

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.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual

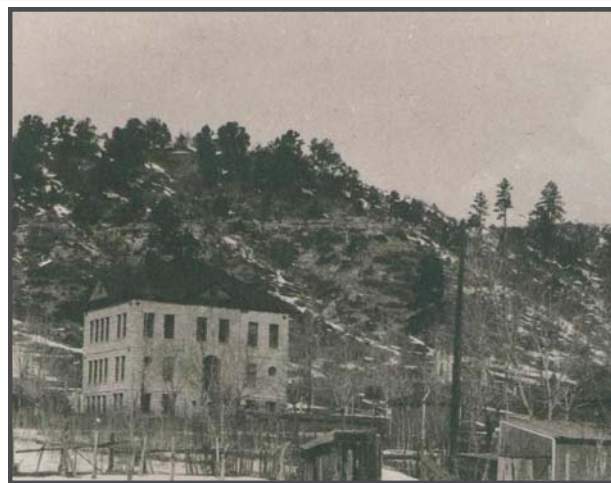


# Historic Driving Tour

## Hermosa History – Saturday May 20, 2017

La Plata County  
Register of Historic Places

- Fifteen 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 does not include regulatory restrictions
- All properties help celebrate the County's rich history and receive a bronze plaque



**1. 8:00 AM** Orientation at the Animas Museum – 3065 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Animas Valley & Hermosa settlement and prehistory. map orientation, and historic photos. Speakers: Museum welcome & Animas Valley prehistory by Mona Charles; Animas Valley history by Ruth Lambert.

Coffee and homemade pastries available for \$3.00.



**2. 9:30 AM** Hermosa Railroad Station and water tank – Intersection of North CR 203 and Hwy 550.  
Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, listed on the National Register. This location highlights 1882 station and standing water tank. Speaker: Jeff Ellingson, Railroad Historian.

Train to pass through at 9:45 am.



**3. 10:15 AM** Buchanan House with orchards – 367 CR 202  
1891 Victorian House with orchards, operated as farm for 50 years. Buchanan's were early Hermosa family. Included in 2008 County Survey of 100 Historic Resources (SLP8896). Speaker: Jill Seyfarth, Archaeologist & Historian

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#### Itinerary:

1. 8:00 am Animas Museum
2. 9:30 am Hermosa RR Station
3. 10:15 am Buchanan House
4. 11:00 am Kerr House
5. 12:00 pm Animas Valley Grange
6. 1:30 pm Hermosa Cemetery
7. 2:30 pm Honeyville Store

#### Note:

A \$ 9 lunch will be served by the Animas Valley Grange. **Please RSVP to 970-403-3862 or [deborah.paulson@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.paulson@gmail.com) by noon, May 16, 2017.**

You will be visiting private property, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG.**

Carpooling is encouraged.

#### 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.

**4. 11:00 AM** Kerr House — 8147 CR 203  
1884 home of Thomas Anderson Kerr, orchard and farmer in Hermosa. Now privately owned by Marie Roessler. Listed on the State & County Register (5LP4872). Speaker: Marie Roessler.



**5. 12:00 PM** Animas Valley Grange – 7271 CR 203  
1911 operating grange. Buffet lunch for purchase at grange with presentations on the history of the Animas Grange. Included in 2008 County Survey of 100 Historic Resources (5LP 8889). Speakers: Animas Valley Grangers.



**6. 1:30 PM** Hermosa Cemetery – adjacent to 33633 Hwy 550  
Earliest burials dates back to late 1890s, formally deeded in 1906. Burial place of numerous Hermosa pioneer families and is still in use today. Included in 2008 County Survey of 100 Historic Resources (5LP10655). Speakers: Ed Mead, Hermosa Cemetery Association & Ruth Lambert.



**7. 2:30 PM** Honeyville Store - 33633 Hwy 550  
Adjacent to Hermosa Cemetery, a family owned honey business since 1918. Presentation on honey business by Danny Culhane, owner.

Photos to be circulated: Animas Museum, Danny Culhane, Denver Public Library, La Plata County Survey, San Juan Mountains Association.



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