

Train Ride from Antonito to Osier, Colorado (37.7 miles)

You are about to take a journey through the spectacular mountains and valleys of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico on our 64-mile historic narrow gauge railroad line that was built in the late 1800s. The numbering of the mile markers are from the original network of train tracks that ran throughout this part of the country.



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Osier (318.4)

Before the railroad, Osier was a Toll station on the road from Conejos to Chama. It was once a small community with a store, rooming house for travelers, section house for railroad employees' families, depot, coal loading dock, covered turntable and cattle pens.

Phantom Curve (312.3)

Phantom Curve is named for the ghostly shapes and shadows seen in the locomotive headlight at night.

Sublette (306.6)

Sublette was home for the section gangs, the men who maintained the right-of-way—ties, ballast and rails. Bunk house for other workers, coal storage, water spout and speeder shed. During early railroad operations, the telegraph and trains were the only communication for folks living here.

Hangman's/Ferguson's Trestle (285.9)

Ferguson was a very bad guy in Antonito. Convicted for an unknown crime, he was hanged from this bridge by the local posse.

Whiplash Curve (297.0)

Interesting engineering, the Whiplash. Because steel wheels on steel rails slip on steep hills, the railroad must loop back on itself to gain altitude.

Lava Loop

Used for turning snowplows in the winter.

Lava Tank (291.5)

Sitting on a high mesa, Lava Tank once held water for the engines. Water was pumped from the river for below.

Garfield Monument (315.3)

Monument erected by railroad ticket agents dedicated to the memory of President James A. Garfield after his assassination in 1881.

Toltec Gorge (315.3)

You are 600 feet above the Rio de Los Pinos and 800 feet from the opposite rim of the gorge.

Rock Tunnel (315.2)

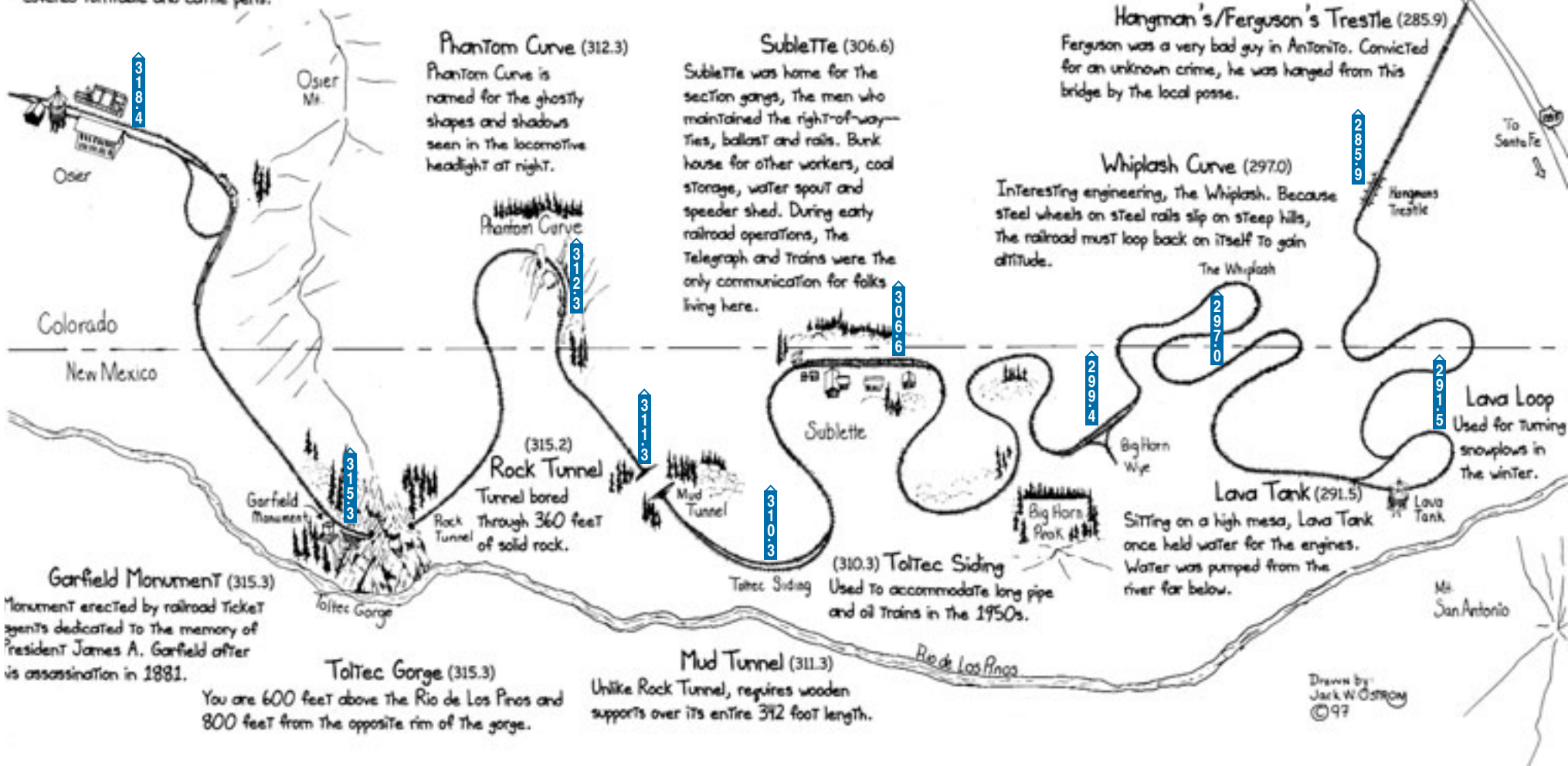
Tunnel bored through 360 feet of solid rock.

Mud Tunnel (311.3)

Unlike Rock Tunnel, requires wooden supports over its entire 312 foot length.

Toltec Siding (310.3)

Used to accommodate long pipe and oil trains in the 1950s.



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