

Historic Route 66 Patch

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Patch Program

Are you itching for adventure? Summer is ideal road trip time and where better to start than your own backyard? Buckle up and get ready to harness the spirit of adventure while learning about New Mexico's past as you travel a piece of America's Main Street!

To earn your Historic Route 66 Patch you must complete:

- **Daisies & Brownies:** Each activity with a * and one additional activity for each Discover, Connect, and Take action to total 5 activities.
- **Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors:** Each activity with a **, two additional activities for each Discover, Connect, and one or more Take Action to total 9 or more activities.



DISCOVER

- */** In what city does Historic Route 66 begin and in what city does it end? How many miles does it run, in total? What year/years was Route 66 used the most by travelers? What changed it from being a well traveled highway to not being as well traveled?
- Does Route 66 have any nicknames?
- Research Route 66 attractions in New Mexico and those outside of New Mexico. Have any of them been placed on a state or national historic register? Plan a road trip to see how many of those attractions you could visit.
- What movies, music, and/or shows are based on the idea of Route 66? What images and ideas are used to symbolize Route 66 and the culture surrounding it?
- Learn about highway sign shapes, colors and other important signs along our nation's highways.
- Compare Route 66 to another iconic travel route. What makes them similar or different? Would they both draw the same type of traveler? Which route would you prefer to travel and why?

CONNECT

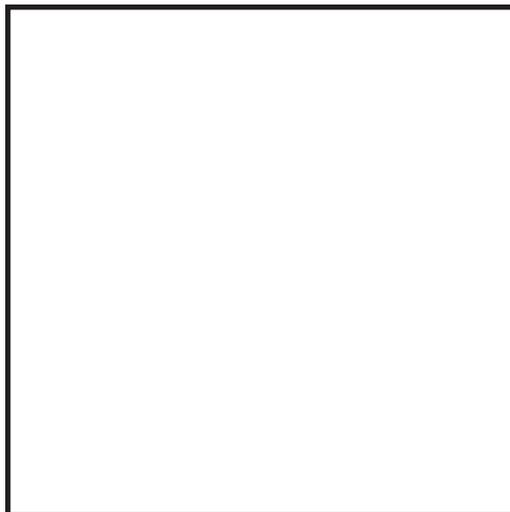
- * Route 66 runs through New Mexico. What cities does it go through? Draw a map of Historic Route 66 through New Mexico and include any notable attractions.
- ** Murals are a common sight on Route 66 stops. You will find them painted on the sides of buildings all up and down the Mother Road. Find two different examples as you explore Route 66. Why do you think the artists chose those locations to paint? What message do you think the artist was hoping to convey with their image? If you are able to see murals in person, take a photo of yourself/your troop/your family at the mural.
- Where along Route 66 in New Mexico would you like to visit? Plan to make a trip to that location with your family or Girl Scout troop. Take photos in front of your favorite spot.
- Many towns along Route 66 host vintage car shows. Find one to attend. See if you can identify

vehicles from the 1950s and 1960s. Take pictures of your favorites and share with your troop, family, and/or friends.

- Curios Shops and Trading Posts provided travelers with lots of one of a kind souvenirs. Visit a Route 66 Trading Post or Curios Shop and identify at least five items you would not be able to find at a more modern store. What is the most unusual item you found?
- Connect with your local library to see if they have any resources on Route 66, or see if there is a historic society in your community that might have additional resources.
- Compare a film, song, or show about Route 66 to news stories of events surrounding Route 66's hey day. What stays true in the story telling and what gets overlooked?
- Interview someone who has traveled Route 66. What was it like? Why did they choose that route? How do they think it was different in the past or will be in the future?

TAKE ACTION

- After visiting your favorite spots along Route 66 in New Mexico, was there anything you saw in that location that could be improved? If so, what improvements would you make? Do you or your Girl Scout troop have the capacity to make those improvements? Could those improvements be done as a High Award Project? Share with others your discoveries and any accomplishments you make towards those improvements.
- Find out more about the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program administered by the National Park Service. Contact them to see if there is a current service project in your area that you or your troop can help with. After providing community service, share your experience with your family and friends.
- Create some art (image, song, poem, sculpture, etc.) utilizing what you have learned about Route 66. Share your art and why you incorporated what you did in your art. Did the subject influence your choice of medium? If so, how?
- Design a new route. If you were asked to design a route to connect communities in a significant way, where would it go? What would it's theme or story be? Why should your design be chosen for the next iconic route? Share with GSNMT your new iconic route.
- Design your own Historic Route 66 patch. Draw a picture of a patch you think best represents what you've learned while earning your Historic Route 66 Patch and submit your drawing to customercare@nmgirlscouts.org.



Draw your patch design here.

Historic Route 66 patches can be ordered in La Tienda or at <https://bit.ly/LaTiendaRequests>.

Share your photos, designs, maps, and artwork with us at bit.ly/GSNMTPhotos.