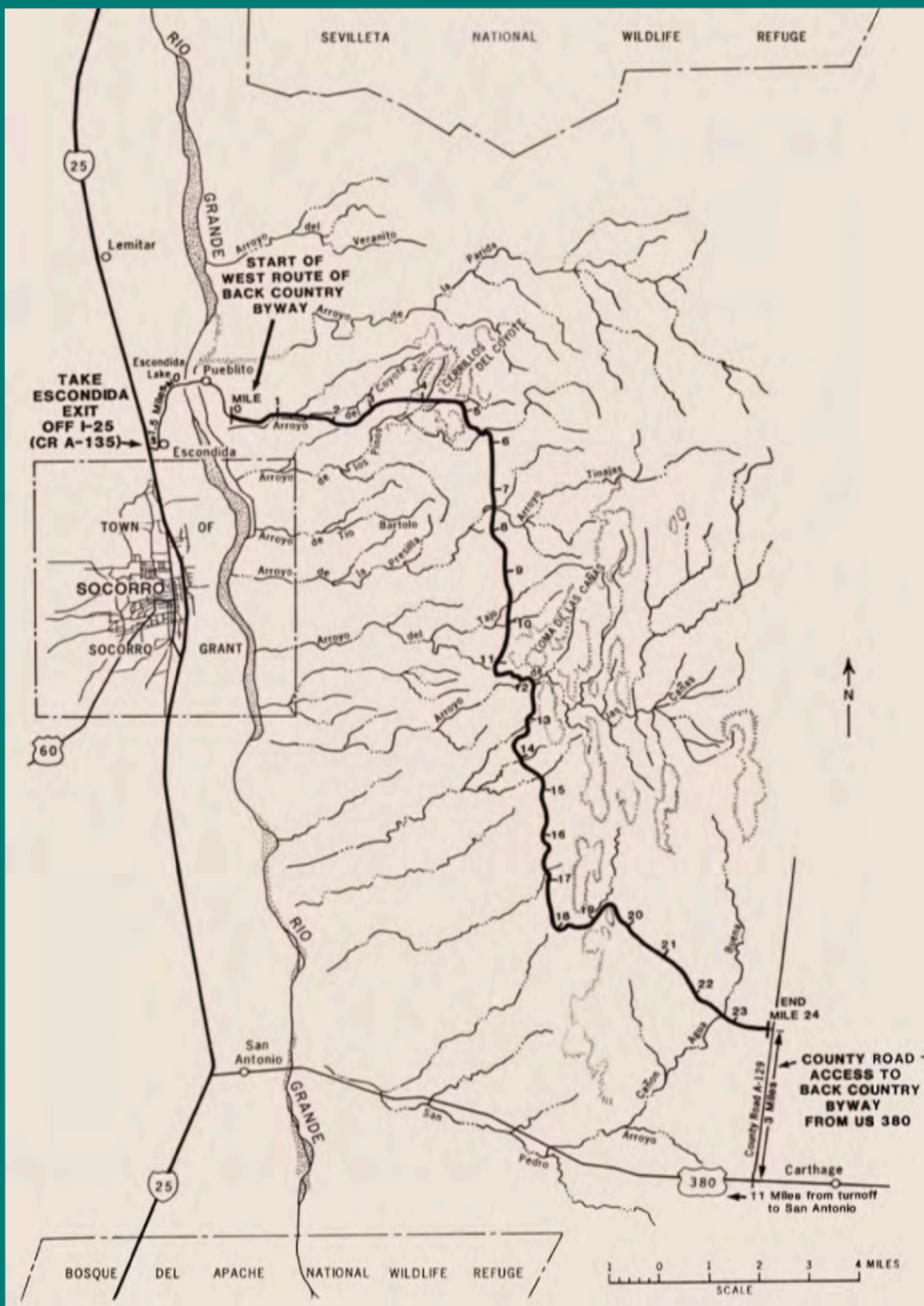


Quebradas Back Country Byway



Scenic Byway

The Quebradas or the “breaks”, is an annually maintained dirt road stretching approximately 24 miles east of Socorro, New Mexico.

Two National Wildlife Refuges are only a few miles from this byway. Sevilleta located to the north and Bosque del Apache to the south.

Trucks or 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended.

Passengers cars are able to navigate the road; however, the road may be wet and slippery or eroded from rains. The road crosses several small arroyos, which carry water during heavy storms. The crossings can contain deep pockets of san. Use is strongly discouraged during or after heavy rain.



Keep in Mind

A variety of land uses occur along the byway – primarily recreation, mineral exploration, and livestock grazing. Many livestock developments along the road and surrounding area are private property. Please respect these uses and developments while driving the byway. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Leave No Trace: Plan ahead and prepare - Travel and camp on durable surfaces - Dispose of waste properly - Leave what you find - Minimize campfire impacts - Respect wildlife - Be considerate of other visitors.

Sights

When accessing the road from I-25, you immediately cross the scenic Rio Grande. The River and its associated vegetation provide important habitat for a variety of wildlife, such as mule deer, coyote, bobcat, gray fox, raccoon, porcupine, opossum, ground squirrel, cottontail, and jack rabbit. Typical bird species you may see are the snow goose, sand-hill crane, quail, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, roadrunner, horned lark, raven, and numerous songbirds. Common reptiles include the collared lizard, eastern fence lizard, bull snake, king snake, whip snake, and western



Prepare Yourself

Carry plenty of water with you and make sure you have enough gasoline to make the entire trip. This Byway has no services and takes about 2 or 3 hours to drive at a leisurely pace. Keep a spare tire, jack, tool kit, shovel, and blankets in your vehicle. Please obey all signs and respect private property. Please be alert, take your time, stay on existing roads, always let someone know of your plans and have a good time when you visit a back country byway.

For more information contact the Bureau of Land Management at (505) 835-0412 or www.nm.blm.gov

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