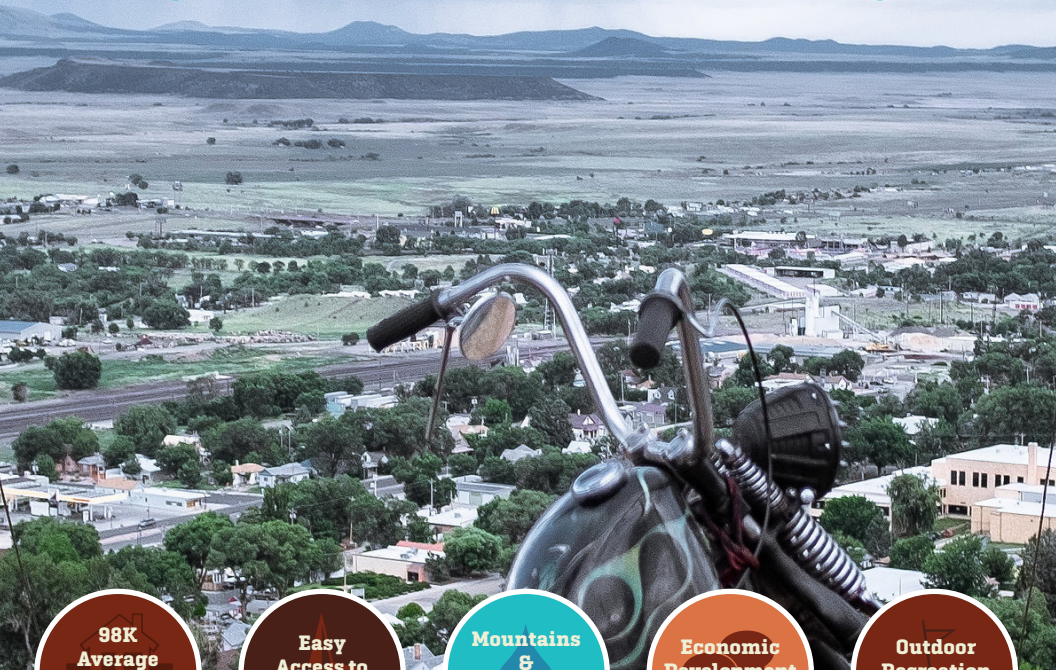




Raton

New Mexico

RELOCATION GUIDE



**98K
Average
House
Cost**

**Easy
Access to
CO & TX**

**Mountains
&
Clean
Water**

**Economic
Development
Hub**

**Outdoor
Recreation
Bounds**

YOUR PASS TO *the good life*.



RATON QUICK FACTS

Elevation: 6,680 ft.

Population: 6,035

Avg. Summer High: 83 °F

Avg. Winter High: 51 °F

And sunshine almost every day!



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Welcome to Raton

New Mexico

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Maloya is just ten minutes from downtown, with great fishing, kayaking and paddleboarding.



Greetings!

We are excited to extend a warm hello to you from Raton, New Mexico!

We think you will be excited to learn more about our wonderful community and see why Raton is such an up-and-coming place to live.

Located in Northeastern New Mexico, our area enjoys pleasant year-round weather, star-filled skies, fresh air, bountiful outdoor recreational opportunities, affordable living and, above all, friendly and welcoming people.

Why Raton?

TOP 3 REASONS FOR MOVING TO RATON

1 The people! When you tour around Raton, we invite you to ask why people like living here. We'll bet the #1 answer you'll hear is the people.

2 The Climate! Mild summers and mild winters. We've got plenty of sunshine and easy access to the outdoors to enjoy all four seasons.

3 Location! Nestled near the Rocky Mountains, but only a short drive to major metro areas. It's really the best of both worlds!

Want to hear more reasons? Contact us! [575.383-4520](tel:575.383.4520)



YOUR PASS TO *exciting events!*

ANNUAL EVENTS

Our town may be small but our events are big! Bringing many people from all over the country to experience what we have to offer. From hot air balloon rides to challenging races through the mountains we've definitely got something for the whole family to enjoy!



Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally

JULY 4TH WEEKEND

Each year, our balloon rally gives attendees an up close and personal experience due to small crowds and friendly pilots. A classic parade and great fireworks make for a very special and affordable weekend for the family.

Gate City Music Festival

LABOR DAY
WEEKEND

The Gate City Music Festival attracts top talent to play in our historic Shuler Theater. Throw in some street dancing, great food and a beer tent and we've got a party going on!



Run to Raton EVERY JULY

Run to Raton is Northern New Mexico's premier car and motorcycle rally. Riders come from across the country to enjoy great food, great music and staggeringly beautiful rides throughout the area. Oh, and you don't want to miss the Pin-up Girl Competition!



Master of the Mountain

EVERY FALL

Master of the Mountains Adventure Race/Relay challenges competitors across the country to come and prove they truly are the MASTER OF THE MOUNTAINS.



Parks and Recreation



Raton is all about Parks and Recreation!

Raton offers several parks for playing, picnicking, and enjoying the outdoors. Activities range from playground fun to walking paths, hiking paths, basketball, baseball, football, indoor swimming, disc golf (2 courses), and more!

Ripley Park is a local favorite, located in downtown Raton, featuring a playground, picnic tables and a gazebo. Its the perfect spot to enjoy the beautiful scenery of our town, and why not take a stroll down our historic first street?



YOUR PASS TO *beautiful parks.*

All Parks are open 1/2 hour before sunrise and close 1/2 hour after sunset.
All parks are alcohol-free areas.

Optimist South Park

Corner of Kearney Ave. & Vista Pl.
Playground • Picnic Tables • Basketball Courts

Gate City Sports Complex

900-1200 blocks of S. 3rd St.
Baseball • Softball • Soccer Fields

Veterans and Legions Parks

S. 2nd St. and Legion Dr.
Picnic Tables • Playground • Memorial

Climax Canyon Park

900 Apache Ave.
Nature Hiking Trail (3mi.)

Ripley Park

N. 2nd St. and Savage Ave.
Gazebo • Playground

Roundhouse Memorial Park

Roundhouse Rd. and Memorial Ln.
9-Holes Disc Golf Course • Horseshoe Complex Bocce Courts • Softball Field • 1 Mile Paved Walking Path • Dog Park • Gazebos • Picnic Tables

Romero Park

E. 8th St. and E. Clark Ave.
Playground • Picnic Tables and Shelter
Basketball Courts • Large Open Space



Outdoor Activities

Golfing

The Raton Golf Course is a challenging 9-hole course that can be played as 18 holes due to 2 tee boxes.

Nestled at the base of the Rocky Mountains, players can enjoy beautiful vistas of the mountains and mesas with deer, wild turkey, and the occasional fox, bear, or mountain lion.

The Raton Country Club, located above the Golf Pro Shop, features a variety of events and dinners and is used as a venue for special events. The course is open to the public and features an 18-hole disc golf course as well.

Hiking

Sugarite Canyon is chock-full of hiking trails! Eleven to be exact! Even close to town, you'll feel like you are miles into the wilderness in the beautiful scenery and wild life! Trails range from moderate to very difficult so check our local [Ramblin' Round Raton hiking guide](#) for trail maps and info.

If you'd rather stay closer to town Climax Canyon is perfect for you. The Climax Canyon trailhead is right off of downtown and offers easy and challenging hiking trails. The hike is very worth the vistas and view of our beautiful town.

Fishing

Raton's location makes it a prime location for fishing enthusiasts with many gorgeous and productive streams and lakes in our region.

Within a quick 15 minute drive from downtown Raton you can get to the two lakes in Sugarite Canyon State Park and a third in Colorado, Lake Dorothy. Keep a watchful eye on your drive up as there are always some turkey, deer or maybe a bear crossing the road!

Lake Malloya is a great spot for the family, with picnic areas, docks, and ADA fishing access. This is a great spot for experienced anglers and the grandkids.

Kayaking & SUP

Lake Malloya, In Sugarite Canyon is a superb place for kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. Lake Malloya is a no-wake lake and has some great coves for beginners to learn and is large enough for the more experienced to get a real workout.

Gear rental available from local businesses. See the business listings section.

Indoor Fun



Aquatic Center

The Raton Regional Aquatic Center is a state of the art aquatic facility located in the heart of Roundhouse Memorial Park in downtown Raton. With a variety of features there is something for everyone.

The Raton Regional Aquatic Center features:

- Kiddie Pool with slide
- Tunnel Slide
- Diving board
- Aqua climbing wall
- Variety of other water features

Shuler Theater

The historic Shuler Theater in downtown Raton, is a state landmark and remains the center for performing arts in northeastern New Mexico.

Very much worth a tour, the Shuler has preserved many of its original features including three of the original drop curtains. One depicts a Roman palace framed by elaborate draperies and another is the original fire curtain, depicting a scene from the Palisades of Cimarron against a background of American Indian motifs. The Shuler lobby is the permanent home to eight WPA murals dating to 1934 by artist Manville Chapman.

Raton Museum

Founded in 1939, the museum is located in Historic Downtown Raton at 108 S. 2nd Street. This museum has extensive exhibits of the history of Raton, including the coal mines, railroad and ranching. The museum also hosts many special events throughout the year.

This museum receives high marks from tourists for the quality of the curation and the wonderful tales spun by the Museum Director. The Raton Museum is truly a small town gem that is worth a stop.

Old Pass Gallery

The Old Pass Gallery is located in the heart of Raton's historic district on 1st Street. The gallery is housed in an old Wells Fargo station and next to our historic train station, with Amtrak service. The gallery has regular shows of local and regional artists and a gift shop with locally made goods and books by local authors.

No trip to Raton is complete without a trip to historic 1st Street and a stop in the Old Pass Gallery is a must.

Business District Map



KEY

- 1 Raton City Library
- 2 Raton Museum
- 3 Shuler Theater
- 4 El Raton Theater
- 5 Raton Regional Aquatic Center
- 6 Climax Canyon Nature Trail
- 7 KT Boundary Trail Parking
- 8 Goat Hill Scenic Overlook
- 9 Miners' Colfax Medical Center
- 10 Sugarite Canyon State Park
- 11 Raton Bus & Train Station



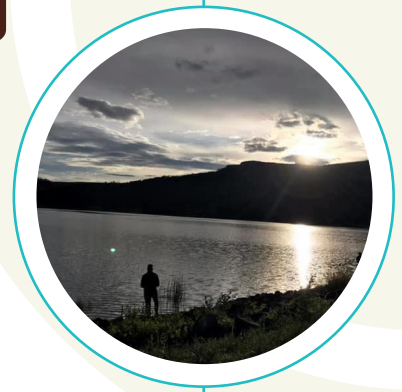
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YOUR PASS TO *quality living!*

What do we love most about Raton?

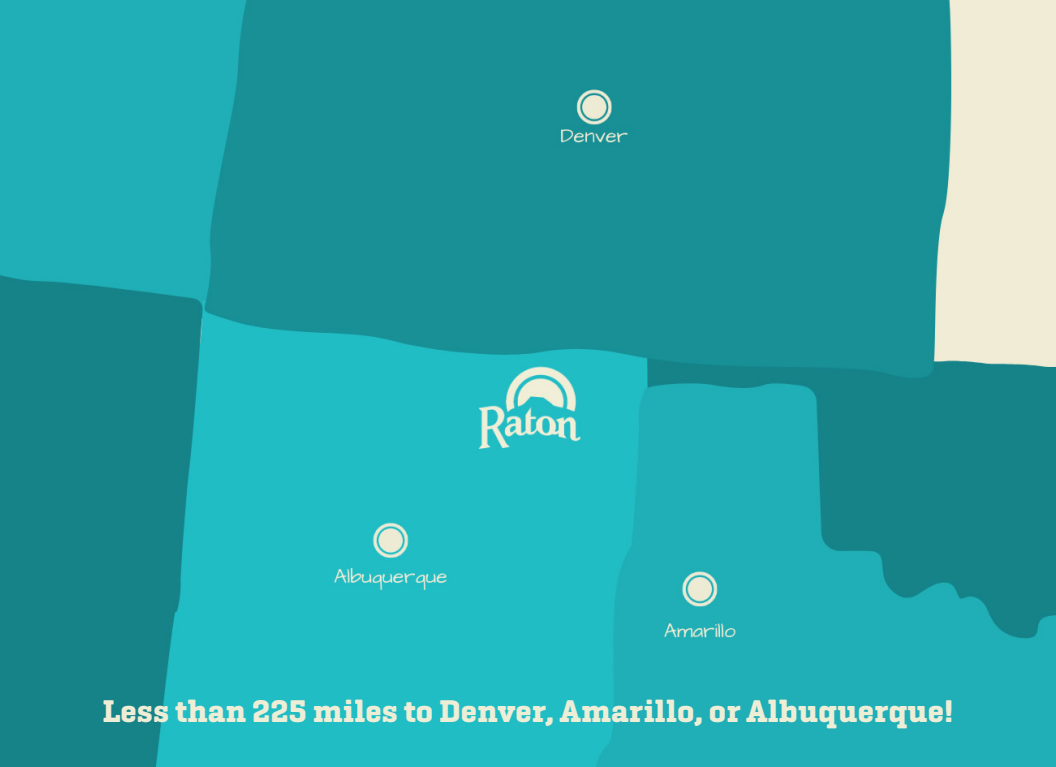
- “The whole enchilada!
- “The people, first and foremost.
- “Oh gosh, there is so much. I love the blue sky, the beautiful scenery, the mountains, and the WATER! Raton has the best drinking water!
- “It’s the real deal! Filled with charm and good folks.
- “Slow pace, kind people, climate, outdoor activities, low property taxes, gorgeous sunrises/sunsets, and starry nights.
- “The caring community that teaches out and gives to help neighbors in need.
- “Live performances at the Historic Shuler Theater!
- “Clean fresh air, mountains, not much traffic, affordable, nice people, nice places to hike and ride motorcycles.

“ *It's home!* ”





Nearby Communities



Less than 225 miles to Denver, Amarillo, or Albuquerque!

Maxwell, NM

Maxwell is located between Raton and Springer in Northeastern NM. Maxwell was established in 1879 as a railroad town and was named in honor of Lucien Maxwell, who provided the land for the original town site from his Maxwell Land Grant.

Maxwell has several lakes, two of which allow fishing. Lake 13 is on the wildlife refuge and is also available for primitive camping and Stubblefield Lake 10 miles west of Maxwell offers only fishing.

More info here about the sights and sounds to be found at the [Maxwell Wildlife Refuge](#).

Springer, NM

Springer once served as the Colfax County Seat from 1882 to 1897. Historic buildings worth exploring in Springer include the former County Courthouse which now houses the Santa Fe Trail Museum. Right down the street you'll find the Livery Stables, a building built of quarried stone in 1880 closed for several years, but is now open for scheduled tours.

Springer is also home to the Colfax County Fair Grounds and the weeklong fair in August.

Trinidad, CO

Sister city to Raton, Trinidad shares much of the fascinating history of our region. Several history museums, an artcar museum and a picturesque downtown, make Trinidad a fun stop for the family.

Raton and Trinidad will soon be a big jumping off point for hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders with the opening of Colorado's newest state park, Fishers Peak Ranch State Park. The park will be accessible from CO and NM and stands to be one of the largest outdoor recreation spots in all of CO and NM.

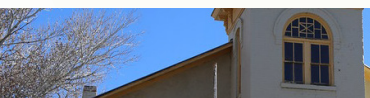
[More info about Trinidad](#)

Cimarron, NM

Cimarron—where the Rockies meet the plains. Untamed and wild, a long history of outlaws, western heroes and historical events give the town a unique and deep history.

For history buffs, Cimarron is a great place to dive into colorful western lore. For wilderness adventurers, Cimarron is the launch point for a dive into spectacular wilderness including such areas as the Valle Vidal.

[Learn more about Cimarron](#)



Nearby Communities (cont.)



Eagle Nest, NM

Part of the Enchanted Circle in Northeastern NM, Eagle Nest shares in the history of gunslingers, ghost towns and gold mining.

Eagle Nest Lake is 103 years old this year and is part of Eagle Nest State Park. This lake is often one of the hot spots for the best fishing in all of NM, growing some big trout and, if you're up for the challenge, some monster pike.

Eagle Nest is a good base camp to fish, hike and enjoy the beautiful Moreno Valley. Come and enjoy the lodges, restaurants, gift and specialty stores as well as musical events and local flavor.

Visit EagleNest.org for more info.

Angel Fire, NM

Angel Fire is a beautiful mountain town with a year-round population of about 1,200. In both winter and summer, Angel Fire draws tens of thousands of people to enjoy the clean mountain air and pristine views.

Angel Fire boasts a top notch ski resort, golf course, mountain bike circuit, year round events, art fairs, along with an excellent farmers market to give visitors many things to see and do!

Go to AngelFireFun.com to see what the area has to offer.

Red River, NM

Red River is nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the top of the Enchanted Circle. Though this tiny town has less than 500 permanent residents, it attracts tens of thousands of tourists to premier events such as the Memorial Day Bike Rally.

This little village hosts a fabulous ski resort and lots of summer attractions making it a year-round destination. Red River is well known for music events and new establishments, such as Red River Brewing Company. Red River offers what today's travelers want while honoring the town's rich past.

Visit RedRiver.org for more info.

Taos, NM

From Taos.org:

Long one of America's foremost, bona fide Art Colonies, Taos is also home to a world-class ski resort (Taos Ski Valley), a World Heritage Site (Taos Pueblo), one of the most photographed and iconic churches (St. Francisco de Asis), and a majestic landscape encompassing the Rocky Mountains and the Rio Grande Gorge (and its eponymous bridge).

Visitors come to New Mexico's Soul of the Southwest to experience rich spiritual traditions, fine art, distinctive cuisine, a thriving music scene and of course, the raw, natural beauty of the landscape. Discover your place faraway from the everyday in Taos, New Mexico.

Shopping Directory

SECOND HAND ANTIQUES

First Street Thrift Store

224 S 1st St
575.445.5778

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

401 S 4th St
575.447.9844

MCMC Auxillary Thrift Store

1180 S 2nd St

Heirloom Shop

132 S 1st St
575.445.8876

Flat Mountain Trading Co.

136 N 2nd St
575.303.7275

Candelario's Santa Fe Trail Mercado / Los Viejitos

600 Kiowa Ave
575.447.6014

SCORE

1189 S 2nd St

SOUVENIRS & GIFTS

All Seasons Gift Shop

1616 Cedar St
575.445.2950

Helen's Gift Shop

422 Clayton Rd
575.445.8774

Dancing Eagle Gifts

473 Clayton Rd
575.445.8501

KOA Gift Shop

1330 S 2nd St
575.445.3488

MCMC Auxillary Gift Shop

203 Hospital Dr

Buffalo Chip

144 S 1st St
575.445.7659

The Pack Rat

134 S 1st St
575.445.3242

Patchwork Phoenix

Specialty Shop
228 S 1st St
575.445.8000

Rose's Honeysuckle Station

119 Cook Ave
575.445.9080

The Solution

116 N 2nd St
575.445.9080

Dulces Encantados

138 S 1st St
575.383.0014

ART GALLERIES

Old Pass Gallery

145 S 1st St
575.445.2052

Little Bear Gallery & Frameworks

632 S 2nd St

WESTERN ATTIRE

Solano's Boot & Western Wear

101 S 2nd St
575.445.2632

Tractor Supply

101 York Canyon Rd
575.445.2018

SPORTING GOODS

High Desert Outdoors, Inc.

600 Kiowa Ave, Ste. C
575.445.7623

Raton Outdoors

123 Iron St
575.707.2120

Whittington Center Pro Shop

34025 US-64

THEATERS & CULTURAL ARTS

El Raton Theatre

115 N 2nd St
575.445.7623

Isabelle Castillo Performing Arts & Event Center

123 S 2nd St
575.445.7623

Shuler Theater

131 N 2nd St
575.445.4746

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mountain Pass Market

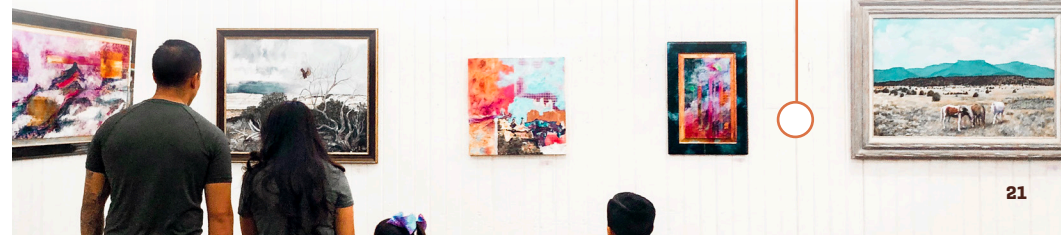
127 Cook Ave

Namaste Wellness Center

800 S 2nd St
575.222.1355

Next Level Nutrition

125 S 2nd St
575.495.5585



AMAZING CUISINE

New Mexico will always be famous for our green chile! Our small town offers a variety of restaurants from down home BBQ to Mexican.

Raton Restaurants Statuses

Dining Directory

111 Park

111 Park St
575.445.2219

Alphonso's Mexican Food

412 Clayton Rd
575.445.8022

Arby's

415 Clayton Rd
575.445.8078

The Art of Snacks

1117 S 2nd St
575.707.8020

Asian Buffet

1281 S 2nd St
575.445.9518

Bruno's Pizza and Wings

133 E Cook Ave
575.445.9512

Candeleros Food BBQ

247 E 8th St
575.707.2931

Casa Lemus Inn & Restaurant

350 Clayton RD
575.445.4024

Colfax Ale Cellar

215 S 2nd St
575.445.1111

Dead Eye Kitchen + Gate City Craft Bar

244 S 1st St
505.363.4858

Denny's

430 Clayton RD
575.445.1386

Domino's Pizza

129 Clayton RD
575.245.3030

El Matador

1012 S 2nd St
575.554.9575

Dulces Encantados

138 S 1st St
575.383.0014

Green Chili Grill @ JR's

1221 S 2nd St
575.445.3567

The Historic Ice House

945 S 2nd St
575.445.0003

K-Bob's Steakhouse

1228 S. 2nd St
575.445.2548

La Cosina Cafe

745 S 3rd St
575.445.9675

Los Chanquis

144 N 1st St
575.445.4644

McDonald's

542 Clayton RD
575.245.5569

Mulligan's

473 Clayton RD
575.445.8540

Oasis Restaurant

1445 S 2nd St
575.445.2221

Pappa's Sweet Shop

1201 S 2nd St
575.445.9811

Sonic

327 Clayton RD
575.445.9601

Subway

800 Clayton RD
575.445.9290

Realtor Directory

Home Associates, Inc

100 S 3rd St.
575.445.8477

Raton Realty

430 N 2nd St
575.642.9002

Realty One of New Mexico

1400 S 2nd St
575.707.1662

Quest Realty

632 S 2nd St
575.445.9035

Mesa View Realty

44 Black Mesa Rd
575.447.3589

Title Services

112 N 2nd St
575.445.3603

Enchanted Hills Mobile Homes

700 Washington St
575.445.8271



Utilities Directory

GAS

Raton Natural Gas Co.

1360 S 2nd St
575.445.3613

[Website](#)

INTERNET/TELEPHONE/CABLE

Baca Valley Telephone Co.

532 Broadway Ave
Des Moines, NM
575.445.2219

Century Link

344 Cook Ave
800.261.1691

Comcast

[Website](#)

LIGHT

Raton Public Service

334 N 2nd St
575.445.8723

[Website](#)

WATER

Raton Water Works

224 Savage Ave
575.445.3861

[Website](#)



Church Directory

Calvary Baptist Church
1345 Brilliant St
575.445.8143

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
2136 La Mesa Dr
575.445.0845

**Family Worship Center
- Assembly of God**
219 Kearney Ave
575.445.2593

First Baptist Church
236 S 3rd St
575.445.3571

First Christian Church
330 N 3rd St
575.445.3931

First Presbyterian Church
300 S 3rd St
575.4453514

First United Methodist Church
1501 S 4th St
575.445.3262

High Praise Ranch
35230 Highway Raton
575.483.5963

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
240 Rio Grande Ave
575.445.9884

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
316 Sagebrush Ln
575.445.2563

The Lighthouse
2156 La Mesa Dr
800.827.5167

Mesa Church
140 N 1st St
575.445.1045

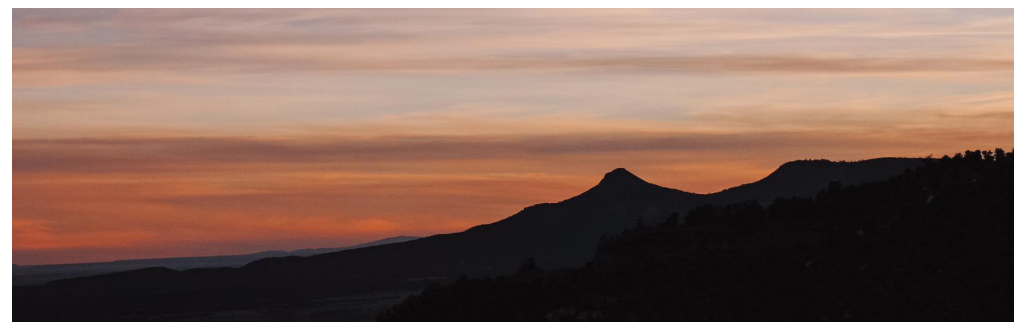
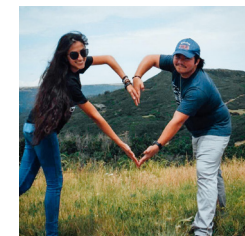
Raton Church of Christ
1101 Brilliant St
575.707.1662

Raton Seventh Day Adventist Church
1410 State St

**St. Patrick - St. Joseph Catholic
Church**
104 Buena Vista St
575.642.9763

Trinity Fellowship
2156 La Mesa Dr
575.445.0790

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