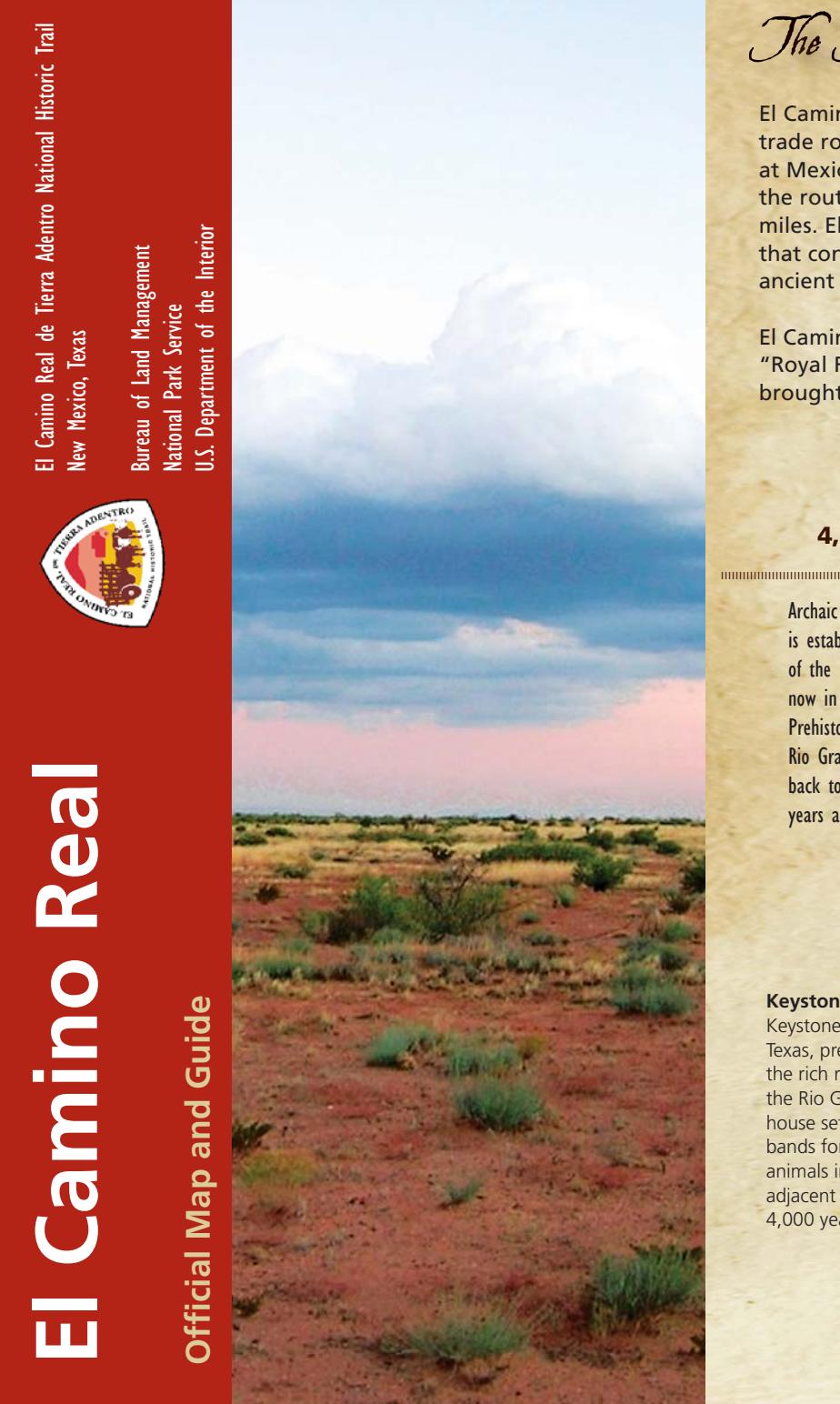


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The Trail Yesterday

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro is the earliest Euro-American trade route in the United States. Tying Spain's colonial capital at Mexico City to its northern frontier in distant New Mexico, the route spans three centuries, two countries, and 1,600 miles. El Camino Real was blazed atop a network of footpaths that connected Mexico's ancient cultures with the equally ancient cultures of the interior West.

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro began in Mexico City. As the "Royal Road of the Interior Lands," the frontier wagon road brought Spanish colonists into today's New Mexico.

The Trail Today

Once travelers crossed the arid lands above Ciudad Chihuahua, they followed the wide Rio Grande Valley north into New Mexico. Many of the historic *parajes* (campsites) and early settlements created by the Spanish colonists became today's modern cities in the Rio Grande Valley. In the United States, the trail stretched from the El Paso area in Texas, through Las Cruces, Socorro, Belen, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe to Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo), the first Spanish capital in New Mexico. In Mexico, the historic road runs through Chihuahua, Durango, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosí, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, and Querétaro to Mexico City.

The trail fostered exchanges between people from many backgrounds, including American Indians, Spaniards, Mexicans, New Mexicans, and Americans.

From 1598, when the first Spanish colonizing expedition made its way up the Rio Grande, through the 1870s, the wagon road was the main thoroughfare between Mexico and New Mexico. The trail corridor is still very much alive, 125 years after the railroad eclipsed its commercial use.

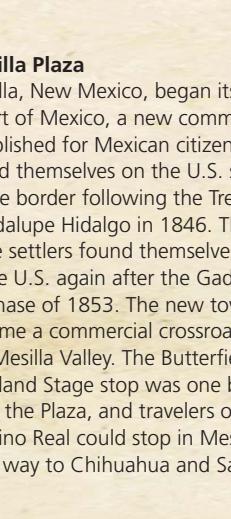
The Trail Today

The trail corridor nurtures a lively exchange of ideas, customs, and language between Mexico and the American Southwest. Recognition as an international historic trail commemorates a shared cultural and geographic heritage. It helps eliminate cultural barriers and enriches the lives of people living along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

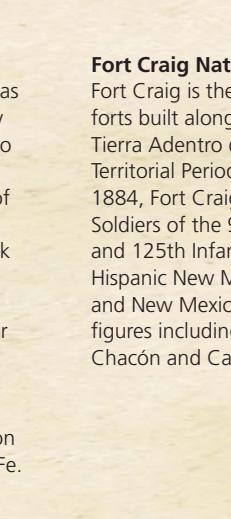
Added to the National Trails System in October 2000 by the U.S. Congress, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail extends 404 miles from El Paso, Texas, to Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, New Mexico. Visit some of the places featured here to experience the trail today.



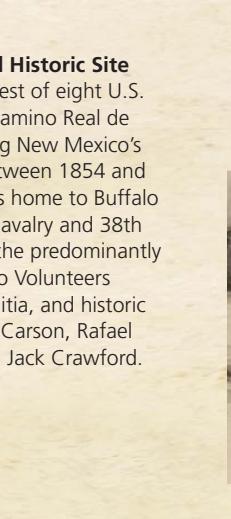
The historic route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro



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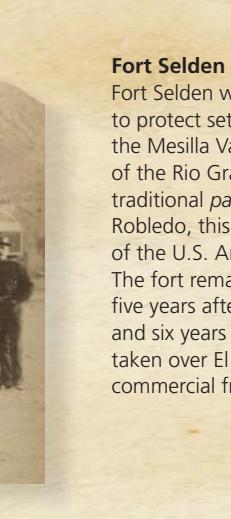
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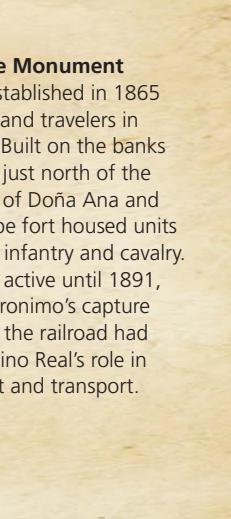
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Archaic pit house village is established at edge of the Rio Grande, now in Keystone Park. Prehistoric occupation of Rio Grande Valley dates back to at least 12,000 years ago.

The rough trail jolted the nails loose from wagons and carriages. Hundreds of cobble's nails, farrier's nails, and upholstery nails tell the story of El Camino Real.

Aztec ruler Moctezuma II surrenders Tenochtitlán to Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés, Mexico.

Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and his army of 1,100 camp near the Tiwa pueblo of Kuaua.

Juan de Oñate leads first Spanish colonists up the Spanish capital from San Juan de los Caballeros, on Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo lands.

Villa de Santa Fe is established, relocating Spanish ranches and villages are established along El Camino Real north of Isleta Pueblo, including Paraguito and Atrisco, independent communities now within the greater Albuquerque area.

Spanish trader Bernardo Gruber dies on the Jornada del Muerto, fleeing jail at Sandia Pueblo and Plaza de la Villa.

Spanish return to New Mexico, rebuild missions and settlements.

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On the night of August 10, 1680, nearly two dozen rebels revolt over Spanish practices of extracting tribute, forcing conversion to Catholicism, and brutally suppressing Native religion. This act of resistance against European colonists is known as the "Chihuahua Trail" for traders moving goods through Santa Fe from the eastern U.S.

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U.S. Lieutenant Zebulon Pike captures and takes down El Paso del Norte and march into Chihuahua.

Still a rough camp in 1760, the paraje of Doña Ana is settled as a town in the 1840s.

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Missouri volunteers under Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan defeat a Mexican unit at the Battle of Bracitos, go on to take El Paso del Norte and march into Chihuahua.

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Tray of Guadalupe is settled after the Rio Grande shifts west, creating an inner valley branch of El Camino Real through the Tomé Plaza.

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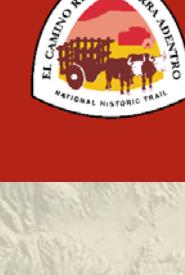
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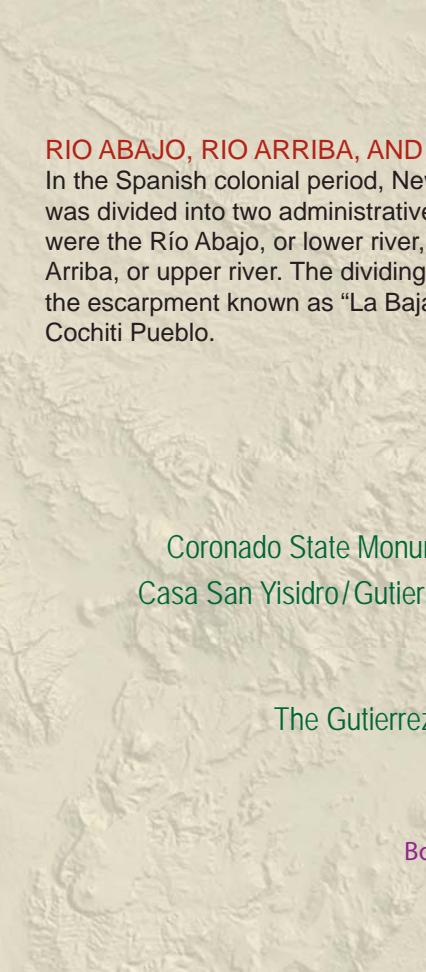


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THE FIRST CAPITAL

In 1598, Juan de Oñate's original colonizing party was welcomed at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, christened "San Juan de los Caballeros" by the Spaniards. By the winter of 1599, the colony had moved to an outlying pueblo, Yunque, which they renamed "San Gabriel." In 10 years the capital was relocated once again to Santa Fe.

San Gabriel Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo/San Juan
Santa Clara Pueblo Espanola

San Idlefonso Pueblo Pojoaque Pueblo
Tesuque Pueblo

Santa Fe Palace of the Governors

El Alamo Cieneguilla

La Cienega El Rancho de las Golondrinas

Cochiti Pueblo

Kewa Pueblo/Santo Domingo

San Felipe Pueblo

Santa Ana Pueblo

Coronado State Monument/Kauna Pueblo

Casa San Ysidro/Gutierrez-Minge House

Albuquerque Atrisco

Pajarito Los Padillas

Isleta Pueblo

Bosque de Pinos Los Lunas

Tomé Hill Belen

Jarales Las Barrancas

Sabinal Las Nutrias

Sevilleta

Lemitar Sabino

Socorro Luis Lopez

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

Truth or Consequences

Valverde El Contadero

Fray Cristobal

Engle

Ojo del Muerto

Laguna del Muerto

Paraje del Alemán

Jornada del Muerto Trailheads

Las Peñuelas

Paraje del Perrillo

Paraje San Diego

Fort Selden

Doña Ana Mesilla Plaza

Bracito

Las Cruces La Rancheria

Truth or Consequences

Engle

Alaman Road

Rincon

Elephant Butte

Caballo Lake

I-25 exit #75 or 79 to Hwy 51

Truth or Consequences

Engle

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