

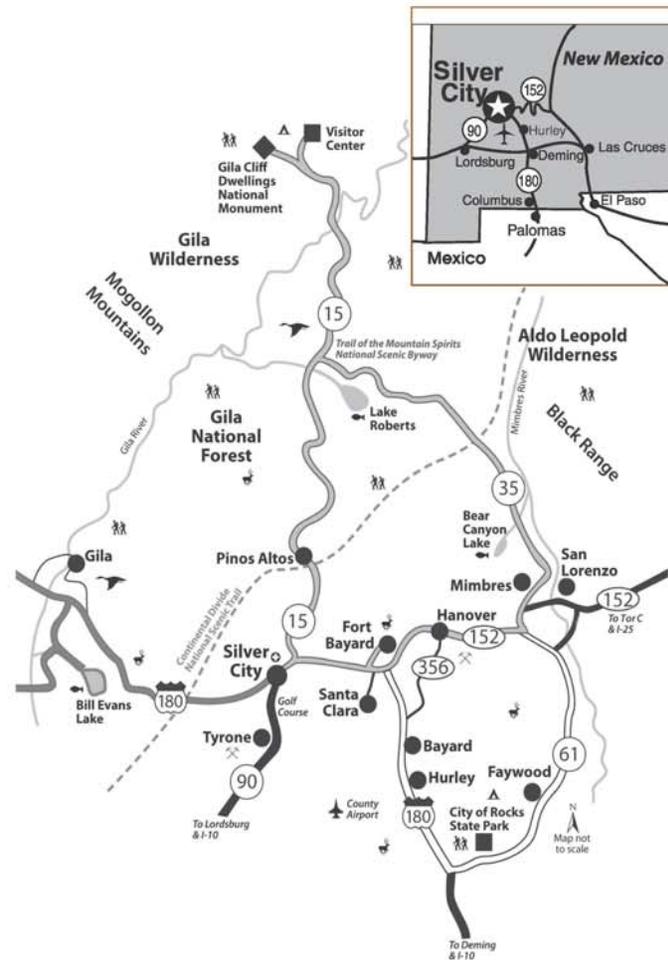
History Continued

Roy Bean operated a mercantile here in the 1860s before moving to West Texas to gain fame as Judge Roy Bean “The Law West of the Pecos.”

The area surrounding Pinos Altos has a rich history of ranching where some of the largest ranches in the country once were located not far from town. Take a drive and you’ll see evidence of ranching all around: windmills, stock tanks, and corrals. The cowboys, though, often work far from the road. When you see one, you’re seeing someone with one foot in the past, the other in the present and completely steeped in the traditions that helped settle the West.

Today, P.A. (as it is known by locals) has a charming main street that feels like an old western movie set. Many of the old buildings date back to the 1800s and have been restored with original memorabilia and artifacts. It has a population of 300.

While in town, visitors can walk through the pages of downtown history at historical sites and museum tours; enjoy great food and entertainment; try their hand at gold panning; or simply delight in the beautiful mountain views of the Gila National Forest.



Historic Pinos Altos is a charming old gold-mining town located seven miles north of Silver City on NM 15 at an elevation of 7000 feet.

www.pinosaltos.org



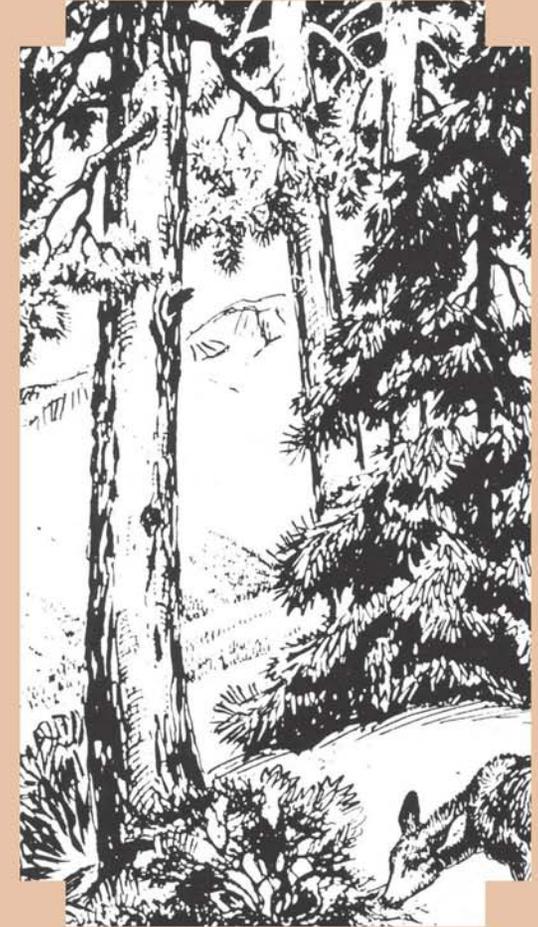
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Guide to Historic

PINOS ALTOS

NEW MEXICO

EST. 1860



Not too much has changed...

Since 49ers struck gold & the Apache's held the land!

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A BIT OF HISTORY

Historic Pinos Altos (Spanish for “tall pines”) is a very old mining town; it was Grant County’s first county seat. The town site is located along the Continental Divide at an elevation of 7,000 feet in the southern end of the Pinos Altos Mountains of the Gila National Forest. The town began in 1860 when three frustrated 49-ers, Thomas Birch, Colonel Snively and another guy named Hicks, stopped to take a drink in Bear Creek and discovered gold. Word spread like wildfire, soon there were over 700 men prospecting in the area.

There were conflicts between the miners and the Indians. Pinos Altos’ history includes the Apache War of September 22, 1861, where Cochise joined the 400 strong Chiricahua Apaches under Mangas Coloradas to drive away miners from their traditional homeland. Captain Thomas Marston, Arizona Scout, and many others on both sides died in this battle.



Above: A Melodrama Theatre is held weekends at the Pinos Altos Opera House. An old thrasher decorates the streets. Above Right: Relive history on Pinos Altos’ Main Street

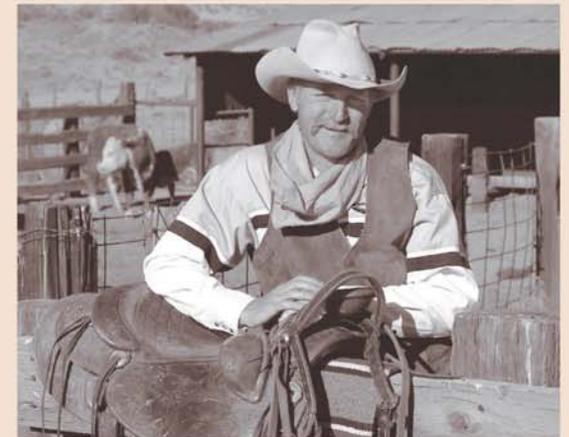


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See Pinos Altos Map Inside

New Mexico’s Most Enchanting Cowboy

A different kind of treasure rewards many visitors to Pinos Altos: cowboy entertainment. Mike Moutoux, known as “New Mexico’s Most Enchanting Cowboy”, is often heard entertaining at the PA Ice Cream Parlor Café and at other venues around the county. Mike takes his ranch experiences and turns them into a brand of entertainment that’s part music, part stories and always fun. If you miss out on one of the Enchanted Evenings with Mike at the Ice Cream Parlor, you can arrange a private party for any size group while you’re visiting the area. He’ll



come right to your cabin or campsite and put on a show guaranteed to make you laugh, and put you as close to being in the saddle as words and music allow. You can find him on the web at www.enchantingcowboy.com or by e-mail at : cowboymike@dishmail.net. ☺



10 THE BUCKHORN SALOON & OPERA HOUSE

(circa 1860) is known as the best restaurant in 3 counties. The Buckhorn opens for dinner at 6 p.m. & you'll need a reservation. Call 575/538-9911. The Saloon opens at 3 p.m. and features "Open Mic Night" on Monday evenings & live music entertainment most evenings. Closed Sundays.



11 THE PINOS ALTOS ICE CREAM PARLOR, CAFE, GIFT SHOP & POST OFFICE

(circa 1870s) has splendid offerings for lunch as well as delicious home-made desserts! You've never had better sweets! Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. except Sundays. 575/534-1997
www.pinosaltos.org/icecreamparlor



12 FORT COBRE

Visitors will be lured by the exterior



9 PINOS ALTOS

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A collection of mining artifacts and historic memorabilia is on display. The museum is housed in a log cabin (circa 1860s) that has been in the Schafer family for over 130 years. At one time, the cabin served as the first school house in Grant County. Enter though the gift shop 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. 575/388-1882
www.pinosaltos.org/museum

8 THE FIRST COURT HOUSE

(c.1871) and hanging tree in the county was located on Main Street in Pinos Altos. Although the building is currently a private residence, it can be viewed easily from Main Street just south of Bear Creek.

7 THE BEAR CREEK MOTEL AND CABINS

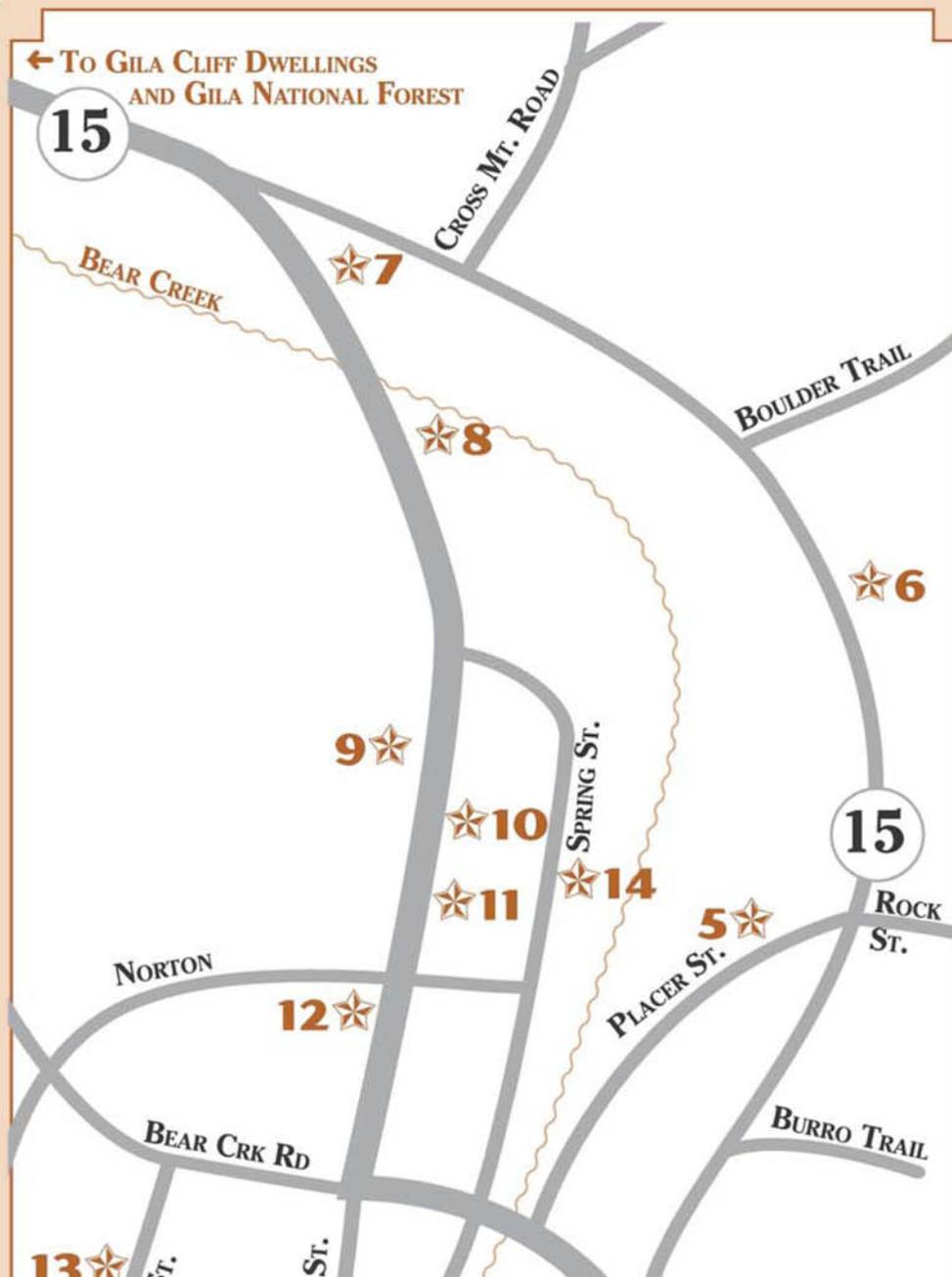
The Cabins are located along Bear Creek at the intersection of Main Street and NM 15. Beautifully decorated and furnished cabins with secluded porches or balconies are nestled in among the tall pines and offer the perfect setting for enjoying the beauty of the Forest., while not giving up the comforts of home. For reservations call 575/388-4501 or 1-888-388-4515.
www.BearCreekCabins.com

6 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (c. 1888) & PINOS ALTOS CEMETERY

Located on NM 15, the cemetery offers "historic attractions" in the form of headstones over graves of people who died in Apache raids. Notables include Captain Thomas Marston and his brother Virgil.

5 THE PINOS ALTOS ORCHARDS AND GIFT SHOP

Located on the site of the old Clark



appearance of Fort Cobre, a 3/4 scale replica of the Santa Rita Del Cobre Fort (circa 1804) which was originally located on the site that is now the open pit copper mine in Santa Rita. This is a private residence and not open to the public.



13 THE HEARST METHODIST

CHURCH (circa 1898)

The adobe church located on Gold Street is open Thursday–Monday, throughout the summer, and serves as the home of the Grant County Art Guild. View their work 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursdays – Sundays throughout the summer.

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A funeral hearse used for Pat Garrett is displayed here. Garrett killed Billy the Kid in Lincoln, NM.

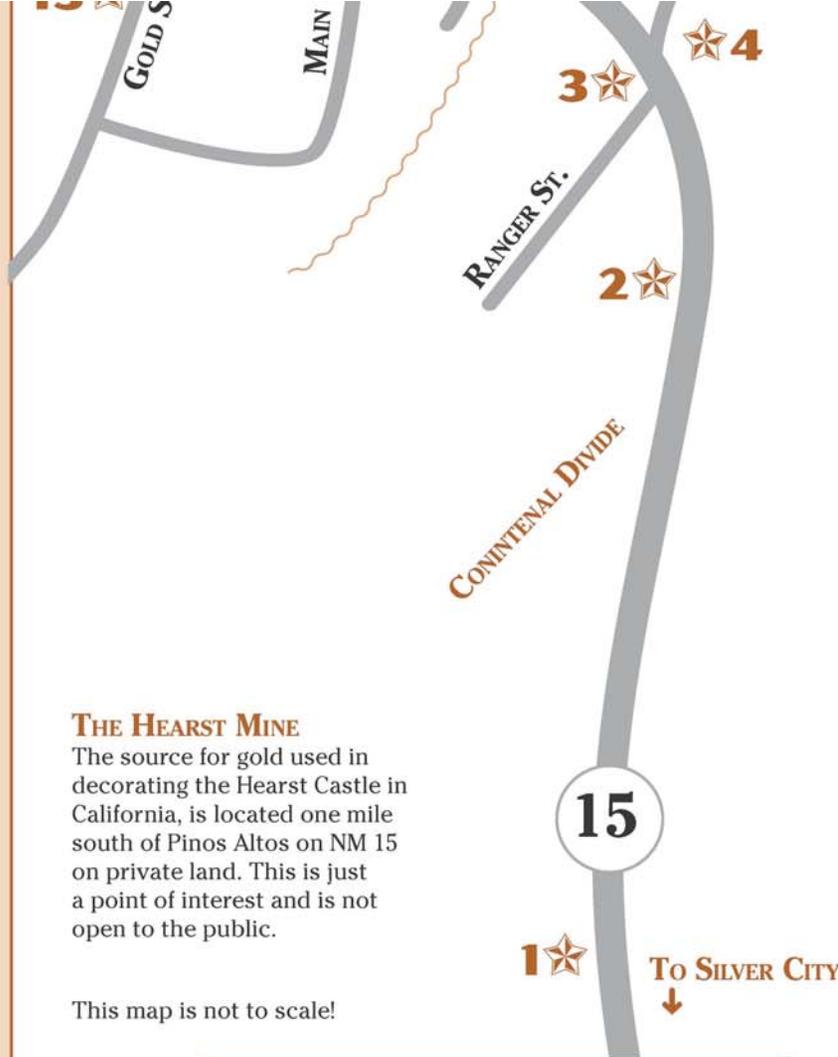


14 THE McDONALD LOG CABIN

(circa 1851), located on Spring Street, directly behind the Opera House. John McDonald, an old Indian fighter, was reportedly in this area in 1851. Probably the oldest house in the county.



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THE HEARST MINE

The source for gold used in decorating the Hearst Castle in California, is located one mile south of Pinos Altos on NM 15 on private land. This is just a point of interest and is not open to the public.

This map is not to scale!



Located on the site of the old Clark and Massingil orchards at 13 Placer St. The shop features a unique collection of work from local artists as well as homemade jams, jellies and imports. Assorted fruits, vegetables and cider are available in season. Open 10:00 to 5:00 on Saturday, Sunday, Monday or by appointment – call 575/538-1270. Also, Sundays during the summer.

4 CONTINENTAL DIVIDE RV PARK

The RV Park is located in the middle of an apple orchard at the entrance to town. The RV park offers beautiful views of the Gila National Forest, has excellent facilities for recreational vehicles, and also has private cabins and tent sites. Call for reservations, 575/388-3005.

3 TWO SPIRITS CAFE

The cafe is located at Highway 15 at the fork in the road. Open from 6 a.m. — 2 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Two Spirits serve a moderately priced breakfast and lunch menu. Ask about their boxed lunch selection. 575-388-1659



2 THE PINOS ALTOS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE HOUSE

is located on NM 15 at the entrance of the town. It is one of the most photographed sites in town even though it is not a historic building.

1 THE PINOS ALTOS CABINS, HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH OF

TOWN, are nestled on a tree-shaded hillside at 7000 feet in the Pinos Altos Mountains. From the quiet hillsides of Pinos Altos Cabins, you and your family can enjoy the silence of our mountain setting and the convenience of fully equipped, modern cabins. All cabins have satellite TV, full kitchens, covered decks, heating and air conditioning. For reservations, call 1-800-348-2477 or 575-534-0406 or e-mail info@pinosaltoscabins.com. www.pinosaltoscabins.com