

Mission: To provide an application and review process for residents to receive Historic Landmark designation by the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners, to increase awareness of historic and cultural heritage as embodied in these designated historic landmarks, to provide educational opportunities to increase public appreciation of the County's unique heritage, and to increase economic and financial benefits through heritage-tourism.



1st Annual

Historic Driving Tour

Bayfield Area

- Twelve structures have been designated to date
- Structures include the Old Ft. Lewis Campus, Florida Baptist Church and the Lower Spring Creek School House
- Designation is free, voluntary, and includes no regulatory restrictions
- All properties help celebrate the County's rich history and receive a bronze plaque



1) Pine River Heritage Museum — 11 W. Mill St.



Pine River Heritage Museum formerly the Bayfield Drug Store and Bayfield Town Hall among other commercial uses. Built in 1914, its style is typical of commercial buildings along developing main streets in rural Colorado. It is one-story, with a rectangular form, flat roof and constructed of ornamental concrete block. Located on a prominent corner, the building has been a place of commerce and gathering since its construction.

2) Columbine Ranger Station — 367 S. Pearl St.



The Columbine Ranger Station was constructed in 1937 as part of an effort to establish ranger headquarters in towns near the National Forests. Bayfield was already the headquarters of the Pine District, but was being run from the District Ranger's personal residence. The expanded headquarters included a combination workshop/garage, an office/administration building and a barn/garage. Later, in 1955, a ranger's dwelling was added and the existing buildings were remodeled or relocated.

3) Bayfield Rural School Houses — 660 S. East St.



The Lowell School District was formed in 1882. The only school in the district was located 6 miles north of Bayfield on CR 501 on land owned by an early rancher J.P. Lowell. The first school building burned down in May 1915, was rebuilt and then operated until the mid 1940's until a second fire forced the school to close.



The Pargin School was the single school in the Pargin School District formed in 1893. The school was located east of Bayfield on Hwy. 160 on land donated by the Pargin family. Upon consolidation of rural school districts around 1950 into the present day Bayfield 10 JT District, these School Houses were moved to their current location in Bayfield.

Saturday May 17, 2014

Suggested Itinerary

- ◇ 10:00 am Tour Begins at Pine River Heritage Museum
- ◇ 11:00 am Columbine Ranger Station
- ◇ 11:30 am Bayfield School Houses
- ◇ 12:00 pm Robbins Hospital*
- ◇ 12:30 pm Lunch on your own
- ◇ 1:00 pm Bayfield Cemetery**
- ◇ 1:30 pm Gem Village Rock Club*

Attendees are also invited to participate in the Bayfield Walking Tour at anytime. Additionally, the historic Spring Creek School House will be open for tours May 17-18 from 1-6 pm at Fox Fire Farms, 5513 CR 321, Ignacio.

*Denotes specified date and time for public to visit and observe a presentation of the site's historic significance.

**In the event there is a funeral service there will be no tour presentation and please do not enter the cemetery.

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4) Robbins Hospital — 8800 CR 521

Robbins Hospital was built in 1910 for Bayfield physician Dr. A.W. Robbins. The building had hot and cold water in all eleven patient rooms and the operating room. It was used as a hospital until the 1940's when it was converted to a residence. The hipped roof structure is constructed of poured concrete on the first floor and adobe brick on the second floor. The architectural style is late 19th and early 20th century American movement with symmetrical building massing and roof forms.



5) Bayfield Cemetery — 405 CR 501

The Bayfield Cemetery (aka Pine River Cemetery) dates back to its formation in 1883, 15 years before the Town of Bayfield was formed. A pioneer father in 1882 lost his teenage daughter and buried her on a hill overlooking the Pine River. To preserve her final resting place, he donated that piece of land to become a cemetery. Her grave is still located in a corner of what is now the Bayfield Cemetery.**

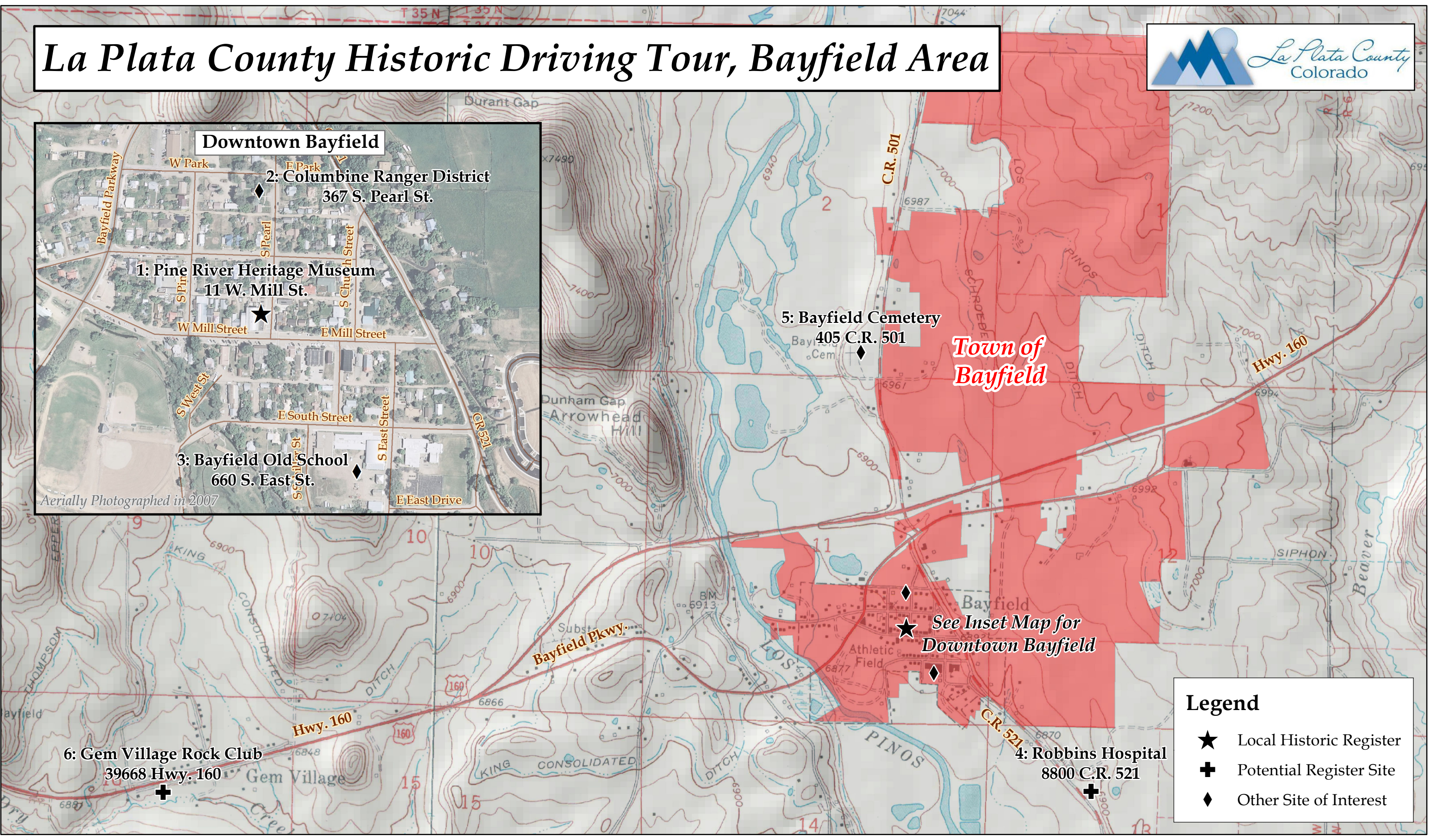
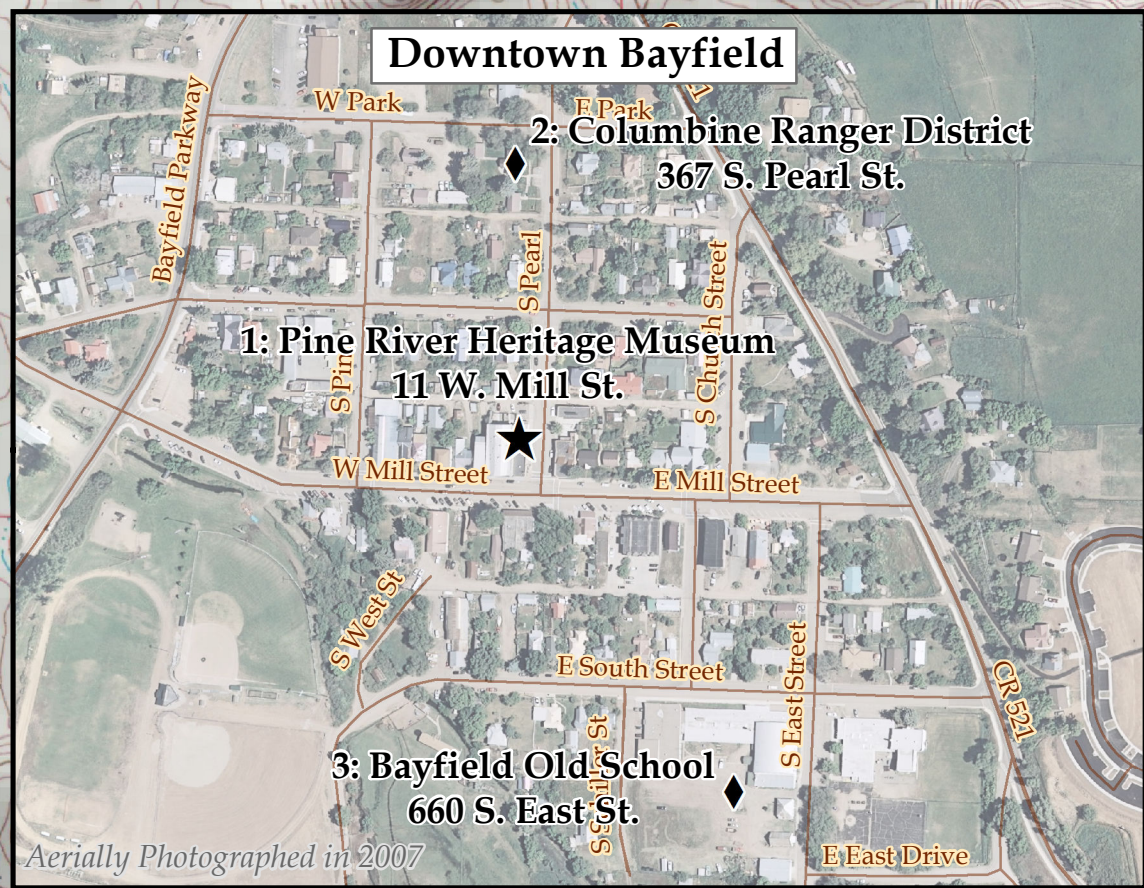


6) Gem Village Rock Club — 39668 Hwy 160

Gem Village Rock Club, more formally known as the Rock Club of the Navajo Trails Gem and Mineral Club constructed the building in 1954 as the clubhouse for the organization. It is positioned along US Hwy 160 to attract tourists and for 33 years was where the Rock Club hosted meetings and their annual Rock Show. Rock Club members donated materials and labor to build the wood log structure, with a tin roof and large stone chimney.



La Plata County Historic Driving Tour, Bayfield Area



Legend

- ★ Local Historic Register
- ⊕ Potential Register Site
- ◆ Other Site of Interest