

Roadside Architecture and Objects in New Mexico

This document is a guide on the styles of architecture seen in residential, religious, commercial, industrial, and agricultural buildings, and unique roadside features along New Mexico's roads and highways. This guide was developed to aid the field recording of the built environment in New Mexico, whether by NMDOT related projects or other cultural resource management efforts in New Mexico, and as a general guide for all interested viewers of the New Mexico architectural landscape. For professional practitioners, this is a supplemental guide, intended to be used in tandem with the latest guidance on recording the built environment from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division. This guide was organized to follow the order that field practitioners encounter the built environment, and how one makes sense of this experience. This experience begins with identifying discernible styles and details, then looking for cultural and historic patterns within the larger whole, and finally recording these details and patterns following the latest state and national guidance available.