

DM76cb -- North Truches Roadside Shelter

Site Description and Notes

Geographic Coordinates

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Latitude	36° 3' 29" N	36°03.47820'	36.05797
Longitude	-105° 48' 38" W	-105°48.63780'	-105.81063

Stats

- Ground Elevation 8,010' ASL
- Rio Arriba County, NM
- ARRL: NM Section, Rocky Mountain Division

Comments by Bill Schwantes, W7QQ - December, 2015

Accessing this site is pretty easy: You'll take the scenic high road to Taos. In Espanola, find Hwy 76, the high road to Taos. Follow Hwy 76 west to the famous little town of Chimayo. Continue on Hwy 76 north, climbing steadily through the villiages of Cordova and Truchas on a prominent east west ridge. Stay on Hwy 76 in Truchas by turning sharply north again. As the Hiway leaves Truches it descends toward the east into a canyon then curves back toward the west as it climbs the north side of the canyon. At the top of this canyon the road curves north again. The operating site is on the west side of the Hwy in a broad pullout marked by a roofed shelter on posts. It's a very large area suitable for a swarm of rovers.

I've operated there four times and was able to reach stations in Albuquerque and communities east of Albuquerque as well as Los Alimos on all bands 50 through 1296 with good signal strength. I've also worked a station in Grand Junction CO DM59 from there on 144 and 222. It's been excellent on 50 Mhz during band openings to the Pacific Northwest and Midwest. The site is quiet and has good takeoff angles in every direction except northeast.