

Eight Sites, One History

Explore the Past at New Mexico Historic Sites

Wonders on Wheels 2025

This year, *Wonders on Wheels* Mobile Museum features an interactive exhibit about the peoples and cultures woven together in New Mexico history. Sponsored by New Mexico Historic Sites, the exhibit highlights the distinctive stories revealed at each Historic Site, from Indigenous lifeways to Spanish settlement to US statehood and beyond.

Over thousands of years, various groups have come to call this region home. Each has crafted a distinctive way of life to thrive in our challenging environments. They invented new ways of meeting their needs and expressing their perspectives, making objects that are both useful and beautiful.

For instance, many Puebloan groups crafted elaborately-decorated pottery to store and cook their food. Diné peoples mastered the art of weaving, creating colorful woolen textiles to keep them warm in winter. American ranchers developed the practice of marking their cattle with branding irons to protect their herds from loss and theft. Touring the exhibit, visitors are invited to see, touch, hold, and experiment with these objects, imagining how they might've been handled and used in everyday life.

A visit from *Wonders on Wheels* Mobile Museum includes a tour of the RV exhibit and a hands-on exploration outside the RV. Both the tour and the exploration incorporate grade-specific content linked to PED Standards.