



Virtual Geocaching—Time for a Road Trip!



Are you a novice or avid geocacher? Feel like playing a bit of “hide and seek” for treasure? Well, let’s go on a road trip! You will begin here at White Sands, head southwest on Highway 70 towards Las Cruces and then onto I-10 through El Paso, Texas. Next, you’ll return to New Mexico by way of Carlsbad, come through Artesia and Cloudcroft and end up in Alamogordo. Enjoy, and please remember that physical geocaches are prohibited in national parks.

Before heading out into the dunes or elsewhere, please take a moment to make sure you have everything you need for a hike.

What to take with you:

- Plenty of water
- Food
- Sun hat and sunscreen
- Layers to keep you warm if the weather changes
- A GPS unit & extra batteries
- A camera for pictures
- Tell someone where you are going and when you’ll be back

Location One:

It really is other worldly

N 32° 47.829 - W 106° 14.892

- What does the sign say?

N 32° 49.224 - W 106° 16.389

- Where are you?

N 32° 47.619 - W 106° 12.758

- How long is this trail?

Location Two:

What’s this military stuff about? The answer is found nearby. Before you hasten on, check out the story of an entire age, born right here in the Tularosa Basin.

N 32° 23.291 - W 106° 28.770

- This is as far as you can drive. The rest of the way is on foot. How much time can you spend checking this place out?

Location Three:

It used to be a water tank but now it’s painted all around. What possible purpose could it serve?

N 32° 25.216 - W 106° 36.584

- Where are you?

- What are the hours?

- What is the entry fee?

Location Four:

The heart of Las Cruces has much to offer and this stop opens many “doors.” Check out as many of these doors as time permits.

N 32° 18.779 - W 106° 46.768

- How and when did Las Cruces get its name?
- Who were the Buffalo Soldiers?

Location Five:

Step back in time, let your mind’s eye see the celebrations and connect with yesteryear.

N 32° 16.457 - W 106° 47.719

- What does this plaque commemorate?
- What years were involved?

N 32° 16.454 - W 106° 47.708

- Whose trial was held here?

Location Five Continued:

N 32° 16.437 - W 106° 47.708

- This is the oldest documented _____ in New Mexico dating from _____.

Location Six:

How nice to be away from the maddening crowd.

N 32° 15.000 - W 106° 49.290

- Where are you?
- What is a bosque?

Location Seven:

A river runs through it—almost.

N 31° 46.060 - W 106° 27.271

- What does Nuestru Herenci mean?

N 31° 46.066 - W 106° 27.237

- What three things are people encouraged to remember as a means to conflict resolution?

N 31° 46.047 - W 106° 27.234

- What does this point commemorate?

Location Eight:

Do you need another highpoint?

N 31° 53.658 - W 104° 49.323

- What is the best way to experience this area?
- How many points of interest are listed here?

N 31° 53.797 - W 104° 49.693

- This location give you how many options?

N 32° 53.641 - W 104° 49.035

- What is the name and elevation of this point?
- What is its significance?

Location Nine:

There's more to see here than "bats" the eye.

N 32° 06.591 - W 104° 28.300

- Where are you?
- When was this area purchased, by whom and for what?

N 32° 10.617 - W 104° 26.476

- Where are you?
- What were first reported here in 1966?

N 32° 09.944 - W 104° 30.194

- Where are you?

Location Ten:

Okay, it's not San Antonio, but it's still pretty cool.

N 32° 25.735 - W 104° 13.086

- Where are you?

Location Eleven:

Don't call me a pig!!!!

N 32° 26.510 - W 104° 16.696

- Where are you?

Location Twelve:

How much do you know about El Vaquero?

N 32° 50.555 - W 104° 23.923

- How many pieces are in this series?

Location Twelve continued:

- What is it known as?

Location Thirteen:

Sometimes there seem to be ghosties and ghoulies and things that go bump in the night!

N 32° 57.152 - W 105° 44.641

- Who makes things go bump in the night?

Location Fourteen:

The final frontier...

N 32° 55.260 - W 105° 55.246

- NOVA/STAR CHASER 4 has the distinction of being what?

