

Tri-State Point, Union County, NM

Township 32N, Range 37E, Section 20

If you're looking to get off the beaten path on your next outdoor recreational excursion, point your compass northeasterly and make tracks to the Tri-State Point.

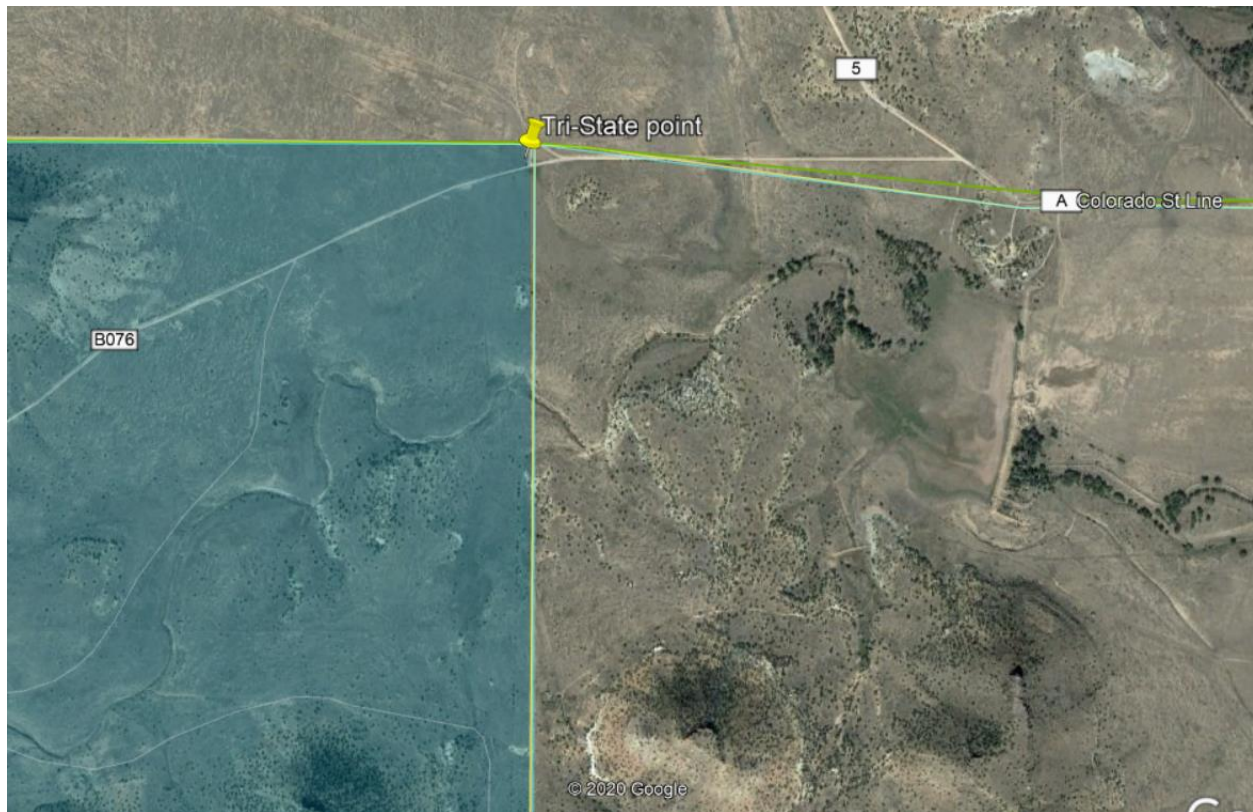
Although not as well-known as its northwesterly Four Corners counterpart – the nation's only confluence of four state boundaries, our Tri-State Point marks the spot where New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma converge, affording visitors with the fairly unique opportunity to be in three states at once.

Visitors can access the site through Oklahoma; simply head east on Kenton Highway (NM-456) to Whitley Road (BO76 on some maps) to the attraction point. Two-wheel drive vehicles are generally sufficient unless the roads are muddy. Visitors should bring typical day-hiking gear.

While you are in the area, visit other nearby recreation opportunities including Black Mesa Nature Preserve, Capulin National Monument, Clayton Lake State Park, the Comanche National Grassland, and the Oklahoma High Point trail. Nearby recreation sites on NM State Trust Land include Sierra Grande and the Mills Canyon bouldering area.

FUN FACTS:

- New Mexico's eastern border is located almost exactly 3° of longitude east of the capital, Santa Fe.
- The State of Colorado was once part of the unofficial "Territory of Jefferson" and both the State and the proposed Territory had the 37° latitude line as the southern border.
- Oklahoma is the only state to have borders on both the 37° and 36°30' latitude lines.
- The site features a small stone marker known as the Preston Marker, also known as a "trifinium", which sits at precisely 4,444 feet above sea level. It is one of only 62 trifinia found in the United States; it is one the 35 sites found on terra firma.



Things to Know:

- * Recreational users of State Trust Lands must have a recreational access permit to access these lands. You can apply for the permit here: <https://openforadventure.nmstatelands.org/>
- * Obey all postings/respect private property.
- * No digging for, collecting, or defacing cultural artifacts found anywhere on state trust land.
- * SLO operates under a multiple-use concept. Visitors may encounter other permitted users on-site.
- * We strongly recommend visitors to trust lands carry and utilize a GPS device to avoid trespassing on to lands not managed by the NMSLO.
- * Visitors are not allowed to manipulate any of the site's improvements and are prohibited from interfering with the ranching operations.
- * Please try to minimize your use footprint and pack out all trash. [Leave No Trace](#).
- * Please be attentive to weather reports. Storms can form quickly.
- * Pack appropriate clothing for the season. During spring, summer and fall, typical day-hiking gear is recommended.
- * Please be aware of prohibited activities under the [Recreational Access Permit](#).

For more information, please call 505-827-5760