

New Mexico Touring Society's Gila Inner Loop Super Tour

Day One

Silver City to Camp Thunderbird:
40 miles. Start at 5900 ft. and climb to 7473 ft. at the highest point.

Start: Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2501 Hwy 180 E, Silver City

Directions:

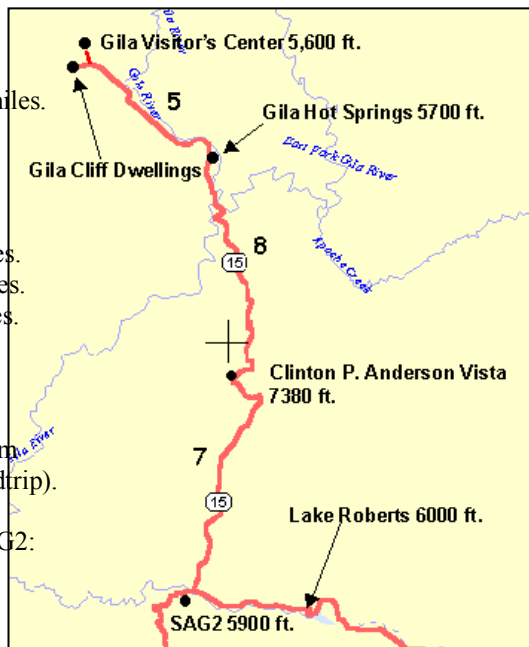
- From Wal-Mart parking lot, West on US180, Right on Ranch Club (light), curve left on Pine to stop sign at NM15.
- Right on NM15 then north through Pinos Altos.
- Right (E) at the junction of NM15 and NM35 to Camp Thunderbird.

Mileage from Silver City to:

- Pinos Altos: 6.5 miles.
- Ben Lilly Memorial (SAG1) 10.3 miles.
- Meadow Creek turn off: 16 miles.
- Pine Flat: 20 miles.
- Wild Horse Mesa: 24 miles.
- Junction of NM15 and NM35 (SAG2): 25.5 miles.
- Lake Roberts Store: 28.5 miles.
- Continental Divide: 37.5 miles.
- Camp Thunderbird: 39.5 miles.

Day One Side Trips:

- Clinton P. Anderson Vista from SAG2: 6.8 mi (13.6 mi. roundtrip). Well worth the climb!
- Gila Cliff Dwellings from SAG2: 20 mi (40 mi roundtrip).



Day Two

Camp Thunderbird to Silver City:
33.5 miles.

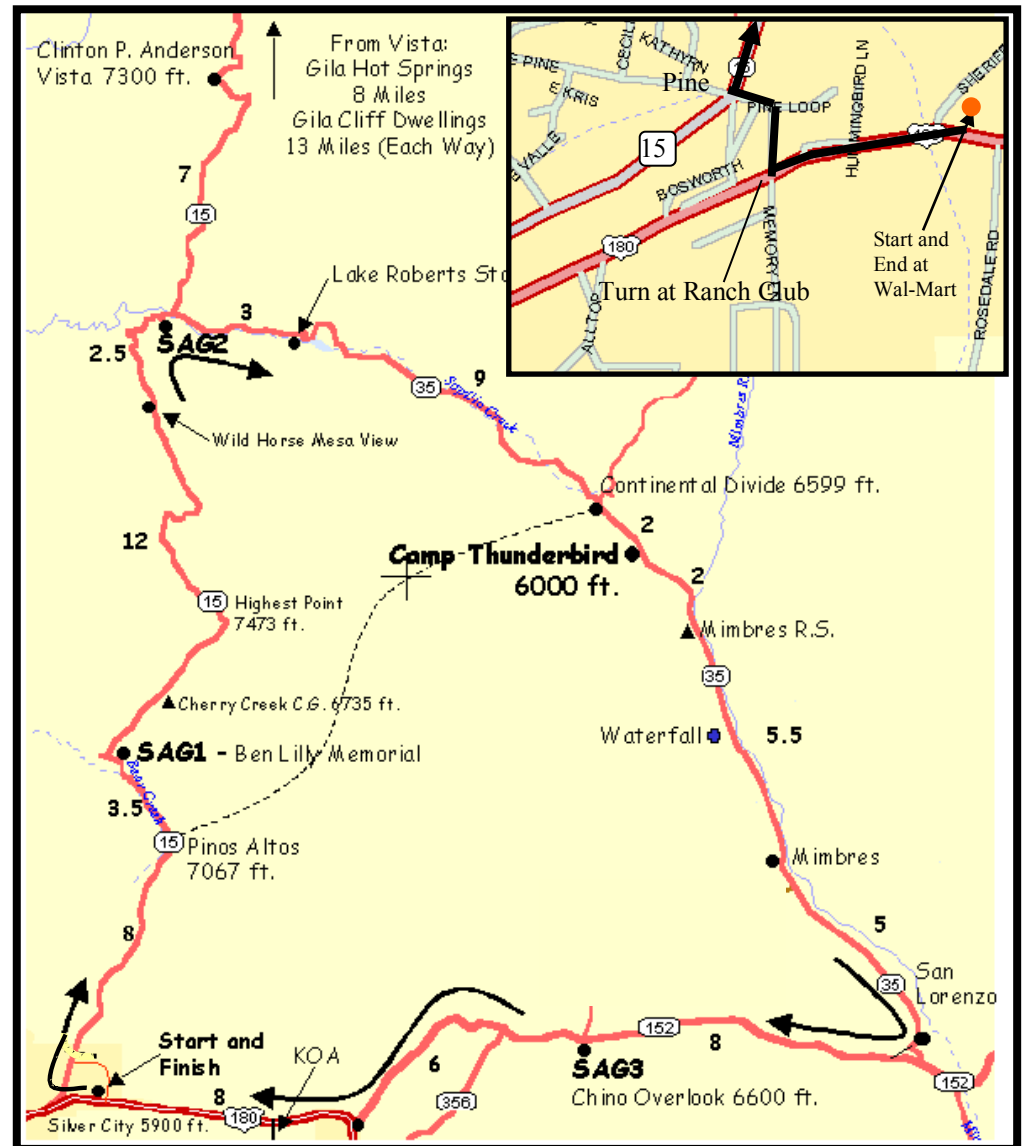
Directions:

- From Camp Thunderbird east on NM35.
- In San Lorenzo bear right the "Y".
- Turn right on NM152.
- Turn right on NM180 to Silver City.

Mileages from Camp Thunderbird:

Junction of NM35 and NM152: 14 miles
Santa Rita/Chino Mine Overlook (SAG3): 21.6 miles.
Junction NM152 and US180E: 27.5 miles.
Silver City Wal-Mart: 33.5 miles.

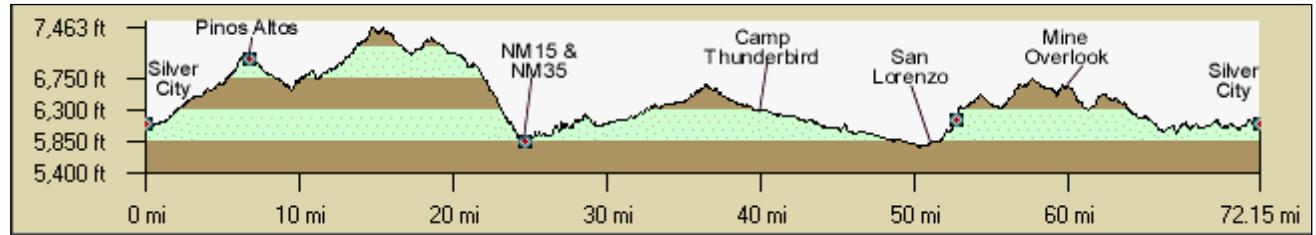
Gila Inner Loop - Day 1 & 2



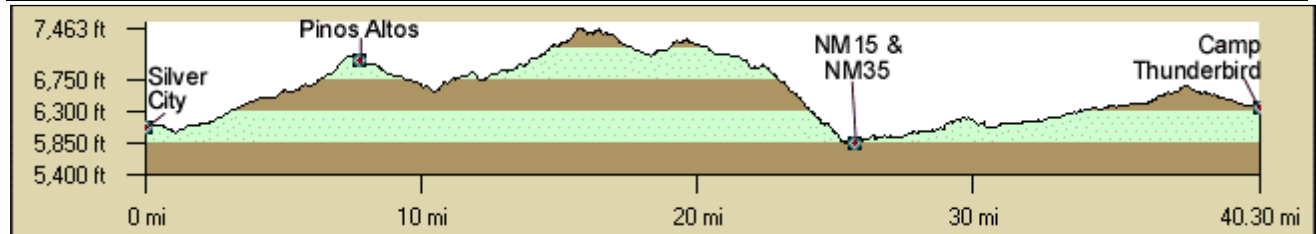
Day 1 & Day 2 Elevation Profiles

The 2-day total elevation gain is about 5700' (not counting options)

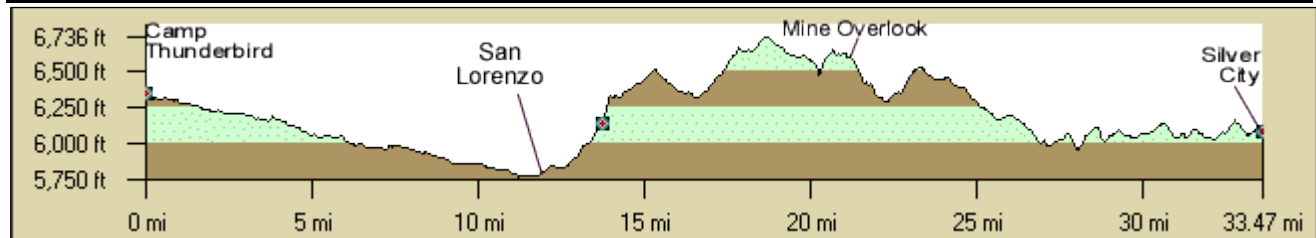
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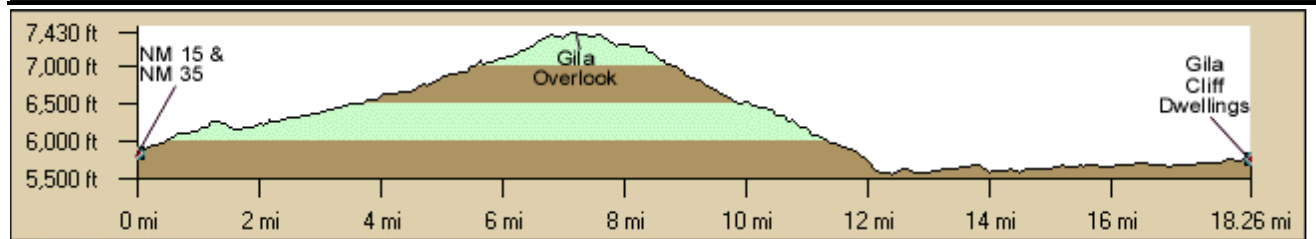
Day 1 Elevation Profile



Day 2 Elevation Profile



Gila Cliff Dwelling Option Profile



Day 2 Detail:

San Lorenzo: NM152 & NM35 intersection. Just before reaching 152 there is a cutoff to the right to NM152, called Acklin Hill Road, which we normally take. This begins the uphill return to Silver City. If you miss the cutoff you simply turn right at NM152.

