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Road Map Travel Guide

New Mexico Interstate Highway #40

MILE	KM	ITEM	SUMMARY	MILE	KM
0.0	0.0	Welcome to New Mexico ' The Land Of Enchantment ' - Photo New Mexico's State Flower - The Yucca	New Mexico's most popular attractions: Billy the Kid Museum, Fort Sumner: You'd be in good company if you admitted that you're passionately interested in our native son Billy the Kid's lawless ways: Carlsbad Caverns, experience one of the best and one of the largest caves inn the world: Chaco Canyon Historic Park, the Anasazi's major center of commerce: The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama. Take this scenic 64-mile ride from Chama to Antonito, Colorado over 10,015-foot Cumbres Pass. International UFO Museum, Roswell Whether or not you believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), aliens, and other life forms, you owe it to yourself to at least find out what happened in 1947 in Roswell. Gila Cliff Dwellings. Sandia Peak Tramway, travel to the top of the Sandia Mountains from Albuquerque by way of the world's longest aerial tram in the world. City of Santa Fe, the state capital began its life as the Spanish 'Kingdom of New Mexico' in 1610, making it the oldest capital city in North America. Taos Ski Valley. White Sands, Alamogordo, 300 square miles of white sand - it's a dune-textured sea of luxuriotous gypsum.	159.3	256.4
0.0	0.0	Photo - The Purple Heart Trail-highway marker sign.	Junction of Interstate Highway #25. City of Albuquerque. North to city of Santa Fe, New Mexico. For highway travel north, via Interstate Highway # 25 - See Milebymile.com Road Map Highway Travel Guide - Interstate # 25 Sante Fe to Albuquerque for driving directions.	159.3	256.4
0.0	0.0	City of Albuquerque, New Mexico	Junction of Interstate #25. Albuquerque nestled between the towering Sandia Mountains and the Rio Grande Valley, the city of Albuquerque is rich with culture and heritage. Attractions in Albuquerque: Albuquerque Aquarium,- Alvarado Transportation Center - Beach Water Park - Cliffâ€™s Amusement Park - New Mexico State Fair - Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta - Lodestar Astronomy Center - National Atom Museum - City of Albuquerque, Old Town Plaza - Rio Grande Botanical Gardens - Sandia Crest and Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway.	159.3	256.4
0.9	1.5	Exit #158	Access to Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Museum. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque provides valuable insight into Pueblo culture, art and history. The center houses two museums and several gift shops.	158.4	254.9
2.2	3.6	Exit #157A (Rio Grande Blvd)	Access to historical town. Old Town is the heart of Albuquerque's long and rich history and heritage. The first families settled near the banks of the Rio Grande River in 1706. Originally, Albuquerque was a colonial farming village and a military outpost along the Camino Real between Chihuahua, Mexico and Santa Fe.	157.1	252.8
3.5	5.6	Point of Information	Crossing the Rio Grande. The Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, or El Rio Bravo del Norte, provides protection and maintenance of the pristine character of the Rio Grande from the Coahuila/Chihuahua, Mexico, state border upstream from Mariscal Canyon to the Terrell/Val Verde County line in Texas downstream.	155.8	250.8
4.8	7.7	Exit #155 (Coors Road)	Junction of Highway #45.	154.5	248.7
5.9	9.5	Exit #154 (Unser Blvd)	Junction of 345 Roadway.	153.4	246.9
7.0	11.2	Exit #153 (98 Street0	Access to campground.	152.4	245.2
9.6	15.5	Exit #149	Access to R.V. parks and campgrounds. Services off highway.	149.7	240.9
14.3	23.0	View from highway		145.0	233.4
14.8	23.8	View from highway		144.5	232.6
18.6	29.9	Point of Interest	Crossing the Rio Puerco, New Mexico.	140.7	226.5
18.6	30.0	Exit #140	Access to historical Route 66 Highway. - Immortalized as the 'Mother Road' in John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath, when it was designated in 1926, this national highway was one of the first roads to connect the Midwest to the West Coast, and rural areas to urban ones. In New Mexico, Route 66 slices across the entire state, from border to border.	140.7	226.4

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18.6	30.0	View from highway		140.7	226.4
18.7	30.1	Point of Information	Laguna Indian Reservation, New Mexico-Eastern boundary.	140.6	226.3
21.1	34.0	View from highway		138.2	222.4
27.0	43.5	Point of Information	Cibola County, New Mexico -Eastern county line.	132.3	212.9
27.8	44.7	Exit #131		131.6	211.7
28.3	45.5	Roadside turnout	Small, paved, no services - North side of highway.	131.1	210.9
28.9	46.5	View from highway		130.4	209.9
30.6	49.2	View from highway		128.8	207.2
31.4	50.5		View from highway.	127.9	205.9
32.1	51.7	Exit #126	Junction of Highway #6. South to community of Dalies, New Mexico - Los Luna, New Mexico - Access to community of Alamo, New Mexico - Alamo, New Mexico, Navajo Indian Reservation.	127.2	204.7
37.4	60.2		View from highway.	121.9	196.2
39.8	64.0		View from highway.	119.6	192.4
40.5	65.2		View from highway.	118.8	191.2
41.2	66.3	Exit #117	Access to community of Mesita.	118.1	190.1
42.8	68.8		View from highway.	116.6	187.6
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44.6	71.8	Access to communities of Cubero, New Mexico, Pagate, New Mexico	Services off highway.	114.7	184.6
45.5	73.2	Roadside Highway Turnout View Area	paved turnout - North side of highway. Photo taken from view point looking North at historical Laguna Pueblo & Mission.	113.8	183.2
45.5	73.2	View from highway	Taken of historical marker.	113.8	183.2
45.5	73.2		'The church contains a beautiful and well preserved alter screen made 'Laguna santero.' The interior walls are mud-plastered and white-washed, and the floor is made of packet earth. The handsome wooden ceiling is laid in a herringbone pattern.	113.8	183.2
45.5	73.2	Roadside turnout view area	Paved, South side of highway.	113.8	183.2
49.5	79.6		View from highway.	109.9	176.8
50.7	81.6	Exit #108	Community of Casa Blanca, New Mexico. Access to community of Parje, New Mexico. Services, fuel, diesel-South of highway.	108.6	174.8
51.6	83.0	Roadside turnout	Large, gravel turnout, no services-North side of highway.	107.8	173.4
51.9	83.5		View from highway.	107.4	172.9
53.8	86.5	View from highway.	Exit #104. Access to community of Cubero, New Mexico.	105.6	169.9
54.2	87.2		View from highway.	105.1	169.2
56.4	90.8	Exit #102	Access to Roadside turnout state rest area. All services-South side of highway. South to community of Acomita, New Mexico.	102.9	165.6
56.7	91.3	Point of Information	Acoma, New Mexico Indian Reservation-Eastern boundary.	102.6	165.1
58.6	94.3	Exit #100	Community of San Fidel, New Mexico.	100.7	162.1
62.1	100.0	Exit #96	South to communities of McCartys, New Mexico, Acoma, New Mexico,. Acoma, known as "Sky City," Acoma Pueblo was strategically built on top of a 367' sandstone mesa many hundreds of years ago for effective defense against raiders. It is considered to be the oldest inhabited village in the United States.	97.2	156.4
65.7	105.7	View from highway		93.6	150.7
69.2	111.3	Exit #89 - Junction of Highway #117.	South to communities of Trechado, New Mexico, Quemado, New Mexico. Services, fuel, off highway. Access to El Malpais National Conservation area. El Malpais means 'the badlands'. Volcanic features such as lava flows, cinder cones, pressure ridges and complex lava tube systems dominate the landscape.	90.2	145.1
72.3	116.3		View from highway.	87.1	140.1
72.9	117.3	Point of Interest	Elevation 6470 ft.	86.4	139.1
73.3	118.0	North West New Mexico Visitor Information Center	South side of highway.	86.0	138.4

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76.6	123.2	Exit #81	City of Grants. Access to business route #40. Junction of Highway #53. Access to Roadways #122, #40. South access to Bandera Volcano and Ice Caves; Cooling underground airflow maintains a perpetual mass of ice. Nearby, Bandera Crater offers a glimpse of how one of New Mexico's many volcanoes erupted. South access to El Morro National Monument. This famous inscription rock displays names, messages, and petroglyph dating back as far as nine centuries. Don Juan de Oñate, founder of New Mexico's first permanent Spanish colony, and soldiers and settlers have all left there marks here. Atop this mesa, you can explore ancient ruins. South to communities of El Morro, New Mexico, Pescado Black Rock.	82.8	133.2
79.2	127.5	Exit #79	Access to business Route #40. Junctions of Highway #605. North to communities of Milan, San Mateo, Ambrosia Lake. Access to state police, R.V. parks, campgrounds. Services off highway, fuel. Access to Chaco Cultural National Historical Park. When Anasazi, or 'Ancient Ones,' settled this area over a thousand years ago, it grew to become one of the largest cities in North America. Once home to over 40 ceremonial kivas and a 600-room hemispherical communal dwelling, Chaco Canyon transports you back in time.	80.1	128.9
81.7	131.5		View from highway.	77.6	124.9
86.1	138.6	Exit #72	North to community of Blue Water Village, New Mexico.	73.2	117.8
89.2	143.5	Point of Information	McKinley County Line, New Mexico. McKinley County, bisected by the Continental Divide, the county encompasses the scenic Chuska and Zuni Mountains with peaks ranging to the 8,969 feet at the summit of Cerros de Alejandro.	70.2	112.9
93.4	150.3		View from highway.	65.9	106.1
94.8	152.6	Exit #63	North to community of Prewitt, New Mexico. Junction of Highway #412. South to Blue Water State Park Campground. Facilities: Developed Sites (149), Electric Sites (14), RV Dump Station, Showers.	64.5	103.8
95.9	154.3		View from highway.	63.4	102.1
104.7	168.5	Exit #53	Community of Thoreau, New Mexico. Junction of Highway #371. North to communities of Smith Lake, New Mexico, Crownpoint, New Mexico. Junction of Highway #612. South to Blue Water State Park.	54.6	87.9
109.9	176.9	Point of Interest	The Continental Devid. Elevation 7275 ft.	49.4	79.5
110.0	177.1		View from highway.	49.3	79.3
110.1	177.2	Exit #47		49.2	79.2
113.3	182.3	Exit #44	Community of Coolidge, New Mexico.	46.0	74.1
116.8	188.0			42.5	68.4
118.0	189.9	Exit #39	Access to community of Refinery, New Mexico.	41.3	66.5
121.1	194.9	Exit #36	Access to Iyanbito, New Mexico.	38.2	61.5
124.3	200.0	Exit #33	Junction of Highway #400. South to communities of Fort Wingate, New Mexico, McGaffey, New Mexico, Paxton Springs, New Mexico. North to Red Rock State Park campground. The spectacular red cliffs which frame the Park on three sides began formation 205 million years ago, during the Mesozoic era, sometimes referred to as the Age of the Dinosaurs.	35.0	56.4
131.9	212.2	Exit #26	City of Gallup, New Mexico. Gallup is located on historic Route 66. Touring famous Route 66 can give visitors a grand overview of the many cultures that reside in town. Lining the streets are some of the oldest and most well preserved trading posts in the country. Junction of Highway #602. South to communities of Vanderwagon, New Mexico, Black Rock, New Mexico, Fence Lake. Junction of business Route #40. Access to state police. Services off highway-fuel, diesel.	27.5	44.2
132.4	213.0		View from highway.	27.0	43.4
135.1	217.4	Exit #22	Miyamura Drive and Montoya Blvd. Access to Gallup city center.	24.2	39.0
139.9	225.1	Point of Information	Crossing Rio Puerco, New Mexico.	19.4	31.3
141.6	227.9	Exit #16	Junction of business Route #40 to Gallup, New Mexico. Junction of Highway #118. Access to community of Mentmore, New Mexico.	17.7	28.5
147.6	237.5	Truck Weigh Station	South side of highway.	11.7	18.9
154.3	248.3	Photo is view from highway.	Exit #8. North to community of Manuelito, New Mexico.	5.0	8.1
156.0	251.0	Roadside turnout state rest area	Toilets, picnic tables-South side of highway.	3.4	5.4

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159.3	256.4	View from highway	Arizona/New Mexico State Line. West to city of Holbrook, Arizona, Winslow, Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona.	0.0	0.0
159.3	256.4	Welcome to Arizona ' The Grand Canyon State '	For continuance of Interstate #40 west, see Milebymile.com Arizona Interstate #40. New Mexico / Arizona State Line west to cities of Flagstaff, Arizona and Kingman, Arizona - Travel Guide, for driving directions - Start/finish of Highway Travel Guide - Se	0.0	0.0