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(we say) New Mexico is really dry!

(then you say, all together) How dry is it?

(then we say):

- New Mexico is so dry, you only need one Kleenex on a hike.
- New Mexico is so dry, your sandwich bun is crunchy before you can put the filling in it.
- New Mexico is so dry, you can put Chap Stick on any part of you and it's OK.
- New Mexico is so dry, you can sand wood with your fingers.
- New Mexico is so dry, everyone here gets my jokes.

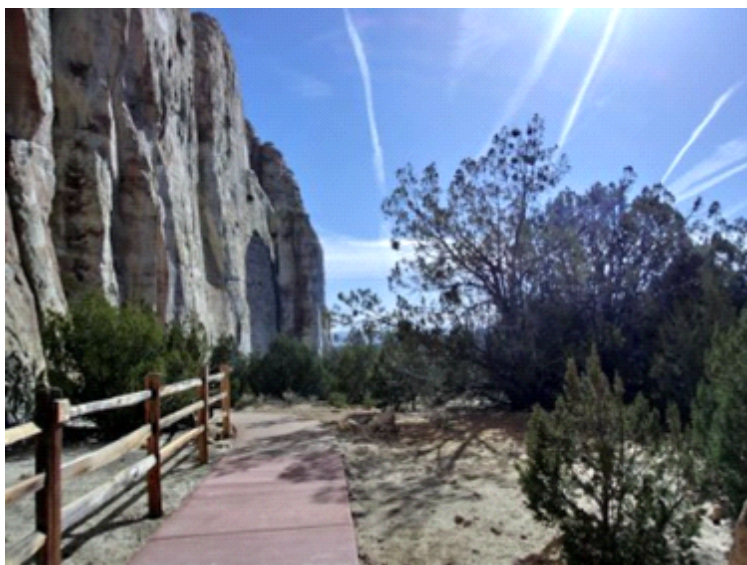
OK, enough.

This morning broke clear and cool (Broke? It looked fine to us. And how exactly do mornings break?). We sped down NM 53 to El Morro. El Morro means The Bluff. Hey, you just climbed a bluff yesterday! Yep. Sue us.



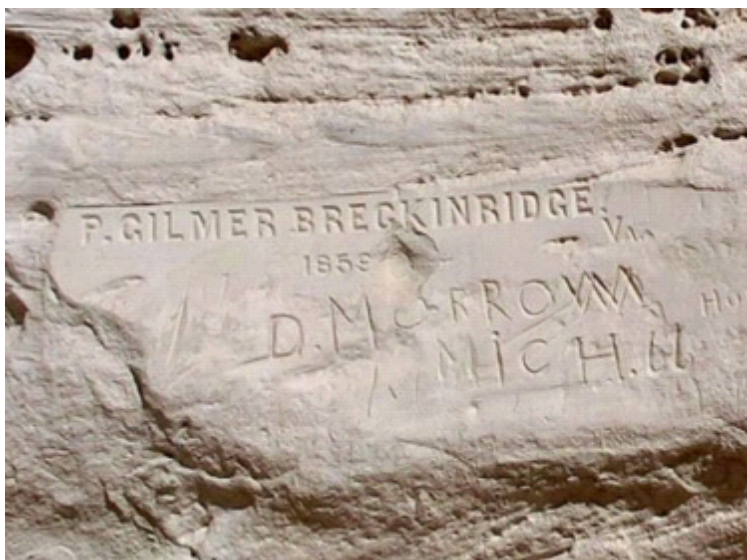


We pulled in right behind thirty school kids. Thankfully the whole busload had to use the restrooms. As we walked through the visitors center we heard the teacher exhorting them "Boys in this line, girls in this one. Even if you don't think you have too, you MUST TRY". Heh heh. Bought us a 20 minute head start.



Along the bottom is an area called Inscription Rock. It has inscriptions by the Anasazi, the Spanish, the U.S. Cavalry, and graffiti from the 20th century. So, you might ask, what's the difference between inscriptions and graffiti?

I offer you P. Gilmer Breckenridge and D. Morrow.



Hurry, the third grade is coming...



The top was lovely and serene as always.



Red pricklies



Lotsa rock

We heard the herd and headed down.

Lunch at Painted Desert



This is lunch



This is painted desert

Kept heading west. They say it's not so humid in Arizona.

D&S