



# KIT CARSON

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## Taos New Mexico

Kit Carson, the great American scout, soldier and pioneer—whose deeds and exploits fill many history books—made his final home in Taos, New Mexico.

His house is now called the Kit Carson Home and Museum, and is one of the major attractions for the many thousands of visitors who come to Taos each year. His grave is in Kit Carson State Park, located not far from the museum.

The people of Taos and northern New Mexico are surrounded by the largest living memorial his country could set up in his name—The Carson National Forest visited and enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people each year.

### Centennial - Memorial Medal

In this, the Centennial-Memorial year of his death, a magnificent medal has been created in his honor.

Designed for the collector and as a keepsake of this Centennial-Memorial, the coin is 1½ inches in diameter. It is a strictly limited edition and available in two metals—solid sterling silver and oxidized solid bronze. The serially numbered silver edition, of which only 2,000 were minted, is issued at \$15.00 each. The bronze, of which only 20,000 were struck, is issued at \$1.50 each. If past performance is any criterion, this limited edition of a beautiful work of medallic art will be shown and displayed for years to come and the limited number struck will surely make them wanted by many more collectors than there are coins. These medals may be ordered by mail at their issue price from: Kit Carson Centennial-Memorial Medals, P. O. Box 565, Taos, New Mexico 87571. Add 35¢ to cover mailing and insurance costs.

## Taos, New Mexico

Taos is a unique place. It celebrated its 350th Anniversary in 1965 as one of the oldest communities in the United States. It has a rich heritage of 3 cultures—Indian, Spanish and Anglo. One of its greatest attractions to visitors is the Taos Indian Pueblo.

Located two miles from the center of town on a paved road, it is the largest, still occupied, multi-storied Indian Pueblo in the U.S., sitting against the magnificent background of Taos Mountain.

The Taos Indians live here, working their fields and raising their horses and cattle. They welcome respectful visitors to the Pueblo at any time during the day and especially at Fiesta and ceremonial dances.

The charm of the predominately Spanish-American architecture, with its vigas, portales and firewalls, along with the friendliness of the tri-cultured people of Taos, is long remembered by the visitor after he returns to his home.

## Rio Grande Gorge Bridge

Just recently another great visitor attraction was completed — the bridge which spans the mighty Rio Grande Gorge. To the visitor, this is an awe inspiring sight to behold. The bridge is one of the highest in the United States and is located just a few miles north on Highway 3—left on State Road 111 to the bridge. It is well worth seeing.

## Scenic Drive

Taos is the hub for the many scenic and exploratory drives along the roads leading to the magnificent mountains of this rich area.

There is a multitude of fishing streams, lakes and campsites for those who love to fish and explore. Taos is actually a gateway to the occupied pueblos along the Rio Grande Valley and to the ruin sites of the ancient peoples of the Southwest.

## Accommodations

Despite its old world charm—there are large, modern motels and lodges to accommodate the visitors to Taos. Many fine restaurants and shops feature the finest Indian jewelry, pottery, Taos Crafts, Southwest squaw-dress fashions and designer clothes — and all services are here in Taos, New Mexico.

## Art Colony

The Taos art colony was first begun at the turn of this century and has a large number of galleries which offer diversified styles of art.

Since its beginning, Taos has become world famous for the many note-worthy painters and artists who selected this jewel-like community with its magnificent mountain views and scenery to live and work in.

In Taos, the Harwood Foundation of the University of New Mexico shows a permanent collection of paintings of the early great artists of Taos.

Any further information on Taos and its lodgings may be requested from the Taos Chamber of Commerce, Taos, New Mexico.

**Any year is a good year to visit Taos.**

Plan a visit to Taos, New Mexico this Centennial-Memorial year of Kit Carson.



Kit Carson Home and Museum Taos, New Mexico



Kit and his favorite horse "Apache"

