

Grand Enchantment Trail

Town Guide

Trail Towns & Services Info
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Miles listed from west terminus (**red text** = can walk-in via main route or an alternate)

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1. Travel to GET west terminus

The Grand Enchantment Trail begins east of downtown Phoenix at the First Water Trailhead on the Tonto National Forest near the town of Apache Junction. This trailhead is easy to reach from Phoenix, Sky Harbor international airport, and the Greyhound bus terminal adjacent to Sky Harbor.

From Sky Harbor airport and bus station:

Stagecoach Express (480) 982-2555. www.stagecoachexpressshuttle.com Formerly Arizona Value Shuttle. Will pick up at the airport, bus or train station, and/or area motels & shuttle to or near GET west terminus (First Water trailhead). \$50-\$60 (\$10 each extra person). Call or book online 24 hours ahead. Also local runs (Apache Junction area to/from trailhead) – rate based on time and distance. (Also services Superior, Mammoth, possibly Safford with 48 hour advance notice. Call for rates.)

Phoenix area transportation:

Uber and Lyft provide service throughout the Phoenix metro and, depending on the driver, may be able to take you all the way to First Water Trailhead. Rates are usually, but not always, better than a traditional taxi.

Rental car facilities:

Sky Harbor Airport Most major rental car companies are located at the airport's nearby rental car facility, reachable by "sky train" near the airport baggage claim area. All vehicles returned to a different location may include a "drop fee" for one-way rentals.

Enterprise Rent a Car 1628 E Sky Harbor Circle South. Enterprise is the most likely rental agency to offer one-way rentals, which could allow you to drive yourself to within 16 miles of First Water Trailhead for a shorter shuttle or Lyft (vs 45 miles from the airport) - potentially useful if needing a vehicle to run last-minute errands before starting.

Enterprise Rent a Car 7221 E Main St, Mesa, AZ 85207. This is the closest Enterprise rental office to First Water Trailhead. (There's a Hertz facility slightly closer at 9816 E Main St, Mesa, AZ 85207 in the event that a one-way rental might be possible to here.)

Greyhound bus locations:

In Phoenix near Sky Harbor: 2115 E Buckeye Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85034

In Apache Junction (nearest to GET trailhead at 12 miles away): 3940 S Ironwood Dr, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Commuter train & city bus:

Unfortunately, no buses or other public transportation run as far as Apache Junction. But you could potentially reduce the cost of a shuttle or Lyft from Sky Harbor airport by hopping on the airport's Sky Train to the 44th Street Station transportation hub, then take the Valley Metro light rail to the end of the line in Mesa (at Main St & Gilbert Rd), with 26 miles remaining to First Water Trailhead. This distance can be further reduced to 16 miles by then taking city bus route 40 east as far as Main Street at Power Rd, or you could continue to the end of the bus line at the large Superstition Springs shopping area with supermarkets, multiple restaurants, and department stores.

Driving directions to GET west terminus:

First Water Trailhead is located about 45 miles east of downtown Phoenix. From Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, exit onto Washington St eastbound. Pick up the 202 freeway east to US 60 east to exit 196 / Idaho Rd. Turn left, following Idaho Rd north through four traffic lights. Along the way, pass a Super 8 motel, a few convenience stores (for water, possibly HEET, etc.), a Walgreens pharmacy (Bic lighter, sunscreen, etc.), and several restaurants nearby. At the 5th light, turn right, northeast, onto Apache Trail / State Route 88. Pass Goldfield ghost town / tourist attraction, and then (at around 5 miles from Idaho Rd jct) a signed turnoff to Lost Dutchman State Park on right. Continue on Apache Trail less than a half mile farther, then turn right onto graded dirt FR 78 at sign for "First Water Trailhead." Your driver may opt not to continue farther, although the road is usually passable for passenger vehicles except following summer monsoon flash floods. At ~2.3 miles on FR 78, find First Water equestrian parking on the left. Here a spur trail heads east, or continue on the road ~0.6 mile farther to First Water Trailhead hiker parking and the GET west terminus. Toilet facilities are here, as well as a hiker register and information kiosk, but no water is available. (First probable water along the trail is Charlebois Spring about 9 miles away.)

Land Management Agency:

Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District 5140 E. Ingram St. Mesa, AZ (480) 610-3300. For information about conditions along the GET environment between the west terminus and Rogers Canyon area including the Superstition Wilderness.

2. A Note About Post Offices

All US post offices, listed among the town entries below, accept packages mailed to them via "general delivery" and will hold them typically up to 30 days. Since these post offices are not yet very familiar with the GET or its hikers, it may be advisable to notify them by phone in advance of sending a food or equipment package.

Use the following mailing convention when sending maildrops:

Hiker's Name General Delivery
Town, State Zip Code

The post office's street address can be omitted; these are listed below only to assist hikers in finding each location.

As those who've hiked other long trails will attest, it's also a good idea to include on your package the words "Hold for Hiker" to the bottom-left of the address, along with an "Estimated Date of Arrival (EDA)." This helps the postmaster to better identify your package and to prioritize its manner of storage until you arrive.

3. Superior AZ

Trail miles from Phoenix (west) terminus: 48

Distance from GET: 5 miles E via US 60

Services in this scenic, erstwhile Arizona mining town are spread out along US 60, with a few additional businesses--post office, library, Save Money Market, and a couple of eateries--located in the old downtown (Main Street) just to the north, now bypassed by the highway. The renowned Boyce Thompson Desert Arboretum is west of town along US 60, 1-2 miles east of the GET/AZT. Superior's public library offers internet access; this would be a good opportunity for eastbound hikers to make a last-minute effort (much earlier the better actually) to obtain permits to enter Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness, about 85 miles away.

Superior US Post Office address:

25 N High School Ave

Superior AZ 85173

Hours: M-F 08:30-04:45PM Closed SA

Phone: (520) 689-5790

Groceries:

Save Money Market 420 W Main St (520) 689-2265. Long-term resupply, ATM, some drug store items, including denatured (isopropyl) alcohol.

Family Dollar 580 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-5480. Discount variety store has several aisles of groceries, mostly discount brands, some packaged dinners, no fresh produce.

Farmer's Market 798 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-5845. Small convenience store with some fresh produce. Also a liquor selection that may include Everclear (for alcohol stove fuel).

Circle K convenience store US Highway 60. (520) 689-5404 Generally does NOT sell HEET.

Restaurants:

Buckboard City 1111 W US Highway 60 Superior, AZ (520) 689-5800. Unpretentious western & Mexican fare. Don't miss "World's Smallest Museum" adjacent to restaurant.

Los Hermanos 835 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-5465. Family-style Mexican-American fare, also serves breakfast. Bar room adjacent.

Jalapeños 649 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-2866. Short-order Mexican fare in former burger stand - a hip little spot.

Edwardo's Pizzeria 701 W US Highway 60. (520) 689-2628. Pizza, subs, salads, beer. Good value.

DeMarco's Italian Restaurant 433 W US Highway 60. Pizza, pasta, subs, salads, ice cream. Opened 2015, a couple of doors up the street from the Copper Mountain Motel. Has a sister restaurant located in Globe.

Porters Cafe 404 Main St (520) 689-5003. Monday-Sunday 11-8pm. Lunch and dinner featuring burgers, steaks, Mexican, salads. Adjacent bar. Located in the old downtown area, west of the post office.

Felicia's Ice Cream Shop 329 W Main St (520) 689-1940

Lodging:

Copper Mountain Motel 577 W Kiser St, Superior, AZ 85173. (520)689-2886. www.coppermountainmotelaz.com Small, older motel with nicely renovated, if basic, rooms. Fridge/microwaves available. All rooms non-smoking. Pets OK. Use of coin-op washer and dryer for guests (get soap and change at Family Dollar across the street). Current owner doesn't shuttle back to trail but maybe if enough hikers ask and offer to pay? Motel occasionally fills up; reservations may be advisable.

Be Yonder Haus BeYonderHaus@gmail.com; 651-206-1605 (text preferred). M.J., the 'Purple Angel', offers trail users a spot to do laundry, shower, sleep, and enjoy a homecooked meal. She also provides shuttles to/and from the trail. Donations very much welcome (\$20 is a good starting point).

Laundromat:

Laundry available for guests at **Copper Mountain Motel** and **Be Yonder Haus**

Library / internet:

99 N KELLNER AVE (north off Main St in old downtown) (520) 689-2327

Bank / ATM:

Community First National 351 W Main St

ATM at **Save Money Market** and **Circle K convenience store**

Transportation / Shuttle:

Stagecoach Express in Phoenix may pick up or drop off in Superior (with 24 hr advance notice). See [Phoenix](#) area transportation info above.

Greyhound Pick up / drop off at Southwest 24 Hour Towing, 804 W Hwy 60. Two departures daily (one eastbound, one westbound), connecting to Safford, Apache Junction, and Phoenix. www.greyhound.com (800) 231-2222.

M.J. at **Be Yonder Haus** can provide shuttles to and from Picketpost Trailhead as time allows. BeYonderHaus@gmail.com; 651-206-1605 (text preferred).

Land Management Agency:

Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd. Globe AZ (east of Superior) (928) 402-6200. Info on Rogers Canyon area east along the GET to Superior.

Arizona Trail Association www.aztrail.org For trail-specific information along the shared AZT / GET corridor.

4. Kearny AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 79

Distance from GET: 6 miles SE via Ray Jct Rd & Hwy 177

Founded by the Kennecott Mining Company during the early boom years of the nearby Ray copper mine, Kearny today reflects its unique heritage as a master-planned working-class community, replete with wide, tree-lined residential streets and a compact business district ideal for locals and travelers alike. Located just 30 miles south of Superior as the trail travels, Kearny presents something of an "either / and" option for GETers. While not as sizable nor eclectic as Superior, Kearny is similarly located a half-dozen or so miles off-trail and provides a comparable array of services including post office, eateries, groceries, lodging, and a public library.

Kearny US Post Office address:

388 Alden Rd

Kearny AZ 85137

Hours: MO - FR 09:00-01:00PM & 02:00PM-04:30PM Closed SA

Phone: (520) 363-5621

Groceries:

Norm's Hometown Grocery IGA 345 Alden Rd, Kearny, AZ 85137. Basic, full service supermarket. Good bakery selection.

Family Dollar 302 Alden Road. Short-term resupply potential.

Cactus Video & Mini Mart 352 Alden Rd. Convenience store.

Restaurants:

Old Time Pizza & Deli 370 Alden Rd. (520) 363-5523. Pizza, burgers, subs, salads, appetizers, beer menu, ice cream. Will sometimes deliver to the GET / AZT at the Kelvin-Riverside Bridge (junction of GET segments 3 and 4). (Enjoy, tip generously, and pack it in, pack it out!) Hiker-friendly proprietors Gary and Loraine Birkett *may* be able to offer a shuttle back to trail as time allows. Remember this is a restaurant, not a taxi service. Please don't request a ride in AND back.

Buzzy's Drive-In 111 Tilbury Drive. Burgers, tacos, fried foods. Dine-in restaurant, despite the name.

General Kearny Inn A bar and restaurant is sometimes open in the lobby.

Lodging:

General Kearny Inn 301 Alden Rd. (520) 363-5505. 1960's era motel with adjacent bar. Some rooms have refrigerators.

Gila Yacht Club and Hostel 56120 E. Riverside Rd. Per the Arizona Trail Association website (caveat emptor, as no phone number or website was found): This is a full-time hostel located one-mile off trail (on the way into Kearny from Kelvin) serving hikers, bikers, rock climbers, equestrians, llama packers, kayakers, and more. They have open tent spots, restrooms, hot showers and bucket laundry. Limited parking for vehicles/trailers. You can mail your re-supply packages (make sure your name is on each surface and your anticipated arrival date; packages will be returned or absorbed into the resupply box two weeks after your anticipated arrival date. They can often help facilitate shuttles into town.

Camping:

Free, primitive drive-up style campsites available at **Kearny Lake Park campground**, 0.6 mile south of General Kearny Inn (shortest approach via 4WD utility tracks). Adjacent small fishing lake offers a perimeter trail. May be possible to stealth camp in adjacent desert as well.

Stove fuel:

Kearny Auto Supply (NAPA) 393 Alden Rd. (520) 363-5557. Closed Sun. Sells HEET.

Ace Hardware 346 Alden Road. (520) 363-7346.

Library:

912 Tilbury Drive (0.75 mi south of Alden Rd / main drag). (520) 363-5861. Closed weekends. Offers computers with internet.

Bank / ATM:

Ray Federal Credit Union 112 Williams Lane

Norm's Hometown Grocery IGA ATM machine inside

Shuttle:

Old Time Pizza & Deli 370 Alden Rd. (520) 363-5523. Hiker-friendly proprietors Gary and Loraine Birkett *may* be able to offer a shuttle back to trail as time allows. Remember this is a restaurant, not a taxi service. Please don't request a ride in AND back.

5. Mammoth AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 123

Distance from GET: 10 miles S via AZ 77

A former mining town, Mammoth – originally Mammoth Camp - takes its name from the historic Mammoth mine located nearby. More recently, the town served as a bedroom community to the San Manuel mine until its closing in 2003. Mammoth today is a small (not extinct!), friendly and laid-back, but notably spread out community along bustling State Highway 77, its ongoing lifeblood. Most services are located along or near the highway, with the post office along Main Street one block east.

Mammoth US Post Office address:

230 S Main St

Mammoth AZ 85618

Hours: MO - FR 08:30-04:30PM Closed SA (knock 8:15 - 10:15 for package retrieval only)

Phone: (520) 487-2861

Groceries:

Dollar General 401 N Highway 77 (520) 487-0122. Decent selection of basic groceries (pasta and rice meals, peanut butter, instant potatoes, oatmeal, cheese, eggs, nuts, granola bars, snacks, candy, energy drinks, ziploc bags). Also first aid & personal care items, phone cards, batteries, etc. but no HEET. Good for short to medium term resupply.

Circle K 307 Highway 77. (520) 487-2621. Open 24 hours. Sells single-load laundry detergent. No HEET or rubbing alcohol. ATM (fee is charged) and cash back available.

(Resupply to Klondyke or Superior - probably not to Safford - may be possible using above options and/or **take-out food from restaurants below**. Partial or full PO maildrop resupply recommended to grubstake longer distances.)

Restaurants:

Mi Pueblito Restaurant 706 Highway 77. (520) 487-2123. Closed Mondays. "Mi Pueblito restaurant serves Mexican and American food with my original home-made tortillas and delicious pan dulce. Come and visit us." - owner Maria Torres

Maria's Cafe 739 San Pedro Ave. (520) 487-0136. Closed weekends. Mexican-American food. Good reviews.

Las Michoacanas 337 Highway 77 (520) 487-2380. Mexican-American, with standard breakfast fare (served until noon), plus L & D menu. Closed Wednesdays.

La Casita 400 Highway 77 (520) 487-9980. Family-style Mexican. Closed Tuesdays.

Central AZ College cafeteria On GET, half a mile into Segment 6 along Aravaipa Road. Cafeteria historically open to the public for lunch from 10am to 2pm. Double cheeseburger gets good reviews from hikers. Cafeteria has outlets for charging phones. Drinking water also available after hours from outside water fountain on campus.

Lodging:

The Lodge 712 N Highway 77, Mammoth, AZ 85618 (520) 487-1904. NOW CLOSED (although owners, if around, may have ideas for you).

According to 2023 hikers, an old RV is available on **AirBnB** at Kim Lee's house in town (may do laundry if you ask nicely).

Laundry:

Quite possibly none but see above re: AirBnB.

Library:

125 Clark St., in the basement of the town hall. (520) 487-2026. Closed Sun and Mon. Free Wi-Fi, Internet access, restroom.

Bank / ATM:

ATM at Circle K.

6. Resupply Caution

The distance between the Mammoth area (GET crossing of Hwy 77) and town of Safford is around 110 miles via the main route of the GET. Travel time in this section can be slower than average as you navigate the region's many scenic highlights (including Aravaipa Canyon, the Santa Teresa Wilderness, and the rugged crest of the Pinalenos, often snowbound in springtime). As such, consider sending a maildrop to Klondyke, a couple of days east of Hwy 77 (either instead of, or in addition to, using Mammoth). See the next entry for more about resupplying in Klondyke. In addition, you may want to allot 6 days of food *just between Klondyke and Safford* if planning to hike the main route in Segment 8 on your way through. Don't underestimate this stretch of the GET; plan to slow down and enjoy it!

7. Klondyke AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 153

Distance from GET: 2.5 miles SE via Aravaipa-Klondyke Rd

Founded in the early 1900's by a pair of nostalgic Yukon gold diggers, Klondyke (spelled with a 'y' instead of an 'i') holds on as a tiny outpost of civilization near the east end of Aravaipa Canyon. Now primarily a ranching community, as well as playing host to the occasional urban refugee, Klondyke has just one storefront: the tiny Klondyke Country Store, now reopened and refurbished after a long hiatus, with an eye toward helping out locals, tourists, and hikers alike. Klondyke remains a legitimate alternative to resupplying in Mammoth, but please take note of current arrangements for the shipping and holding of mail parcels, detailed below.

Maildrop service:

PLEASE NOTE: Klondyke does not have a post office, but merely an unwritten agreement with store / lodge owners Beth and Dave Ringwald allowing GET'ers to ship a box to an old metal freezer unit located behind the store (unplugged; shaped like the kind of thing you'd pull a Klondyke Bar from). The continued availability of this option depends on our positive actions. With this in mind, the following address is for maildrop delivery only. Please limit shipments to one package per person. You MUST ensure that you or someone on your behalf picks up your package in a timely manner. Packages should not be left unclaimed for more than 2 weeks. So that you can best assure your commitment to picking up your Klondyke package, EASTBOUND LONG-DISTANCE HIKERS PLEASE CONSIDER mailing from your first trail town (i.e., Superior or Kearny) rather than prior to starting your hike. Most unclaimed packages are from those who underestimated the trail's difficulty and had to bail out prematurely (the first section from Phoenix to Superior is indicative of the trail's overall level of difficulty). Don't become a member of Klondyke's Most Wanted: If you mail a package here, please pick it up! (By the same token, don't mail your package too late, as delivery can be a bit slower than normal to this remote location.)

SHIP TO:

(hiker's name)

c/o Klondyke Store / freezer behind store

36951 Klondyke Rd.

Willcox (Klondyke) AZ 85643

(Include "Please hold for hiker" and estimated date of arrival)

(also, in the return address, include a contact ph #)

Ship via US Postal Service, UPS, or FedEx. For postal shipments, use Priority Mail service only, so that package arrives at this remote outpost within a reasonable timeframe (and so you don't arrive before your package does). Postal mail is delivered Mon, Tue, and Fri only. UPS and FedEx deliver nearly every day. Whichever carrier you choose, ship early enough so it gets there before you, but not so early that it's languishing (and wearing out the welcome). Parcels have traditionally been stored in a large metal freezer (turned off, unlocked) located on the back porch of the store, with 24/7 access. Owners Beth and Dave live within view of the store, are often around, and look forward to meeting folks as they pass through. You might consider giving them a call or contacting them through Facebook when you're shipping your box / before you arrive so they know to expect you. (928) 828-3335 www.facebook.com/KlondykeHorseheadLodge

Note also that the only trash facility in Klondyke (for discarded boxes, footwear, etc.) is a dump station along Fourmile Creek Rd, 0.8 mi west of Klondyke Store. Do not expect to leave your empty boxes, trash or unwanted food at the store or with the owners. Pack it down the road please! (see Fourmile Campground entry under camping below)

Groceries:

Klondyke Country Store 36951 Klondyke Rd. Klondyke AZ, 85643 Ph (928) 828-3335 www.facebook.com/KlondykeHorseheadLodge (FB page has regular posts about the store as well as the lodge.) The store is open limited days during the week (typically Thu - Sun) but the owners are very hiker-friendly. (Maildrops can be retrieved at any time; just don't show up after dark so as not to disturb RV guests as well as the owners who live behind the store.) The store carries microwave pizza/burritos/ ice cream, plus some hiker staples including a line of Peak freeze-fried meals. Beth and Dave are always trying to increase what they carry for hikers. Still, plan to send a maildrop rather than trying for a full resupply out of the store. As a favor to hikers, WiFi can be accessed via password.

Lodging/camping:

The Horsehead Lodge, located behind the store, is open and welcomes hikers. \$75-\$275 per night, rate dependent upon how much of the (large, rustic) lodge is rented. 5 bedrooms available, with room for 13 guests. Individual renters may share a common area in the middle of the lodge, between the private rooms, as well as one of two available full kitchens within the lodge. Stay incl. showers (laundry service available for a fee). A worthwhile stay for hikers who plan to bring (or manage to buy) the food for it. Advance reservations recommended for those with a specific interest in staying over. And try to confirm whether you're on schedule several days prior to arrival, so the owners know when/if to expect you and to make arrangements for a key drop if they'll be away when you arrive. Otherwise, if disinterested in making reservations, you could plan to wing it when you get there, spending the night instead at the nearby Fourmile Canyon Campground if need be (see below). The store/lodge area also has R.V. spaces - 3 hookups with electricity and water.

Camping is available at the BLM's **Fourmile Canyon Campground** 0.8 mi. west of the Klondyke Store on Fourmile Creek Rd. Developed water available year-round. Modern toilet facility, picnic tables, grills, spigots, car-friendly camping. \$5 per night (self-pay). Generally a quiet spot, likely suitable for thru-hikers.

BLM Klondyke Ranger Station, next door to the Klondyke Store, is only sporadically staffed. Westbounders, don't expect to make changes to your Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness permit date here as this is in no way a possibility. And everybody, please don't hang out in front of the ranger station or on the porch or try to charge devices. If the ranger is present, good chance it's a volunteer and this is essentially their home. Instead, head 0.8 mile west to Fourmile Canyon Campground.

8. Safford AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 230

Distance from GET: **on route**

A bustling community located in the broad Gila Valley at the intersection of two main travel routes, Safford (and the adjacent town of Thatcher - the two together form a seamless unit) represents the largest stop directly along the route of the GET (save for Phoenix and Albuquerque at the end points). Although the GET bypasses the community's main services area, this area nonetheless remains conveniently close by and includes a number of motels, restaurants, and full-service supermarkets. The majority of services are located along US 70 (aka Thatcher Boulevard), the main drag. Perhaps no area so well embodies the "Three C's" of southern Arizona's rural economy - copper, cotton, and cattle - as the towns situated along the Gila Valley, and indeed cotton fields are a frequent sight as the GET tours the region. Safford is also located along the Southern Tier Bicycle Route, with touring cyclists often spotted along Highway 70, especially in springtime.

Safford US Post Office address:

504 S 5th Ave

Safford AZ 85546

Hours: MO-FR 08:30-04:30PM SA 10:00-12:00PM

Phone: (928) 428-0220

The Safford post office is located in the old downtown, 3 blocks east of 8th Ave on the south corner of US 70.

Solomon US Post Office address:

2106 S Bowie Ave

Solomon AZ 85551

Hours: MO-FR 8:30AM – 12:00PM & 12:30PM - 3:00PM SA CLOSED

Phone: (928) 428-4030

The Solomon post office is located in the town of Solomon, 5 miles east of Safford and about 0.6 of a mile south of the GET. Solomon presently offers no other services.

Groceries:

Safeway Food & Drug US 70 (long-term resupply, with organic options)

Walmart 20th Ave (long-term resupply). Half a block south of US 70 close to GET. (8th St at 20th Ave)

Basha's Supermarket US 70 (long-term resupply) Located in Thatcher, somewhat out of the way.

Thriftree Food & Drug - IGA 755 S Central Ave, at 8th St. (long-term resupply, less refined selection than above options) (928) 428-1844

Restaurants:

Salty Heifer Grill 912 W Thatcher Blvd, Safford (520) 656-5856. 5 star google-rated burgers, sandwiches, and fried chicken. Located behind Sarah's Bull Pen. Closed Sun & Mon.

Fancy Pizzeria 628 S 8th Ave, Safford. 4.5 star-rated pizza, pasta, and sandwiches. Closed Sundays.

Los Jilberto's Fast Mexican 215 E US Highway 70 (928) 428-4887

El Charro Mexican 601 West Main Street, Safford. (928) 428-4134. Dine-in or take-out. (Not the popular Tucson-area El Charro chain.)

JD's Grill House 2019 W US Highway 70 (928) 428-4744. Sports bar / sit-down restaurant with burgers, sandwiches, seafood, salad bar.

Jerry's 1612 West Thatcher Boulevard (928) 428-5613. Serves breakfast all day.

Super Wok 1275 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 348-9452. "Safford style" Chinese with buffet. Home of the Triple Crown menu option (for super wokers).

China Taste 1391 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 348-3336. Buffet-style.

... and plenty of fast food and chain restaurants in Safford & Thatcher.

Lodging:

Economy Inn 225 E US Highway 70 (928) 348-0011. Wifi in rooms. Coin-op guest laundry (sells soap). On east end of town between 8th Ave and 8th St.

Budget Inn 1215 West Thatcher Boulevard (928) 428-7850. Clean and basic. Friendly proprietors.

Tour Rest Motel Thatcher Blvd, Safford (928) 428-3881. Basic. Rooms reportedly nicer than exterior.

Cottage B & B 1104 South Central, Safford (off US 191 between 8th St and 14th St.) cottagebedandbreakfast.com. Historic building with Colonial Revival architecture & decor. Main House (shared bath) or cottage (kitchenette, private bath). Rated 4.8 stars.

Sunrise RV Park 900 E Hollywood Rd Safford (928) 428-1895. Located along GET route just east of Hwy 70 crossing. RV & mobile home park has showers & laundry, and is the only RV park in town that accommodates tent camping.

Motel 6 1578 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 428-5851. Newer property. Next door to Jerry's restaurant.

Best Western Desert Inn 1391 W Thatcher Blvd 928-428-0521. Price sometimes negotiable when vacancy high. Full breakfast. Wifi in rooms. Guest internet (public computer) in lobby. Guest laundry (sells soap).

Quality Inn & Suites 420 E. Hwy 70 (928) 428-3200 On east end of town between 8th Ave and 8th St.

Days Inn 520 East U.S. Highway 70 (928) 428-5000. On east end of town between 8th Ave and 8th St.

Comfort Inn & Suites 2577 U.S. 70, Thatcher (928) 348-9500 Located west of Basha's Supermarket in Thatcher (somewhat out of the way).

Marriott SpringHill Suites 2855 U.S. 70, Thatcher (928) 428-6900. Located way out by itself in the middle of Thatcher (adjacent a Denny's restaurant, at least).

Laundromat:

The Station 3613 W Main St, Thatcher. (928) 428-9532. (In downtown Thatcher, so most easily accessed on foot, north from the GET route through Thatcher prior to reaching Safford (eastbound). Washer/dryer for guests available at the **Best Western** & **Economy Inn** motels in Safford. Also Budget Inn reportedly has a small laundry room for guests located across the street at **Valley Motel** (same owner).

Stove fuel:

[AutoZone](#) Hwy 70. Sells HEET.

[Safford Builders Supl/Ace Hdwr](#) 707 S 6th Ave (928) 428-1033

[Home Depot](#) 8th St at 20th Ave.

[Walmart](#) 8th St at 20th Ave. Canister fuel (probably larger sizes only) in the camping department.

Pharmacy:

[Walgreens](#) 1995 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 428-5059

[Walmart](#) 8th St at 20th Ave.

Library / Internet:

808 S 7TH AVE (928) 432-4165. Along the GET route, two blocks south of US 70 in old downtown. Computers available with internet access. HOURS: Mo-Th 10am-7pm; Fr Sat Sun CLOSED.

Bank / ATM:

[Wells Fargo](#) 426 US-70

[Bank One](#) 321 W MAIN ST

ATM at [Basha's](#) and [Safeway](#) supermarkets, [Walmart](#).

Outfitter:

[Gila Outdoor](#) 3660 W Main Street Thatcher, AZ 85552 (928) 348-0710. Closed Sunday. Basic selection of backpacking equipment and accessories, including footwear. Hunting/fishing-oriented selection and staff. Store most easily accessed on foot, north from the GET route through Thatcher prior to reaching Safford (eastbound).

[Big 5 Sporting Goods](#) 2281 U.S. 70 Thatcher, AZ 85552 (928) 428-8760. In the Basha's Plaza.

Transportation:

[Greyhound](#) Bus stop at Speedway convenience store / gas station, 3775 W Main St., Thatcher, AZ (one block west of Gila Outdoor in downtown Thatcher). Bus pulls up along side street (Stadium Ave). Two departures daily (one eastbound, one westbound), connecting to Superior, Apache Junction, Phoenix, and El Paso TX. www.greyhound.com (800) 231-2222.

[Gila Valley Rides](#) (928) 985-1007 (and on Facebook). Local taxi service. Good reviews.

[Enterprise Rent-a-Car](#) 2161 US-70, Thatcher, AZ. Closed Sat-Sun. Located inside the Freedom Ford/Lincoln car dealership just west of the Safeway plaza. Local and one-way car rentals. One-way rentals are not always available, sometimes require advance notice, and may require a drop-off in Tucson.

[Stagecoach Express](#) in Phoenix may pick up or drop off in Safford with a minimum 48 hours advance notice. Rate based on time and distance. See [Phoenix](#) area transportation info above.

Land Management Agency:

[BLM Safford Field Office](#) 711 14th Avenue Safford (928) 348-4400. Info on Safford-Morenci Trail and BLM lands the GET uses north of Safford. Permits for Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness are no longer issued here and are only available online through Rec.gov.

[Coronado National Forest Safford Ranger District](#) 711 14th Ave, Suite D Safford (928) 428-4150. Info on Pinalenos, Mt Graham, and Santa Teresa Wilderness.

9. Morenci / Clifton AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: **271** (via Lower Eagle Creek Rd Spur) / **292** (via main GET)

Distance from GET: via Lower Eagle Creek Rd Spur & US 191: Morenci **11 mi E**, Clifton **14 mi E** (or via US 191 at main GET crossing: Morenci **15 mi S**, Clifton **18 mi S**)

Clifton and Morenci are sister communities, the former an historic mining town, the latter a modern, company-built town at the foot of a massive open-pit copper mine. Each community offers its own distinct cultural charm and eccentricity, and neither is soon forgotten after visiting. Hikers using the Lower Eagle Creek Rd Spur (Segment 14) would then hitchhike 5 miles on foot into Morenci via low-speed Highway 191 (aka the Coronado Trail). Hitchhiking to and from the main route via the main GET crossing of US 191 near the east end of Segment 14, is certainly possible, but don't expect instant gratification, as the road is lightly traveled north of the Morenci Mine area. See the [guidebook](#) for more on this.) Morenci offers most hiker services, including a full-size supermarket, but those who can manage the 3 or 4 miles extra into Clifton will be duly rewarded for their efforts. Historic Chase Creek Street is here, as well as Jail Cave, both living relics of Clifton's erstwhile mining heyday.

Morenci US Post Office address:

[9 Morenci Mall](#)

[Morenci AZ 85540](#)

Hours: M-F 07:00AM-03:45PM Closed SA

Phone: (928) 865-3312

Clifton US Post Office address

[494 N Coronado Blvd](#)

[Clifton AZ 85533](#)

Hours: M-F 7:45am-3:45pm, Sa 11-12

Phone: (928) 865-3892

To reach the Clifton post office, follow Chase Creek St to Comb St and turn east to Hwy 191 close by the PO. This avoids having to walk the narrow shoulder of Hwy 191 in the upper part of town.

Morenci Groceries:

Basha's Supermarket 172 Plaza, Morenci 928-865-1820. Long-term resupply with deli.

Clifton Groceries:

Dollar General 540 Chase Creek St, Clifton (928) 985-1396

Family Dollar 355 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton (928) 865-1016

Circle K N Coronado Blvd, Clifton (928) 865-3441

Morenci Restaurants:

Hard Hat Bar & Grill / Morenci Motel Restaurant 261 Burro Ally, Morenci (928) 865-4111. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner per reviews. May be closed on weekends. Lively little joint located inside the Morenci Motel.

R & R Pizza Express Morenci Plaza, Morenci (928) 865-2200. Small regional chain restaurant. AYCE lunch buffet. Delivers to Clifton.

The Miner's Diner Morenci Plaza, Morenci (928) 865-3900. B L D. Closed Mon & Tue.

Michelle's Bar & Grill 4500 U.S. 191, Morenci (928) 865-9050. Popular spot for beer and burgers. Can be a bit rowdy with the mining crowd after a certain hour. Closed weekends (can you tell this is a company town?)

Clifton Restaurants:

El Corralito 352 North Coronado Boulevard, Clifton. (928) 865-5291. Closed Sat, Sun, Mon. Pizza, Mex/American fare, salad bar.

Dina's Karinderya 701 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton (928) 292-0447. Open Wed-Fri. Well-regarded, Asian-fusion inspired Mexican restaurant. Located on the far west end of town, near the Dollar General.

Los Mendoza Taco Shop 355 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton. (928) 865-1010. Fast Mexican. Days and hours of operation tend to vary. Located on the far west end of town, near the Dollar General.

The Little Frisco 307 S Coronado Blvd Clifton (928) 865-3328. Homestyle B L D. Formerly known as PJ's, now under new ownership. Don't miss breakfast here for all the juicy mining gossip. Not the most amazing dining experience, perhaps, but open every day of the week.

Morenci Lodging:

Morenci Motel Burro Ally, Morenci. (928) 865-4111. Rooms may or may not be available on short notice given the occasional surge in mining-related business activity (as such, weekends can actually be less busy here than weekdays). Large, modern rooms. Fridge/micro/satellite TV. (Those staying without vehicles are advised to hang Do Not Disturb tag on room door to avoid early knock from housekeeping.) Restaurant located on premises. Mine tours can be booked via the motel's front desk.

Clifton Lodging / Camping:

Clifton Union Hall 284 Chase Creek Street . Contact Lawrence "Jeff" Gaskin, 520-508-3321, a friend of GET hikers, who has refurbished several historic buildings around town and offers them for overnight stays. Rooms in the Union Hall are \$60/night. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Union Hall is a fine example of Territorial style architecture. Built in 1916, the hall is home to the famous mural commemorating 1983-1986 United Steelworkers strike. Executed in dazzling color, the mural occupies the union hall's north wall and measures 40 feet wide by 10 feet tall.

<https://cometoclifton.com/stay-and-play.php>

Rode Inn Motel 186 N Coronado Blvd Clifton. (928) 865-4536. Washer/dryer for guests. Friendly owners. Sometimes fills up on weekdays; reservations recommended.

North Clifton RV Park 380 Frisco Avenue, Clifton. (928) 865-9064. Half a mile north from Jail Cave area, via side road / Frisco Ave. Pleasant RV-oriented campground alongside the San Francisco River. Offers a tenting area. Rates normally about \$20 per night, with access to restroom, showers, and laundry on site. Otherwise stealth camping should be possible in the river's wide flood plain north of the RV Park.

Morenci Laundromat:

Coin-op laundry (no soap or change) available at apartment complex behind Morenci Motel.

Clifton Laundromat:

Sunrise Laundromat South Coronado Boulevard, Clifton. South of The Little Frisco restaurant. Closed Mondays.

Also see **Rode Inn Motel** and **North Clifton RV Park** above.

Outfitter (Morenci):

Ace Hardware 172 Plaza Drive, Morenci (928) 865-4121. Located adjacent to the Basha's supermarket. Primarily a hardware store that also has an assortment of "Coleman-variety" outdoors items.

Stove fuel (Morenci):

Ace Hardware (see above)

Marathon gas station & c-store US 191 (east of Morenci Plaza, around the bend) (928) 865-3975 Convenience store often sells HEET but call to confirm availability.

Merle's Auto Supply Morenci Mall, Morenci. (928) 865-3720 Sometimes has HEET.

Library / Internet:

Morenci Public Library Morenci Plaza (928) 865- 7042. Located west of Bashas, within Morenci Plaza. Public computers with internet. Closed weekends and holidays.

Clifton Public Library 588 Turner Ave (928) 865-2461. Follow "library" signs east from US 191 / S Coronado Blvd near The Little Frisco restaurant. Public computers with internet. Closed Fri, Sat & Sun.

Possible Trail Angel Shuttle:

As of 2018, a group has formed in Clifton that is willing to pick you up on Eagle Creek Road at Hwy 191 (if you can manage reception) and take you into town for provisions and hot showers. Contact Jeff Gaskin (520) 508-3321. See related Clifton Union Hall overnight stay option above as well. (Thumbing a ride into town is comparatively easier than getting a ride out.)

Bank / ATM:

ATM at [Basha's](#) in Morenci, [Circle K](#) in Clifton, as well as other businesses in either town.

Land Management Agency:

[Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Clifton Ranger District](#) Duncan, AZ (928) 687-8600. (Actually located in Three Way, near the town of Duncan - not in Clifton!) Info on GET environment from Painted Bluff Trail at Eagle Creek eastward to the AZ / NM state line.

Morenci also has a [movie theatre](#), (located near the library) providing occasionally beneficial cinematic distraction for hikers and miners alike.

10. Alma / Glenwood NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 341

Distance from GET: Alma **on route**, Glenwood **4.5 miles S** via US 180

Located along US Hwy 180 just north of the GET crossing, Alma is a tiny ranching community offering a small general store and adjacent diner, plus a possible lodging option, collectively a welcome stop after a long walk through rugged, remote country. A post office, more lodging, and small store (but currently no regularly open restaurants) are available 4.5 miles south in the charming little village of Glenwood, reachable by hitchhiking or possibly from one of the lodging proprietors, contingent upon stay. Seasonal lodging and dining are also found in the living ghost town of Mogollon, located east of Alma and Glenwood and conveniently accessible via the GET in Segment 20. The beautiful Catwalk Trail along Whitewater Creek is another popular area attraction.

Glenwood US Post Office address:

5111 Highway 180

Glenwood NM 88039

Hours: M-F 08:00AM-12:30PM 01:00PM-04:30PM SA 10:00AM-1:30PM

Phone: (575) 539-2131

Groceries:

Alma Store Alma NM (575) 539-2640. Open 7 days, 7am-6pm; eastbounders should also note the time change (one hour later) when crossing over from Arizona, which does not observe Daylight Savings Time. General store with picnic-type supplies, microwave foods, possibly canned goods and/or box/package dinners, some produce (onions, tomatoes, avocados), snacks, and ice cream. Passable for short-term resupply, depending upon current inventory (call). Store has WIFI and allows hikers to charge devices. Alma Grill is located next door. Outside water spigot (ask first).

Glenwood Trading Post 507 Hwy 180, Glenwood NM (575) 539-2321. Tradingpost5077@gmail.com Open 7 days, 9am-7pm. General / convenience store and gas station, with some produce, small assortment of canned and packaged foods (ramen, Knorr sides, Velveeta mac and cheese), microwave foods, snacks. Maybe passable for short-term resupply. Does not sell fuel. Call for current selection. (Lately Alma Store has had more options.) Verizon wireless cell tower recently installed near town (other carriers may not work).

Taken together, the above two grocery options may offer enough for unparticular hikers to reach Gila Hot Springs or Morenci, but the safest bet is surely to mail a box to the Glenwood PO (with at least the basics), rather than taking chances here in the middle of nowhere.

Alma Restaurant:

Alma Grill (575) 539-2233. Next door to the Alma Store. Open 7am - 3pm daily except closed Thursdays. (Eastbounders should note the time change--one hour later--when crossing over from Arizona, which does not observe Daylight Savings Time.) Serving breakfast all day, lunch from 11am. Best food in Alma! (Burgers, veggie melts, Mexican dishes)

Glenwood Restaurant:

Please note that there is currently no everyday restaurant option in Glenwood. ([McClarnan's Gardens](#), below, is open weekends only.) The best bet is to reach Alma from the trail early enough to dine in and then also place a take out order for later. Plan accordingly.

McClarnan's Gardens 21 Circle Dr, Glenwood, NM (928) 228-9248. Open 7am-2pm Saturday and Sunday only. Offering breakfast and lunch with a seasonal, locavore flare, in a charming neighborhood setting (0.7 of a mile east of Hwy 180 in Glenwood via NM 174 and Circle Drive). A new offering in town, which was sorely in need of a local restaurant option after the loss of the Blue Front restaurant, Mario's pizza, and Golden Girls Cafe.

The Tavern Glenwood. (575) 539-2524. Cheap beer, maybe bar snacks? Inquire within and try not to bring up the issue of Mexican wolf reintroduction.

Mogollon Restaurant (seasonal):

The Purple Onion Cafe in Mogollon (ghost town about 11 miles from Alma or Glenwood, or ~1 mi. west of GET at Bursum Rd in Seg 20) is open late May thru mid-October. Hours 9am-5pm Fri, Sat & Sun (and holidays) ONLY. Voted best green chile bacon cheeseburger in Catron County.

<https://www.facebook.com/purpleonionnm/>

Alma Lodging:

Alma Guest House Conveniently located just south of the Alma Store & Grill right along the highway. (575) 519-0312 www.almaguesthouse.net Opened in 2023, this nicely appointed three bedroom ranch home rents for around \$100 per room (\$200 for the whole place), and includes a full kitchen, big screen DishTV in living room, and laundry room. (If you don't / can't book the whole house, then other rooms may have guests and guests share the common areas.) The hiker-friendly owners (a local ranching family) live behind the guest house. Call for availability and ask for the hiker discount.

Glenwood Lodging:

Los Olmos Lodge Corner of Hwy 180 & Catwalk Rd. (across the street from Glenwood Trading Post, with same owners) (575) 539-2224.

www.losolmoslodge.com . 14 private stone cabins for rent in a rustic, pioneer-era setting. Satellite tv, micro/fridge in rooms. From \$110 per night. (5 GET hikers once split a cabin for \$30 each.) May offer use of communal kitchen and do laundry for hikers. Call for current info.

Trading Post Motel (281) 330-9760. www.tradingpostglenwoodmotel.com Several recently renovated motel rooms located behind the Glenwood Trading Post (ask inside about availability or book online).

Double T Homestead NM 174 (Catwalk Rd). (575) 519-0786. www.doubletcatwalkresort.com Located about a mile east of Hwy 181 en route to the Catwalk trailhead. 1 and 2 bed guest houses available, as well as a cabin. Rates starting around \$100 / night. Guest houses include full kitchens. Also RV Park for \$45/ night with showers available.

Mogollon Lodging (seasonal):

Silver Creek Inn www.silvercreekinn.com Located in the living ghost town of Mogollon and accessible via GET Segment 20. Open seasonally. Historic, two-story adobe with four rooms available, each with private bath. The Inn has a common area kitchen available where guests may cook meals made with items they bring. Reservations are required. If reaching Mogollon by vehicle via Bursum Road from Hwy 180, please note that high-clearance (and 4WD when wet or after flash floods) may be required.

Camping (Glenwood):

USFS Bighorn Campground 5 drive-in campsites, with picnic tables, grills, and juniper shade. Vault toilet. No water. This free public campground is a convenient 0.1 mile north of Glenwood along US 180, not in the ideal setting but FREE.

Library / Internet:

Glenwood Public Library 14 Menges Lane (575) 539-2277 Open Thu, Sat, and Mon only. Hours may vary depending on library volunteers' schedules. Public internet computers and always-on wifi hotspot that works outside. Located at south end of town, past post office, on side road to the right off of US 180.

Bank / ATM:

ATM at **Glenwood Trading Post**

Transportation:

Glenwood Trading Post (see listing above) May be able to offer a ride to/from Silver City (70 mi) or other regional destinations with advance (~1 wk) notice.

Land Management Agency:

Gila National Forest Glenwood Ranger District Hwy 180, Glenwood (575) 539-2481 (located about a mile south of town) Info on Gila National Forest from the crest of the Mogollon Mountains westward to the AZ state line. The District Ranger's office is a half mile south of Glenwood on the west side of HWY 180.

11. Gila Hot Springs NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **402**

Distance from GET: **3 miles S** via Hwy 15

Doc Campbell's Post general store is the center of life in this small unincorporated village, gateway to the popular Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument and surrounded on all sides by the vast Gila National Forest. A lesser-known visitor attraction in its own right, thermal springs indeed abound here, and imbue the community with a strong sense of place. Gila Hot Springs lies about 3 miles south of the GET along NM Hwy 15.

Maildrop service:

Your name (GET Hiker)

C/O Doc Campbell's Post

3796 Highway 15

Mimbres, NM 88049

Mail food parcels c/o this address via US Priority Mail only. Include your name in the address, and "hold for hiker" in the corner of the box, along with your estimated date of arrival (this is important - it can be a week-long timeframe). Store is NOT capable of handling outgoing parcels. Outgoing letter mail (store sells stamps) may be placed in a small mailbox out front. PLEASE NOTE: Doc Campbell's Post holds packages for both GET and CDT hikers, and charges a very reasonable fee for this service (subject to change - check their Facebook page for the latest info). In recent years the volume of packages has increased substantially, mainly due to increased popularity of the CDT. Storage space is limited. Please be kind and patient with the store's proprietor, and consider thanking them for their willingness to continue this vital maildrop hold service in the remote Gila country.

Store hours: 12pm-4pm Mo, Tu, Th, Fr; 10:30am-4pm Sat & Sun; closed Wed. (Hours and days tend to vary seasonally; call ahead or check Google or FarOut CDT app.)

Phone: (575) 536-9551

Website: www.doccampbellspost.com | www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100059731944072

From their website: "Here you will find a special country store with groceries, a snack bar, homemade ice cream, ice, gas, fishing and hunting licenses, fishing supplies, a real southwest gift shop, books, postcards, T-shirts with Wilderness and local designs. Also laundromat and hot showers."

Groceries:

Doc Campbell's Post Doc's now carries a good selection of hiker foods and supplies including freeze-dried meals, mac & cheese, Knorr sides, ramen, bars, snacks, peanut butter, tuna, drink mixes, and condiments, plus toiletries, some first aid and water purification tabs, and fuel (small isobutane canisters, HEET, and Esbit). They also sell microwave burritos & sandwiches, plus home-made ice cream. These items are all available when you arrive, or you can pre-order hiker items through their website (the store emphasizes that pre-ordering is entirely optional and just a convenience feature). See website address above. (Hikers note: Trash facilities are limited in Gila Hot Springs as well as at the Cliff Dwellings visitors area. Please don't ask to leave your trash at Docs unless making a purchase here of some reasonable value. (Everything must be packed down the road to Silver City, apparently.)

Restaurants:

None. Sandwiches & microwave items are available at **Doc Campbell's**.

Lodging:

Gila Hot Springs Ranch (575) 536-9314. Affiliated with Doc Campbell's Post. Lodge-style suite with kitchenette for \$110-\$140 (\$13.50 each extra person). www.gilahotspringsranch.com

Camping:

Gila Hot Springs RV Park Across from Doc Campbell's on Hwy 15. Grassy tent site with "RV ambience" for \$13.50 per person. Showers, bathrooms, and trash for guests only. WIFI available. Natural hot spring jacuzzi available for guests for \$5.50.

Gila Hot Springs & Campground Located on banks of the West Fork Gila River. Dusty car camping area with developed hot spring. \$8 for day use of the hot spring, or \$12 tent camping, with site #5 reserved for hikers. Drinking water & toilets available. To reach the campground, follow Access Rd (off NM 15) to end and turn left.

Forest Service Campgrounds Two campgrounds, each located just off Hwy 15 near confluence of West & East forks of the Gila. User fee. This may be the best bet for semi- quiet camping in the area, apart from stealth camping on the national forest.

Laundromat:

Laundry & pay showers at **Doc Campbell's Post** (sells laundry and bar soap).

Stove fuel:

Isobutane canisters (incl small size), HEET, and Esbit tabs available at **Doc Campbell's Post**.

Outfitter:

Some replacement items like tent stakes, fuel, water purification tablets, parachute cord, duct tape, and charging cables available at **Doc Campbell's Post**.

Internet:

WiFi available at **Doc Campbell's Post**. (Wifi password may be listed on power strip on patio near picnic tables). WiFi also at **Gila Hot Springs RV Park** for guests.

Land Management Agency:

Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District Mimbres, New Mexico, 88049. (575) 536-2250. Info on Gila National Forest east of Mogollon crest, west of Black Range crest.

12. Resupply Caution

The next convenient, on-route resupply is at Magdalena, 185 trail miles from Gila Hot Springs. Although very ambitious hikers may be able to travel this entire stretch without a resupply, it cannot be recommended due to the remote and rough nature of this terrain. Hikers who run low on food will find it difficult to obtain more without having a pre-arranged maildrop along the way. Often what happens is that the hiker ends up shortcutting or hitchhiking in a desperate bid to reach Magdalena (eastbound) or Gila Hot Springs (westbound), in the process missing some of the best scenery of the hike. Please consider using one of the following two off-route resupply options instead of trying to push straight through. (*Westbounders can use grocery stores in Socorro to facilitate a maildrop to Monticello or Winston.*)

13. Winston NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **465** (via Hwy 59) / **494** (via Hwy 52)

Distance from GET: **24 miles SE** / **18.5 miles S**

Winston is a near ghost of a former silver mining boomtown, located in the shadow of the remote Black Range of the Gila National Forest. The town can be difficult to reach from any direction, and you won't find much once you get here. However it's a link to the outside world in this lonely corner of New Mexico, and a possible resupply point for hikers who would prefer a sketchy hitchhike (via Hwy 59 or Hwy 52) to the off-trail hiking often required to reach Monticello (see next entry).

From the GET / CDT crossing of NM Hwy 59 in the Black Range, Winston is a ~24 mile hitchhike via paved roads which receive only light vehicle use. Hwy 59 in particular is very lightly travelled, most often by hunters or USFS personnel. Because of the difficulty of hitchhiking from this remote spot and the lack of good options if stuck here with an empty food bag, the following hitchhiking location is likely preferable.

From the GET crossing of dirt, 2WD NM Hwy 52 near Dusty (scattered ranches/residences in an emergency, but no services), Winston is an 18.5 mile hitchhike south. Traffic is very light, though ranchers in the area do head into Winston to pick up mail. Hwy 52 is paved south of its junction with Hwy 59. Chloride, located 2-3 miles beyond Winston, is a refurbished, museum-like ghost town that may offer a rental cabin but no restaurant option at this time.

Winston US Post Office address:

451 Grafton Rd
Winston NM 87943

Hours: M-F 09:30AM-12:30PM and 1:00-04:00PM SA 09:00-11:00AM

Phone: (575) 743-0157

Groceries / Showers / Laundry:

Please be aware that certain hikers, possibly from the CDT, have unfortunately behaved badly in Winston, causing suspicion among the locals in this small, isolated community and risking the reputation of GET hikers as well. Please be on your very best behavior here. Don't act in an entitled manner, don't loiter or have a pack explosion in front of the store, don't charge devices except as/where permitted, and don't just camp in some random spot (especially around the store) without permission.

Winston General Store Highway 52. (575) 743-6915. www.winstongeneralstore.com 8am-5pm (daily), **although sometimes closed Tuesday**. Hot chili / soup / daily lunch items, sandwiches, microwave items, snacks, some canned and packaged foods. Also pay showers and laundry. (Charging outlets in laundry room.) WiFi with password (ask nicely). Probably unacceptable for full resupply, although the Winston General Store Official Merchandise (ball caps, t-shirts) might just improve the hitchhiking prospects after resupplying via the post office. (Ask up front at the store about the possibility of catching a ride with anyone known to be heading toward Dusty later in the day. This approach has worked for a number of hikers.)

Lodging:

Winston General Store A large cabin with kitchenette (and WiFi) is available for rent next to the store. Around \$100 per night. Inquire at store for latest info. (575) 743-6915

Free camping may be available at the Community Center in Winston. Or on the lawn of the town church, reportedly. But you must ask permission before camping anywhere in town. Please put in a good word for the GET and long-distance hikers in general, as this town has experienced a few bad apples in recent years.

14. Monticello NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **513** (via FR 377 & FR 139)

Distance from GET: **14.8 miles S**

Like Winston, Monticello is a tiny, remote village located a fair distance off-route. It, too, offers only the barest of services - namely, a post office and *maybe* a place to camp. But unlike Winston, Monticello can be reached by way of a scenic dirt road walk, potentially with water along the way. Although traffic tends to be very sparse, area residents, ranchers, and/or recreationists may be willing to offer a ride part-way to or from town. Still, hikers should at least plan on having to walk the full distance in and out of Monticello, adding about 30 miles round-trip to the itinerary. This is NOT the kind of off-route detour where one can expect to stand around waiting for a ride, and in that sense is more committing than the Winston resupply option. Farming and ranching along perennial Alamosa Creek have long been the way of life in and around Monticello, and although the area has seen a decline in population in recent decades, a new lifeblood is flowing in the form of a few organic farms, and a revitalization of the village center including the old town square is also on display. Still, the community is very small, eclectic, and close-knit, and feels a world apart from the rush of modern life.

Monticello US Post Office address:

355 Calle Del Norte Rd
Monticello NM 87939

Hours: Mon-Fri **09:00AM-11:00AM (no PM hours)** Sat **09:00AM-12:00PM**

Phone: (575) 743-0076

In 2014 longtime Monticello postmaster and sole employee Tomasita "Tommie" Williams retired, having served the community for some 31 years while also becoming the longest-serving US Postal Service employee in New Mexico state history. Her presence will certainly be missed.

Lodging:

The following lodging option is no longer available as of 2023, (the couple who ran it have reportedly moved away) but will remain listed for now as a point of reference in the event that anyone takes over the business or recognizes hikers as worthy of a helping hand.

Two one-bedroom adobe casitas with fully-equipped kitchens are available for rent, one of which sleeps 2 (single queen bed), while the other sleeps 4 (additional sleeper-sofa in living room). Hosted by Steve and Jane Darland at their organic herb farm in town. Each private casita rents for \$85 per night. Cash or check only. Rate & terms available to walk-in GET hikers only, otherwise 2 night minimum stay required. Reservations recommended, and plan to bring all of your own food. Guest laundry facilities available (for clothing only please). Call (575) 743-0200 or email: info@organicbalsamic.com
Note: Just across the way from the Darland residence is "This Side of Heaven," a rustic adobe number billed as a spiritual retreat and confirmed as a friendly door for hikers to knock at. Proprietor Michael Wilson.

Camping:

Although day use of the old town square - a small, shady area with picnic tables - is an option, overnight use is probably unacceptable and also impractical, due to a lack of public restrooms in town. Otherwise, the road in Monticello Canyon (public right-of-way among private land) passes through or near a few state and BLM sections where stealth camping should be acceptable away from the road. To locate these parcels, refer to the GET Topo Map Set and/or Forest Service maps of the area.

Please note that Monticello has no public restrooms and that cell phone reception is unlikely. (Reception possible if you head east up FR 139 about a mile.) (The post office phone is unavailable for public use.)

Truth or Consequences, offering most services, is a ~22 mile hitchhike SE of Monticello; all traffic - what little there is - will probably be heading all or most of the way there, though getting back to Monticello can be a little more challenging (no hikers have yet been permanently stranded in T or C to our knowledge), and may suggest the use of a taxi or rideshare service, if available.

Transportation:

Uber / Lyft, Currently no taxi or shuttle services exist in Truth or Consequences. However it appears rideshare companies Uber and Lyft do operate out of T or C, likely just one or two drivers with sporadic days and hours of availability. Check the apps.

Land Management Agency:

Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District 1804 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM (575) 894-6677. Info on Black Range Crest / CDT / GET.

15. Magdalena NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **587**

Distance from GET: **on route**

A former railroad town, Magdalena was once the end of the line for the Great Western Stock Driveway. Here, cattle were unloaded and herded west toward interior Catron County and on to Arizona. The town took its name from biblical Mary Magdalene, whose likeness is said to grace a nearby mountain. In terms of appearances and services, Magdalena remains something of an anachronism, proudly so, but nonetheless offers enough of the basics to make this a welcome stop along the trail. Although a full-fledged grocery store is no longer open in town, a modest selection of grocery items remains available. A few colorful eateries are also in town, as are several reasonably-priced motels, and a Cibola National Forest district office. The fascinating ghost town ruins of Kelly lie just south of town along the route of the GET. Except for its historic white adobe church, set apart from the erstwhile mining site proper, you'll need a permit before visiting Kelly, available at a roadside rock shop along Kelly Road in Magdalena.

First Street and US 60 are the same road, Magdalena's main drag, where most services are found.

Magdalena US Post Office address:

**100 East First St
Magdalena NM 87825**

Hours: M-F 8AM - 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 4:30 Sat 10AM - 12PM

Phone: (575) 854-2231

Groceries:

Family Dollar West 1st St. Discount variety store has several aisles of groceries, mostly discount brands, some packaged dinners, no fresh produce. Located on the west end of town.

Conoco Gas/Food Mart 705 1st St. (575) 854-3680. Sells water, snacks, limited selection of fresh fruit and veggies, microwave foods, sometimes sells HEET. Public restrooms. Pay phone. ATM.

Maildrop recommended for resupplying longer distances, or else resupply at full-service supermarkets in Socorro (easily hitchable; 27 miles to the east via US 60).

Restaurants:

Tumbleweeds Diner 1408 1st St. (575) 418-7537. www.tumbleweedsnm.com Open for lunch and dinner. Closed Mon and Tue. Burgers, sandwiches, entrees, salads and sides. Hip spot that opened a few years back, and garnering good reviews. Located way out west of town just past the junction with Hwy 169 (half a mile west of the Family Dollar).

Magdalena Cafe (NOW CLOSED) 109 S Main St. (1/2 block S of US 60) (575) 854-2696. Open for breakfast and lunch M-Fri 7am-1:30pm, Sat 8am-1:30pm, Sun 9am-2pm. Also serves dinner Th and Fri evenings, 5-7. The local favorite breakfast spot.

Golden Spur Grill 503 First St. (505) 221-3184 Formerly the Golden Spur Saloon, now offering a food menu (burgers, fries, Mexican food) Wed - Sat.

Evet's Cafe 501 1st St. (575) 854-2449 Open Mon, Tue, Fri Sat, with a small breakfast and lunch menu. Once called the "social aorta" of town by the Moon travel guide, Evet's has been a fixture in Magdalena for decades now, having reopened and remodeled a number of years ago following a hiatus during the late aughts.

High Country Lodge 303 E 1st St. (575) 854-2062. Dining area in motel lobby, occasionally has been open to guests as well as the general public.

Lodging:

Western Motel 404 1st St. (575) 418-7278. Small motel with uniquely themed rooms. All rooms have fridge/microwave/tv. WiFi available. Propane-fired barbecue grill on premises for public use. Hiker-friendly owner might occasionally be able to do "Enchantment hiker laundry" free of charge.

High Country Lodge 303 E 1st St. (575) 854-2062 www.hclmagdalena.com Rooms are modestly sized but clean; fridge/microwave & satellite tv. Breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner sometimes available in the lobby (not included in room rate - see restaurant listings above). Free Wifi hotspot. Hosts may be able to do your laundry on occasion for a charge, but no guarantees.

Magdalena Hall Hotel 404 2nd St. (575) 854-2040 magdalenahallhotel.com Restored historic property located one block south of US 60. Quaint rooms, some with kitchenette. TV (plays DVDs only). Walls reportedly a little thin, although the hotel is located farther from the main drag than other lodging options in town.

Laundromat:

Western Motel and **High Country Lodge** may sometimes be able to do laundry for guests.

Stove fuel:

Conoco Gas/Food Mart Sometimes sells HEET

Library / Internet:

Magdalena Public Library 108 N. Main St. (575) 854-2361 Closed Sun & Mon. Internet access (public computers & WiFi). WiFi may be accessed after hours in front of the building. Library housed inside the town's historic railroad depot along the GET route just north of US 60. WiFi also available at **Western Motel**, **High Country Lodge**, and likely elsewhere in town.

Bank / ATM:

Conoco Gas/Food Mart ATM located inside

Transportation:

Socorro Taxi 606 N. California St. Socorro NM. 575-835-4276 May shuttle on advance notice between Magdalena & full-service town of Socorro, 27 miles east on US 60. Standard taxi cab rates. Taxi runs until 5pm daily, and not on weekends, except possibly by advance reservation. Mention that you're a GET hiker.

Land Management Agency:

Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District 1st St & Kelly Rd. Magdalena. (575) 854-2281. Info on Magdalena & San Mateo Mountains incl. Apache Kid & Withington Wilderness areas.

16. Polvadera NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **615**

Distance from GET: **1.1 mi S & E** (via frontage rd) / **0.9 mi S & W** (via Canal Rd)

The Spanish word Polvadera means "dusty," and although the interstate corridor that bumps up against this otherwise peaceful hamlet may appear dust-coated and desertified, the nearby Rio Grande is actually surrounded by stately cottonwoods and is surprisingly lush. Polvadera lies at the edge of the Rio Grande bosque, another Spanish word, meaning "riverside woods." Agriculture and ranching, permitted by an elaborate network of drainage canals, are the primary ways of life here; the interstate and its culture actually bypasses the community itself. Polvadera offers little more than a post office, although the village of Lemitar, 5 miles south via a frontage road, has a full-service truck stop and cafe. Five miles farther south lies the larger town of Socorro (Spanish for "help"), reachable by taxi or rideshare and offering most services including low-cost public transportation to and from Albuquerque. Socorro is also available as a walk-through resupply option via the Magdalena Mountains - Socorro Resupply Alternate Route. See the Topo Mapset for details.

Polvadera US Post Office address:

15 Correo St

Polvadera NM 87828

Hours: M-F **09:00AM-11:00AM** (no afternoon hours), Sa 7:30-11AM

Phone: (575) 835-9707

World's tiniest post office has drinking water and restroom (as a possible courtesy to GET hikers) when open. Shade available by the front entrance, but watch out for the occasional postal customer. Also a pair of quiet, secluded picnic areas, with tables and tall shade trees (but no drinking water) are available "in the vicinity"; one lies along the main GET route, 2.5 miles away, the other along the alternate GET highwater bypass route, both located in the Rio Grande bosque.

Socorro US Post Office address:

124 Plaza St

Socorro NM 87801

Hours: M-F 08:30AM-05:00PM, Sa 9-12

Phone: (575) 835-0542

Groceries (Lemitar and Socorro):

Road Runner Travel Ctr I-25 Exit 156 Lemitar, NM (575) 838-1400. 24 hour truck stop and convenience store with possible short-term resupply potential. ~5 miles south of Polvadera (located just west of I-25 along west frontage road). Mac n cheese, Ramen, tuna (in a can) and spam, (no Liptons), and sandwich fixings. Sometimes sells HEET.

A couple of long-term resupply grocery options exist in **Socorro**, ~10 miles south of Polvadera. (Walmart and John Brooks, the latter with some progressive / organic options.)

Restaurants (Lemitar, Escondida, and Socorro):

Road Runner Travel Ctr / Crane Café I-25 Exit 156 Lemitar, NM (575) 838-1400 Well-regarded grill located in the truck stop with full menu including breakfast.

Journey's Place Pueblito Road. Located half a mile west of the Pueblito bridge over the Rio Grande (near mile 7 of the Rio Grande Highwater Bypass alternate route in GET Segment 33). This is a highly rated, new-ish food truck at the former Escondida Grill location, serving the Escondida Lake crowd, and offering burgers, Mexican food, ice cream and floats. Open Thu - Sun.

Good variety of restaurants in **Socorro** including **Socorro Springs Brewing Company** (microbrewery with full lunch / dinner menu specializing in pizza & burgers).

Lodging / camping:

Several motels in [Socorro](#) (Econo Lodge (575) 518-4835 a good value, with Wifi in rooms, next door to laundromat).

[Escondida Lake Park](#) Escondida, NM 575.835.2041. Self-pay tent camping in grassy field of RV Park with nearby oxbow lake. Water available from restrooms as well as RV site spigots (the latter can have a strong mineral taste). Park located along Staton Rd by Pueblito bridge, 6.9 miles south of GET or directly along alternate high-water GET route.

Showers available at [Road Runner Travel Ctr](#) in Lemitar.

Laundromat (Lemitar and Socorro):

[Road Runner Travel Ctr](#) in Lemitar. Laundromat also available in Socorro.

Stove fuel (Lemitar and Socorro):

HEET available at [Road Runner Travel Ctr](#) in Lemitar, and at auto parts stores and [Walmart](#) in Socorro. Canister fuel at [Walmart](#)

Bank / ATM (Lemitar and Socorro):

ATM at [Road Runner Travel Ctr](#) in Lemitar (more ATM's / banks in Socorro)

Library (Socorro):

Public library located in Socorro

Transportation (Socorro):

[Uber / Lyft](#) has a presence in Socorro, although availability of drivers at any given time may be limited. Check the app.

[Socorro Taxi](#) 606 N. California St. Socorro NM. 575-835-4276. May shuttle between Polvadera, Lemitar & full-service town of Socorro, 10 miles south via Lemitar frontage road. Taxi runs until 5pm daily, and no longer on weekends, except possibly by advance reservation. Mention that you're a GET hiker.

[Socorro Public Transportation](#) Daily scheduled shuttle bus service runs Mon-Fri between Socorro and Belen. From Belen, riders can then transfer to New Mexico Railrunner daily train service (www.riometro.org) and on to Albuquerque (if needing to end your hike for some reason). Total cost is only around \$5. (Connections also run in reverse: train from ABQ to Belen, bus to Socorro.) Also offers rides within Socorro city limits for \$0.50 (operates like a taxi in this case). No service on Saturday or Sunday. Does NOT pick up or drop off outside Socorro city limits other than as listed above (doesn't service Polvadera, Lemitar, or Magdalena). More details online at: www.socorronm.gov/city_services/transportation

Land Management Agency (Socorro):

[BLM Socorro Field Office](#) 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro NM 87801 (575) 835-0412. Info on GET environment from Magdalena to US 60 near Abo Canyon.

17. Mountainair NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **657**

Distance from GET: **18 miles E** via US 60

Hikers looking to roughly halve the 130 mile distance between on-route resupply options at Polvadera and Tijeras might consider detouring to the small town of Mountainair, an 18 mile hitchhike east from the GET crossing of well-travelled US 60 near Abo Canyon. Mountainair is a small ranching-oriented town offering a modest array of services, and is also home to the headquarters for Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument. Organized into districts, each at a different cultural site, this monument showcases some of the most well-preserved ancient pueblo dwellings in the Southwest. The Abo district lies 9 miles east of the GET crossing at US 60, and is a worthwhile detour if you have time.

Mountainair US Post Office address:

221 W Broadway

Mountainair NM 87036

Hours: M-F 8am-12pm, 12:30pm-04:30pm. Sat. 9am-12pm

Phone: (505) 847-2206

Groceries:

[B Street Market](#) 204 W Broadway (505) 847-2223 www.bstreetmarketdeli.com Full grocery resupply, lots of produce, organic and traditional, a full meat market and deli / kitchen with scratch made food. Very hiker-friendly owners.

[Family Dollar](#) and [Dollar General](#) Both located on the west end of town on the way to Mustang Diner and The Rock Motel. The usual hikertrash basics but no fresh produce.

Restaurants:

[Mustang Diner](#) 605 W Highway 60 (505) 847-2244. Open for breakfast and lunch Mon and Fri. B L D on Tue Wed Thu. Closed Sat and Sun. (Days and hours subject to change.) Burgers, plate dinners, plus Mexican. Mex/American. On the west end of town, nearest The Rock Motel.

[Alpine Alley](#) 210 N Summit Ave (505) 847-2478. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Monday. Breakfast burritos, pastries, baked goods, traditional & designer sandwiches, homemade soup, espresso bar, original coffee creations. Located on the north end of town.

[Shaffer Restaurant / Café](#) 103 W Main (505) 847-2888. Serving lunch and dinner. Closed Tue & Wed. A mix of American (incl pizza) and Mexican fare. Located at the Shaffer Hotel.

[Last Chance Food Shack](#) 108 West Main Street (corner of Highway 60 and Main Street) (505) 847-5092. Closed weekends. Deli sandos to go plus tasty beverages. Highly rated.

Lodging:

The Rock Motel 901 US Highway 60 (505) 847-2577 therockmotel@gmail.com Call for pricing and reservations. Fridge/micro included with all rooms. Some rooms have kitchenettes. Free WiFi. Located on the far west end of town. Very hiker-friendly and *possible* ride to town and back to trail with stay (don't count on it and be nice please - consider paying gas money as it's a 36 mile round-trip drive).

Turner Inn & RV Park 303 E Highway 60. (505) 847-0248. turnerinnandrmpark.com Half a mile east of town center. "Authentic 1950's style auto court motel made famous by Route 66." Motel rooms, kitchenettes & cabins available. Microwave/fridge in rooms. Internet access. Guest laundry. Also \$15 tent sites with shower included.

Shaffer Hotel 103 W Main (505) 847-2998. www.facebook.com/ShafferHotel Historic inn now remodeled, under new management. Lower rate option includes use of community bath, or considerably more for room with private bath. Restaurant on premises. A real piece of local history.

Laundromat:

Mountainair Laundromat 122 W Broadway. Closed Sundays. May offer showers for a price.

Turner Inn & RV Park has a laundry facility available for guests.

Hardware store / Stove fuel:

Gustin Hardware 117 W Broadway (505) 847-2261. Closed weekends. HEET/denatured alcohol available.

NAPA Auto Parts 221 W Broadway (505) 847-2571. Closed weekends. Possible HEET.

Library / Internet:

Mountainair Public Library 110 N. Roosevelt (505) 847-9676. Computers & WiFi. Closed Sunday.

Bank / ATM:

United Business Bank One block west of the post office

Land Management Agency:

Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District #40 Ranger Station Road Mountainair, New Mexico (505) 847-2990. Info on the Manzano Mountains & surrounding NF lands south of the Isleta Reservation. District office located about a mile from downtown.

In memoriam: Billy Weinmen, aka Billy the Wren, NPS ranger at Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument and long-distance adventurer, lived for many years in Mountainair and was a great friend of GET travelers until his tragic passing in 2019.

18. Tijeras NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 742

Distance from GET: **on route**

Twenty-four miles before reaching its eastern terminus at Albuquerque, the GET passes through Tijeras (teh HERR es), a bedroom community to the big ABQ, yet one which actually feels quite distinct from its outsized neighbor, and keeps a small-town "Route 66" profile despite its location along the busy Interstate 40 corridor. Tijeras itself offers just a few services for hikers, and no groceries, although more is available 4 miles off-route in Cedar Crest. Also, several small convenience stores dot the landscape along the main GET route south of town (northbound, the last one is 14 trail miles south of Tijeras in the residential community of Ponderosa Pine). Fourteen miles north of Tijeras along the GET lies the Sandia Peak tram summit station and TEN 3 restaurant; combined with the other eateries along this corridor, ABQ-bound hikers should be able to forego a maildrop at Tijeras in favor of big meals and take-out food.

Tijeras US Post Office address:

499 NM Highway 333

Tijeras NM 87059

Hours: M-F 07:00AM-04:30PM Sat 08:00-11:00AM

Phone: (505) 281-5656

Groceries (in Ponderosa Pine):

Morning Star Grocery 4 Kuhn Dr **Ponderosa Pine (GET Segment 36 main route MP 28.1)** (505) 281-5151 Hours: 7am-8pm every day. Located just off NM 337, along the route of the GET. **14 trail miles south of Tijeras**, this small convenience store (snacks, canned goods, maybe mac & cheese or Liptons) is okay for short-term resupply to Tijeras and ABQ but probably not to Mountainair for westbound hikers. Some drug store-type items available, also TP. Does not sell HEET or other stove fuels. Hot and ready breakfast burritos, plus sandwiches and pizza. Outside picnic table. Hiker-friendly establishment.

Groceries (in Tajiue and Escabosa):

Ray's One Stop 8572 NM-55 **Tajiue (GET Segment 36 main route MP 6.6)** (505) 3840-5050 Hours: 7am-8pm every day. A modest selection of snacks and so forth, plus hikers report awesome breakfast burritos. There's also reportedly a spigot out front for water.

Ten Points General Store 8572 NM-55 **Escabosa (GET Segment 36 main route MP 24.7)** (505) 281-3091 Hours: 7am-6pm every day. A selection of the usual roadside store snacks and drinks is available, plus occasional hot foods like burritos as well as some fruits and veggies. Owners reportedly hiker-friendly.

Restaurants (in Tijeras):

Subway Highway 66 Tijeras. Open daily (including breakfast time). Located on the corner of Hwy 66 and 337 (along the GET).

Roots Farm Cafe 11784 HWY 337 Tijeras (south of town along the GET). 505-900-4118. www.rootsfarmcafe.com Open for breakfast & lunch. Closed Mon & Tue. Organic, local menu with revolving items depending upon seasonal availability. Breakfast burritos and sandwiches, homemade granola, paninis, soups, wraps, salads, and sweets.

Library / Internet:

Tijeras / East Mountain Public Library 1 Tijeras Ave (Rt 66) Tijeras (505) 281-8508. Closed Sun & Mon. Internet access available with registration (forms!) and a (free, provided) inter-library access card.

Bank / ATM:

Wells Fargo 503 Rt 66 E Tijeras

Transportation:

Albuquerque cabs and rideshare companies will run to/from Tijeras. See [Albuquerque](#) entry below.

Land Management Agency:

Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District 11776 Highway 337 Tijeras NM (505) 281-3304. District office located along the GET route half a mile south of Tijeras village. Info on the Sandia Crest and Cedro-Otero area (Cibola NF north of the Isleta Reservation).

Be sure to check out Tijeras Pueblo, an archeological site with interpretive trail located directly behind the forest service office along Hwy 337 / GET south of town. Please note that Highway 377 and 14, south of Tijeras and through Ponderosa Pine, refer to the same road.

19. Sandia Peak Aerial Tram

Trail miles from west terminus: **757**

Among the longest aerial tramways in the world, the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram offers a fast, thrilling, and incredibly scenic trip between the Albuquerque city edge and Sandia Crest, a 10,000+ foot elevation fault-block "Sky Island" which the GET follows on its own more terrestrial journey toward the city. The GET is very scenic as well as it descends over 4000 vertical feet in 9 miles toward the base of the tramway. Yet the tram is certainly an option for those not interested in such a climb or descent. In essence, the tram connects the end of the GET at its eastern terminus with the GET 9 miles away from this point. One-way and round-trip tickets can be purchased online. (Base station entrance fee also charged for vehicles entering the property. This includes accessing the GET east terminus / Tramway Trail.) Tram cars run regularly throughout the day.

Tram hours of operation and to purchase tickets online:

www.sandiapeak.com/aerial-tram-tickets

Restaurants:

Ten 3 505-764-8363. <https://ten3tram.com/> Open for lunch and dinner. Closed Tue & Wed. Located next door to the tram summit station, this "casual fine dining" establishment (hiker trash welcome) offers a small, modern menu at prices that match the high altitude (10,300') (but might be hard to resist after a 750+ mile walk!)

Sandiego's Mexican Grill (NOW CLOSED) (505) 856-6692. Open 7 days, 11am-9pm. Muy bueno Mexican restaurant and bar located inside the tram base station at the GET eastern terminus.

A Forest Service information desk as well as drinking water and bathrooms are located inside the tram summit station aka Four Seasons Visitor Center (sporadically staffed).

20. Albuquerque NM / GET east terminus

Trail miles from west terminus: **766**

Directions from GET east terminus to Albuquerque airport:

The Grand Enchantment Trail's eastern terminus lies at the start of the Tramway Trail, a locally popular connector trail between the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram and La Luz Trail. This trailhead is well-marked and easy to identify at the edge of the Sandia Tram parking lot. Water, vending machines, and rest rooms are located in the nearby Tram Station building, along with a gift shop. City taxi companies and rideshare services will pick you up here or drop you off, although you might need to walk through the parking lot and down the entrance road below the pay booth.

To reach the airport from the Tram building (about 20-25 miles away), head west 1 mile on Tramway Rd. Turn south on Tramway Blvd and continue ~9 miles to Central Ave at I-40 interchange. Here are franchise motels and restaurants, 2 full-service grocery stores, laundromat, and a movie theatre. Take I-40 west to I-25 south and follow signs to Albuquerque International Sunport. (Another transportation option, city bus route 66 runs throughout the day between Central Ave at Tramway Blvd and downtown, from which a connecting bus route continues to the airport.)

Taxi services:

Uber and Lyft both serve the greater Albuquerque metro area, and should be willing to pick up or drop off at Sandia Tram base station. Usually cheaper than a standard taxi company.

OneAlbuquerque city bus:

A city bus stop is located behind the Sprout's plaza on Tramway Blvd just south of Central Ave.

www.cabq.gov/transit/routes-and-schedules

Bus route #66 - Central Ave @ Tramway - Downtown

Bus route #50 - Downtown - Sunport airport

Greyhound bus stop:

320 1st St SW. Located at the Albuquerque Railrunner train station in downtown.

Albuquerque US Post Office address:

Foothills Station

13101 Lomas Blvd NE

Albuquerque NM 87123

Hours: M-F 9AM-5PM Sa 9AM-3PM

Phone: (505) 346-1822

Nearest post office to GET terminus. Half a mile west of Tramway Blvd (2 miles north of I-40 & Central Ave)

PLEASE NOTE: General Delivery mail may end up being held at the Albuquerque main post office, located downtown. Specify "Foothills Station" and the street address on mailing label and call before arriving to confirm.

Library / internet:

Lomas-Tramway Public Library 908 Eastridge Drive (just south of Lomas Blvd east of the PO) Phone: (505) 291-6295. Closed Sun & Mon. Internet access available with registration (forms!) and a provided inter-library access card.

Grocery / Restaurants / Lodging / Laundromat / ATM:

Available along route to / from the airport, particularly convenient at the intersection of Central Ave. and Tramway Blvd. See "directions" above.