

# ENCHANTED CIRCLE STATE SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY

Length: 84 Miles (135 Kilometers)  
 Duration: 3 Days, 3 Nights  
 Elevations: 6,975 feet (2,127 meters)  
 to 9,280 feet (2,995 meters)



The year-round, resort town of **Angel Fire** is the perfect introduction to this breathtaking, picturesque loop that skirts the highest peaks of the majestic **Sangre de Cristo Mountains**, including **Wheeler Peak**, at 13,161 feet (4,014 meters) the highest point in New Mexico.

Visit the inspiring **Vietnam Veterans National Memorial** and the Village of **Eagle Nest**

overlooking trout-teeming **Eagle Nest Lake**, in the newly dedicated **Eagle Nest Lake State Park**. Ascend **Bobcat Pass**, then visit the year-round resort Village of **Red River**.

Farther south is the town of **Taos**. Founded in 1617, it became the birthplace of Southwestern art when artists Ernest L. Blumenschein and Bert Phillips arrived in 1898. Today it boasts more than 60 art galleries. Tour the **Kit Carson Home & Museum** (where the famed frontiersman lived in 1843-68); **Blumenschein's Home & Studio**; the sprawling adobe villa of art patroness **Mabel Dodge Luhan** (who lured writers like Lawrence and artists like Georgia O'Keeffe to Taos); and the huge Indian and Southwestern art collection of Standard Oil heiress **Millicent Rogers**. Nearby is **Taos Pueblo**, a World Heritage Site.

East of Taos, crest **Palo Flechado Pass** on the return to Angel Fire. Tour the byway, whose lowest elevation is 6,975 feet (2,127 meters), by staying one night in Angel Fire, and the last two nights in Taos.

For group rates, lodging, restaurants and museums, and annual events, contact:

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Taos Pueblo / Courtesy of Taos Pueblo



Horses and Butte, Bueyeros / Bob Wallace



# LA FRONTERA DEL LLANO STATE SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY

Length: 94 Miles (151 Kilometers)  
 Duration: A Half-Day, One Way  
 Elevations: 3,947 feet (1,204 meters)  
 to 6,090 feet (1,858 meters)



When the railroads began settlement of the West, homesteaders flocked to remote **Harding County** until the Great Depression and Dust Bowl years crushed their dreams. The county is rich in history and has geography that includes mesas, grasslands, plains and rivers. Of particular scenic interest are the spectacular **Canadian River Canyon** and **Kiowa National Grasslands**.

Begin in the hamlet of **Abbott** (homesteaded

in 1915). To the south is the Village of **Mills**, named after lawyer-rancher-entrepreneur Melvin W. Mills, whose Orchard Ranch in nearby **Mills Canyon**, was wiped out by a 1904 flood.

Farther south is the town of **Roy**, where country fiddler Bob Wills worked in a barbershop while moonlighting as a musician in 1927-28. It's also the 1934 birthplace and boyhood hometown of Pro Football Hall of Famer Tommy McDonald.

In **Mosquero**, historic memories are stirred by views of **Bell Mountain**, the **Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail**, the old EPSW railroad and today's working cattle ranches. **Mosquero Canyon's Dinosaur Freeway** paralleled a prehistoric inland sea. Northeast of the village is the turnoff to the remote rancho of **Bueyeros**, settled in 1878, and its **Mission of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, built in 1894.

South of Mosquero is the **Rincon Colorado Mission of Gallegos** (1840) and its red-sandstone **Iglesia de Inmaculado Concepcion** (1910). Farther south and downstream from **Ute Lake** is the town of **Logan** that bills itself "the best little town by a dam site." Gas, food, and lodging are also available in Logan.

For group rates, lodging, restaurants, museums, and annual events, contact:

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