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El Santuario de Chimayó, Chimayó, New Mexico

The Santuario at Chimayó is a very well-preserved and unrestored example of a small adobe pueblo church with superb original religious paintings. The low flat-roofed adobe church, set in a wall-enclosed garden, has two twin tapering front towers with belfries. The interior is notable for its original Spanish-Indian decorations--a heavy timber ceiling of closely spaced vigas (beams) supported on carved brackets and the simple plaster walls lined with a low painted dado and hung with numerous religious paintings. Behind the draped altar is a high reredos, decorated with painted conventional designs and religious symbols. The Santuario is still an active church and is open to visitors.

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THE SANTUARIO AT CHIMAYO, SANTA FE COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO

Boundaries of the Historic Site:

Approximately 6.42 acres of land in the shape of a rectangle, including El Santuario De Chimayo, starting at the southwest corner at latitude  $35^{\circ}59' 19''$  N. - longitude  $105^{\circ}55' W.$ , proceeding to the northwest about 700 feet to the northwest corner at lat.  $35^{\circ}59' 24''$  N. - longitude  $105^{\circ}55' 59''$  W., continuing to the northeast about 400 feet to the northeast corner at lat.  $35^{\circ}59' 27''$  N. - long.  $105^{\circ}55' 55''$  W., going southeast about 700 feet to the southeast corner at lat.  $35^{\circ}59' 22''$  N. - long.  $105^{\circ}55' 49''$  W., and then returning southwest about 400 feet to the beginning, the southwest corner. Precise boundaries, as described above, are recorded in red on a copy of U.S. Geological Survey Map: Cundiyo Quadrangle, New Mexico - Santa Fe County, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic), 1953, on file with the Branch of Historical Surveys, Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service.