

La Plata County

Historic Preservation Review Commission

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.



2nd Annual

Historic Driving Tour

Select Cemeteries of La Plata County

La Plata County

Register of Historic Places

- Thirteen sites 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 Cemetery

405 CR 501

Pine River Cemetery (aka Bayfield Cemetery) dates back to 1883, 15 years before the Town of Bayfield was formed. The Pine River Cemetery has served the Pine River Valley since early settlement and is still in use to the present. The first burial is believed to be Susan Dunham in 1882, but there is no surviving marker. The land was donated by Walter Dunham to preserve her final resting place on a hill overlooking the Pine River.



Saturday May 16, 2015

Suggested Itinerary*

- ◇ 10:00 am Orientation at Pine River Library, 395 Bayfield Ctr.
- ◇ 10:20 Pine River Cemetery
- ◇ 11:30 Florida Cemetery
- ◇ 12:30 Lunch on your own
- ◇ 1:00 Oxford Cemetery
- ◇ 2:00 Ignacio East Cemetery

Each stop will include a presentation of the local history and allot 20 min drive time to the next stop

For questions call (970) 382-6263

Learn more at <http://www.sjma.org/>

*In the event there is a funeral service at the cemetery there will be no tour presentation.

Disclaimer: La Plata County, including its officials, employees and agents, does not warrant the condition or safety of the properties and sites on this tour. By participating in this tour, participants agree to assume all risk, responsibility and liability for all actions taken on the properties and sites subject to this tour.

2) Florida Cemetery

2061 CR 225

Florida Cemetery was established on land donated by the Conway family. Many members of pioneer Pine River Valley families are buried in the Cemetery, including individuals from the McClure, Hood, and Hampton families. The first burial was Sefton Hampton in 1880. The Florida Cemetery Association cares for the Cemetery and oversees present-day burials.



3) Oxford Cemetery

4512 CR 311

Oxford Cemetery is located about 2 miles south of Oxford. The first burial in the Oxford Cemetery was Mrs. Hattie Maynes who died from influenza in 1917. Burials have continued over the years, primarily for individuals that lived in the general area. Today, burials occur but they are infrequent. Ten acres of land for the Cemetery were designated in the 1950s; it is cared for by the Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District.



4) Ignacio East Cemetery

9522 CR 321

Ignacio East Cemetery was established in 1911 when burials were relocated from an older Ignacio cemetery on the west side of town. Although a community cemetery, the majority of the burials in the cemetery are those of the Protestant faith. Community burials continue today and the Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District is responsible for the Cemetery.



Headstone



Pedestal Tomb



Plaque Marker



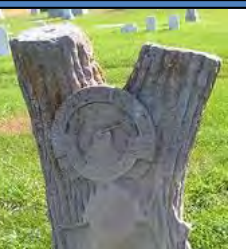
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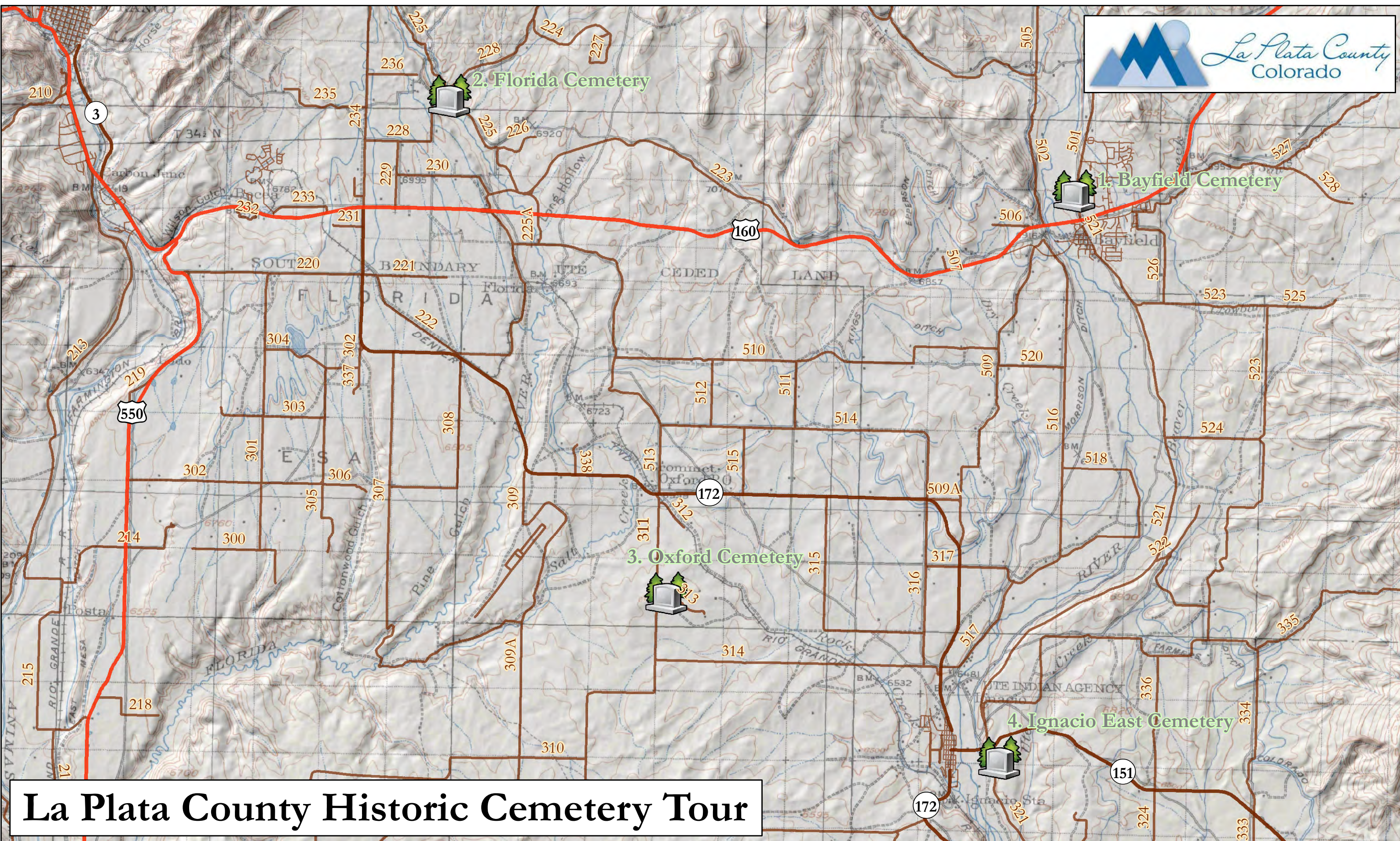
Die On Base



Die, Base & Cap



Woodmen of the World



La Plata County Historic Cemetery Tour