

Old Gas Pump



Mogollon Theatre



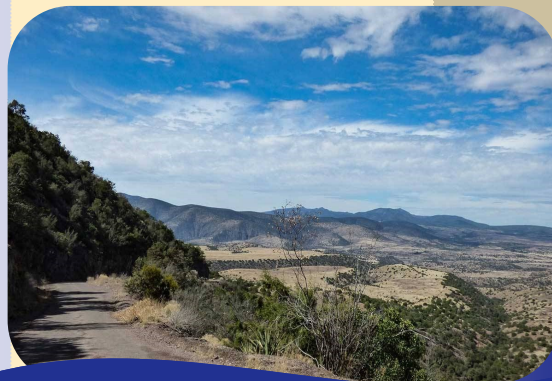
Graveyard Gulch

Map to Mogollon Ghost Town



Directions

Nine miles east of Alma on State Road 78. Mogollon is approx. 75 miles northwest of Silver City NM off of US 180. The town itself is a two hour drive north of Silver City surrounded by the Gila National Forest and Gila Wilderness.



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Founded in 1876, Mogollon was named after *Don Juan Ignacio Flores Mogollon*, a governor of the Spanish province of New Mexico in the 1700s. The Spanish pronunciation is moh-goh-YOHN.

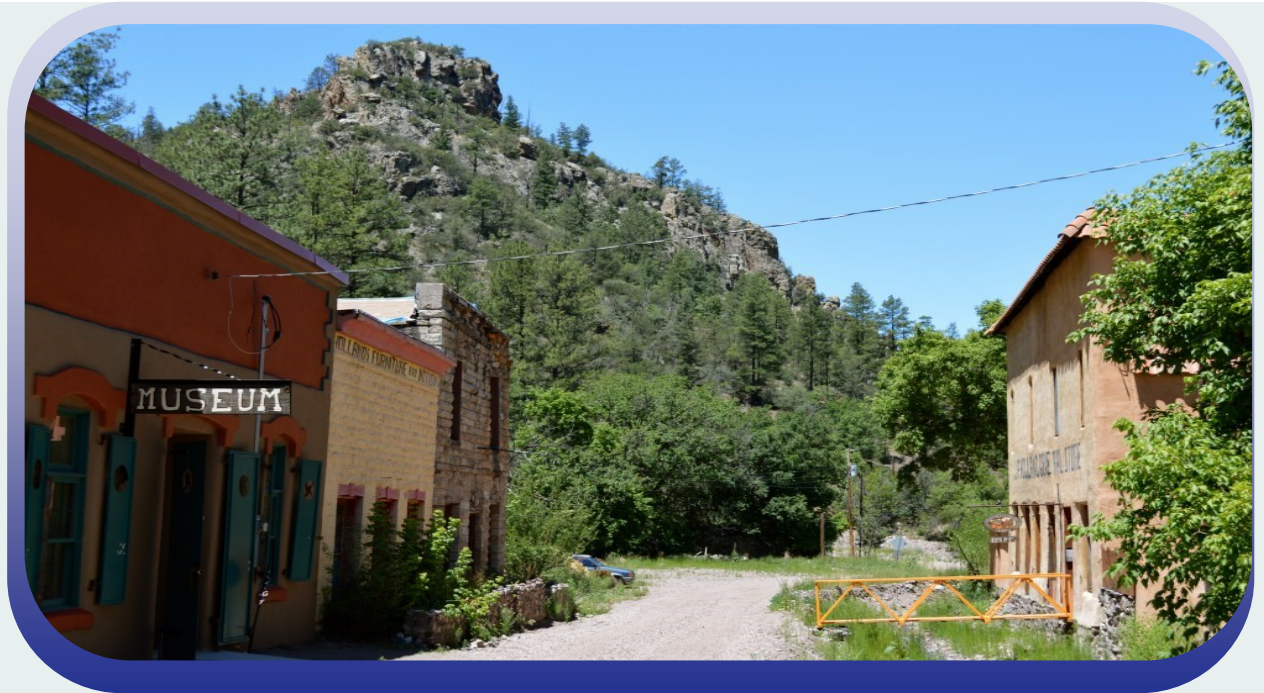
Once a bustling, raucous mining town, Mogollon is one of the best 'ghost towns' in the state of New Mexico. Many of the old buildings have survived to be enjoyed by curious folks because the 20 or so residents serve as caretakers.



Old General Store



Today, Mogollon is a ghost town with approximately 20 year-round residents. It is privately owned and operated as a tourist site during the summer months.



History

Mogollon, N.M., was a mining town founded in 1876 in Silver Creek Canyon, near the border with Arizona. Because of its remote location (over 200 miles from any major city) Mogollon was one of the wildest, most lawless towns in the west. At its peak, it was home to approximately 2,000 miners, and billions of dollars worth of gold and silver were pulled from the earth during the mines' operations. But when the price of precious metals declined during the early 20th century and then cratered during World War II, the mines were closed down and the town was abandoned.

Ideal Day Trip

Mogollon, NM lies in the Mogollon mountain range in the southwest corner of New Mexico. It is a little over an hour and a half drive from Silver City and makes an excellent destination for a day trip!

Today there are a handful of year round residents keeping the town alive. The attractions that most people come to Mogollon for are only open on weekends between May and October. Attractions include a Museum, a General Store for shopping, a historic Theatre, an old spooky Graveyard and the Purple Onion Café.