

About this tour:

Tour #1	Drive distance 22 mi.	Length of tour 2-2½ hours
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This tour explores some of the historic areas on the east side of the Rio Grande from Socorro. Some of the things you will see include:

- Johnson hill and the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway
- The 1760 Bishop Tamaron campsite on El Camino Real and paraje Tio Bartolo (a trail campsite)
- PLUS ... walk a segment of El Camino Real trail
- Parida townsite and Eva Hilton Lewis Ranch
- Parida Hill and a scenic Rio Grande overlook
- See and visit a small Piro pueblo built circa. 1000 A.D.

Auto tour will be led by an experienced guide of SCHS and will describe the interesting history at each stop.

Tips for travelers

1. Most tour travel is on dirt roads.
2. Tour is limited to 6-8 vehicles.
2. The tour route is safe, however, participation is at your own risk.
3. High-clearance vehicle recommended.
4. You can ride in a participating vehicle if space is available.
5. Tour will be hot, dry & dusty. *Bring plenty of fluids to drink.*
6. Keep a safe distance from cars to avoid dust, but stay together.
7. There are no services along the route; bring what you need to be comfortable. Cell service not available in some areas.
8. Most auto stops can be enjoyed from your automobile with little walking required, or explore the stop as you wish. The amount of walking is up to you.
9. Bring good walking or hiking shoes; don't wear shorts.
10. Did we mention to bring your own snacks and drinks?
11. Bring your camera and binoculars if you have them.



From past experience, the tour takes about 2-2½ hours, depending upon the time spent at the different stops. Guide reserves the right to alter the tour route in event of inclement weather or poor road conditions. Fare is refunded in full if tour is cancelled.

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Socorro, New Mexico

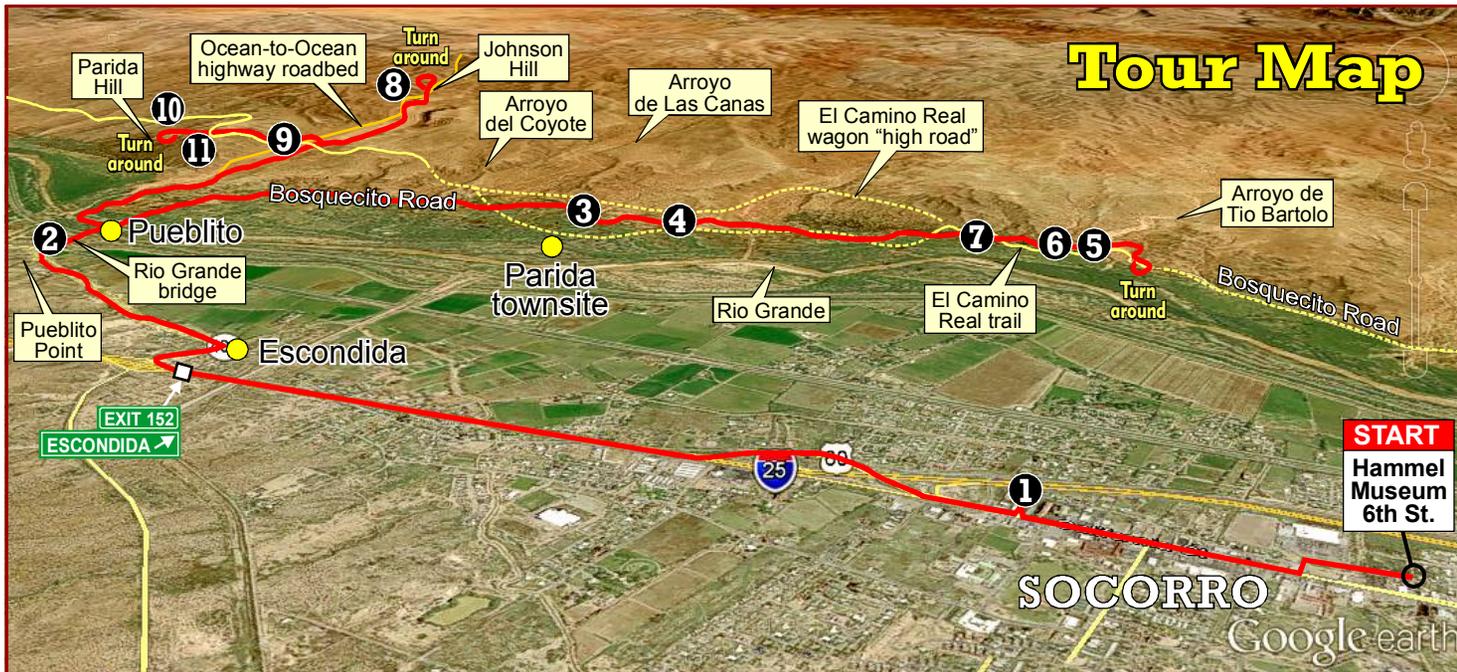
Presents a Special

AUTO TOUR EXCURSION

NO. 1
PARIDA HILL/TIO BARTOLO
TOUR NUMBER AND NAME

A guided auto tour excursion to explore and learn about the fascinating history in Socorro County, New Mexico

Entitles the bearer to passage on the excursion caravan		
Name	_____	
Date	_____	
Car	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
Fare	\$25/person	
	TERMS	
Participation in this special auto excursion is at your own risk. SCHS is not responsible for any mishaps on the auto tour. Liability Waiver must be signed.		
Auto tour is led by an experienced, knowledgeable & friendly guide.		
If excursion is cancelled due to inclement weather or other reason, fare will be cheerfully refunded in full.		



El Camino Real next to Bosquecito Road near the Tio Bartolo arroyo.



The view of Lemitar, Polvadera, and the Rio Grande valley from Parida hill.

TOUR STOPS

START: Hammel Brewery & Museum, 6th Street, Socorro, NM

- 1 Phillips 66/McDonalds** – a quick stop for gas, drinks and snacks as you may need. Ensure you have liquids to keep hydrated.
- 2 Escondida Lake** is a remnant of the 1937 flood with nearby **Pueblito Point**, a landmark along El Camino Real. The **Rio Grande bridge** was first built in 1918 for the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway.
- 3 Parida village** was a stop on the Camino Real – the “last food and drink until Doña Ana.” Known for its vineyards and orchards, it was destroyed in the 1896, 1929 and 1937 floods. Remnants of the vineyards and orchards can still be seen. For awhile, Parida even grew cotton.
- 4 Eva Hilton Lewis Ranch** was owned by one of the two sisters of Conrad Hilton. Eva (1889-1979) lived here in the 1920-1930s.
- 5 Tio Bartolo El Camino Real** – A nice, visible segment of El Camino Real next to the Bosquecito Road.
- 6 Paraje Tamaron** – the likely 1760 paraje (camp site) of Bishop Tamaron on El Camino Real. He could see the “old Socorro mission” and the still standing orchards from here. **Paraje Tio Bartolo** is at the bottom of the hill and a well documented paraje on the trail.
- 7 Camino Real trail walk** – walk a pristine section of the famous trail where the caravans wore a deep wagon swale over a ridge towards the old village of Parida. The trail brought colonists, supply wagons, and livestock into New Mexico from 1598–1885.
- 8 Johnson Hill** was once the entrance to Socorro along the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway. The old 1918 roadbed, a cattle trail, and a magnificent view of Socorro are seen from our stop on Johnson Hill.
- 9 The Ocean-to-Ocean Highway** ran from Virginia Beach, VA to Los Angeles, CA. This was the first coast-to-coast highway, long before Route 66. It was later re-routed through Abo Pass and redesignated U.S. 60.
- 10 Rio Grande Overlook** is a magnificent view of the Rio Grande valley where the old townsite of Sabino, Indian pueblos and other historic features can be seen. It was an all day job getting the wagons and livestock over Parida Hill on the Camino Real.
- 11 Parida Hill pueblo** is a BLM marked unexcavated Piro pueblo where some of the masonry room blocks and other features can be seen. It is a small pueblo of the Pueblo I or Tajo phase, occupied around 800-1000 A.D., with some evidence of occupation to perhaps 1300 A.D. **Please respect this important archaeological site.**