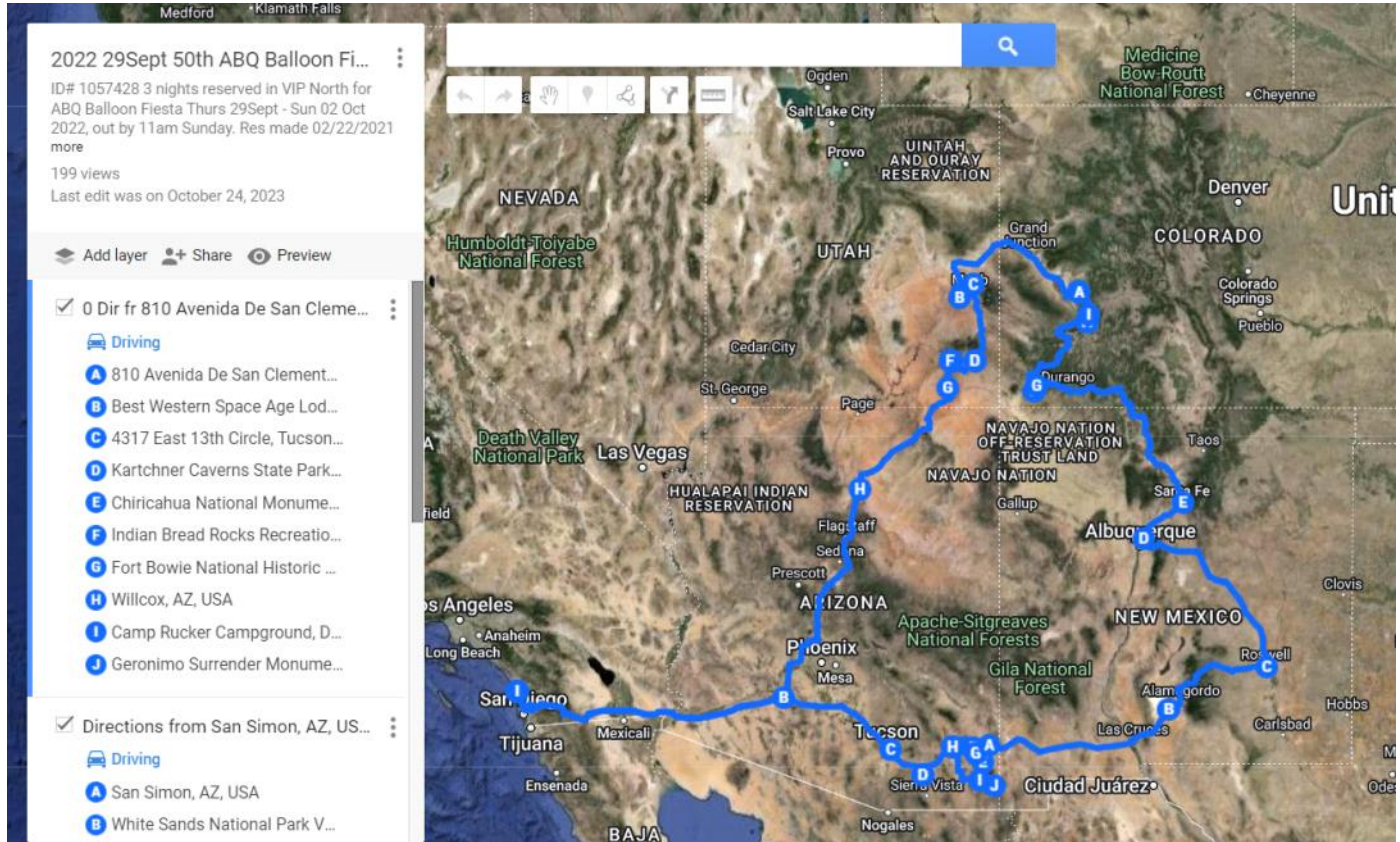


00 Map and Plans

Monday, June 10, 2024 7:17 AM

Finally get to camp at the Albuquerque ABQ International Balloon Fiesta, it was cancelled due to COVID in past.



24Sept - 09 Oct 2022 - Glen wants to visit Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

Summary

- 24 Sept Sat leave home, heading for Tucson AZ to stay at Paul & Ruth Ottley home - 432 miles, 7hours, by way of Space Age Restaurant, Gila Bend AZ
- 25 sept Sun Paul & Ruth tour us around Tucson, ?Tumerico for dinner
- 26 Sept Mon 18 172 miles head for Chiricahua National Monument, with stop at Kartchner Caverns State Park. It's full, so head for Indian Bread Rocks Rec Area - so glad our rig Vivian is self-contained
- 27 Sept Tues 118 miles to S. Chiricahua NM, by way of Wilcox/Cochise AZ
- 28 Sept Wed 391 miles to Roswell NM, by way of Lordsburg Rest Area, White Sands Visitor Center (adjacent to White Sands Missile Range - Trailer Village RV Park
- 29 Sept Thurs 98 miles visit International UFO Museum, Research Center & Gift Shop Roswell, Walmart Supercenter supplies, Penny's Diner, Vaughn NM for lunch, arrive ABQ Balloon Fiesta campground
- 30 Sept Fri - 02 Oct Sun 306 miles to Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe NM, then Morefield Campground, Mesa Verde National Park, CO
- 03-04 Mon-Tues explore Mesa Verde - Far View Lodge
- 05 Oct Wed 154 miles to Ridgway State Park, CO
- 06 Oct Thurs 15 miles to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
- 07 Oct Fri 243 miles to Dead Horse Point State Park - but its full - so on to Big Bend Campground, Moah UT
- 08 Oct Sat 309 miles 6 hr 45 min to Cameron Trading Post via Blanding Visitor's Center; Moki Dugway, Mexican Hat UT; Monument Valley Tribal Park Visitor Center, Oljato-Monument Valley AZ

09 Oct Sun 558 miles, 8hr 42min to home

01 Sat 10a on the road to Tucson - Paul & Ruth Ottley

Saturday, September 24, 2022 11:24 AM

Saw trolley at the new SDSU Snapdragon Stadium, on I-8 E, heading to Space Age Lodge in Gila Bend

Got USAA call back to me approaching Buchman Springs, Glen able to pull over & answer Jane's question on his already cancelled by them a few months ago.

Golden Acorn billboard said they have low fuel prices. Big sign on I&E flashed Diesel \$5.39

Tecate Crest ? 4041ft sign

SD County Line, Imperial CtyL, SD CtyL, ICtyL

Ocotillo on basin floor, Glen confirmed we met Mario & drove to Dos Cabezas water tower, then hike to Goat Canyon Trestle.

Glen comment, it's 103o outside now. Ocotillos look real healthy.

12:20p

looked up NAF El Centro

1:25p

Felicity

New Center of the World

nifty building N side of I8

I got to drive for hour while G had nap. Milage range said we get 5 miles past Gila Bend.

Several W bound trains

7 pumpkins pulling double stacked containers

3 pumpkins pulling, 2 pushing

Arrived & able to park in driveway. Hooked up power to run AC all night cause so hot

02 Sun 25Sept TusconAZ vege lunch in town

Sunday, September 25, 2022 4:48 AM

Paul & Ruth Ottley'e driveway w power cable to their home.

Send BRay of Paul when home. Ottley loves it!

He hasn't seen 1941, from Steven S, I mentioned our trip to find old bunkers in mountains outside LA. Also send Pixar's Thinking Red. Ruth or Paul asked me my fav Disney movie. I said this Chinese kid & Glen filled in the period part & pink panda. Glen suggests RED, Bruce Willis, John Malko ?

Paul also recommends the story Tracks: A Woman's 1700 Miles of Australia. I now have Kindle on my MM-K8

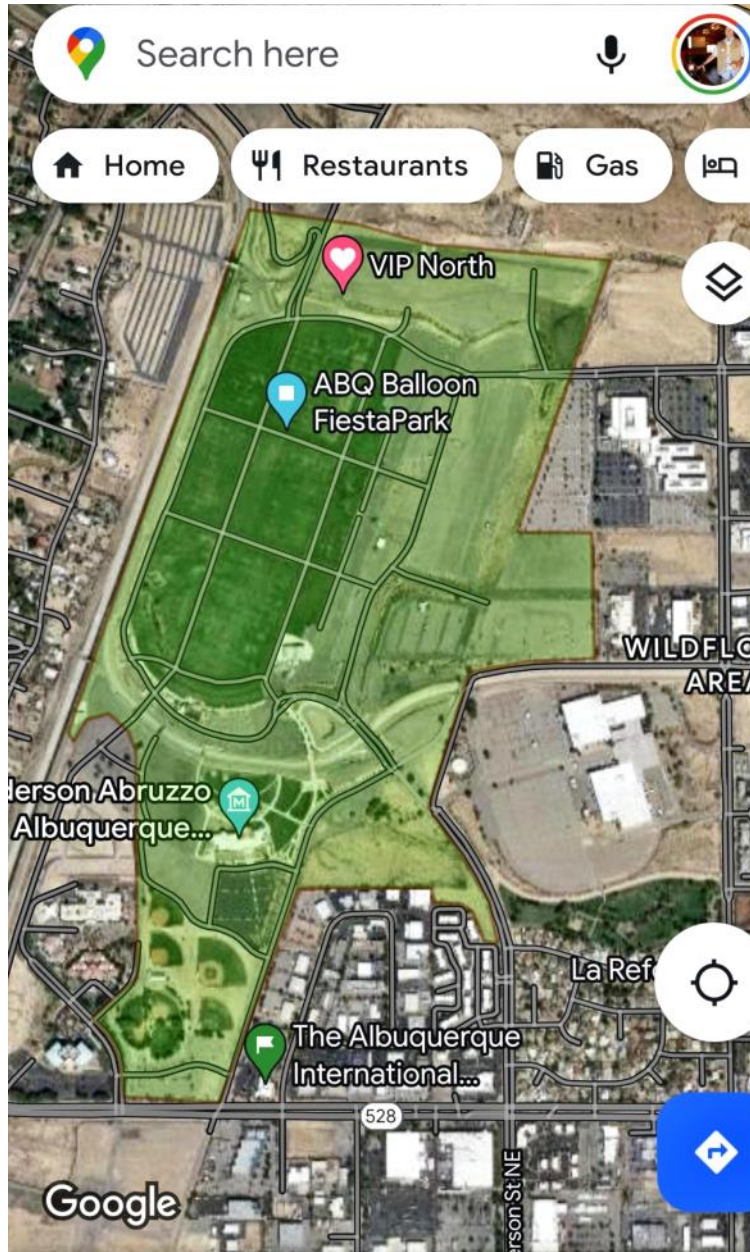
Lunch at vegetarian place was Great. Wendy knows her spices.

Now know Viv is 6'5" inside when Paul stood up.

Ruth born in El Paso, lived in (N of El Paso on I-25). She's a NM gal!

Looks like we're going to visit Kartchner Caverns on the way to Chiricahua NM

Shared this map of ABQ Balloon Fiesta Park w Ruth.



We shared my ARA-Z crackers, P&R liked a lot for dinner.

03 Mon 26Sep need Mon Chiricahua for 2 nights, became 1 night BLM Indian Bread Rocks Rec Area

Monday, September 26, 2022 7:03 AM

PaulO gave us a Buddha for the road. Ruth suggests put the tiny icon in w silverware drawer, when I was concerned about it getting lost in Viv

Chiricahua Ranger recognized my D23 button on Star Wars Galaxy Edge 2019 hat, he'd just been there too.

No possibility of camping here, but ranger recommended Indian Bread BLM site & how to get there on the dirt road that goes to Fort Bowie, remains

Brad Roth

Here's a great interview of Dahlia Lithwick

by Al Franken. Both informative and entertaining:

DAHLIA LITHWICK On Her Inspiring New Book – LADY JUSTICE

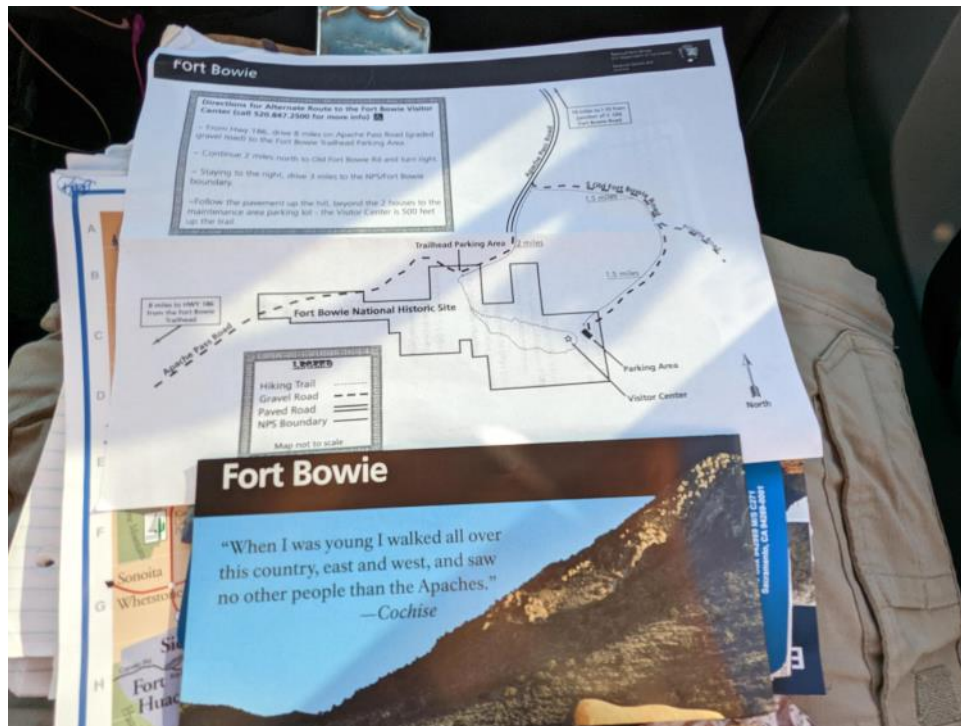
Sep 25, 2022 Lithwick profiles heroic women attorneys who stepped up to fight injustice and won!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMvMYNshp4M>

04 Tues 27Sep Fort Bowie, Willcox - French toast & fuel, Rucker Canyon on 74E, Camp Rucker USDA Forest Service for the night

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 12:48 PM

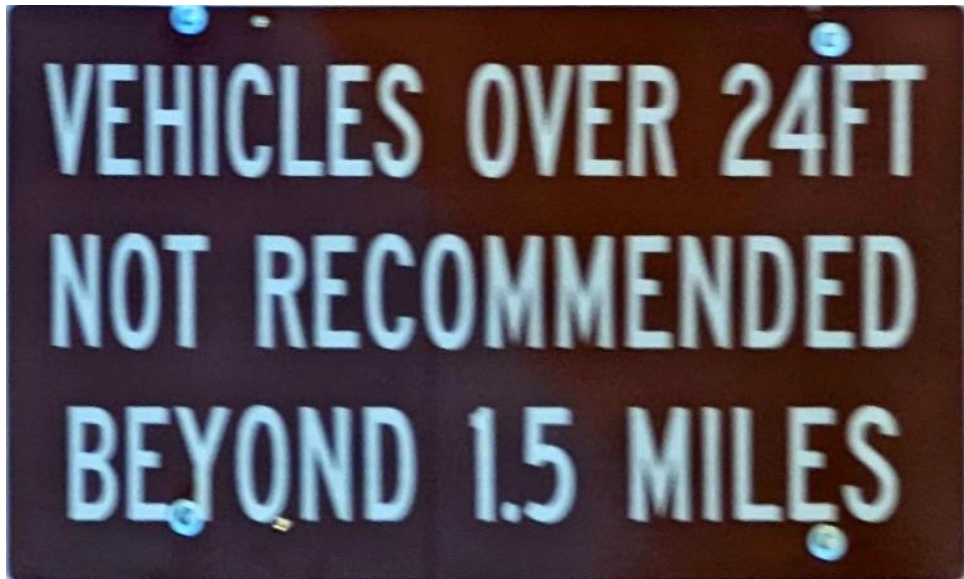
Handouts from ranger at Chiricahua Natl M VC yesterday, featuring handicap accessible route to Fort Bowie



Turn off from Apache Pass Trail



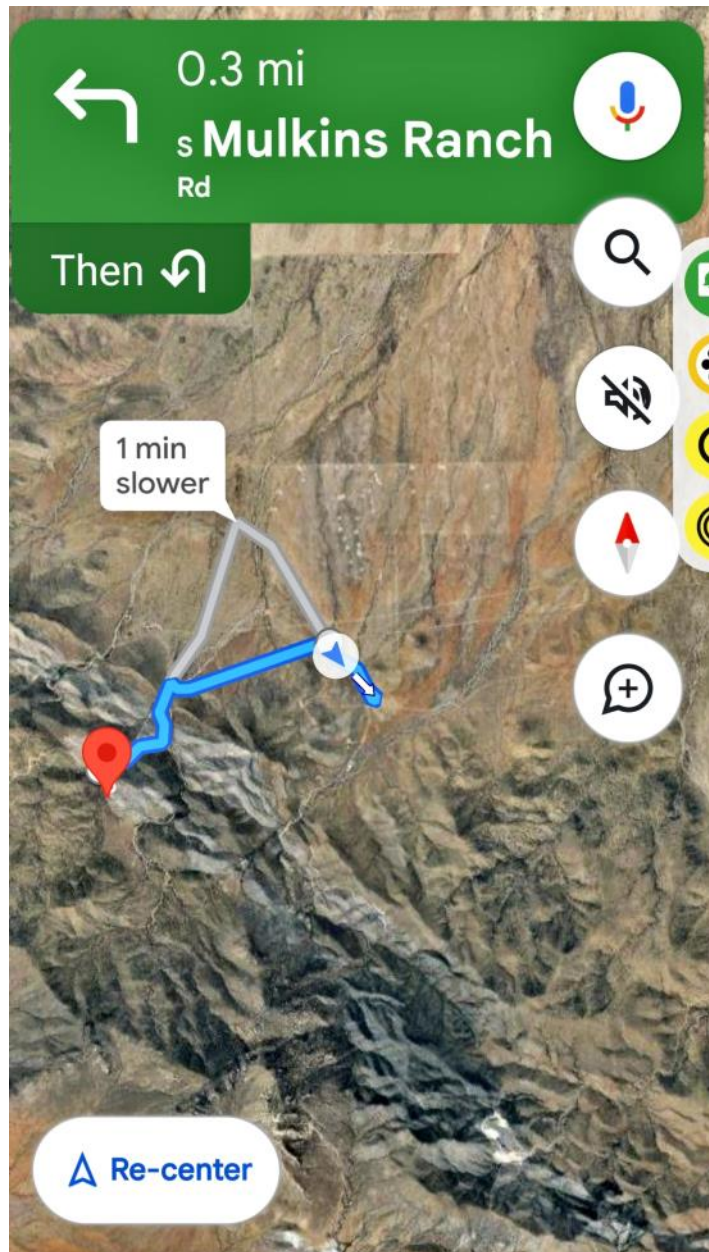
Luckily Vivian is exactly 24 ft



Found the VC & parking lot



Our route from BLM Indian Bread Rocks Rec Area towards Fort Bowie, scrcap. We are teaching Gmaps a new road.

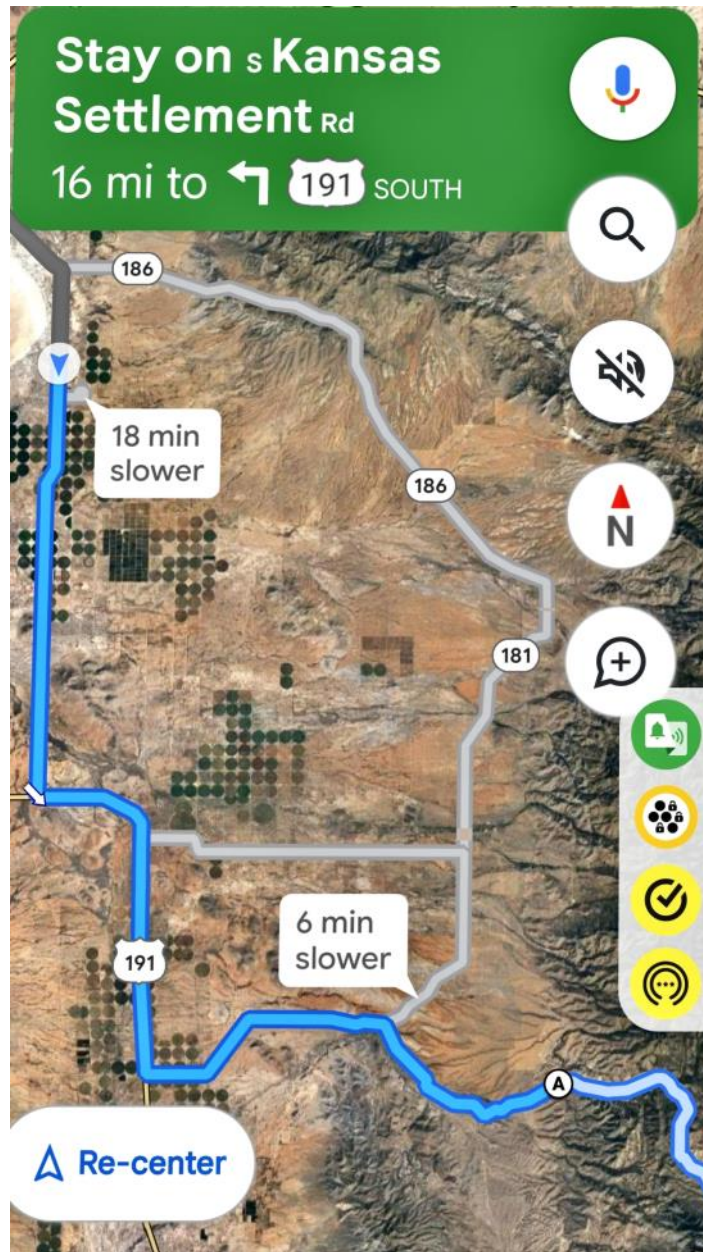


Willcox Stuffed French toast at Roadrunner Kafe, I had special order of Stuffed FT w pecans & caramel sauce, Glen had FT w Prickly pear sauce



<p>2 eggs, omelet with your choice of meats and cheese Add all the ingredients you like Meats \$1.25 each Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Gyro, Ranchero Pork Vegetables \$.75 each Onion, Green Pepper, Hatch Chiles, Mushrooms, Tomatoes Cheese \$1.00 each American, Cheddar, Pepper Jack, Feta</p>	<p>2 scrambled eggs and choice of cheese Add all the ingredients you like Meats \$1.25 each Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Ranchero Pork Vegetables \$.75 each Onion, Green Pepper, Banana Pepper, Mushrooms, Tomatoes Additional Cheese \$1.00</p>
<p>Stuffed French Toast \$9.00 Fresh Brioche bread stuffed with Prickly Pear and Cream Cheese <i>or</i> Maple Pecan Cream Cheese Lightly battered and fried</p>	<p>Pecan Cinnamon Roll Large fluffy roll topped with Caramel and a handful of Candied Pecans</p>
<p>Traditional French Toast Big slices of Brioche bread, battered and fried, dusted with powdered sugar and served with Maple Syrup One Slice \$3.00 Two Slices \$6.00</p>	<p>Pancakes 2 big fluffy pancakes served with Maple syrup One big fluffy pancake</p>
	<p>Sides Meats \$3.00 Two Slices Bacon, Sausage, Gyro, Ranchero Breads \$2.00 English Muffin, Brioche, Pita, Biscuit Potatoes \$3.00 Hashbrown Triangles or French Fries</p>
<p>Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions</p>	

Graded, gravel road, fairly good condition



No connectivity at Camp Rucker

12:30p at our camp site. Not quite official, right before road closed barrier on 74E

Lovely stream & breeze. We are next to a formal campfire ring



Glen made great dinner at 3:30p & in bed by 5p cause he was tired from long drive today.

Many hours driving washboard.

Indian Bread Rocks to Fort Bowie
FB to Willcox
W to Camp Rucker in the ?Rucker Canyon

Need to take 74 back to ?80

05 Tues 27Sep Rucker Cyn to Roswell

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:02 PM

GREAT camp in Coronado Forest. Will use Forest Rd 74 to get to 80. Vivian has good 4 wheel drive & "dualies".

Next to ignition key, on the left engage 4 wheel drive, on right now range gearing for VERY rugged rds.

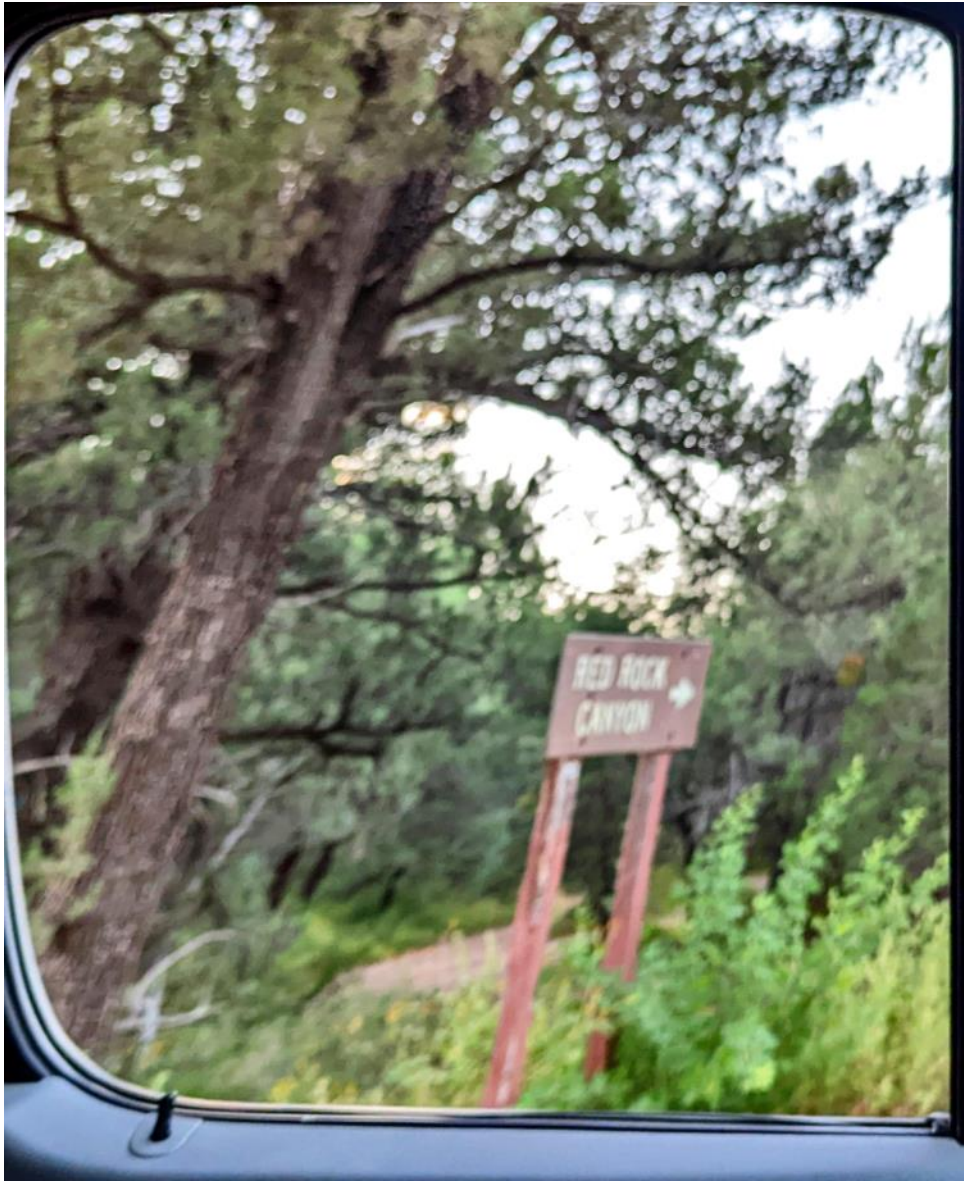
Note 61o & we're in 3, P R N 3



7:06a



6:20a on the road w coffee.



Glen really likes but no need to return

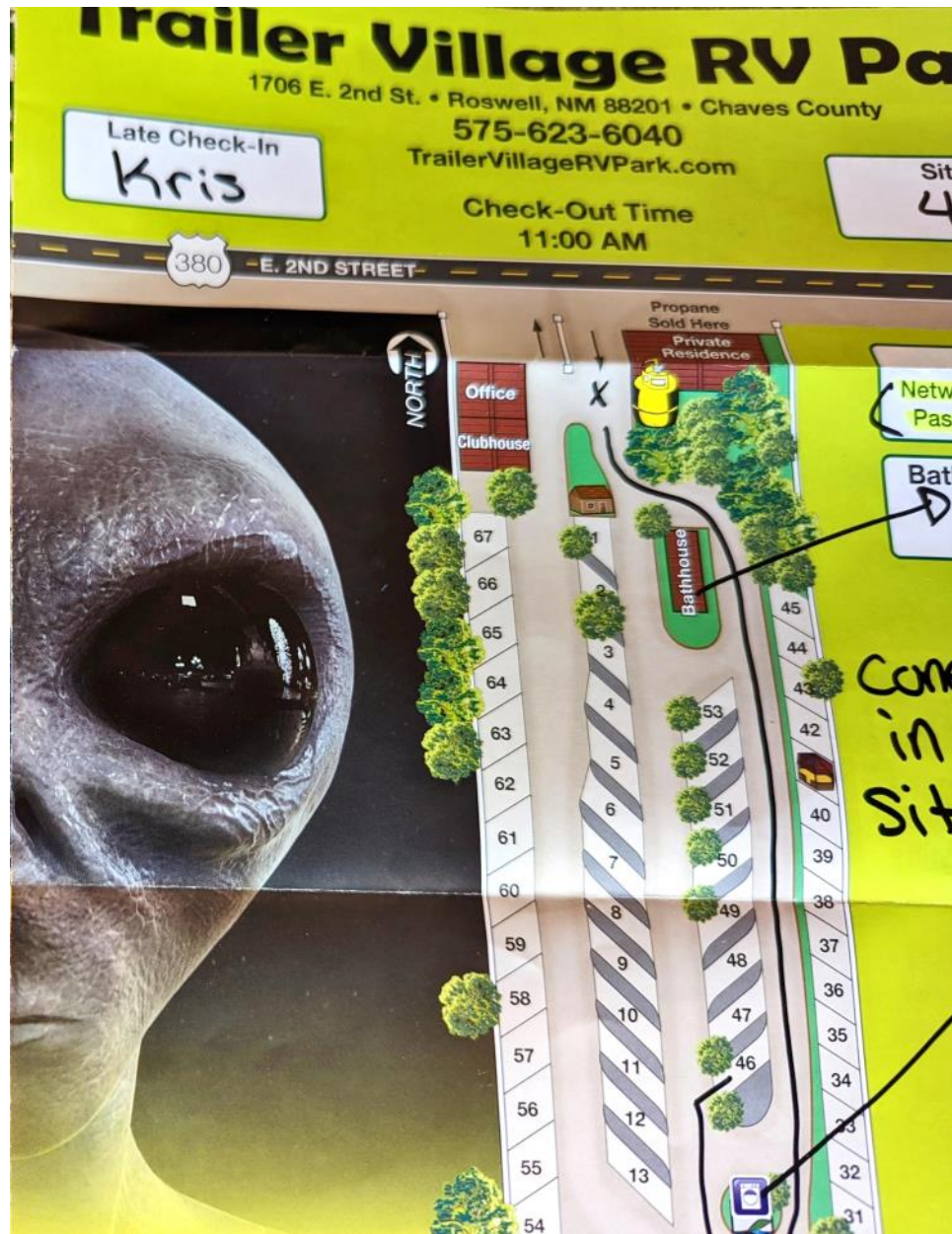
06 Wed Route from Rucker Canyon, washboard

Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:57 AM

07 Thur 29Sep Roswell & aliens to ABQ

Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:45 AM

Trailer Village RV Park, come crash with us, last night was great - lots of train horns thru the night

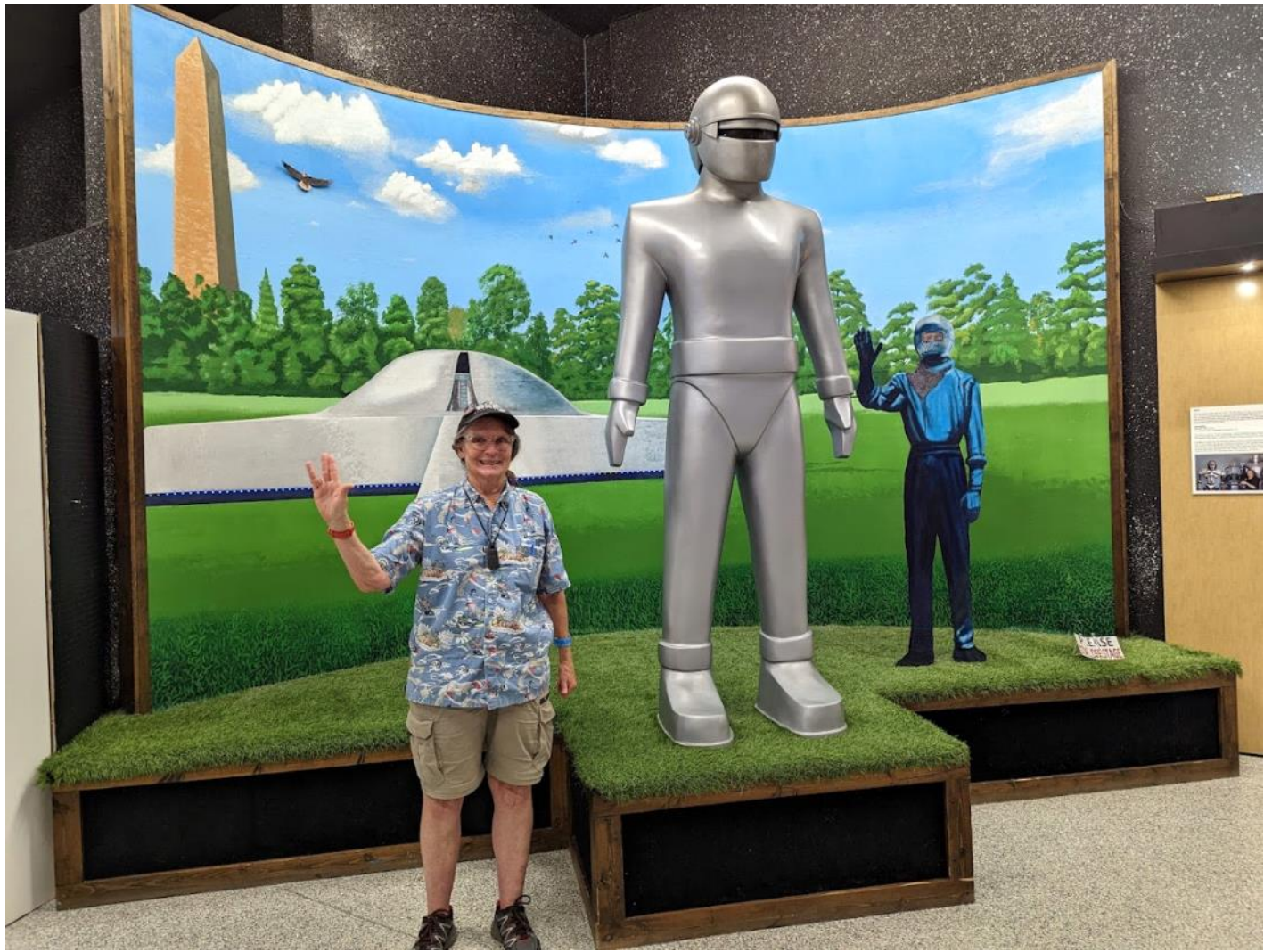


Walmart in Roswell for supplies. Vege, milk, replacement power cable from the fused loaner cord from Paulo.

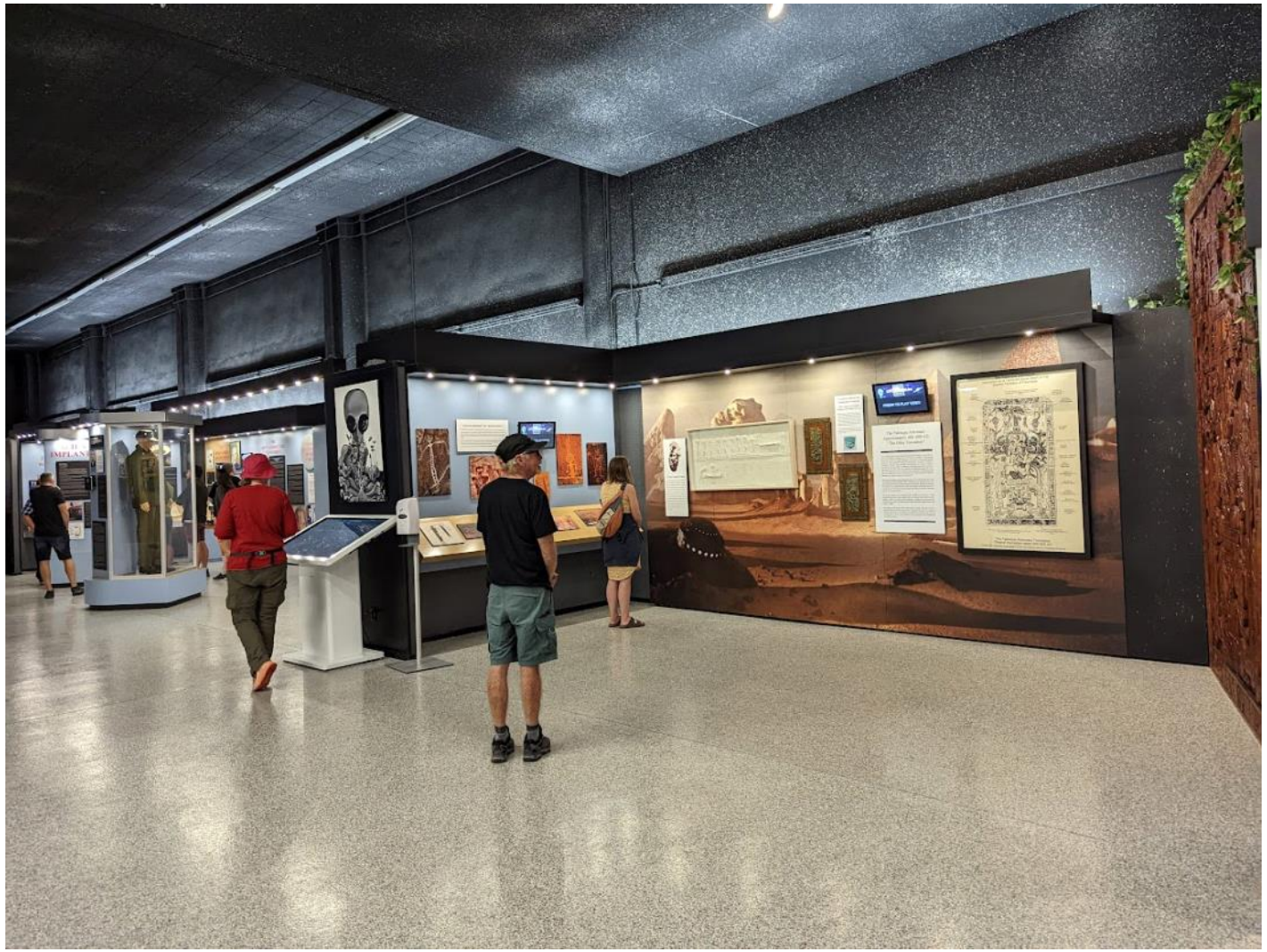
Visited the International UFO Museum and Research Center - 114 N Main St, Roswell NM 88203



Kris, Life Long and Prosper, and The Day the Earth Stood Still exhibit



Glen examining things



08 Thurs-Sat 30Sept - 02Oct ABQ 3 nights

Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:10 PM

Arrived Thurs well before 6:45p cut-off for entry, so checked in and escorted to our site ... among all those HUGE RVs. Turned out to be 100 yds from Red Gate 30 and even by Sat night no one parked in front of us.





Glen in the driver's seat





Yes, that's our rig, Vivian, among all the MUCH LARGER vehicles, with the Sandia Mountains



Fri am didn't expect much cause 50th ABQ Int'l Balloon Fiesta is 01-09 Oct.

But talking w ladies at Reg Tent for VIP North lot said there were launches every day since camp opened on ?Mon.

We got to see Mass Ascensions Sat & Sun, though Sun didn't get the Green flag til later.

09 Sun Mon 02-04 Oct Santa Fe Brewery, Loretto Chapel; Morefield Campgr Mesa Verde Nat'l Park 2 nights

Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:42 PM

Have reservations for 2 Morefield ADA Campgr at Mesa Verde National Park.

Mon

10 Sun Mon Tues Colorado 3 nights Mesa Verde

Monday, October 3, 2022 9:52 AM

Mon 1st day driving tour of Mesa Verde -;Ranger ? Pete gave us great suggestion of what would be visible for me & my MS.

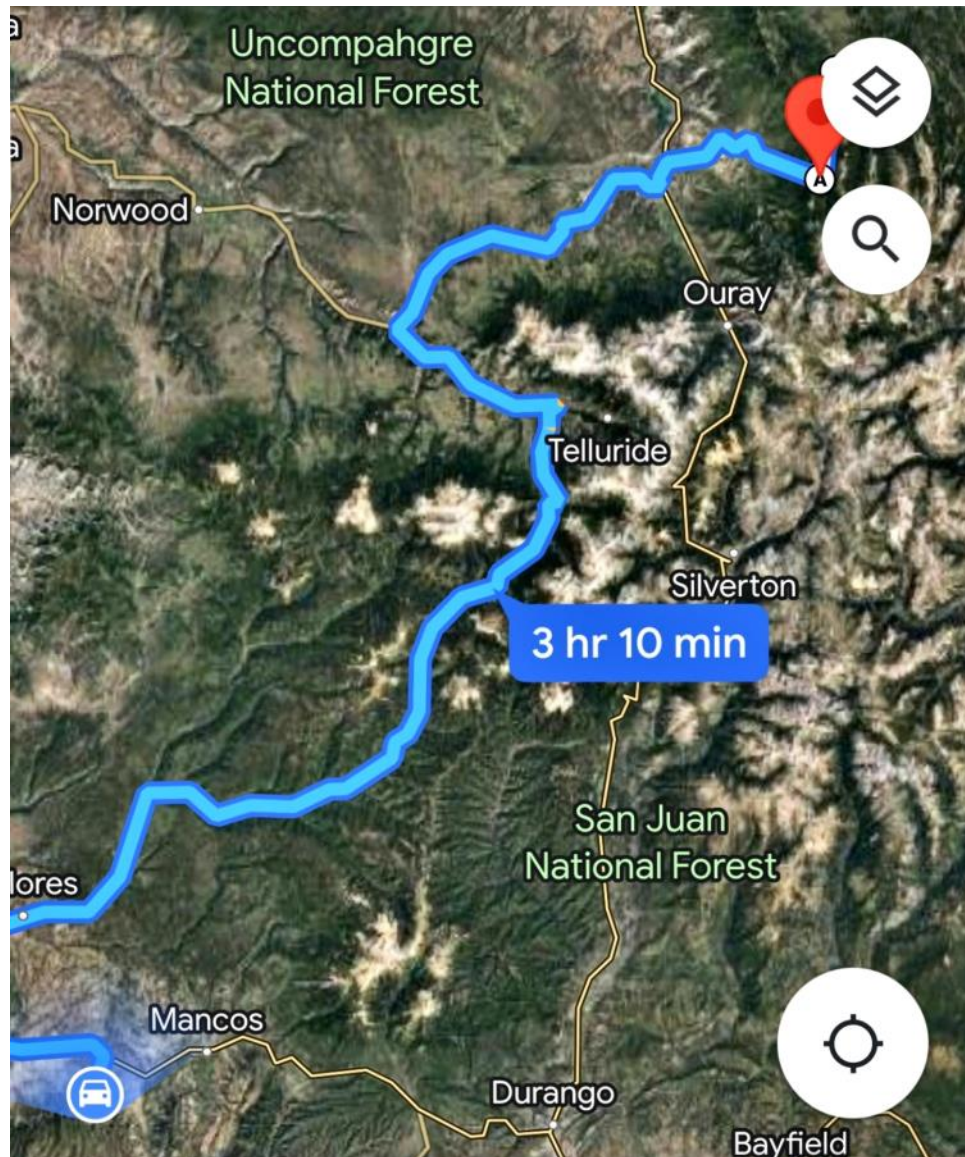
Great dinner at The Lounge - amazing to be able to see Mesa and the cracks, which my cam could zoom into & see structures.

Nice lady from Yreka had story & pics to share

11 Rest CO Oak Creek Pass, Big Cimarron Camp Wed; Black Cyn of the Gunnison Thurs

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:00 AM

After great 3 days at Mesa Verde, we push on to Glen's places: Oak Creek Pass for the colors of fall; Gunnison



12 Fri 07Oct Dead Horse Pt Utah full; ranger suggests GREAT MOAB site for us

Friday, October 7, 2022 1:12 PM

Left Black Canyon of the Gunnison CO 7:30a this am

Stopped at Thompson Springs Utah Welcome Ctr, pick up stuff. Had to ask the nice lady for Utah State map Glen also asked for a dispersed camping info & got nifty map.

Made it to Dead Horse Point State Park, by noon, but campground full. Purchased some stuff at VC & eventually about to speak to nice ranger lady. Have Glen a peint

2p great campsite, handicapped, at BLM Big Bend camp on Colorado R, North of Moab. Glen paid \$20 cause he didn't have my Access Card #, which says us \$10. Clint, BLM camp host dropped by & we had a nice chat, while Glen was napping.

Tried to Kenwood to play to Jensen TV. Have hard copy of user guide to each. Was successful couple of days ago using DVD Hitchcock "Lady Vanishes", which Glen picked up while doing laundry at Mesa Verde. Glen's going to send Doug & Deb Bankler when we get home.

Need to search all my OneNote Travel Logs, bet I wrote up the original instructions on how Vivian's AV system works cause I could even get HDMI from my notebook to play. That should have been equivalent to the Sony BRay / DVD player to work w discs.

13 Sat 08Oct2022 Moab exploring interesting roads on way home; then Cameron Trading for 1 night; get around Phoenix

Saturday, October 8, 2022 3:29 PM

Camped at BLM Big Bend camp last & it was great.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1igGITwQ3ssON0VxXJSxca6knGyl8QNA&ll=36.96412324094735%2C-110.07283550836813&z=13>

