

MARCH PAPNM PAINTOUT SCHEDULE 2010--

Please send any questions to PAPNM Paint Out Coordinator: ElaineKoehler@pleinairpaintersnm.org

If you have a favorite place to paint please consider hosting an outing. Just contact me and let me know when and where.

Also, please consider purchasing a current New Mexico road map to assist you in your travels. All attempts are made to give clear and accurate directions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

And, remember to carpool as often as you can.

MARCH

Saturday, March 6th—*Rio Grande Nature Center*

Monday, March 8th—*Canyon Rd., Santa Fe*

Sunday, March 14th—*Tent Rocks*

Saturday, March 20th—*Quebradas Backcountry Byway*

Monday, March 29—*Fenton Lake*

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH—Rio Grand Nature Center, 10 AM

The Rio Grande Nature Center State Park is a 270-acre refuge of woods, wetlands and farmland in the heart of Albuquerque. The Nature Center is located along a stretch of the Rio Grande where there is a large and mature cottonwood bosque and a wetland bordering the river. There are several walking trails. Restroom facilities are available. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee.

Directions from either northbound or southbound I-25 in Albuquerque

1. Go west on Candalaria and follow the road to its end (at the Nature Center).
2. The entrance to the Nature Center is on your right.

Directions from either eastbound or westbound I-40 in Albuquerque

1. Turn north on Rio Grande Blvd and proceed to Candalaria).
2. Go west on Candelaria and look for the entrance to the Nature Center on your right.



Elaine Koehler photo

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH— Canyon Rd, Santa Fe, 10:30 AM

We can locate along historic Canyon Rd in Santa Fe to paint the colorful street scenes or there is a possibility a model will be available. Please contact Mike Mahon (H) 505.473-1098 or (C) 505.920-5163 or email him art@mmahon.com if you are interested so that he can make plans with the model. There

will be a fee to pay. Artists may sign in at the Art Exchange Gallery located in Canyon Alley at 618 B Canyon Rd. Mike Mahon will be there no later than 10:30 AM to greet artists. If you arrive early it is easier to find parking on the streets or pay to park in the public lot toward the end of Canyon Rd across from the El Farol restaurant.

Direction to Canyon Rd.—

Directions from either the north or south end of Santa Fe:

1. Take either the Old Pecos Trail exit off of I-25 from the south or the St Francis exit off of Hwy 285 from the north.
2. Turn onto Paseo de Peralta and follow it around to Canyon Road.
3. Go east onto Canyon Road.
4. You can park in one of the public lots on Canyon Road, one of the public lots on Paseo, or in an available space on one of the side streets.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14th— Tent Rocks, 10 AM

The national monument, on the Pajarito Plateau in north-central New Mexico, includes a national recreation trail and ranges from 5,570 feet to 6,760 feet above sea level. The cone-shaped tent rock formations are the products of volcanic eruptions that left pumice, ash and tuff deposits over 1,000 feet thick. The unusual formations offer many interesting subjects for painting. Meet in the parking area by the bulletin board at 10 AM and go from there to find your inspiration. Restrooms are available.



Tent Rocks

Lee McVey photo

Directions-- The most direct access to Tent Rocks is from Interstate 25. From Albuquerque, take the exit for Santo Domingo/Cochiti Lake Recreation Area (*Exit 259*) off I-25 onto NM 22. Follow the signs on NM 22 to Cochiti Pueblo and Kasha-Katuwe *Tent Rocks National Monument*. Turn right off NM 22 (watch for sign) at the pueblo water towers (painted blue) onto Tribal Route 92, which connects to Forest Service Road 266. From the fee station, travel five miles on a gravel road to the national monument's designated parking/picnic area and trailhead.

From Santa Fe, take the Cochiti Pueblo *Exit 264* off I-25 onto NM 16. Turn right off NM 16 onto NM 22, and follow the signs to Cochiti Pueblo and the national monument.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH—Quebradas Backcountry Byway, 9 AM

We will meet in the parking lot at Escondida Lakes (in village of Escondida, about 3 miles north of Socorro). We can decide at this point how far we want to go along the Quebradas Backcountry Byway to paint. Keep in mind the Byway is unpaved. There are many options for painting. There are colorful

banded cliffs and rocky outcrops and plenty of places to pull-off along the overall route to stop and paint. The Byway is 24 miles long and ends at US 380, 11 miles east of San Antonio. If you drive the whole Byway route, consider meeting at the Owl Bar in San Antonio for one of their famous green chili cheese burgers. No restroom facilities or water available along the Quebradas Backcountry Byway.



Margi Lucena Photo

Directions from Albuquerque on southbound I-25:

1. Take I-25 south about 70 miles to the Escondida exit (just north of Socorro).
2. Turn east (left) under interstate and follow the road east for about ¼ mile.
3. The main paved road curves to the left. Follow it north for about 1 mile to the turn to Escondida Lake.
4. Turn right and head east. The Escondida Lake parking lot will be on your left.
5. From the parking lot, return to the main road, continue east over the Rio Grande for no more than 1 mile to the village of Pueblito (just a few houses).
6. Turn right and head south for about 1 mile to the beginning of the BLM Quebradas Backcountry Byway.

MONDAY, MARCH 29TH—Fenton Lake, 10 AM

Fenton Lake is a year-round retreat surrounded by beautiful ponderosa pine forests. It's a popular destination for fishing. There are picnic spots and vault toilets. Parking is in a lot adjacent to the lake. Let's meet around 10 AM and go from there to choose our painting spots.



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Directions from Albuquerque—

Drive northwest on Highway 550 approximately 23 miles from the intersection of I-25 with Highway 550 in Bernalillo to San Ysidro. Turn north (right) off of Highway 550 at San Ysidro onto New Mexico State Road 4 and drive about 26 miles to La Cueva.. Turn west (left) onto New Mexico State Road 126 at the village

of La Cueva and drive 4.9 miles along the winding highway to the top of Fenton Hill, then continue an additional 4.7 miles to Fenton Lake (total mileage from La Cueva = 9.6 miles). Fenton Lake can also be accessed from Los Alamos via New Mexico State Road 4.

Directions from Santa Fe or Taos—

Take Hwy 68 from Taos or 285 from Santa Fe to the Los Alamos turnoff. Turn west on Hwy 502 and travel about 12 miles to Hwy 4. Turn south onto Hwy 4 and watch for NM Rt. 126. Take a Right turn and follow the road to Fenton Lake.