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# Explore the legend of Billy the Kid online

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LINCOLN, N.M. – The New Mexico Tourism Department has launched a Web site dedicated to [Billy the Kid](#).

The site has links to maps and tours in Billy the Kid territory, including a six-day itinerary, at [newmexico.org/billythekid](http://newmexico.org/billythekid).

State Tourism Secretary Michael Cerletti says the site is a travel experience unlike any other in New Mexico, where visitors can retrace the steps of the famous young outlaw and the sheriff credited with shooting him.

In addition to the southern New Mexico community of Lincoln, which each year puts on Old Lincoln Days, places featured on the travel Web site include Silver City, where you'll find markers noting the sites of Billy the Kid's boyhood home, one of the foster homes he lived in and the city jail, which he escaped by climbing up the chimney. His mother is buried nearby in Memory Lane Cemetery.

The outlaw was tried for murder in a courtroom that today is an art gallery and souvenir shop in La Mesilla, and the town's Gadsden Museum has his jail cell on display. In Lincoln, a circular stone tower still stands where Billy and others ambushed and killed the county sheriff and his deputy. His rifle, chaps and spurs are on display at the Billy the Kid Museum in Fort Sumner. He is buried in the Fort Sumner Military Cemetery.

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