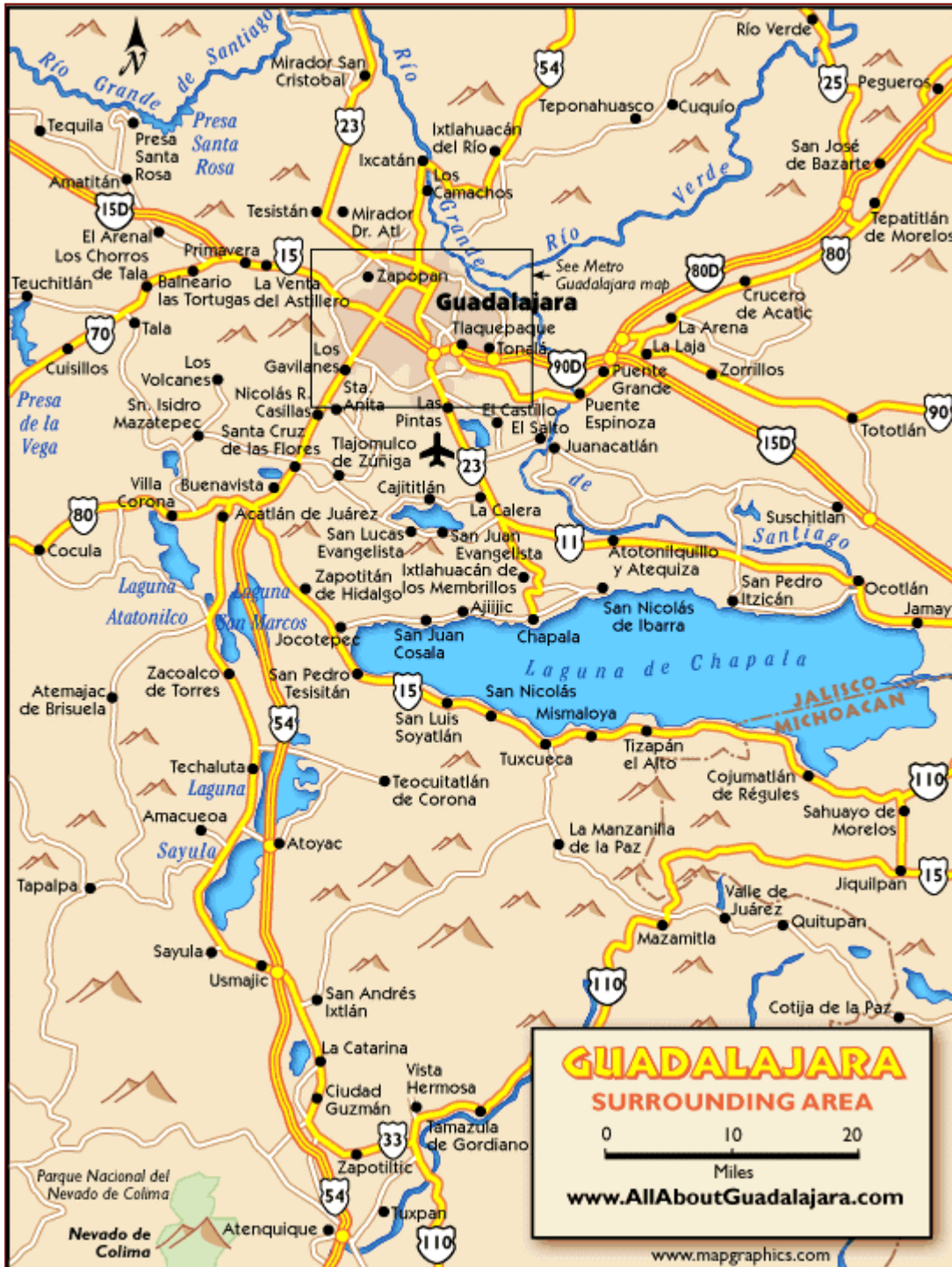
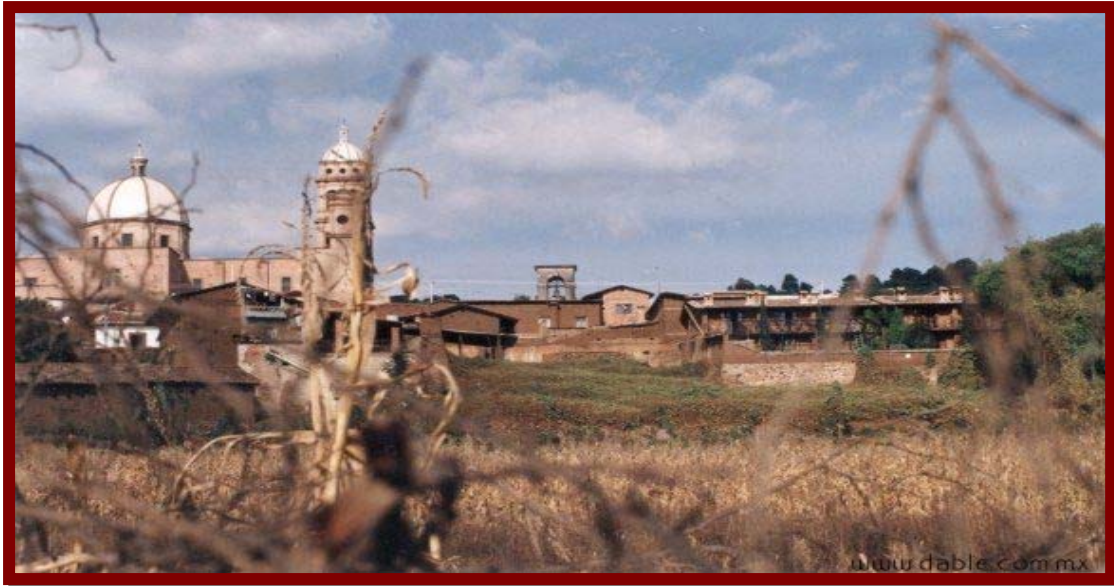


Guadalajara and Surroundings: Tapalpa and Nevado de Colima Field Trip Sites



Tapalpa



Tapalpa is a quaint alpine town south of Guadalajara with a pleasant cold-temperate climate. November weather is typically dry with temperatures ranging from 22 °C to 6 °C (max and min). Although the town is a weekend destination for many people, the pine forest surrounding the town is the base for an active lumber industry, and recently, for eco-tourism. It is an interesting place to see multiple use forest management and the threat posed by forest pests.

Elevation: 2,130 m (6,400 ft)

Location: Sierra Madre Occidental,
Mexico

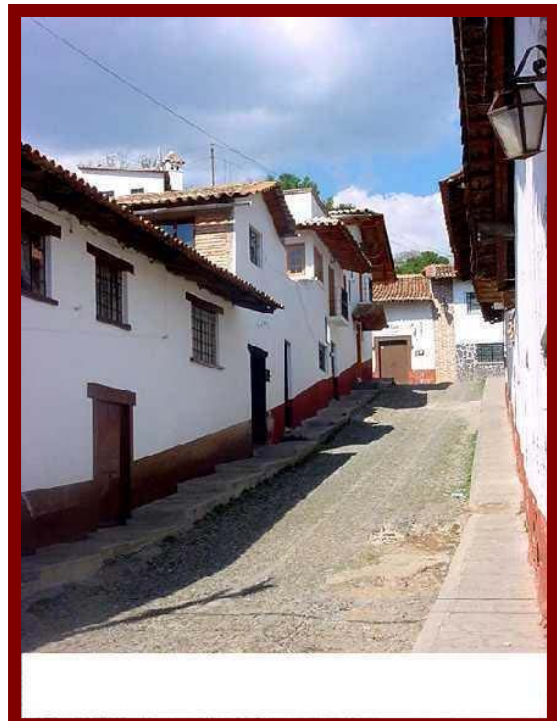
Latitude: 19°36'49" - 20°05'54" N
Longitude: 103°36'20" - 103°54'00" W

Distance from Guadalajara: 129 km

Average Temperature: 16.7°C

Vegetation: Pine forested

Population: 15,480



Nevado de Colima



Nevado de Colima is located along the borders of the States of Colima and Jalisco. Although the name of this mountain was given because of the snow accumulation it receives during the winter months, the elevational gradient from 1,200 to 4,450 meters above the sea level provides climates that support a gradient of pine-oak, pine-fir and subalpine pine vegetation types. It is an interesting place to see diverse vegetation as well as forest pest management activities.

Elevation: 4,450 m (14,600 ft)

Location: Sierra Madre Occidental, Mexico

Latitude: 19°34' N

Longitude: 103°36' W

Best Climbing Months: Nov.-April

Distance from Guadalajara: 165 km

Average Temperature: 10°C

Vegetation: Pine, oyamel, oak, alpine pastureland, thornless scrub

Surface: 9,600 ha

