

THE CHILI LINE



Climbing out of Santa Fe near today's Frank Ortiz Dog Park

Photo: Otto Perry, 1938, courtesy Denver Public Library

DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD, SANTA FE BRANCH

Narrow-gauge trains ran along this rail grade twice a day, one in each direction, from 1887-1941, except on Sundays. The "Chili Line" connected Santa Fe to Antonito, Colo., 122 miles to the north, and to the D&RG RR's vast network of rail lines throughout southwestern Colorado and Utah.



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1887-1941



Southbound Chili Line on the way back from Antonito
(Photo: Richard B. Jackson, 1940, Courtesy of Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, RD089-065)

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MILE 403

(as measured from Denver)

SANTA FE

UNION DEPOT

3 miles

Rio Grande

Chili Line to

BUCKMAN

19 miles

ESPAÑOLA

31 miles

TRES PIEDRAS

50 miles

ANTONITO, Colo.

122 miles

D&RG RR to

DENVER, Colo.

403 miles

See more Rails-to-Trails on the Chili Line west of La Tierra Trails,
on the El Camino Real Trail approaching Diablo Canyon,
and along the Rio Grande north of Buckman.