

Los Lunas Tourism Task Force

All Things Trains

Attractions:

Southwest Model Railroad Club (SWMRC)

39b Elaine Drive 505-379-7243
Los Lunas, NM 87031 505-916-6901
Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:30pm to 3:30pm
 Wednesday and Saturday evenings, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Feature: Operating H.O. Scale Model Railroad; free to the public

Belen Harvey House Museum

104 N. First St. 505-861-0581
Belen, NM 87002
Hours: Tuesday through Fridays, 12:00pm to 5:00pm
 Saturdays, 10:00am to 5:00pm
Feature: Now a museum, it operated as a lunch room for travelers on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (AT&SF, now commonly referred to as Santa Fe Railway) from 1910 to 1939. This is also a great place for rail fanning.

*Los Lunas Depot (former AT&SF) * Historical Land Mark*

1201 State Hwy 314 (just south of Daniel Fernandez Park)
Los Lunas, NM 87031
Hours: Unknown
Feature: Now home to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9676, the Santa Fe Railway built the depot in 1879, which facilitated the movement of livestock, hay, general merchandise, and passengers to and from the developing city. (Note: Archive photos can be found at <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/c2c36d1c-8ee4-446e-910e-8bb357c893e1>)

*Luna Mansion (restaurant) * Historical Land Mark*

110 W. Main St 505-865-7333
Los Lunas, NM 87031
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 3:30pm to 9:00pm
 Sunday, 10:00am to 2:30pm
Feature: Now a restaurant, was built as a gift from the Santa Fe Railway in exchange for the right-of-way through the Luna-Otero Land Grant holdings. It is the only known Victorian, Southern Colonial structure constructed of adobe and terran components.

*Vaughn Depot *Active BNSF Maintenance of Way Depot*

US 285
Vaughn, NM 88353
Feature: The Depot is located along US 285. Was built by AT&SF in 1905. Vaughn is the only

Existing place in NM where AT&SF and El Paso & Northeastern railroads (later Southern Pacific/Union Pacific) crossed paths. The old SP depot was razed many years ago, but there are pictures online.

*Magdalena Stock Pens *Historical landmark*

Hwy 60

Magdalena, NM 87825

Feature: These well preserved stock pens were in operation from 1885 to 1971.

Magdalena Boxcar Museum/Depot

108 N Main St

575-854-2361

Magdalena, NM

Feature: The boxcar contains exhibits to celebrate the rich history of the Magdalena area. It highlights three fundamental aspects of Magdalena's history: mining, livestock, and railroad.

ATSF #2926 Restoration Project

1833 8th St. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87125-7270

PO Box 27270

*Yard located between 12th St and 8th St., South of I40

Feature: Multiple open houses and work sessions throughout the year.

*Socorro Train Gang *Model railroad club*

600 N 6 th street

575-418-7534

Socorro, NM 87801

Feature: "N", "HO", "S", "O", and "G" scale model railroad exhibits at the Hammel Museum. Open to the public on the 1st Saturday of each month, 9 to 12.

Lamy Railroad and History Museum

151 Old Lamy Trail

505-819-5507

Lamy, NM 87540

Hours: By appointment. Call Kathy (505-466-1518) or Tom (505-466-3519).

Website: <http://www.lamymuseum.org/>

Feature: Collection of antebellum art, railroad memorabilia and local artifacts.

Admission: \$2.00.

La Fonda on the Plaza

100 E. San Francisco St

800-523-5002 or 505-982-5511

Santa Fe, NM 87501

Feature: Built in 1922, was acquired by the Santa Fe Railway. It was later leased to Fred Harvey in 1925 as a Harvey House Hotel. The hotel operated until 1969. In about 2014, the hotel reopened and is still thriving today.

Albuquerque Santa Fe Railway Shops

1100 2nd St SW

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Feature: Now home to the Wheels Museum and various movie sets, the facility was built from 1915 to 1925. It helped make AT&SF one of Albuquerque's largest employers. The facility was used for locomotive repair until the 1950's. Maintenance of way and Engineering equipment was maintained there until the early-1990s.

Albuquerque Scale HO Model Trains On Modules (ASOME)

2225 Wyoming NE

505-256-3816

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Feature: Large H.O. Scale modular display open to the public, free of charge.

History Resources

Southwest Model Railroad Club Library

Belen Harvey House Museum Reading Room

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts Archives

Magdalena Box Car Museum and Library

Photography Resources

Marta Wood, SWMRC Secretary

SWMRC website and Facebook: www.swmrctrains.com

Belen Harvey House Museum

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

Belen Library

Los Lunas Library

Souvenirs

Belen Harvey House Museum Gift Shop

SWMRC Promotional Items and overstock

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts

Rio Metro

Other Resources

Rio Metro (Rail Runner tickets and info)

Amtrak (tickets and info)

BNSF.com (schedules, industry news tickets and info)

SWMRC (brochures, info, and events)

New Mexico True (tourism)

Viewing (Railfanning)

Note: DO NOT encroach on railroad property or right of way. This is for your own safety and is enforced by Federal Law Enforcement.

Isleta Rail Runner Station

Los Lunas Rail Runner Station

Belen Rail Runner Station

There is a webcam that live streams the Belen Yard. You can watch it on youtube, searching for Virtual Railfan and the Belen yard. The direct link is:

[Belen, New Mexico - Virtual Railfan LIVE \(DEMO\)](#)

Belen Harvey House Museum

Reinken St. Overpass in Belen (*watch for vehicle traffic!*)

Abo Canyon (Most areas are off limits. For about \$ 100 per hour you can rent a plane. Contact SWMRC at SWMRC.President@yahoo.com to arrange rail fanning from a members house.

Vaughn, NM (depot)

Lamy Depot (active Amtrak)

Rio Puerco - west of Los Lunas (Gallup Sub), Hwy 6 to Rio Puerco Rd (Waste Management Station), BNSF and Amtrak

Hwy 47 crossing on Becker Flats (Clovis Sub)

Hwy. 60 from Abo Canyon to Vaughn (numerous sites)

Crossing at Route 109 in Belen and Route 304 South of Rio Communities is NOT recommended (very little room to get off the roadway)

For more site information, contact George Cusack, David Epling, J.B. Reber, and SWMRC

Please remember to STAY SAFE; Contact OPAERATION LIFESAVER on how to do it right!

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