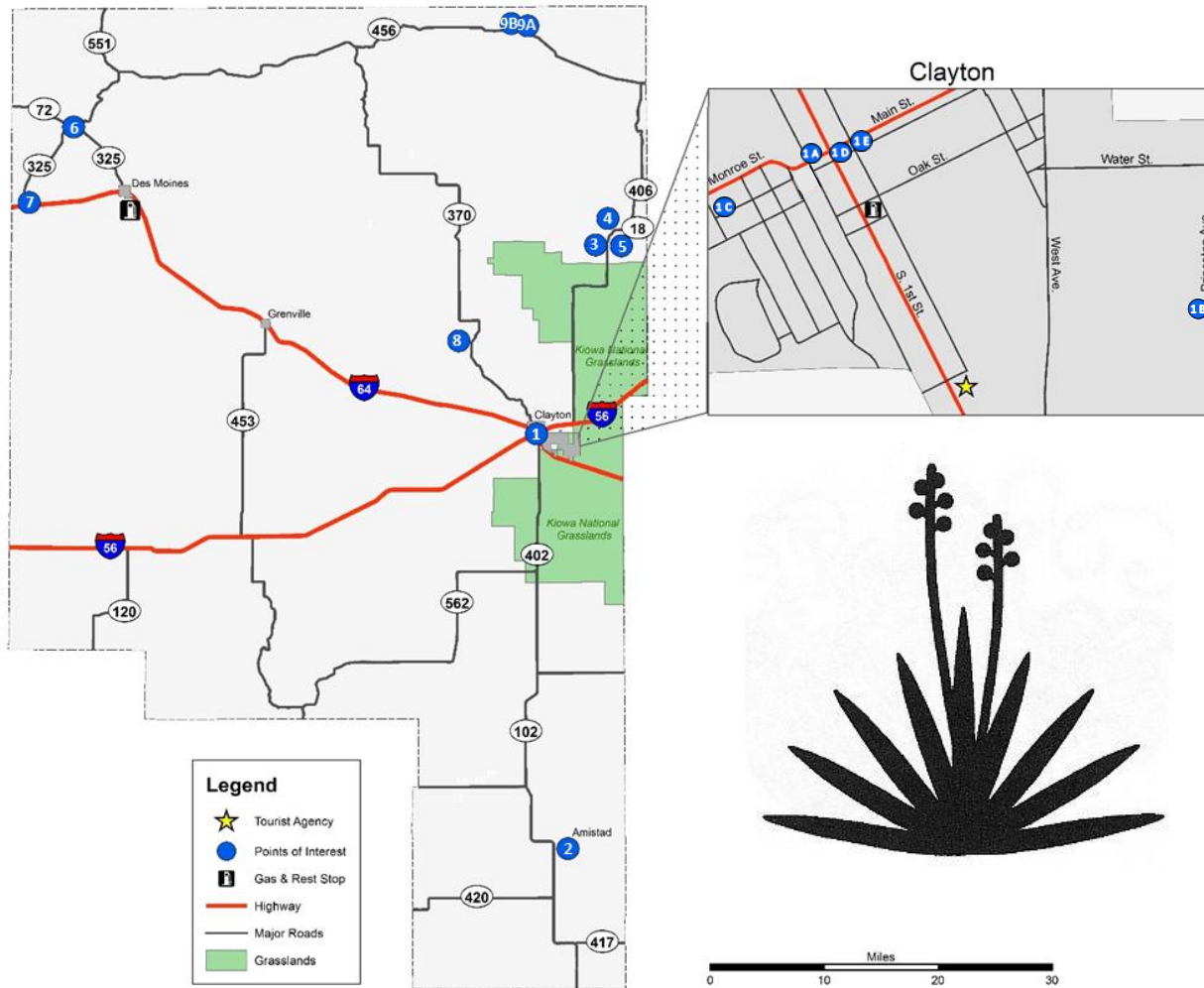


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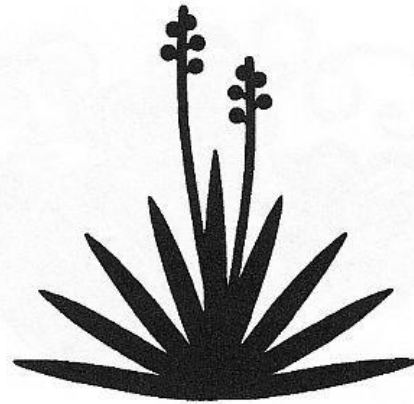
1. Clayton

Eklund Hotel (1A): A beautiful, quaint hotel located in historic downtown Clayton, on the main road that runs through town. The hotel restaurant serves lunch and dinner.

Black Jack Ketchum (1B): You can visit the grave site of this notorious outlaw in the Clayton Cemetery, which oddly enough, seems to always have flowers on it. Black Jack was the only man on America's western frontier legally executed for a crime other than first-degree murder; and his execution was the most bungled affair in the annals of frontier justice. You can visit his hanging site at today's sheriff's department and Courthouse (1C). You can also view his story at the Herzstein Museum in town.

WPA High School (1D): Union County NM has the most WPA (Works Projects Administration) buildings in the country, and the Clayton High School is one of the best preserved. All of the materials in the building were made by the WPA. This building is on private property, but you can view it from the street. Also see the history of the building and the WPA in the Herzstein Museum.

The Herzstein Museum (1E): Located at South 2nd and Walnut. The Herzstein Museum is a fascinating place to visit and learn about the history of Union county. They also have the largest collection of WPA exhibits in New Mexico. For information on business hours call 505-374-2977 or just visit www.herzsteinmuseum.org.



2. Little House on the Prairie Museum

Located in the small town of Amistad, The Montgomery Ward kit house was built in 1909, and moved to Amistad in 2000, where it was turned into a museum. Most objects on display were donated by residents in the area. Tours are by appointment only call: 575-633-2246, 575-633-2251, or 575-633-2273.

3. Sacred Heart Church

Located on Mile Marker 18 on highway 406 in the small town of Moses. The church was built in 1801 and moved to its current spot stone-by-stone. The church isn't viewable from the south due to trees, but from the north you can't miss it. The church is on private property, but you can view it from the street.

4. The Santa Fe Trail

Markers for the Santa Fe Trail are viewable on Highway 406 near McNees Crossing, just north of the Moses Church. The trail goes through a large portion of the Kiowa National Grasslands, attracting tourists who wish to hike the trail.



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5. **McNees Crossing**
Just north of the Sacred Heart Church on Highway 406, McNees Crossing is one of many Santa Fe Trail markers in the county. The monument at the site commemorates the morning of July 4, 1831, when members of a wagon caravan held the first Independence Day celebration in the territory of what is now the state of New Mexico

6. **Folsom**
Folsom Museum: Begun in 1967, this museum offers a look at the physical and cultural history of the region. Folsom museum also organizes the Dry Cimarron Driving Tour that takes place 2 days per year, visiting places that include the Folsom Falls, Black Mesa, and the Folsom Man archeological site. Folsom Museum is only open in the summer from Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as weekends in May. The Dry Cimarron Driving Tour is by appointment only. Call: 575-278-3616 or 575-278-2477. Visit www.folsommuseum.org for more details.

Folsom Hotel: Located down the street from the Folsom Museum. The Folsom Hotel was built in 1888 and is registered under the National Historic Registrar. The building is currently undergoing renovations with the hope of opening back up in the next few years. Keep in mind the hotel is on private land. However, if the owner is available, he may give tours of this historic, haunted building.

7. **Capulin Volcano National Monument**
Also known as Mt. Capulin, this cinder cone volcano is said to be the most accessible volcano in the U.S., due to the road that allows you to drive to the top, the trail around the rim, and the trail into the crater. For more information on the park's rules, their Summer Market, and other services, visit their website www.nps.gov/cavo.

8. **Clayton Lake State Park**
Located 20 miles north of Clayton, Clayton Lake State Park is where locals and visitors go to hike, camp, stargaze, bird watch, and observe the dinosaur tracks. The dinosaur tracks are located on the northeast side of the lake, and are over 65 million years old. The tracks alone draw thousands of visitors every year. There is a 5 dollar fee per vehicle to see them, and a bit of a walk through the scenic trails to get to them, but it is worth every effort. The Lake's observatory, located on the west side of the lake, holds the only Gold Credited International Dark Sky certification in the world, attracting thousands of visitors nationwide. Keep in mind the west side of the lake is closed during the winter months. For more information on closures, fees, and events, visit the Clayton Lake State Park Website.

9. **Geological Features**
****Features are on private property, but can be viewed from the road****
The Wedding Cake (9A): Head North on 406 out of Clayton, then turn East on 456. It will be visible on your right (North) side of the road at mile marker 47.

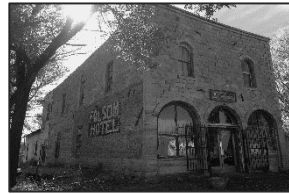
The Battleship (9B): Just after The Wedding Cake on 456, on the right (North) side of the road stands the Battleship. While you look, also try to see the big horn sheep that roam the area.

10. **Kiowa National Grasslands**
Covers approximately 136,542 acres in Northeast New Mexico. Activities in the grasslands consist of camping, hiking, bird watching, and star gazing. For more information call (575)374-9652 or stop by the (USDA) Forest Service 714 Main St. Clayton, NM.

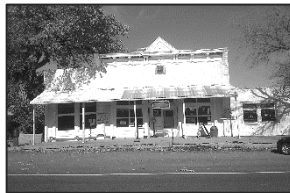
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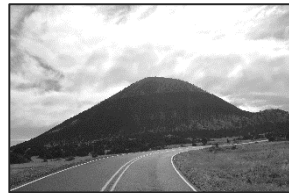
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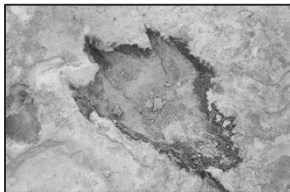
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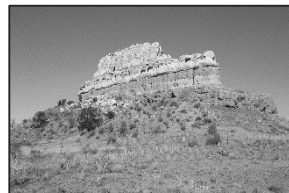
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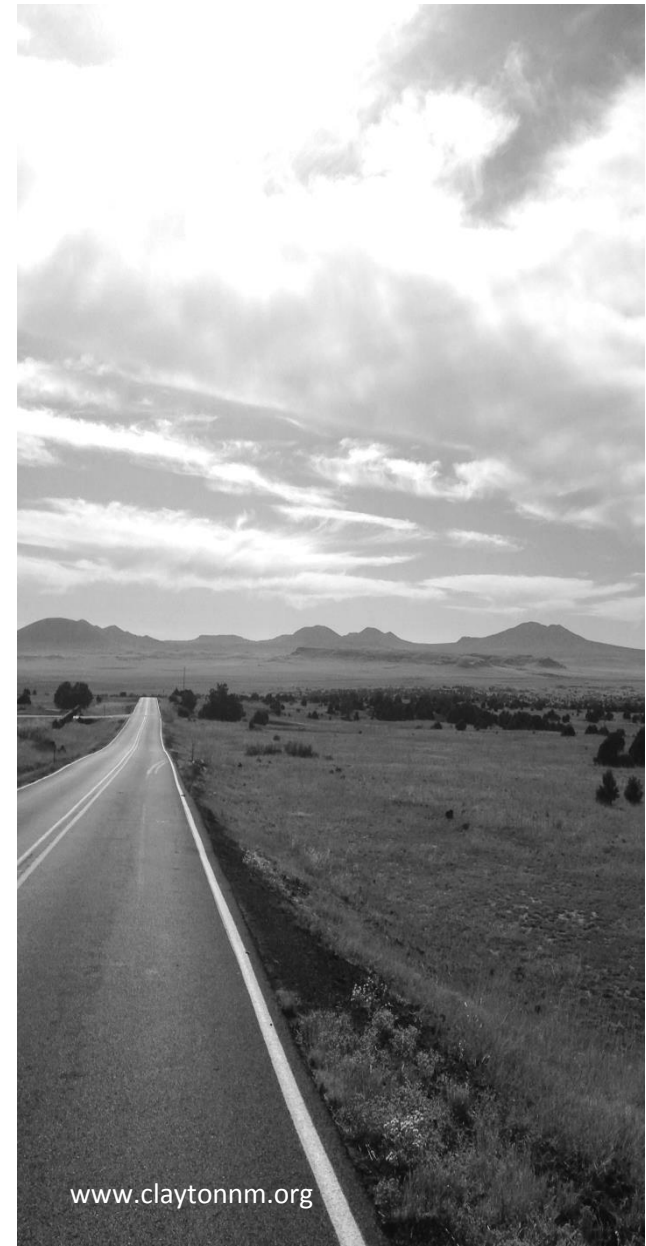
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