

# → BUILD YOUR OWN TOUR ←

Your Name (s)

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Your Organization(s)/Communities:

*New Mexico MainStreet*

Your Tour Title:

*Explore Eddy County Courthouse*

Brief Tour Description:

*Completed in 1892, the Eddy County Courthouse was built in the gothic revival style of locally made brick, costing \$30,000. Since that time, the Courthouse has changed significantly and today features many points of interest the casual observer might not see on first glance. Let's explore!*

**Tour Stops.** Please provide information for up to five tour stops, including the name of the stop, its address or block, a brief 2-3 sentence description, and how long it takes you to travel to the next location at a leisurely speed.

## 👉 Stop 1

**Location & Address:** *South side of the Eddy County Courthouse - 200 Block of W. Mermod St.*

**Description** (2-3 sentences):

*In 1939, a Courthouse remodel was completed utilizing \$112,500 in Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (WPA) funds as well as WPA labor. Costing \$184,000 in total, the remodel converted the Courthouse from its Victorian architecture to the Spanish Pueblo Revival style you see before you today.*

Travel Time to Next Stop:

*1 min.*

## 👉 Stop 2

**Location & Address:** *Gazebo on the southeast corner of Courthouse lawn - 200 Block of W. Mermod St.*

**Description** (2-3 sentences):

*In 1910, the County Commission authorized spending \$70 to construct a bandstand on the Courthouse lawn. On Sunday afternoons, citizens would gather to listen to local musicians or the fire department band. While that bandstand is long gone, Carlsbad MainStreet secured funding in 2020 to construct a new gazebo to provide a shady place to relax and enjoy downtown activities.*

Travel Time to Next Stop:

*2 min.*

## 👉 Stop 3

**Location & Address:** *"Greetings from Carlsbad" Mural, northeast corner of Courthouse complex - 200 Block of W. Stevens St.*

**Description** (2-3 sentences):

*Inspired by a blank wall and a vintage postcard, the "Greetings from Carlsbad" mural was conceptualized and implemented by the Pearl of the Pecos Arts & Cultural District and muralist Michael Fish in 2021. The mural pays homage to the original postcard, while incorporating aspects of Carlsbad today and creative elements from the artist.*

Travel Time to Next Stop:

*1 min.*

## 👉 Stop 4

**Location & Address:** *Pioneer Plaza, north side of the Courthouse - 200 Block of W. Stevens St.*

**Description** (2-3 sentences):

*After discovering a water well under a parking lot during a Courthouse complex remodel, a Pueblo-style portico with a simulated river utilizing the water well was built in 2002 and named Pioneer Plaza. Engraved pavers with Carlsbad-area pioneer family names were cemented around the perimeter of the Plaza. A red sandstone cornerstone, salvaged by Leonard Beauford during the 1938 demolition of the original 1892 courthouse, was donated by the Bill Mitchell and Beauford families (Leonard's grandchildren) and permanently affixed to the cement floor in the Plaza near the northeast wall.*

Travel Time to Next Stop:

*1 min.*

## 👉 Stop 5

**Location & Address:** *Cattle brands, west side of the Courthouse - 100 Block of N. Canal St.*

**Description** (2-3 sentences):

*The Carlsbad region has a long history with ranching, with the famous Goodnight-Loving cattle trail, established in 1866, running along the Pecos River from Texas to Wyoming. In the 1880s, ranching was the number one source of income for area residents, before 35 percent of all cattle in the region perished during the "Big Die" from 1884-1886, resulting in a shift in economic focus to agriculture. In the 1940s, the cattle brands of Eddy County and the region were etched onto the west and south entrances to the Courthouse, where you can find them today.*

## 📷 Tour Photos

For a short, self-guided tour, try to utilize your corresponding photos in a way that they entice the reader to experience the tour. Use clear and quality photos, but just show details or unusual angles of the corresponding stop. Get the reader intrigued enough to take the tour and experience the locations for themselves!

Stop 1 Photo: *No Photo*

Stop 2 Photo: *No Photo*

Stop 3 Photo: *Photo of Mural emailed*

Stop 4 Photo: *No Photo*

Stop 5 Photo: *Photo of Cattle Brands emailed  
Other: Photo of original Courthouse emailed*