

# Grand Enchantment Trail Town Guide

## Trail Towns & Services Info

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## 1. Travel to GET west terminus

The Grand Enchantment Trail begins east of Phoenix at the First Water Trailhead on the Tonto National Forest. This trailhead is easy to reach from downtown Phoenix, the Amtrak or Greyhound terminals, and Phoenix Sky Harbor international airport

From Sky Harbor airport, bus station, and train terminal:

**Arizona Value Shuttle** 711 South Meridian Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85220 1-866-269-2693 / (480) 982-8551. Located in the town of Apache Junction, near the GET trailhead. Will pick up at the airport, bus or train station, and/or area motels & shuttle to or near GET west (First Water) trailhead. \$30-\$35. Call 2-3 days ahead. Also local runs (Apache Junction area to/from trailhead) with a \$15 minimum charge.

**Phoenix area transportation:**

**Discount Cab (Total Transit)** \$2.50 base + \$1.65/mi valley-wide (602) 200-2000

**Super Shuttle Phoenix** (602) 244-9000

**Yellow Cab** (602) 252-5252

**Rental car facilities:**

**Sky Harbor Airport** Most major rental car companies are located at the airport's nearby rental car facility, reachable by continuous free shuttle bus service from the airport baggage claim area. As of 2010, all vehicles rented from or returned to the airport include an airport-mandated 'drop fee' of around \$40 for one-way rentals within the Phoenix metro area.

**Enterprise Rent a Car** 1628 E Sky Harbor Circle South, Phoenix (602) 225-0588. Hours: Mo-Su 5am-12am. Allows one-way rental at no extra charge to Enterprise location in Apache Junction. For one-way rental from Apache Junction to airport, call ahead. (see next entry)

**Enterprise Rent a Car** 3400 S Tomahawk Rd, Apache Junction (480) 983-2206. Hours: Mo-Fr 8am-6pm, Sa 8am-1pm, closed Sun. Possible free shuttle from/to Apache Junction office to/from junction of SR 88 and FR 78, 3 miles from trailhead, but call ahead.

**Greyhound bus location:**

**In Phoenix:** 2115 E Buckeye Rd, Phoenix, 85034 (602) 389-4200.

**In Tempe:** 502 S College Ave Tempe 85281 (480) 377-6532

Or (800) 231-2222 for reservations. [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

**Amtrak location:**

**At Phoenix Greyhound location:** 2115 E Buckeye Rd Phoenix

**At Metro Center Transit Station:** 9617 North Metro Parkway West, North Phoenix

1-800-USA-RAIL [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**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, etc.), a Walgreens pharmacy (rubbing alcohol, 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 2WD vehicles except following flash floods. At ~2.3 miles on FR 78, find First Water equestrian parking on the left, along with a self-service pay station for vehicle parking on the Tonto National Forest. 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.

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## 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.

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## 3. Superior AZ

Trail miles from Phoenix (west) terminus: 46

Distance from GET: 4 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 obtain permits (online or over the phone) to enter Aravaipa Canyon, about 70 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, new in 2010, 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. Does not sell HEET.

**Restaurants:**

**Buckboard City** 1111 W US Highway 60 Superior, AZ (520) 689-5800. We-Su 6am-2pm; closed Mo & Tu. 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.

**Casa Denogean** 635 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-2866. Tu-Su 8am-8pm except Fri-Sat 8am-10pm. Short-order Mexican fare in former burger stand - a hip little spot.

**Edwarado's Pizzeria** 701 W US Highway 60. (520) 689-2628. Closed at 8pm daily. Pizza, subs, salads. Good value.

**Jade Grill** 639 W US Highway 60 (520) 689-2885. We-Su 11:30am-2:30pm & 5pm-8pm, closed Mo & Tu. Asian BBQ (open-fire cooking) including Chinese, Thai, and Vietnamese dishes prepared by a renowned former New York area chef.

**Triple C Coffee House** 558 W Kiser St (corner of US 60) (520) 689-2877. Coffees and specialty drinks a la Starbucks, also sandwiches and assorted goodies incl. some breakfast items. Wifi hotspot. Trendy spot with young, friendly staff breathing new life into the old mining town.

**Cafe Piera Roja** 507 W Main St (520) 689-0194. Classy little Mexican cafe. Out of the way (in old downtown) but reportedly worth the walk. Open for breakfast and lunch.

**Felicia's Ice Cream Shop** 229 W Main St (520) 689-2394

**Lodging:**

**Copper Mountain Motel** Old Highway 60 West (520) 689-2886. \$60 1 bed, \$65 double. Under new ownership (formerly El Portal Motel), with nicely renovated, if basic, rooms.

Fridge/microwaves available. All rooms non-smoking. Pets OK. Public computer in lobby; Wifi in rooms. Use of laundry facility for guests, and will sometimes shuttle back to the trail as time allows. Motel occasionally fills up; reservations may be advisable.

**Superior RV Park** 1113 W Us Highway 60 (520) 689-5331 (866) 689-5331. \$23 RV sites, \$5 tentsites (on front lawn, next to highway). Restrooms, coin-op laundry (no soap) & showers available with or without stay. Camp host Jake "Forest Hamster," AT thru-hiker, '79, '95. <http://www.superiorrvpark.com>

**Laundromat:**

Laundry available at **Copper Mountain Motel** and **Superior RV Park**.

**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:**

**Arizona Value Shuttle** in Apache Junction may (or may not) run to Superior on advance notice. See [Phoenix](#) area transportation info above.

**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** PO Box 36736 Phoenix, AZ 85067-6736 (602) 252-4794. <http://aztrail.org>. For trail-specific information along the shared AZT / GET corridor.

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## 4. Mammoth AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 112

Distance from GET: 10 miles S via AZ 77

A public telephone is no longer available at the Central Arizona College Aravaipa Campus just off Aravaipa Rd (N of the GET & 0.5 mile E of Hwy 77), although these days it should be possible to borrow a cell phone there. Call Foster's Lodge for possible shuttle (for guests) into Mammoth, a small (not extinct!), friendly, but spread out community along the San Pedro river valley. An attractive roadside park is located along Hwy 77 in town and offers picnic tables and water. Most services are spread out along the highway, with the post office and laundromat located 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

Phone: (520) 487-2861

**Groceries:**

**Corkers One Stop** 732 Old Highway 77. (520) 487-2411. Mon-Thurs 7:00 am-10:00 pm; Fri 7-10:30; Sat 8-10:30; Sun 8-10. Short-term resupply, some produce, deli / pizza. Does not sell HEET, but does have rubbing alcohol. Fee for ATM.

**Mammoth Ranch Market** Out of business. Former short-term resupply option (convenience store with deli/pizza).

**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.

**Tortillas Mi Pueblito** 337 Highway 77. (520) 487-2123. Tuesday-Sunday 4:00 am-2:00 pm. Closed Monday. Fantastic tortillas made on the premises.

(Short-term resupply to Klondyke - not to Safford - may be possible using both **Corkers One Stop**, **Circle K**, and/or **take-out food from restaurants below**. Partial or full PO maildrop resupply strongly recommended to grubstake distances greater than Klondyke.)

**Restaurants:**

**Las Michoacanas** 337 Highway 77 (520) 487-2380. Mexican-American, with standard breakfast fare (served until noon), plus L & D menu. Open weekdays 7am-8pm (closed Wednesdays), and weekends 7am-4pm.

**La Casita** 400 Highway 77 (520) 487-9980. Family-style Mexican. Hours: 11am-9pm daily (closed Tuesdays).

**Cassandra's Cafe** 739 N. San Pedro (on Highway 77). Mexican and American food. Restaurant is temporarily closed, has changed ownership, and will reopen under the name Chula's. Timeframe uncertain.

**77 Drive Inn** 102 N Highway 77. (520) 487-2783. Hamburger stand--home of the famous Mammoth Burger. Open 7 days a week 10 am - 8 pm.

**Lodging:**

**Foster's Lodge** 712 N Highway 77, Mammoth, AZ 85618 (520) 487-1904 [www.fosterslodge.com](http://www.fosterslodge.com) [Debf\\_\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:Debf_(at)yahoo.com) \$40 - \$60. Basic accommodations, outdoor pool. May shuttle to/from trail for a small fee. Also may do laundry, likewise for a small fee. Sometimes fills up on weekends during fall hunting season.

Stealth camping may be possible along the (usu. dry) San Pedro River just east of town along Copper Creek Rd.

**Laundromat:**

~~On Main Street, east of Hwy 77. Sells soap (no attendant, just vending machine--BYO quarters). No public bathroom available at last check. Out of business as of early 2011.~~

**Odds n' ends:**

**Thrift store** 108 Redwood Dr in Mammoth. (Look for "Tri-Community Food Bank" sign on Hwy 77.) 520-487-2010. Open Monday thru Thursday as well as Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Closed Friday and Sunday. Proceeds benefit community food bank.

**Library:**

125 Clark St., in the basement of the town hall. (520) 487-2026. Open Monday 4:00 pm-8:00 pm; Tuesday-Wednesday 2:00 pm-6:00 pm; Thursday and Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Closed Friday and Sunday. Free Wi-Fi, Internet access, restroom.

**Bank / ATM:**

ATM at Circle K & Corkers.

## 5. 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 or 7 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!

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## 6. Klondyke AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 142

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 'l') 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 had just one storefront before its historic Klondyke Country Store closed in 2005. Owner Bonnie Garwood has been attempting to sell the ailing business, strangled for several years by a lack of visitors to Aravaipa Canyon's east trailhead due to access issues (since resolved). Nevertheless, 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:**

Klondyke will continue to serve as a maildrop location this season. Although the Klondyke Country Store is closed and remains for sale, proprietor Bonnie Garwood who lives behind the store will continue to accept mail, including parcels, shipped to:

(hiker's name)

c/o Klondyke Store / freezer behind store

36951 Klondyke Rd.

Willcox (Klondyke) AZ 85643

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

Ship via US Postal Service only. Limit one package per person, please, and no outgoing mail. Ship via Priority Mail (rather than Parcel Post) so that package can be forwarded or returned if needed at no additional cost or inconvenience to you or to Bonnie. Pay for Delivery Confirmation as well so you'll know when your package has arrived. Postal mail is delivered Mo., We., Th. only. (Tu. replaces Mo. on holiday weekends.) Ship early enough so it gets there before you, but not so early that it's languishing (and wearing out the welcome). Parcels are stored in a large metal freezer (turned off, unlocked) located on the back porch of the store, with 24/7 access. According to Bonnie they've never had any foul play, although she emphasized that it's an honor system only. Bonnie looks forward to meeting folks as they pass through. If she isn't out and about, feel free to check at the house. Please note that the "Freezer" designation in the address is important, as this will alert the postal carrier to place your box in the store freezer rather than at Bonnie Garwood's doorstep.

Note also that the only trash facility in Klondyke (for discarded boxes, etc.) is a dump station along Fourmile Creek Rd, 0.8 mi west of Klondyke Store. Do not expect to leave your empty boxes and trash at the store or with Bonnie. Pack it down the road please!

**Lodging/camping:**

**Klondyke Country Store (NOW CLOSED) & Horsehead Lodge (OPEN)** 36951 Klondyke Rd. Klondyke AZ, 85643 Ph 928-828-3335 Fax 1-928-828-3351. ([klondykestore@vtc.net](mailto:klondykestore@vtc.net)) The Horsehead Lodge, located behind the closed store, remains open. \$95-\$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 but no laundry available. A worthwhile stay for hikers who plan to bring the food for it (no food available anywhere in Klondyke and no meals provided with stay). 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 that Bonnie knows when/if to expect you and so she can make arrangements for a key drop if she'll be out of town 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 - 6 hookups with electricity and water.

**The Klondyke Country Store and Horsehead Lodge are for sale!** Anyone interested in owning this historic Klondyke property situated in peaceful isolation along Aravaipa Valley in the shadow of the Santa Teresa Wilderness should contact Bonnie Garwood at 928-828-3335 or [klondykestore@vtc.net](mailto:klondykestore@vtc.net) For the right person, whether business-minded or otherwise, this opportunity could be a dream come true.

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. Last-minute permits for westbounders entering Aravaipa Canyon may be available from the ranger here, but don't count on it.

No operational pay phone available in town, (nor is cell service likely) though you may be able to borrow a ranger's phone when the BLM Klondyke ranger station is staffed.

Note that the road leading to the west trailhead for Aravaipa Canyon is called Aravaipa Road, while the eastern trailhead is accessed via Aravaipa [Canyon Road](#).

## 7. Safford AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: 222

Distance from GET: on route

A bustling community at the intersection of two main travel routes, Safford is the largest town directly along the route of the GET (save for Phoenix and Albuquerque at the end points). Although the GET bypasses the town'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 in Safford and the adjacent town of Thatcher along US 70 (Thatcher Blvd), the main drag. The BLM has an office in town - the GET runs right by it - where westbound hikers can try to get a permit to enter Aravaipa Canyon if they haven't obtained one already. Although Safford - given its size and relative isolation in the Gila Valley - is notably lacking in public bus service, several taxi companies have established themselves in recent years, one or more of which may be willing to run to Willcox, 40 miles to the south. (Willcox, along I-10, has Greyhound bus service.) Safford is also located along the Southern Tier Bicycle Route, with touring cyclists often spotted along Highway 70, especially in springtime.

Please note that Thatcher Blvd and US Hwy 70 in Safford are the same road.

**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 8:00AM-12:00PM & 1:00PM-4:00PM SA 8:30-9:30AM  
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 offers few other services (a small convenience store and a Mexican restaurant - see below), but its p.o. may be of use to those already heading into Solomon, such as for water.

#### Groceries:

**Basha's Supermarket** US 70 (long-term resupply)

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

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

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

**CD's Quick Stop** 2181 S Bowie Ave Solomon. (928) 428-5585. Convenience store in Solomon sells water, drinks, snacks, microwave items, some hiker basics but not acceptable for full resupply. Sporadic hours as of 2011: Tu-Su 10-?. Pay phone out front. (Don't count on finding the store open. If you need water, a spigot is located outside the old bank adjacent the post office.)

#### Restaurants:

**The Branding Iron** River Rd. near 8th St (928) 428-6252. Western-style dinners. Closed Mondays.

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

**Taco Bell** 2267 W US Highway 70 (928) 428-3330

**Pizza Hut** 1305 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 428-4320

**Subway** Sandwiches & Salads 750 S 8th Ave (928) 428-6373

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

**Super Wok** 1275 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 348-9452. "Safford style" Chinese with buffet.

**Aria's Ristorante Italiano** 540 E Hwy 70 (928) 428-2742

**Golden Corral Buffet & Grill** 2019 W US Highway 70 (928) 428-4744. AYCE with daily specials.

**La Paloma Restaurant** 5183 E. Clifton St. Located in Solomon. (928) 428-2094. Open weekdays 10:30-7 and Sat 10:30-8 (closed Sunday). Nice, authentic little Mexican restaurant with large menu listing, est. 1975.

... and a number of other restaurants in Safford & Thatcher.

#### Lodging:

**Econo Lodge** 225 E US Highway 70 928-348-0011 \$40 - \$60. Wifi in rooms. Guest laundry. On east end of town between 8th Ave and 8th St.

**Budget Inn** 1215 West Thatcher Boulevard (928) 428-7850. \$40. Clean and basic. Friendly proprietors.

**Tour Rest Motel** Thatcher Blvd, Safford (928) 428-3881. \$35. Basic. Rooms reportedly nicer than exterior.

**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.

**Best Western Desert Inn** 1391 W Thatcher Blvd 928-428-0521. \$65-\$85. Price sometimes negotiable when vacancy high. Continental breakfast. Guest internet in lobby. Guest laundry.

**Super 8** 1578 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 428-5851 \$65 and up. At the former Comfort Inn location. Guest internet in lobby and full continental breakfast.

**Olney House B & B** 1104 South Central, Safford (off US 191 between 8th St and 14th St.) 1 (800) 814-5118 or (928) 428-5118. Historic building with Colonial Revival architecture & decor. \$65 (double occupancy) for Main House (shared bath) / \$75-\$85 for cottage (kitchenette, private bath). www.olneyhouse.com

**Quality Inn & Suites** 420 E. Hwy 70 (928) 428-3200 \$100 and up. On east end of town between 8th Ave and 8th St.

**Comfort Inn & Suites** 450 Entertainment Ave (just off Thatcher Blvd) (928) 348-9400. \$100 and up. New location with full breakfast and exercise room (for those antsy "zero" days!)

#### Laundromat:

**The Washtub** 1910 West Thatcher Boulevard. In plaza, north side of road. Sells soap, makes change, has bathroom for guests. Open 7 days, 10am-8:30pm.

Washer/dryer for guests available at the **Best Western & Econo Lodge** motels

#### Stove fuel:

**Safford Builders Supl/Ace Hdw** 707 S 6th Ave (928) 428-1033

**AutoZone** Hwy 70. Sells HEET.

**Home Depot** 8th St at 20th Ave.

#### Pharmacy:

**Walgreens** 1995 W Thatcher Blvd (928) 428-5059

**Walmart** 8th St at 20th Ave.

#### Library / Internet:

808 S 7TH AVE (928) 348-3202. 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. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Mon -Sat. Basic selection of backpacking equipment and accessories, including footwear.

Hunting/fishing-oriented selection and staff. Store most easily accessed on foot from the GET route through Thatcher. From the railroad grade across the EA College area follow College Ave N about 3/4 of a mile to US 70. Gila Outdoor is a short distance E along the hwy.

#### Transportation:

**1-Taxi** (928) 322-1512. \$5 minimum ride. Thereafter \$2 per mile. Rides exceeding 12.5 miles one-way, driver holds the fee at \$25.00 until 25 miles is reached, then charges \$1.00 per mile after that. Will run on short notice within the Safford area, including Cluff Ranch, Thatcher, Pima, Solomon, and the Safford airport area. Longer runs available with advance notice, such as to Clifton/Morenci and Willcox. (One way to or from Willcox a bargain at \$40; \$75 round trip.) Operated by friendly Dave Eitter, a former local radio personality.

**High Five Taxi** (928) 428-3433. \$2.50 flag drop plus \$1.75 per mile. Local runs throughout the Gila Valley on short notice. Allow at least 12 hours advance notice for other destinations. Willcox \$50; Clifton / Morenci \$50; Tucson \$100; Phoenix \$150. (All rates for one way trip.) Hours of operation: Su-Th 9am-11pm, Fr-Sa 9am-3am.

**Tom Larimer**, owner of Bucko's Coffee in the town of Willcox 40 miles south of Safford, may pick up or drop off in Safford with advance notice. Call for current rates. 520-384-2875.

**Enterprise Rent-a-Car** 1018 West Thatcher Boulevard (928) 428-0955. 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. Ask for Brandt Taylor, asst. manager, and mention you're a GET hiker.

#### Land Management Agency:

**BLM Safford Field Office** 711 14th Avenue Safford (928) 348-4400 SFOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov Or call / email and ask for BLM recreation planner Deb Morris (928) 348-4417 (Deborah\_Morris@blm.gov) for info on Safford-Morenci Trail and BLM lands the GET uses north of Safford. Permits for Aravaipa Canyon are issued here as well.

**Coronado National Forest Safford Ranger District** 711 14th Ave, Suite D Safford (928) 428-4150 mailroom\_r3\_coronado@fs.fed.us Info on Pinalenos, Mt Graham, and Santa Teresa Wilderness. Veteran ranger Chuck Duncan: (928) 348-1964

Kimball Hanson: (928) 428-9367 for information regarding new mine construction in the Gila Mtns north of town. (Public info contact for Freeport McMoRan / Phelps Dodge)

## 8. Morenci / Clifton AZ

Trail miles from west terminus: **268** (via Eagle Creek Bypass) / **282** (via main GET)

Distance from GET: via US 191 at Lower Eagle Creek Rd: Morenci **5 mi E**, Clifton **8 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 following the Eagle Creek Bypass (Segment 14) can opt to detour 5 miles on foot into Morenci via low-speed Highway 191 (aka the Coronado Trail). Hitchhiking to and from the main route, 10 miles farther up the lightly-travelled highway, is certainly possible, but don't expect instant gratification. (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.

**Groceries:**

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

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

**Restaurants:**

**Copper Room Restaurant & Lounge** 261 Burro Ally, Morenci (928) 865-4111. B / L / D. M-F 5am-9pm, Sa-Su 10am-4pm. Lively little joint located inside the Morenci Motel.

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

**Copper Canyon Cafe** Morenci Plaza, Morenci (928) 865-2213

**Golden City Chinese Restaurant** Morenci Plaza, Morenci (928) 865-5941

**Dairy Queen** 438 Plaza Dr, Morenci (928) 865-3456

**Los Mendoza Taco Shop** 355 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton. 928-865-1010. Far north end of town.

**El Corralito** 352 North Coronado Boulevard, Clifton. (928) 865-5291. Open M-F 11am-8pm, closed weekends. Pizza, Mex/American fare, salad bar. Formerly Maria's Pizzeria.

**P J's** 307 S Coronado Blvd Clifton (928) 865-3328. Homestyle B L D. Don't miss breakfast here for all the juicy mining gossip.

**Gold Panner's Grub** Chase Creek St, Clifton.

**Gi'Mees** York Valley, Clifton (928) 687-1517

**Lodging:**

**Morenci Motel** Burro Ally, Morenci. (928) 865-4111. \$75. Fridge/micro/satellite TV. Sometimes fills up on week days; reservations recommended. Fridge/micro/satellite TV. Copper Room Restaurant located on premises. Mine tours can be booked via the motel's front desk.

**Rode Inn Motel** 186 N Coronado Blvd Clifton. (928) 865-4536. \$55 standard rooms, or \$45 for smaller rooms, in back along river. Washer/drier for guests. Friendly owners. Sometimes fills up on week days; reservations recommended.

Please note that both motels are sometimes all filled by early afternoon during week days, due to mining contractors in town. Consider making reservations ahead of time if possible.

**Laundromat:**

**Sunrise Laundromat** South Coronado Boulevard, Clifton. South of PJ's restaurant.

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

Also see **Rode Inn Motel**, above.

**Outfitter:**

**Phelps Dodge Mercantile** 172 Morenci Plaza, Morenci. (928) 865-4121. Located adjacent to the Basha's supermarket. An assortment of hardware and "Coleman-variety" outdoors items, including white gas and some very basic camping provisions. A Radio Shack "mini-store" is located inside the Mercantile as well.

**Stove fuel:**

**Phelps Dodge Mercantile** (see above).

**Conoco** US 191 (east of Morenci Plaza, around the bend) (928) 865-3975 Mini Mart sells HEET but call to confirm availability.

**AutoZone** Morenci Mall, Morenci. Sometimes has HEET.

**Library / Internet:**

**Morenci Public Library** Morenci Plaza (928) 865-1981. Located past Basha's, within Morenci Plaza. Hours: M-F 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Closed Sunday.

**Clifton Public Library** 102 School St (928) 865-2461. Follow "library" signs east from US 191 / S Coronado Blvd near PJ's restaurant. Hours: M-Th 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-4pm. Closed Sat & Sun.

**Bank / ATM:**

ATM at **National Bank & Basha's** in Morenci, **Circle K** in Clifton.

**Land Management Agency:**

**Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Clifton Ranger District** HC 1, Box 733, Duncan, AZ, 85594, Phone: (928) 687-8600. (Actually located in Three Way, near the town of Duncan - not in Clifton!) Info on GET environment from Painted Bluff Trail @ Eagle Creek to the AZ / NM state line. District ranger Donna Reed: (928) 687-8612.

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

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## 9. Glenwood / Alma NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 330

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 featuring little more than a small general store and adjacent diner. A pay phone is here, from which you may be able to call one of the motels in Glenwood for a shuttle into this likewise small, charming and friendly community. (Lariat Motel shown in photo.) Mogollon ghost town is nearby, as is the historical curiosity known as Cooney Tomb. The beautiful Catwalk Trail along Whitewater Creek is a must-see area attraction and is accessible as a side hike off the main GET.

**Glenwood US Post Office address:**

5109 Highway 180  
Glenwood NM 88039

Hours: M-F 08:00AM-12:30PM 01:00PM-04:30PM SA 10:00AM-1:00PM  
Phone: (575) 539-2131

**Groceries:**

**Alma Store** Alma (575) 539-2640. Open 7 days, 7am-7pm (6-6 when Daylight Savings Time not in effect). General store with picnic-type supplies, microwave foods, some produce (onions, tomatoes, avocados), snacks, and ice cream. Passable for short-term resupply, depending upon current inventory (call). Alma Grill is located next door. Outside pay phone and water spigot.

**Glenwood Trading Post** Glenwood (575) 539-2321. Open 7 days, 8am-7pm. General / convenience store and gas station, with some produce, canned goods, Lipton dinners, mac & cheese, snacks. Maybe passable for short-term resupply. Sometimes sells HEET. Call for current inventory, as selection is not regularly restocked. Outside pay phone (receives calls to # scrawled on side of phone, but doesn't ring).

Taken together, the above two grocery options may offer enough for unparticular hikers to reach Gila Hot Springs or Morenci.

**Restaurants:**

**Blue Front Bar & Cafe** Glenwood. (575) 539-2561. Wed 5pm-9pm, Th-Sun 11am-9pm, cafe closed Mondays & Tuesdays. Serves lunch & dinner. Good Mex/American food plus salad bar. Bar room tended by friendly Lori, plus separate restaurant area.

**Golden Girls Cafe** Glenwood. (575) 539-2457. Serves breakfast from 6-10am (sometimes 5-9am) in the kitchen of owner's home. Excellent food, friendly conversation.

**Mario's Pizza** Glenwood. (575) 539-2316. Open Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat only: 4-8pm. (Hours & days somewhat unreliable.) Pizza, calzones, sub sandwiches, home-made ice cream.

**Alma Grill** (575) 539-2233. Next door to the Alma Trading Company in Alma. 6am - 3 pm, every day except closed Thursdays. Serving breakfast all day, lunch from 11am. Best food in Alma! (Burgers, veggie melts, Mexican dishes) Popular gossip spot for area ranchers.

**Lodging:**

**Lariat Motel** Glenwood (575) 539-2361. All rooms about \$60/single. Larger, upstairs rooms best value. Showers available without stay (\$5). Motel is conveniently located behind Glenwood Trading Post, which has pay phones. (No phones in room.) Check in at trading post if no answer at motel.

**Whitewater Motel** PO Box 158 Glenwood, NM 88039 (575) 539-2581 whitewater@gilanet.com \$50-\$60. No phones in rooms. Located next to the post office on the opposite end of town (0.2 miles away!) Backs onto Whitewater Creek.

**Los Olmos Guest Ranch** PO Box 225 Glenwood NM 88039. (Corner of Hwy 180 & Catwalk Rd., across the street from Glenwood Trading Post.) (575) 539-2213. Email: info@thelosolmosranch.com 14 newly renovated private stone cabins for rent in a preserved pioneer-era setting. Outdoor pool, fishing ponds, horse facilities. No tv in rooms. Reasonable daily rates. Call for current info.

**Crab Apple Cabins** PO Box 86 Glenwood, NM 88039 (575) 539-2400. Reasonable rates. Hiker-friendly proprietors. Open seasonally.

**Double T Homestead** NM 174 (Catwalk Rd). (575) 539-2812. Cabins, RV spaces. Located on eastern edge of town en route to the Catwalk trailhead.

**D & D's Organic Haven B & B** 13 Blue Heron Lane, Pleasanton, NM 88039 (575) 539-2483 \$60 single / \$75 double occupancy. Tranquil bed & breakfast located in nearby Pleasanton (3 miles south of Glenwood via Hwy 180). Stay includes generous continental breakfast, as well as access to hot tub, sun room, and large shady yard. Open seasonally April 1 - mid November. Run by hiker-friendly hosts Dan & Deb Nordquist (hikers themselves). Call from Alma or Glenwood for possible shuttle. www.d-and-d-organic-haven.homestead.com

**Silver Creek Inn** (B&B) HC 61 Box 306 Mogollon, NM 88039 1-866-276-4882. Located in the nearby ghost town of Mogollon.

**Camping:**

**USFS Bighorn Campground** 5 drive-in campsites, with picnic tables, grills, and juniper shade. Toilet facilities. 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.

**Stove fuel:**

**Glenwood Trading Post** (see above) Sometimes sells HEET (located on shelf beside entrance, near floor). Call to confirm.

**Library / Internet:**

**Glenwood Public Library** Menges Lane (575) 539-2277 Hours: Mon 10-3, Tu & Th 10-2, 6-8 Fr & Sat 10-2. Closed Wed. Sometimes open evenings as well. 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 offer shuttle to/from Silver City (70 mi) with advance (2-3 wk) notice. Ask for Lester or Wendy.

**Out N' Back Trails Unlimited** 575-590-7795 Located in Silver City. Proprietor Bryan McDonald will shuttle to/from Glenwood area for \$1.70/mi (~\$135 one way).

**Land Management Agency:**

**Gila National Forest Glenwood Ranger District** Hwy 180, Glenwood (575) 539-2481. (Info specialist Tom Hayes: tehayes@fs.fed.us) Info on Gila National Forest from the crest of the Mogollon Mountains westward to the AZ state line. The District Ranger's office is 0.25 mile south of Glenwood on the west side of HWY 180.

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## 10. Gila Hot Springs NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 386

Distance from GET: 3 miles S via Hwy 15

**Doc Campbell's Post** is the center of life in this small unincorporated village, surrounded on all sides by the vast Gila National Forest. True to its name, hot springs abound here, and have attracted an eclectic, free-spirited band of residents and homegrown, tourist-friendly businesses to the area. Gila Hot Springs lies about 3 miles south of the GET along NM Hwy 15.

**Maildrop service:**

(Hiker's Name)  
c/o Doc Campbell's Post  
HC 68 Box 80  
Silver City NM 88061

Mail food parcels c/o this address via Postal Service or UPS. Include your name in the address, and "hold for hiker" in the corner of the box, along with your estimated date of arrival. You can mail your package a couple of weeks early as necessary, in order to accommodate UPS ground service, etc. Store is NOT capable of handling outgoing parcels. Outgoing letter mail (store sells stamps) may be placed in a small mailbox out front.

**Store hours:** 8am-4pm, 7 days. Summer hours: 8am-5:30pm, 7 days. (Sometimes doesn't open until 10am and, in general, store hours can be variable but usually open 7 days a week.)

**Phone:** (575) 536-9551 daytime or (575) 536-9314 evenings

**Email:** pyluecke (at) gilanel.com

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.** A limited selection of groceries, incl. a few types of freeze-dried meals, mac & cheese, snacks, peanut butter, tortillas, canned goods, microwave burritos & sandwiches, plus home-made ice cream. Probably unacceptable for resupply to Monticello (eastbound), but may be passable to Glenwood (westbound). Certainly acceptable for augmenting a maildrop, however. Store has other basics, like sunscreen, bug repellent, and usually sells HEET and white gas fuel. Pay phone out front. Run by Paul & Ysabel Luecke. (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. Paul will collect your discarded maildrop boxes and packaging, however.)

**Restaurants:**

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

**The Wilderness Lodge** serves breakfast for guests.

**Lodging:**

**The Wilderness Lodge** Jackass Lane, Gila Hot Springs NM (575) 536-9749. wildernesslodge@gilahot.com \$68 for 1 or \$78 per couple with shared bath (one bed), \$105 for 2 with private bath (two bedroom suite). Bed & breakfast in a nice, secluded area with friendly hosts. Follow NM 15 south from Doc Campbell's to Access Rd, turn left, then left again onto Jackass Lane.

**Gila Hot Springs Ranch** (575) 536-9551 daytime or (575) 536-9314 evenings. Affiliated with Doc Campbell's Post. Lodge-style suite with kitchenette for \$76-\$92 for 2 (\$8 each extra person). www.gilahotspringsranch.com gilahotspringsranch@gilanel.com

**Camping:**

**Gila Hot Springs RV Park** Across from Doc Campbell's on Hwy 15. Grassy tent site with "RV ambience" for \$15. Showers for guests only.

**River Campground** Located on banks of the W Fork Gila River. Dusty car camping area with public hot spring. Tenting allowed. \$3 day use, \$4 overnight. 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**.

**Stove fuel:**

White gas & HEET at **Doc Campbell's Post**.

**Land Management Agency:**

**Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District** HC 68 Box 50, Mimbres, New Mexico, 88049. (575) 536-2250. District ranger Al Koss (email info specialist Annette Grijalva-Disert: gjrijalvadisert@fs.fed.us). Info on Gila National Forest east of Mogollon crest, west of Black Range crest.

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## 11. Resupply Caution

The next convenient, on-route resupply is at Magdalena, 175 trail miles from Gila Hot Springs. Although it is possible to hike 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 Trail's End Market in Magdalena to facilitate a maildrop, shipping via Priority Mail to Monticello or Winston.*)

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## 12. Winston NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 447 (via Hwy 59) / 475 (via Hwy 52)

Distance from GET: 24 miles SE / 22 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 is 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 a ~22 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 miles beyond Winston, may offer cabins for rent but likely has no other useful services for hikers.

<http://www.ghostowns.com/states/nm/winston.html>

**Winston US Post Office address:**

451 Graspon Rd  
Winston NM 87943

Hours: M-F 07:30AM-04:00PM SA 09:00-11:00AM

Phone: (575) 743-0157

**Groceries:**

**Winston General Store** Highway 52. (575) 743-6915. Snacks, some canned and packaged foods, microwave items, sandwiches. Pay phone out front. Unacceptable for resupply, although the Winston General Store Official Merchandise (ball caps, t-shirts) might just improve the hitchhiking prospects after resupplying via the post office.

**Restaurant / Lodging:**

**Winston Bed & Breakfast / Cafe** 202 Broadway (575) 743-0208. Now closed.

Cabins available for rent in Chloride (2 mi west). For details, contact proprietor: dedmund (at) windstream.net

Winston also has a bar / saloon. Perhaps one could win a drinking bet to get back to the trail from here.

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## 13. Monticello NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 483

Distance from GET: 10.5 miles S via Monticello Canyon (4WD)

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, as of recent, lodging. But unlike Winston, Monticello is reached by way of a pleasant, well-watered walk on a nearly level dirt road. A few residents live along this scenic road on sprawling ranch/farm acreage in a dramatic canyon setting. Anyone heading your way may be willing to offer a ride to or from town.

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 old town square is in the works. 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: M-Sa 08:00AM-12:00PM

Phone: (575) 743-0076

**Lodging:**

Lodging is now available in Monticello and may be an attractive option for hikers, due to the absence of public land for camping immediately surrounding town.

**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: jane.darland@gmail.com View of casita: [www.oldmonticelloorganicfarms.com/#234287717](http://www.oldmonticelloorganicfarms.com/#234287717)

**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 or pay phone, and cell phone reception is unlikely. (Reception possible if you head east up FR 139 about a mile.) Hikers paying for lodging may be able to use the proprietors' phone (no phones in rooms) for a brief call. Otherwise, consider explaining the situation tactfully to a resident in town. (The post office phone is unavailable for public use.)

**Truth or Consequences**, offering most services including a taxi company, 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 more difficult and may recommend use of the taxi - see next entry. (The village of Placita, just south of Monticello and en route to T or C, has no services.)

**Transportation:**

**Hot Spring Taxi** Truth or Consequences 575-894-1145 Taxi company in T or C. Closed Sundays. Will only run TO Monticello from T or C (plan to hitchhike into T or C - usually not problematic). \$2 / mile = \$44 (approximate). Give one day advance notice and plan to be flexible with pick-up time.

Please note: Greyhound bus lines discontinued service to Truth or Consequences in 2010. Albuquerque and Las Cruces are now the only bus stops along I-25 in this stretch. For those looking to disembark from (or to rejoin) their adventure via T or C, perhaps the only economical public transportation option at this time is a Mexican-American shuttle bus company. El Paso-Los Angeles Limousine Express services T or C regularly via shuttle van. A GET hiker used this company in 2011 and deemed the rate and service to be reasonable.

[www.eplalimo.com](http://www.eplalimo.com)

**Land Management Agency:**

**Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District** 1804 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM (575) 894-6677. District ranger Les Dufour: [ldufour@fs.fed.us](mailto:ldufour@fs.fed.us) Info on Black Range Crest / CDT / GET.

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## 14. Magdalena NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 562

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, but nonetheless offers enough of the basics to make this a welcome stop along the trail. Several reasonably priced motels are here, as is a good-sized market, a few colorful eateries, and a Cibola National Forest district office. The ghost town of Kelly lies just south of town along the route of the GET. Except for its historic white adobe church, you'll need a permit before visiting Kelly, available at a roadside rock shop along Kelly Road in Magdalena.

[www.magdalena-nm.com](http://www.magdalena-nm.com)

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

**Magdalena US Post Office address:**

100 East First St  
Magdalena NM 87825

Hours: M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM Sat 10:00 - 12:00PM

Phone: (575) 854-2231

Long-time employee Libby Bodio, wife of a well-known local travelbook author, is a friend of hikers.

**Groceries:**

**Trails End Market** 1003 W 1st St. (575) 854-2205. Mo-Sa 9am-7pm. Reportedly now open Sundays as well. Good for long-term resupply, although choice of brands is somewhat limited. Has decent produce selection. Also has small "drug store" aisle with all the basics.

**Family Dollar** W 1st St. Discount variety store, new in 2010, has several aisles of groceries, mostly discount brands, some packaged dinners, no fresh produce.

**Conoco Gas/Food Mart** 705 1st St. (575) 854-3680. Sells water, snacks, microwave foods, but no longer sells HEET. Public restrooms. Pay phone. ATM.

**Restaurants:**

**Magdalena Cafe** 109 Main St. (1/2 block S of US 60) (575) 854-2696. Open for breakfast and lunch M-F 7am-1:30pm, Sat 7am-12:30pm. Also serves dinner Th and Sat evenings, 5-7. The local favorite breakfast spot.

**Bear Mountain Coffee House** 902 W 1st St (US 60) (575) 854-3310. Hours: Wed-Sun 9am - 4pm. Cafe serving breakfast and lunch, with an ever-evolving menu incl. espresso, pastries, sandwiches, salads, soups, pizzas, paninis, ice cream and homemade desserts. WiFi hotspot, "book nook" and sometimes live entertainment on the weekends. Adjoining art gallery features the works of local and regional artists.

**Golden Spur Saloon** US 60. (575) 854-2554. Serving Red Baron pizza, sometimes burgers and steaks, otherwise no food menu.

**High Country Lodge** 303 E 1st St. (575) 854-2062. Dining area in motel lobby serves continental breakfast from 7am-9am daily.

**Evett's Cafe** Highway 60. (575) 854-2449. NOW CLOSED. Old-fashioned ice cream fountain (see photo above) with decent food menu as well. Mex/American staples, simply prepared. The "social aorta" of town, in the words of one guidebook to the area. SADLY, EVETT'S - A MAINSTAY IN TOWN FOR MANY YEARS - WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN 2009.

**Ponderosa Restaurant** US 60. (575) 854-9916. Mex/American. 3pm-7pm daily although in actuality hours and days of operation tend to vary. B-L-D menu available. CLOSED AS OF 2010, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

**Conoco Gas/Food Mart** 705 1st St. (575) 854-3680. Fresh-baked whole pizzas made to order after 5pm or so. PIZZA NO LONGER AVAILABLE AS OF FALL 2010, BUT INQUIRE FOR LATEST WORD.

Please note: As the above info reveals, Magdalena currently lacks a reliable, everyday dinner restaurant. Plan to arrive early enough to avail yourself of "take-out lunch for dinner" from either Magdalena Cafe or Bear Mountain Coffee House, as available / needed. (Another option: The Eagle's Nest Motel has kitchenettes, and the Western Motel has a public barbecue grill, for preparing your own dinner after shopping at Trail's End Market.)

#### Lodging:

**High Country Lodge** 303 E 1st St. (575) 854-2062. \$41 single, \$52 double before tax. Rooms are modest and clean; fridge/microwave & satellite tv. Continental breakfast from 7am-9am. Free Wifi hotspot.

**Western Motel & RV Park** 404 1st St. (575) 854-2417 westernmotel@gilanet.com \$41-\$66 rooms, each with a unique theme. All rooms have fridge/microwave/tv. No continental breakfast. \$25/night RV park in rear (no tenting allowed). Propane-fired barbecue grill on premises for public use. Laundry available with stay.

**Eagle's Nest Motel & RV Park** 1405 W First St. (US 60 & NM 107) (575) 854-3651 or (505) 859-6446. Located about a mile west of the above motels, closer to Trail's End Market. Remodeled motel rooms with kitchenettes are immaculate and roomy, like studio apartments. Satellite tv. \$48 single / \$53 double. Call ahead as proprietor (Paul Lucero) is often out of the office.

#### Laundromat:

**Suds & Stuff** 1006 1st St (across from Trail's End Market). (575) 854-3377. Mo-Sa 9am-7pm except Wed closed. Su 9am-3pm. Sells soap, makes change, has bathroom for guests. All washers front-loading.

**Western Motel** provides laundry service for guests.

#### Stove fuel:

**Conoco Gas/Food mart** Previously sold HEET, but not as of late.

**Trail's End Market** Should have rubbing alcohol

**Family Dollar** Should have rubbing alcohol

**Alamo Plumbing & Heating** US Hwy 60. Sells Coleman fuel only.

#### Library / Internet:

**Magdalena Public Library** 108 N. Main St. (575) 854-2261. HOURS: Mo, Tu, Fr 11am-4pm; We, Th 11am-9pm; Sat 9am-2pm. Internet access. Library housed inside the town's historic railroad depot along the GET route just north of US 60.

WiFi available at **Bear Mountain Coffee House** and **High Country Lodge**.

#### Bank / ATM:

**Wells Fargo** 1st & Main St

**Conoco Gas/Food Mart** 705 1st St

#### Permits:

**Tony's Rock Shop** Located on Kelly Rd (GET) about a mile south of US 60 in Magdalena. Sells permits for visiting the nearby mining ghost town of Kelly. (Kelly's historic adobe church is the only structure in town not requiring a permit to visit.)

#### Transportation:

**Socorro Taxi** 606 N. California St. Socorro NM. 575-835-4276. jess@socorrotaxi.com May shuttle on advance notice between Magdalena & full-service town of Socorro, 27 miles east on US 60. Taxi runs until 5pm daily, and no longer on weekends, except possibly by advance reservation. Ask whether taxi driver Darrell may be available, or reach him directly at (575) 418-0574. Mention that you're a GET hiker.

#### Land Management Agency:

**Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District** 1st St & Kelly Rd. Magdalena. (575) 854-2281. Trails specialist Herbert Ray: hlray@fs.fed.us Info on Magdalena & San Mateo Mountains incl. Apache Kid & Withington Wildernesses.

While in Magdalena, well-cultured hikers may be able to take in a play, compliments of the unlikely-named **London Frontier Theatre Company**. www.londonfrontiertheatre.com

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## 15. Polvadera NM

Trail miles from west terminus: **589**

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-choked 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, and no public telephone, although the village of Lemitar, 5 miles south via a frontage road, has a full-service truck stop and several cafes. Escondida, a tiny hamlet along the Rio Grande Highwater Bypass route, has a cafe, as well. Five miles farther south lies the larger town of Socorro (Spanish for "help"), reachable by taxi and offering most services but no longer a Greyhound bus stop.

#### Polvadera US Post Office address:

**15 Correo St**  
**Polvadera NM 87828**

Hours: M-F 07:30AM-11:30AM & 12PM-4PM, Sa 7:30-11AM  
Phone: (575) 835-9707

World's tiniest post office has drinking water and restroom (as a courtesy to 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.

#### Lemitar US Post Office address:

**5 Chambon Rd**  
**Lemitar NM 87823**

Hours: M-F 07:45AM-11:30PM & 12PM-3:45PM, Sa 8:30AM-11:00AM  
Phone: (575) 838-0973

#### 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:

**Road Runner Travel Ctr** I-25 Exit 156 Lemitar, NM (575) 838-1400. Truck stop and convenience store with possible short-term resupply potential. ~5 miles south of Polvadera. Mac n cheese, Ramen, tuna (in a can) and spam, (no Liptons), and sandwich fixings. Sells HEET.

Several long-term resupply grocery options exist in **Socorro**, ~10 miles south of Polvadera. (Walmart, Smith's, John Brooks, the latter with some progressive / organic packaged items like corn pasta & Annie's.)

#### Restaurants:

**Escondida Grill** 153 NM 408 Escondida (quarter mile west of Pueblito Bridge over the Rio Grande on the Highwater Bypass route) (575) 838-2423. Tu-Th 9am-7pm, Fr-Su 9am-9pm, closed Monday. Mex/American + ice cream, some picnic supplies for sale, including sunscreen & bug repellent. (Phone number inoperable as of 2011. Unable to verify current status of this facility.)

**Tina's Restaurant** 33 W Frontage Rd Lemitar (575) 835-3340  
**Crane Cafe** I-25 exit 156 Lemitar (575) 838-1200

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

**Lodging / camping:**

Several inexpensive options in **Socorro** (Econo Lodge a good value - has PC with internet in lobby)

**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 RV site spigots, of questionable purity (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:**

**Road Runner Travel Ctr** in Lemitar. Laundromat also available in Socorro.

**Stove fuel:**

HEET available at **Road Runner Travel Ctr** in Lemitar, and at auto parts stores and Walmart in Socorro.

**Bank / ATM:**

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

**Transportation:**

**Socorro Taxi** 606 N. California St. Socorro NM. 575-835-4276. jess@socorrotaxi.com Will 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. Ask whether taxi driver Darrell may be available, or reach him directly at (575) 418-0574. Mention that you're a GET hiker.

**Land Management Agency:**

**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.

**Socorro** also has numerous restaurants, a public library with internet access, and a Walmart.

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## 16. Mountainair NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 633

Distance from GET: 18 miles E via US 60

Hikers looking to roughly halve the 115 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. (The place names of Scholle and Abo, as shown on maps, offer no services, nor is tiny Bernardo worthy of a westward detour.) Mountainair is a small ranching-oriented town offering a modest array of services, and is also home to the headquarters for Salinas Pueblos 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-11:30am, 12:15pm-04:45pm. Sat. 9am-12pm  
Phone: (505) 847-2206

**Groceries:**

**Mountainair Grocery** 204 W Broadway (505) 847-2223. Not much variety, but may be ok for long-term resupply.

**Town and Country** Butcher shop with a few grocery items.

**Restaurants:**

**Ancient Cities Cafe** 511 W Highway 60 (505) 847-2368. Mex/American.

**Coffee Cup Court @ Alpine Alley** NM 55 North (505) 847-2478. 8am-2pm Mo-Sat. Breakfast burritos, pastries, baked goods, traditional & designer sandwiches, homemade soup, espresso bar, original coffee creations.

**Shaffer Dining Room** 103 E Main (505) 847-2888. New Mexican & American. 7am-3pm, Tuesday-Sunday. Located at the Shaffer Hotel.

**Granny's Sweet Shop** 400 W Broadway (505) 847-1850. Sweet treats, plus limited food menu.

**Lodging:**

**Turner Inn & RV Park** (formerly Tillie's Inn) 303 E Highway 60 888-847-0170 / (505) 847-0248. Half a mile east of town center. "Authentic 1950's style auto court motel made famous by Route 66." \$55 single, \$65 two beds, \$80 cabins. Microwave/fridge in rooms. Internet access. Guest laundry. Also \$10 tent sites with shower included. Hiker's best bet.

**The Rock Motel** 901 US Highway 60 (505) 847-2577 or 847-0082. therockmotel@wildblue.net. (formerly El Rancho Motel) \$65-\$75 (winter rate). Fridge/micro included.

**Shaffer Hotel** 103 E Main 888-595-2888 / (505) 847-2888 shafferhotel@aol.com Historic inn recently remodeled, under new management. Rates from \$28 (community bath), considerably more for room with private bath. Restaurant on premises.

**Laundromat:**

**Mountainair Laundromat** 118 W Broadway. (Adjacent the Hair Enchantment salon.) (505) 847-2374. Also sells showers for \$7.

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

**Hardware store / Stove fuel:**

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

**Library / Internet:**

**Mountainair Public Library** 104 N. Roosevelt (505) 847-9676. Computers & WiFi. Hours: Mo-We 9am-12pm; Thu 9am-12pm & 2pm-6pm; Fri 10am-3pm; Sat 9am-1pm; closed Sun.

Public internet access reportedly also available at an internet service provider storefront in town.

**Bank / ATM:**

**My Bank** One block west of the post office.

**Wells Fargo** 111 US-60

**Land Management Agency:**

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

Allen Stibora, long-time CDT supporter, and Billy Weinmen of the Salinas Pueblos National Monument, both live in Mountainair and are friends of the GET.

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## 17. Tijeras NM

Trail miles from west terminus: 706

Distance from GET: on route

Twenty-three 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, although more is available 4 miles off-route in Cedar Crest. Fourteen miles north of Tijeras along the GET lies the Sandia Peak tram summit station and High Finance 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:**

**Morning Star Grocery** 4 Kuhn Dr **Ponderosa Pine** (505) 281-5151 Hours: 7am-9pm every day. Located just off NM 337, 2.5 miles east of the GET route, **12 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, including TP. Does not sell HEET or other stove fuels. Deli serves breakfast items, sandwiches and gigantic pizza. Outside pay phone and picnic table.

**Tri-Angle Grocery** 12165 Highway 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 281-3030. **A few miles off-route.** Short-term resupply.

#### Restaurants:

**Trail Rider Pizza** 544 Highway 66 E Tijeras (505) 281-6068. Hours: 11am-8:30pm every day. Take-out stand with pizza, steak bombs, and good-sized salads. Molly's bar room next door has a dining area (bring your pizza over), bathrooms and a few snacks, but no food of its own. Located 0.3 mile east of NM 337 / Rt 66 intersection (GET).

**Subway** Highway 66 Tijeras. (505) 286-1411. Sandwiches, salads, personal sized pizzas. Located on the corner of Hwy 66 and 337 (along the GET).

**The Village Coffee House** Highway 66 Tijeras. (505) 281-9611. Across from the public library. Coffee, microwave burritos and snacks (plus Holy Man Tarot Readings while you relax on the patio, for those so inclined).

**Jo's Chameleon Cafe** Kuhn Dr **Ponderosa Pine**. Cafe with "fine coffees and teas." Across the road from Morning Star Grocery.

**Sandia Crust Pizza Co.** 12216 State Hwy 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 286-2646. **A few miles north of the GET.**

**Burger Boy** 12023 State Highway 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 281-3949.

**North 14 Diner** 12128 State Highway 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 286-2355

**Cedar Point Grille** 12124 Hwy 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 281-2534

#### Lodging:

**Elaine's Bed & Breakfast** 72 Snowline Rd **Cedar Crest** (505) 281-2467. Rustic lodge located in attractive setting adjacent to the National Forest. Rooms starting at \$105.

#### Gas station / Convenience:

**Chevron Redi-Mart** 12011 State Highway 14 N **Cedar Crest** (505) 281-8859

#### Library / Internet:

**Tijeras / East Mountain Public Library** 1 Tijeras Ave (Rt 66) Tijeras (505) 281-8508. Hours: Tue-Sat 10AM-6PM, except Thu 11AM-7PM. (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 cab companies will run to/from Tijeras & Cedar Crest. 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. District ranger CID Morgan. 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.

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## 18. Sandia Peak Aerial Tram

Trail miles from west terminus: 720

Quite possibly the world's longest aerial tramway, 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 upthrust 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, particularly for day hikers beginning from Albuquerque.

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 tickets can be purchased from either the summit or base station for \$12 (adults). Tram cars run regularly throughout the day.

#### Tram hours of operation:

Labor Day - Memorial Day: 9am - 8pm daily, except Tues 5pm - 8pm only

Memorial Day - Labor Day: 9am - 9pm daily

Closed for maintenance: Nov 7-18 2011 & April 9-20 2012

(505) 856-7325

#### Restaurants:

**High Finance Restaurant & Tavern** (505) 243-9742. 11am-3:30pm & 4:30pm-9pm daily. Lunch and dinner menu. Steaks, seafood, burgers, nachos, etc. Located next door to the tram summit station, this "casual fine dining" establishment (hiker trash welcome) can be true to its name: expensive (but might be hard to resist after a 700+ mile walk!)

**Sandiago's Mexican Grill** (505) 856-6692. Open 7 days, 11am-4:30pm (lunch), 4:30pm-9pm (dinner). Muy bueno Mexican restaurant and bar located inside the tram base station at the GET eastern terminus.

A short-order grill is located 2 miles north (GET east) of the tram station inside the Sandia Crest Summit House gift shop (on the main GET route). A [Forest Service information desk](#) is here as well, and another is located inside the tram station.

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## 19. Albuquerque NM / GET east terminus

Trail miles from west terminus: 729

#### 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. Pay phones, water, vending machines, and rest rooms are located in the nearby Tram Station building, which also hosts an excellent Mexican restaurant & bar (see previous entry), and a gift shop. City taxi companies will pick you up here or drop you off. Rates to/from the airport run about \$45.

To reach the airport from the Tram building, 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:

**Albuquerque Cab Company** 3223 Los Arboles Avenue Northeast, Albuquerque, NM 87107 (505) 883-4888

**Yellow Cab** PO Box 25123, Albuquerque, NM 87125 (505) 247-4000

#### ABQ Ride city bus:

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

<http://www.cabq.gov/transit/routes-and-schedules>

Bus route #66 - Central Ave@Tramway - Downtown

Bus route #250 - Downtown - Sunport nonstop express (free)

#### Albuquerque US Post Office address:

**Foothills Station**

**13101 Lomas Blvd NE**

**Albuquerque NM 87123**

Hours: M-F 8AM-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. 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.

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