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Spectacular views to the west capture the Capitan as well as the white snow-packed peak of Sierra Blanca at the nearby resort of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Not only are these sites located in the historically significant ranch country of the southwest, but they offer terms to meet most any budget. Low down payment requirements and affordable monthly payments can be structured to meet your financial situation.





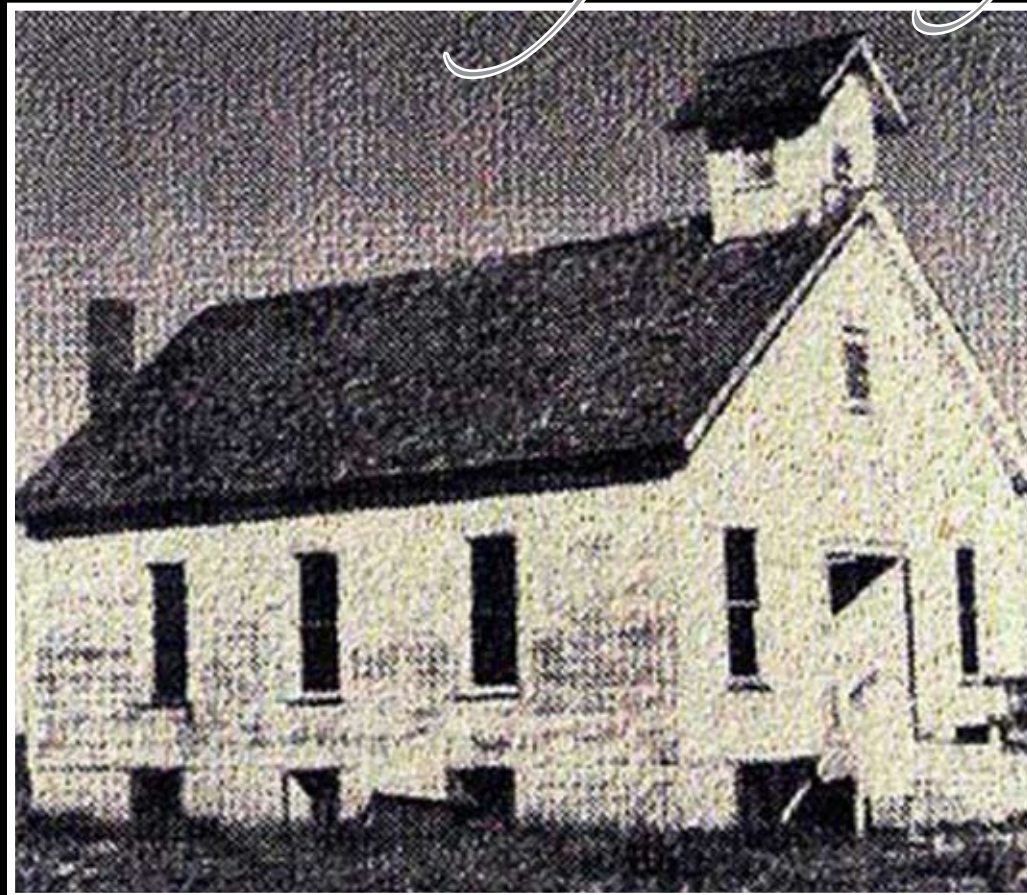


Few places in America today provide the never-ending views of landscapes that melt into the horizon. The sunrises and sunsets in New Mexico are some of the most beautiful sights to be seen. The peace and tranquility that accompany country living are nice remedies for the rapid pace modern day lives require. Relaxing outside on a pleasant summer evening, listening to the crickets chirp and the birds sing is the perfect end to a busy day.

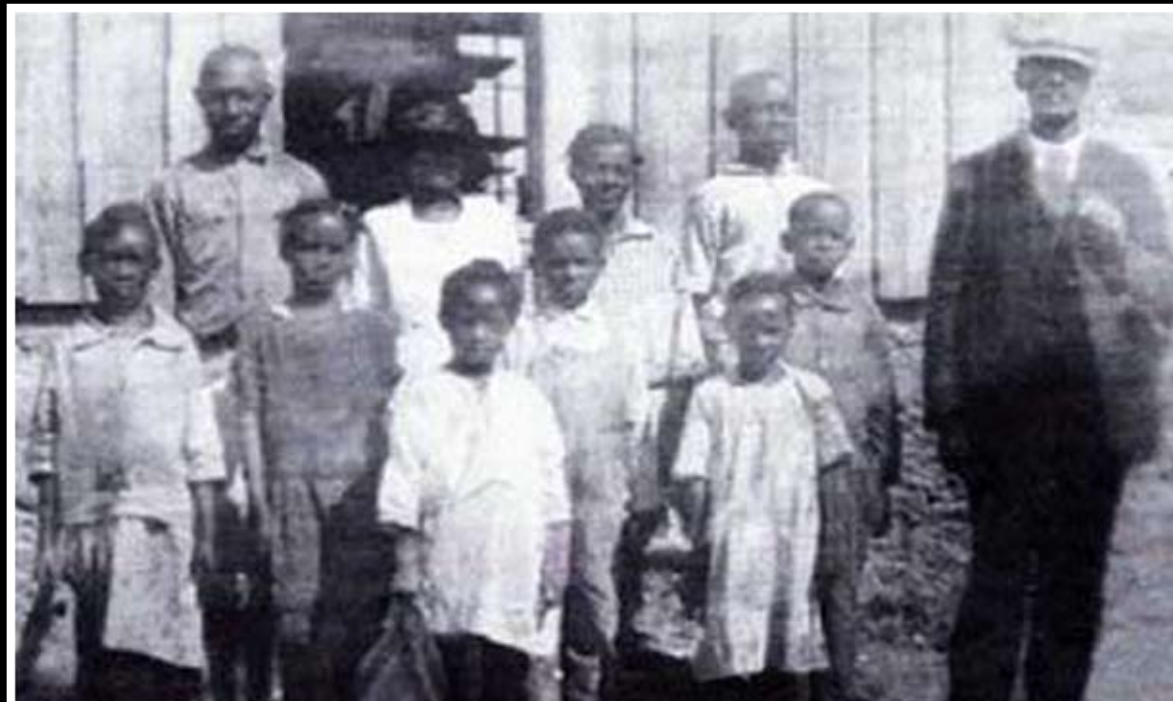




A touch of history...



*The Antelope
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are located
in the area of this
amazing piece of
American
History...*



Blackdom and Beyond: African-American heritage in Roswell

Between Roswell and Artesia, west of Dexter and Hagerman, split by U.S. Highway 285, lies the scant physical remains of what was, a century ago, a thriving community of African-Americans known as Blackdom.

The town site, first settled in 1901 and officially established as a township in 1920, at its height, occupied some 15,000 acres and had 300 residents from 25 families. But its roots as the only site in southeastern New Mexico populated entirely by black pioneers go back to 1840s Georgia.

Blackdom got its start as the dream of Pullam, Ga., resident Henry Boyer, a free black man who served as wagoner in Col. Alexander Doniphan's Army Missouri Volunteers, sent to New Mexico to serve in the Mexican War of 1846.

"He saw the vast areas, just unlimited space and he went home and talked about it, but it wasn't until 50 years later (his son) Francis Boyer came out here," said the Rev. Landjur Abukusumo, pastor of Washington Chapel Christian Church and president of the Chaves County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "So he came out here and a year later, he went back and got his wife Ella and their kids and came back."

The road to get there was, literally, a long one, but they did get there. That the town existed at all was due to several factors, Abukusumo said.

"At the advent of the Emancipation Proclamation, with regard to the slaves, they were freed but they didn't have any determination, any resources, any substance to speak of to protect themselves to initiate any financial gain or financial substance," Abukusumo said. "A lot of them sharecropped or stayed on the plantations but some of them moved on because they'd fled to the big cities or gone on the Underground Railroad to some of the northern cities."

Enter the Boyer family. Frank Boyer and Daniel Keyes, knowing of the Homestead Act of 1862, which made property and land available to people to work the land, decided to make the journey from Pullam, Ga., to the West. But because of the Jim Crow laws enacted in the south to mandate "separate but equal" status for blacks but resulting in inferior status, schools and housing among other things, the men found it difficult to travel, so they chose to walk.

"They wanted self-determination and they wanted safety in numbers," Abukusumo said. "And that is what caused Blackdom to grow and become what it became in the 1917 and 1918 time frame, when it was at its height."

The story of Blackdom, which eventually hit hard times when drought and a lack of resources to drill wells resulted in the town being largely abandoned by 1930, is just one interesting chapter in the story of African-Americans in the U.S.

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Nearby Attractions

Lake Van

Lake Van is a small lake located in the nearby community of Dexter. It has a boat landing and a fishing dock. A restaurant overlooks the lake where the ducks swim or waddle on the shore waiting for food handouts. It is also the locale of a recreation area with a park and a swimming pool, and is popular for water skiing, fishing, and family picnics.



Bottomless Lakes State Park

Just across the Pecos River is Bottomless Lakes State Park. In 1933 the bottomless lakes area was set aside as New Mexico's first state park. Lea Lake is the deepest at 90 feet and is the only lake where swimming is allowed. During summer, visitors can rent paddleboats. Devil's Inkwell is 32 ft. deep and is named for its steep sides and dark water. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout in winter. Lazy Lagoon is surrounded by treacherous and odorous mud flats, making it inaccessible for recreation but a great place to view waterfowl that are often present. Recreational opportunities at Bottomless Lakes include camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, sailing, and wildlife viewing. The Park also has a trail system open to hiking and site seeing.



Mountain Attractions

The village of Ruidoso is just an hour away and offers many recreational activities and educational opportunities. At an elevation of 7,000 feet, Ruidoso is a winter mecca for skiers and snowboarders. It has also earned a national reputation for its art galleries and local artisans shops.

Popular summer activities in the Ruidoso area include golf, horse racing, hiking and biking. In the Lincoln National Forest, fishing, camping and RVing are popular activities. Nearby, at the **Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort**, this newly renovated 5-star hotel offers a championship golf course and the popular Casino Apache with blackjack, craps, roulette, video terminals and slots. More information is available at www.ruidoso.net.

Ski Apache

Ski Apache is New Mexico's premier ski and snowboard resort. Sierra Blanca – the



area's 12,000 foot peak is Ski Apache's centerpiece. Fifty-five trails, beginning at 11,400 feet, fan out for skiers and snowboarders of all levels with a fall line of over 1800 feet, makes skiing and snowboarding here a blast for everyone. Ski Apache is located just minutes from the beautiful mountain resort village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino

Fast horses and hot slots are the name of the game at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. The first race at Ruidoso Downs Race Track was run in 1947, then in 1999, a new era of racing in New Mexico began with the legalization of slot machine casinos at race tracks. The Billy the Kid Casino opened in May of 1999 and houses over 300 slot machines. The casino is open daily and, in 2006, paid out over \$100 million in winnings. Racing in the mountains takes place annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day, culminating with the \$2 million All American Futurity.



Bonita Lake, located near Ruidoso, New Mexico, is a couple hours away from the Gallo Creek Ranch. The world-famous Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso is pictured below.



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