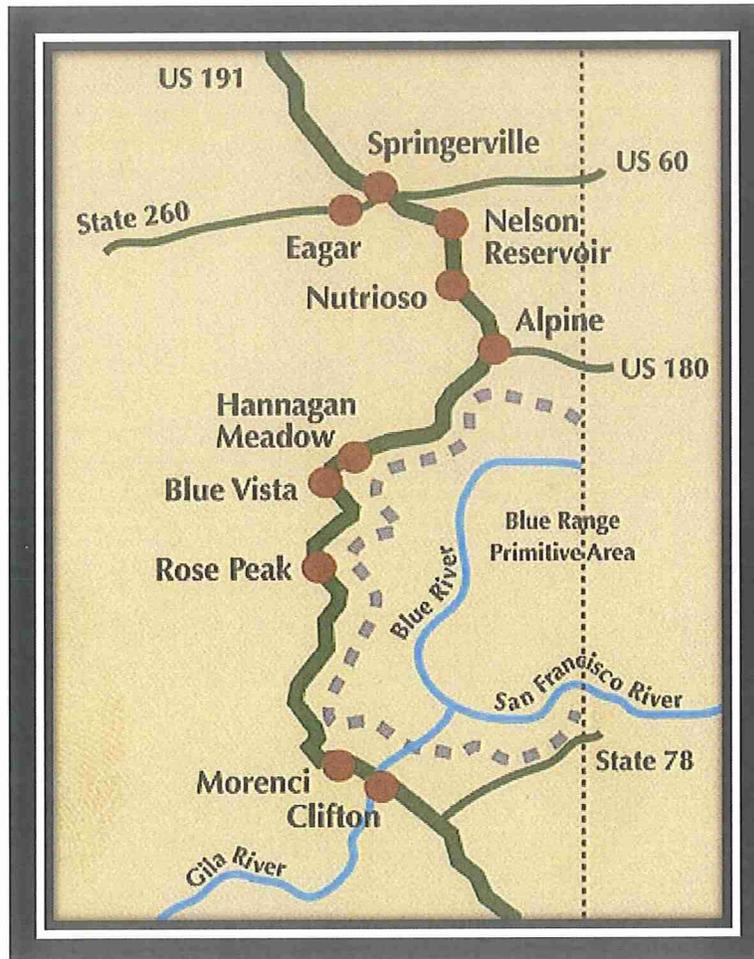


TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE AND SURROUNDING AREA

Coronado Trail Scenic Byway



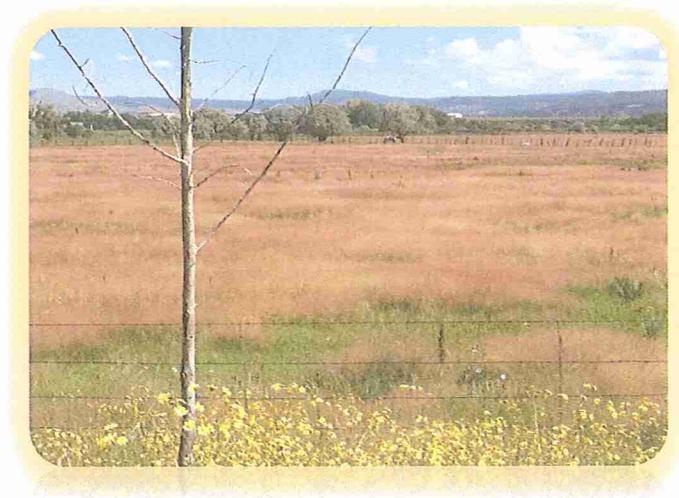
The Coronado Trail Scenic Byway is an exciting 120-mile journey surrounded by the beauty and grandeur of Arizona. You will follow a route near Coronado's path as he searched for the "Seven Cities of Cibola" over 450 years ago. Your drive along U.S. Route 191 can begin from the communities of Springerville and Eagar in the north or from Clifton and Morenci in the south. You will experience dramatic environmental changes ranging from the cacti of the upper Sonoran Desert to wildflower covered alpine meadows. Literally you will travel from "palms to pines" in a few breathtaking hours.

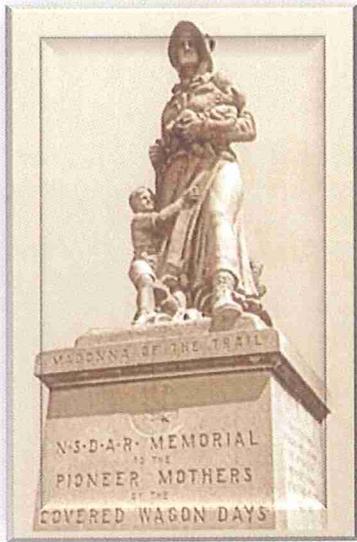
The Coronado Trail Scenic Byway, America's first Federal aid highway, will take you along the eastern edge of the 2-million-acre Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Here you can enjoy a variety of wildlife. Camp in a modern campground or in an isolated forested setting of pine and fir. Fish in one of many nearby streams—a cold-water fishery among the best in the nation!

Halfway along your slow-winding journey, step out to the edge of the Mogollon Rim, a 200-mile geologic precipice dividing much of Arizona. Some places along the Rim afford views 2,000 feet above the desert floor. Stop a while at Blue Vista, a viewpoint rest stop that offers you breathtaking photographic opportunities.

No matter what time of year, you can spend days and weeks enjoying the color and beauty of America's Great Outdoors along the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway. Wildflowers abound brightened by summer monsoon rains. Spectacular yellows and golds greet you as aspen and oak mark the beginning of fall. The quiet white of winter greets the adventurous winter recreationist.

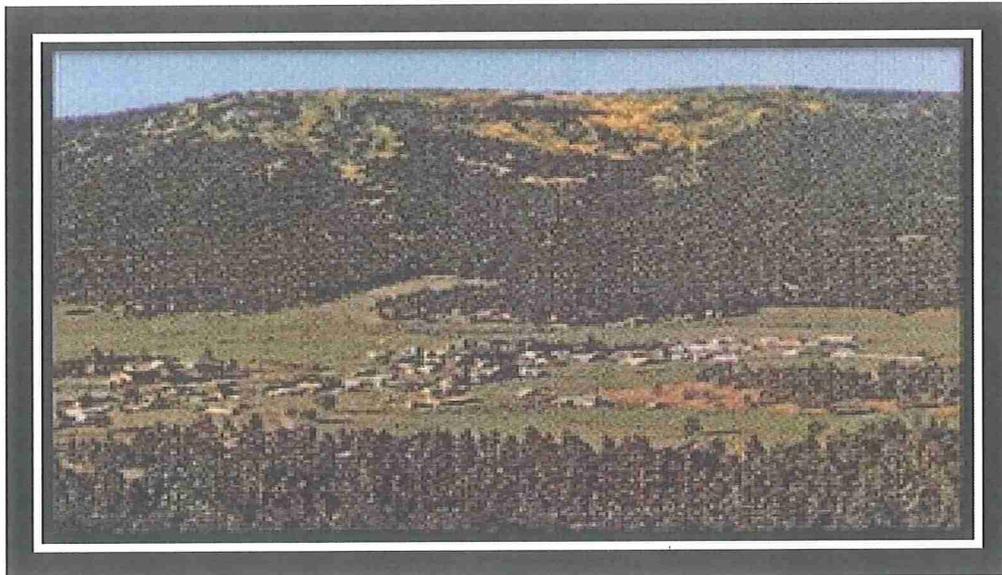
No matter which direction you travel along the Coronado Scenic Byway, stop and enjoy the friendly communities along this winding pathway as well as the area's beauty, history, and ecology.





Springerville and Eagar

Christened "Valle Redondo," or Round Valley, by the early settlers, the beautiful sister cities of Springerville and Eagar lie tucked in a high mountain valley. Far from the rush of big cities, freeways, noisy railroads, and stifling desert heat, the friendly residents enjoy a quiet, high country lifestyle full of sunshine and fresh air. Springerville and Eagar serve as "the gateway to the White Mountains." Within a half hour, you will find an abundance of tall forests, countless mountain trout streams, lakes, archaeological sites, museums, and some of the best skiing and winter recreation in Arizona.



Nelson Reservoir

Nelson Reservoir is extremely popular through the year with local residents. Catchable rainbow trout are stocked here. It is named after pioneer settler, Edmund Nelson, who is said to have constructed an earthen dam in the 1890's. Over the years, the dam has been rebuilt and improved there are fishing stations for the physically challenged, as well as new restrooms and parking facilities. There are boat launch ramps at each end of the lake. Nelson Reservoir is also excellent for fishing during the winter when ice conditions safe.



Nutrioso

The meandering creek and small community it were named after the Spanish words for two animals that roamed the area during the early settlement days, beaver (nutri) and bear (oso). Arizona's first forest ranger lived in Nutrioso turn of the century when the Apache National Forest was part of the Black Mesa Forest Reserve.

Fall Colors

Brilliant displays of golds, reds, oranges, and browns greet the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway traveler from mid-September throughout October. Nature's paintbrush interweaves a fall color spectacular throughout the vast stands of aspen, oak, maple, and mountain ash contrasted by the gentle greens of pine, fir, spruce, and juniper. This transformation of fall foliage is a feast for the eyes of visitors who arrive from all over the world. Bring your camera or brush and enjoy a side trip on any of the numerous forest roads intersecting the scenic byway.

Alpine

Visitors to Alpine are greeted by a captivating view of a small, high country community set in the lush plains of the San Francisco River. Surrounding Alpine are spectacular and sweeping slopes of mountains covered with vast stands of pine, fir, and aspen. Alpine, which was settled in the late 1870's, was originally known as Bush Valley. Today, the "Swiss-like" setting of Alpine continues to enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike.



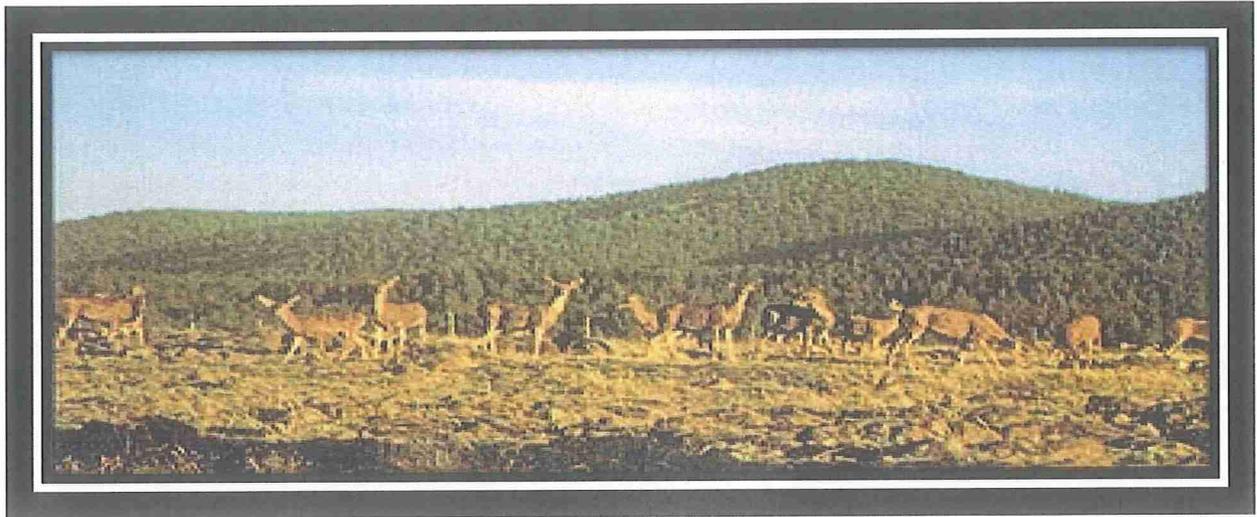
Hannagan Meadow

Hannagan Meadow is named after Robert Hannagan, a Nevada miner who engaged in cattle ranching in the 1870's. A ranger station was built near the meadow in the summer of 1912. Hannagan Meadow Lodge was built after dedication of the "Clifton to Springerville" Highway in 1926. The lodge provided rest to the weary traveler making the 2-day winding trip along a then narrow and dirt roadway. Reference at the dedication was made to the highway as the "Trail of Coronado." The nickname Coronado Trail was soon adopted.



Recreation

Many recreational opportunities complement leisure driving along the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway. These include wildlife viewing, picnicking, rock-hounding, photography, and nature study. With a little extra preparation, you will be all set to take advantage of fantastic camping, mountain biking, and some of the best hunting and fishing anywhere. Many of these activities can be enjoyed year-round below the Rim. Above the Rim, a white mantle of snow greets the winter visitor. Here you can enjoy some of Arizona's best cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing.



Life Zones Along the Trail

The trip along the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway is a spectacular journey, ascending nearly 5,000 feet in elevation in only 60 miles from Clifton and Morenci heading north. The array of vegetation types that corresponds to changes in climate, soil, moisture, and elevation are referred to as "life zones." The life zones that exist in the short 127-mile trip from Clifton/ Morenci to Springerville/Eagar are the same as what you would see on a road trip from Mexico to Canada. All this in a 4-hour drive—rather than a 4-day drive!

Blue Range Primitive Area

The Blue Range Primitive Area is the only remaining primitive area in the National Forest System, and remains one of Arizona's untouched and little known jewels. Although still under the old designation of "primitive area," the 187,000-acre Blue Range is managed the same as other wilderness areas. This is a vast area of rugged topography that contains numerous trails for the hiker and horseback rider. The area receives light use and can be accessed from the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway at numerous trailhead locations.



Wildlife

Wildlife abound on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. The eastern portion of the forest surrounding the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway contains most of the species found across the entire forest. The Apache-Sitgreaves has over 400 species of fish and wildlife ranging from big game like elk, deer, antelope, and bear to smaller species such as squirrels, chipmunks, and a variety of birds. Mexican gray wolves were introduced to the forests in 1998 and may be heard howling at night. There are over 450 miles of fishable streams across the forest and approximately 2,000 surface acres of cold water lake habitat. This forest has traditionally been one of the top ten fishing forests in the entire

National Forest System. Species include rainbow, German brown, cutthroat, as well as Arctic Grayling. Whether you prefer spin or flycasting - bring your favorite fishing gear and try your luck!

