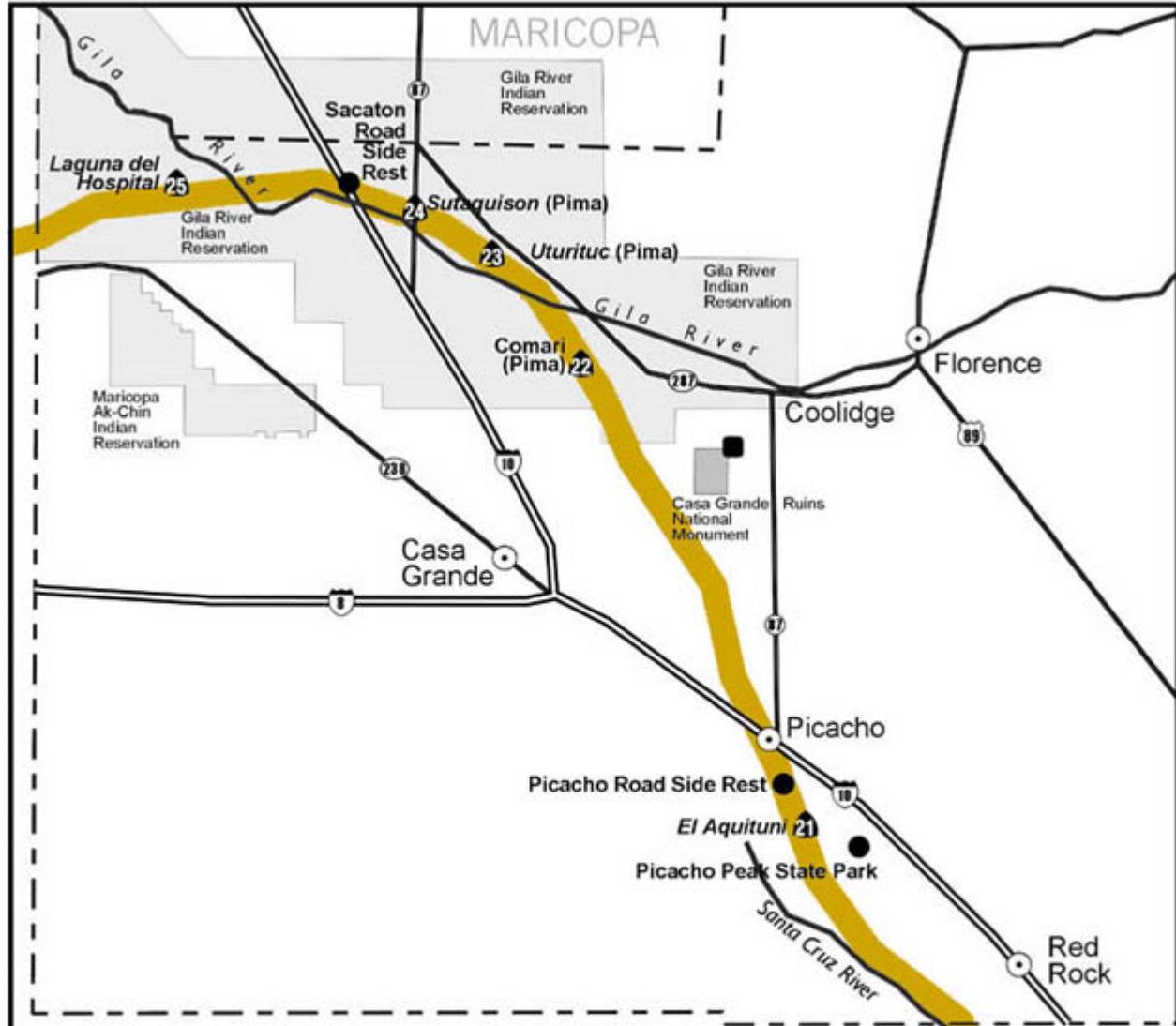


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Historic Route. The expedition followed the Santa Cruz River for several miles before turning north just past Picacho Peak to reach known sources of water. They visited the Pima Villages along the Gila River. After following the Gila for several miles through what is now the Gila River Indian Reservation, the route turned to the west, cutting off a bend in the Gila River.

Federal Components

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument (NPS)

Interpretive Sites

Picacho Peak State Park

Camp # 21, Picacho -- An ADOT roadside rest along I-10 near Picacho could provide interpretation.

Pima Villages at Sacaton roadside rest

Camps #22, 23, 24, 25 within the Gila River

Indian Reservation could be recognized by the Reservation

Recreational Trail

The Anza Trail is recognized in county plans. Potential for a bicycle trail exists along frontage roads. A walking and equestrian trail would depend upon the interest of the Gila River Indian Reservation.

Auto Route

Follows I-10 from Pima County to state highway 87 north to Coolidge and Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. From Casa Grande Ruins there are several choices to connect with state highway 238 east out of the county. Within Maricopa County, highway 238 becomes an earth road to Gila Bend. If this road is not passable year round, Interstate 8 may become the marked auto route from Casa Grande.

Agency/Organization Coordination

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society

City of Casa Grande

City of Sacaton

Gila River Indian Reservation

Landowners

Pinal County Planning Department

State of Arizona

- Department of Parks & Recreation
- Department of Transportation
- Game & Fish Department
- Office of Historic Preservation

US Fish & Wildlife Service
