Europe.



**Fort Sumner
Medical Complex**

A hospital, nursing home, physicians and dental offices are located in one central area comprising the Fort Sumner Medical Complex. Modern facilities include the 21 bed acute care De Baca General Hospital and its Family Practice Center, the 42 bed Pecos Valley Care Center, and the Fort Sumner Dental Offices.



1. Sumner Lake State Park
2. Fort Sumner Air Base Industrial Park
3. Historical Murals
4. Billy the Kid Museum
5. Bosque Redondo Park
6. Fort Sumner State Monument
7. Old Fort Sumner Museum
8. Grave of Billy the Kid
9. Old Fort Sumner Park, De Baca County Fair Grounds & Rodeo Arena



**Sumner Lake
State Park**

Fort Sumner's most popular spot is Sumner Lake. Located 16 miles northwest of Fort Sumner (10 miles north on Highway 84 and 6 miles west on paved State road 203) the cabin area on the west side is a retirement community and popular weekend retreat serving all of eastern New Mexico. The park area has four launching ramps for boats on both sides of the lake. On the west side visitors enjoy tennis, a nature trail and a playground. Water sports may be enjoyed from May through September and year round fishing. A restaurant is located at the lake.



Historical Murals

In the upper hallway of the courthouse are lovely old murals, painted in the 1920's under a general Works Project Act, by a young Texico, New Mexican, artist Russel Vernon Hunter. The scenes depict the history of the old fort, the legend of outlaw Billy the Kid, the birth of farming and ranching and the coming of the railroad. Visitors may view the murals from 8-4:30 weekdays.



From the intersection of Hwy. 60/84 go north one block to the bowling alley and view the murals painted by local artist/historian Bob Parsons. The murals tell the story of the Fort Sumner region from the time of the exploring Spaniards in 1541. In the next block, at Corbese Feed and Supply, is another mural completed in 1994 by artist Kristine Cortese, which depicts a branding scene. The mural is dedicated to Kristine's grandfather, Joe Cortese.





Billy The Kid Museum

Billy The Kid Museum features relics of the historic post including a rifle that belonged to Billy the Kid along with documentation. The museum's collection includes antique cars, wagons, buggies and a horse drawn hearse. Get a better understanding of the trail's people of the 1880's and early 1900's enmeshed in their struggle to stay alive and provide for their families.

Billy the Kid Museum is located two miles east of downtown Fort Sumner.



Fort Sumner State Monument and The Bosque Redondo

The U.S. Army felt the most effective way to deal with the hostile Indian tribes was to place them on reservations under military guard. This policy gave birth to Fort Sumner and the Bosque Redondo. The site became a state monument in 1988. A visitor's center features history exhibits and a living history program which includes demonstrations of the arms and equipment of frontier soldiers.

The monument is located 4 miles east of Fort Sumner on Highway 60/84 and 3 miles south on Billy the Kid Road. A new memorial building commemorating the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian Tribes is planned.



Old Fort Sumner Museum

Artifacts, pictures and documents from 1865 onward are collected in the Old Fort Sumner Museum located just east of the Fort Sumner Monument. Behind the museum is the Old Fort Sumner Military Cemetery, final resting place of outlaw Billy the Kid, (gentleman) Lucien B. Maxwell and his family. There is no charge to see Billy's grave. To reach the Old Fort Sumner Museum, drive west from Fort Sumner 4 miles on U.S. Highway 60/84 to Billy The Kid Road. Turn south 3 miles to Billy's Grave.