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Dial M for Murray

Our villainous vehicle victimized a rough winged swallow on US 84 south of Pagosa Springs. We know he enjoyed it because he got 29.4 mpg from there to Abiquiu.

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The day started by leaving Durango on US 160, headed east. The weather was trying to clear.



Between Bayfield and Pagosa we passed Chimney Rock, a local landmark sacred to the Indians and shrouded in fog. The Indians don't call it Chimney Rock, they have Indian names for stuff.



Our destination was Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico. Ghost Ranch was the last residence of the artist Georgia O'Keefe. She lived in this shack, and that inspired her to get outside and paint.



This O'Keefe painting was probably done at Ghost Ranch.



The Presbyterian Church now owns Ghost Ranch because the O'Keefe estate sold it to someone who sold it to someone who sold it to someone who donated it to the church. The church holds retreats there (just what, exactly, is a retreat?). At any rate, they are kind enough to allow random visitors access to several trails. We stopped at Ghost Ranch and selected the Chimney Rock trail. Wow! Amazing! Another Chimney Rock! Well, not too amazing. There is at least one chimney rock in every state except Kansas, which lacks a tall enough rock to qualify.



It's a nice little hike of 3 miles and 600 ft. elevation gain. On the trail was a mix of hikers and Presbyterians who were retreating.



Chimney Rock (NM)



Taking a picture of way down from far up.



Way down from far up.



This is what happens when you ask your new acquaintances from Arkansas to take your picture.

We're in Raton tonight. It's all driving home from here...

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