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The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club
welcomes you to
The Santa Fe NM Capital Walk
An AVA Sanctioned Year-Round Event
that qualifies for
the AVA "Walking the USA - Capitals" Special Program

Walk through the NM State Capitol (when open) and other historic sites, including the Bataan Veterans Memorial, the famous Canyon Road with its art galleries, and St. Francis Cathedral. Santa Fe is the oldest state capital city in the U.S.! Walking options are 11 Km, 10 km or 5 km, all rated 1A. Note the elevation in Santa Fe is approximately 7,200 feet.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one-time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Driving Directions:

Follow I-25 Northbound from Albuquerque to Exit 284, NM-466 N/Old Pecos Trail. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto NM-466 N/Old Pecos Trail. After 1.6 miles, bear right at fork to continue on Old Pecos Trail. After another 1.6 miles, slight left to merge into Old Santa Fe Trail. After 0.3 miles, you will pass the State Capitol building on the left. The Start/Finish is on the right in the next block at the entrance to the Santa Fe Visitor Information Center, 491 Old Santa Fe Trail.

Follow I-25 Southbound from Pecos to Exit 284, NM-466 N/ Old Pecos Trail, merge right at the end of the exit ramp. Continue as above.

Parking:

The parking lot adjacent to the Visitor Information Center is mostly limited to government employees and customers from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. A few spaces closest to the Visitor Information Center are available to visitors for 30 minutes. Unless you are walking on a weekend or government holiday, you may want to park and begin elsewhere along the walking trail. See the 10K and 5K maps.

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Overhead View of Exact Location of Start/Finish at Santa Fe Visitor Information Center, back of 413 Old Santa Fe Trail, GPS Coordinates: 35.68296, -105.93768, across from the NM Capitol Roundhouse, 491 Old Santa Fe Trail.

Restrooms:

The Visitor Information Center is currently closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrooms may be open to the public at restaurants, stores, or points of interest along the walk.

1. Exiting the Visitor Information Center, **RIGHT** on the walkway in front of the center.
2. **RIGHT** along the edge of the parking lot, passing the Handicap parking spaces.
3. **RIGHT** on the next sidewalk along the driveway, following it as it curves to the crosswalk.
4. **CROSS** Old Santa Fe Trail (unmarked) at the crosswalk.
5. **LEFT** on the sidewalk to the broad double walkway at the New Mexico State Capitol (known as the Roundhouse).
6. **RIGHT** on the walkway and straight ahead through the Capitol exiting on the far side, then down the steps to the sidewalk. (If the Capitol is closed, proceed around the north side of the building to the steps and the sidewalk.)
7. **RIGHT** on Don Gaspar Ave. (unmarked) to the crosswalk.
8. **LEFT** across Don Gaspar Ave. Note the Bataan Memorial with its eternal flame.
9. **RIGHT** 1 block on Don Gaspar Ave. passing the Bataan Memorial Building (formerly the State Capitol) on your left. The Capitol North (former State Library) is to your right.
10. At the next crosswalk, **RIGHT to re-CROSS** Don Gaspar Ave. (E De Vargas St.).
11. **PROCEED** 1 block on De Vargas St. past the New Mexico Supreme Court Building on the left. In Spanish Colonial days, the area along this street was the Barrio de Analco, housing Tlaxcalteca Indian servants from Mexico, although none of the current buildings date to that era.
12. **LEFT** 2 blocks on Old Santa Fe Trail, across the Santa Fe River and past the Inn and Spa at Loretto, and the Loretto Chapel with its "miraculous staircase."
13. **LEFT** 1 short block on Water St.
14. **RIGHT** 1 block on Shelby St./Old Santa Fe Trail. passing La Fonda on the Plaza, a former Harvey House on the Santa Fe Railway. It is the oldest hotel in Santa Fe.

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15. **LEFT** 3 blocks on the left side of San Francisco St. The Santa Fe Plaza is on your right. This historic plaza was the end of the 1600-mile Camino Real (Royal Road) from Mexico City, the end of the 900 mile Santa Fe Trail from Missouri, and the beginning of the 700 mile Old Spanish Trail terminating in Los Angeles.

16. **CP: What is the date on the Billy the Kid plaque at 208 W. San Francisco Street?**

17. **CROSS** San Francisco St. at Sandoval Street, turn around and reverse directions heading up San Francisco St. again.

18. **LEFT** into Burro Alley. In times past, vendors would haul firewood to the alley to sell to customers. Note the sculpture of the burro, and the murals.

19. **RIGHT** on Palace Ave. a short distance.

20. **LEFT** on Grant Ave. at the crosswalk. Note the First Presbyterian Church and the Sweeney Convention Center as you walk along Grant Ave.

21. **Pass** Peralta Park on the right and the statue of Don Pedro de Peralta, founder of Santa Fe.

22. **RIGHT** 1.5 blocks on Paseo de Peralta.

23. **RIGHT** through the black wrought iron gate of the Greek Revival style U.S. Courthouse, walking around the left of the courthouse through the park and exiting through the next set of black wrought iron gates.

24. **RIGHT** 1/2 block on unmarked Federal Place to the crosswalk, passing the Kit Carson Memorial obelisk on your right.

25. **LEFT** at the crosswalk on Lincoln Ave. passing the Santa Fe City Hall. Note the statue of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe's Patron saint at the next corner.

26. **LEFT** 2 blocks on Marcy St.

27. **LEFT** 2 blocks on Otero St.

28. **RIGHT** 1/2 block on Paseo de Peralta to a point opposite the commemorative walkway in Hillside Park leading to the Cross of the Martyrs.

29. **11 KM OPTION:** Carefully cross Paseo de Peralta to the steps, and proceed up to the cross. The 20 plaques of Santa Fe history, and the views are impressive. (Old Fort Marcy Ruins are at the top of the hill; not part of the 11 km.) Return downhill, and cross Paseo de Peralta.

30. **LEFT TO CONTINUE** along Paseo de Peralta for 2.5 blocks, passing Thomas Macaione Park to your left.

31. **5 KM OPTION:** Continue along Paseo de Peralta until you reach its intersection with Alameda St. Turn right on Alameda; resume main directions at **number 41**.

32. **LEFT** 3 long blocks on Palace Ave.

33. **LEFT** 2 blocks on Alameda St. along the Santa Fe River, passing Monsignor Patrick Smith Park on your right.

34. **RIGHT** 1.5 blocks across the bridge over the Santa Fe River on unmarked Camino Cabra (Goat Road). Manderfield Head Start will be on your right.

35. **RIGHT** through the parking lot of the Cristo Rey Catholic Church that contains a beautiful 1760 era carved stone reredos (altar screen).

36. At the end of the parking lot, **RIGHT** on Cristo Rey St. for 0.5 blocks.

37. **RIGHT** 1 block on Camino Delora.

38. **LEFT** 6.5 blocks on Canyon Rd. passing numerous art galleries and restaurants.

39. **RIGHT** 1 block on Paseo de Peralta.

40. **LEFT** on Alameda St. passing several sculpted tree stumps.

41. **RIGHT** at the crosswalk just past the entrance of El Castillo, onto Cathedral Place, and continue for 2 blocks.

42. At the intersection of Cathedral Pl. and San Francisco St. cross **RIGHT** to the grounds of Saint Francis Cathedral.

43. Note the statue of Archbishop Jean-Baptiste Lamy, first Archbishop of Santa Fe. (Subject of Willa Cather's novel, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*.) Walk up the steps to the main doors of the Cathedral. Note the carved triangle containing the Tetragrammaton (four Hebrew letters signifying the name of

God) on the archway above the doors. According to legend, the Archbishop had this inscription placed to honor the Jewish merchants who contributed funds to the building of the Cathedral. Please be respectful of any services underway.

44. Facing out from the Cathedral doors, turn **RIGHT** down the ramp to the sidewalk.

45. **RIGHT** 1/2 block on Cathedral Place.

46. **RIGHT** through the wide stone pillared gateway into Cathedral Park past the sculpture at the intersecting walkway, and on towards the four flagpoles.

47. **LEFT** crossing Palace Ave. at Otero St.

48. **LEFT** 1/2 block on Palace Ave. and walking underneath the portal of the long adobe building on your right to the third doorway.

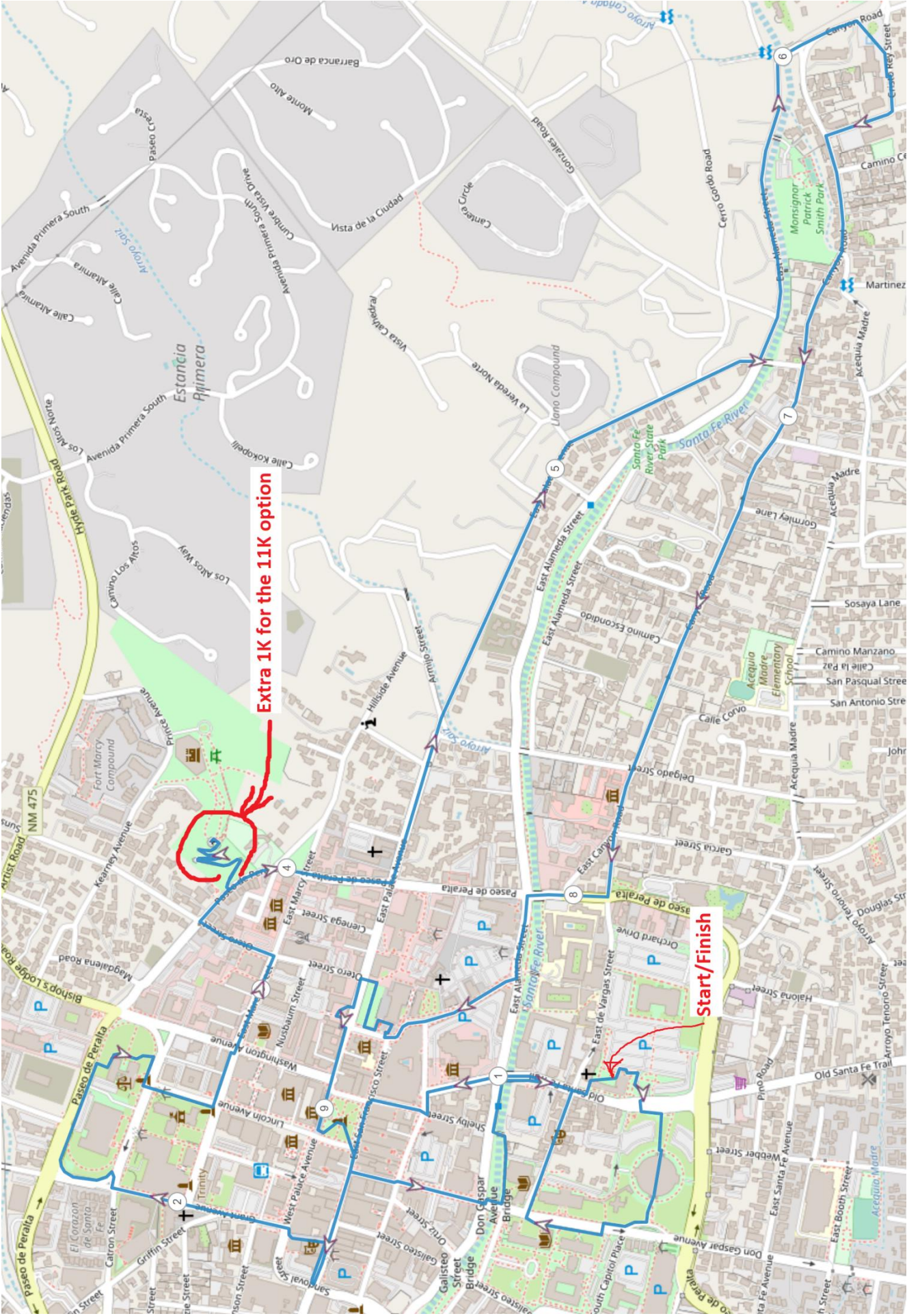
49. **RIGHT** through the doorway into Sena Plaza to the walkway in the center.

50. **LEFT** on the center walkway. Sena Plaza is a former residence, and is now home to many shops and restaurants.

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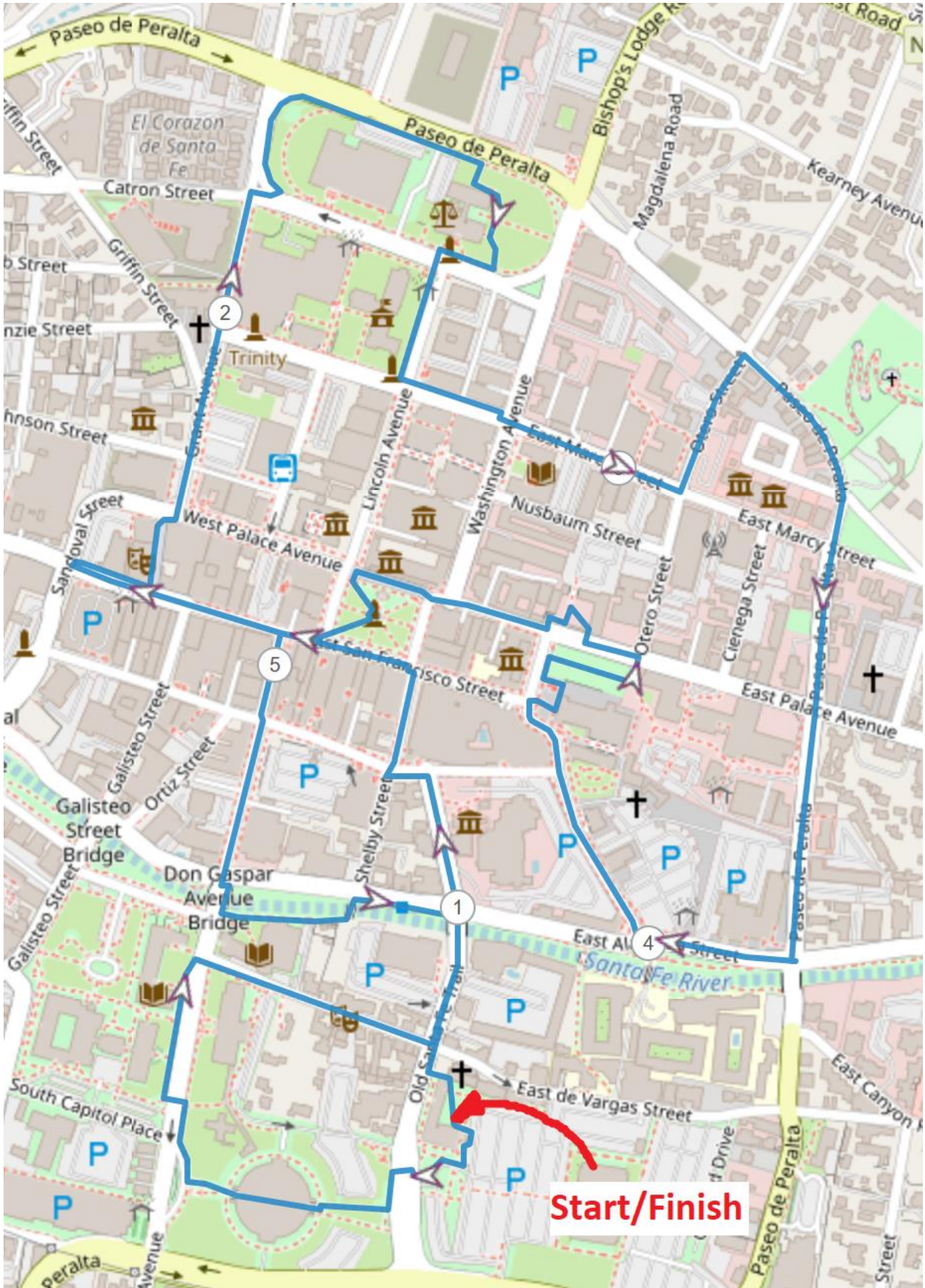
51. **LEFT** under the portal at the end of the walkway, exiting the plaza through the doorway.
52. **RIGHT** 1.5 blocks on Palace Avenue, passing under the portal of the Palace of the Governors. Established in 1610, this building has served as the seat of government under Spanish, Pueblo Indian (following the Pueblo Revolt of 1680), Mexican, and U. S. Territorial rule. It now houses historic collections of the New Mexico History Museum. The artisans selling wares under the portal are Native Americans, whose wares meet high quality control standards.
53. **LEFT** across Palace Ave. at the far end of the Palace of the Governors.
54. **LEFT** diagonally to Soldiers' Monument at the center of Santa Fe Plaza.
55. **RIGHT** diagonally at the south side of the monument to the corner of Lincoln Ave. and San Francisco St.
56. **CROSS** San Francisco St.
57. **RIGHT** 1/2 block on San Francisco St.
58. **LEFT** 2.5 blocks on Don Gaspar Ave. and across the Santa Fe River. 59. **LEFT** 1 block on the stone walking path beside the river, past the New Mexico Supreme Court Building on your right.
60. **LEFT** across the footbridge.
61. **RIGHT** 1 block on Alameda St.
62. **RIGHT** on Old Santa Fe Trail, passing on your left the San Miguel Chapel, the oldest church in the U.S. (1610-1626).
63. **LEFT** on stairway just past the chapel.
64. **RIGHT** after passing the end of the building, into and across the patio to the Santa Fe Visitor Info Center and Finish.



Extra 1K for the 11K option

Start/Finish

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