



The Sun Country Striders  
Welcomes You to  
**Organ Mountains**  
**Dona Ana County**  
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 5k and 10k routes. The 5k trail goes into a canyon with seasonal spring and ruins of a historical hotel. The 10k trail continues on natural trails around a large rock formation and a cave with petroglyphs. Restrooms are available at the visitor center.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. Directions and stamp will be available in Silver City during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 13-16, 2023. If wishing to do the walk on the way to the events, contact the POC.

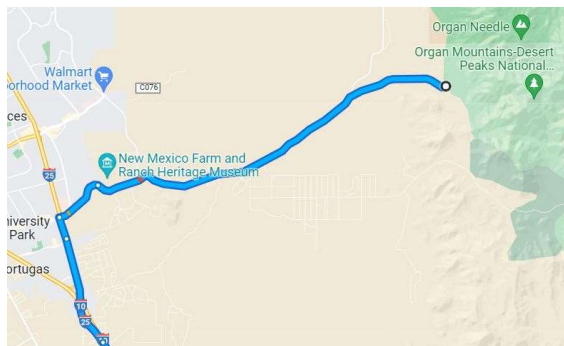
Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have 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 to Start Point:**

From I-25 and I-10 intersection in Las Cruces, continue north on I-25, then take E University Ave (Dripping Springs Road) east to the Organ Mountains A. B. Cox Visitor Center (32.33109N, 106.59054W). There is a \$5 vehicle parking fee, or free with a National Park Pass. Pay fee or register your vehicle at the visitor center.



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## Organ Mountains Dripping Springs Trail – 5/10K

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. **Exit** the visitor center and turn **LEFT** to the trail to the ruins of the Dripping Springs Resort, originally called “Van Patten’s Mountain Camp”.
2. **Continue** to the ruins, explore, and then return toward the visitor center.
3. **5K ONLY:** Continue back to the Visitor Center and your car.
4. **10K ONLY:** On your return, look for the sign for Fillmore Canyon, La Cueva, and the Crawford Trail
5. **RIGHT** on trail and continue around the back side of the large rock formation until

you intersect with the Fillmore Canyon Trail.

6. **RIGHT** on the trail about ¼ mile to a seasonal waterfall. Go as far as you wish, but the trail becomes faint. **U-TURN** back to the main trail.
7. **RIGHT** on the main trail and continue on around the back the rock formation.
8. **KEEP LEFT** at all trail intersections and continue to the La Cueva (The Cave) Trail.
9. **Follow** the La Cueva Trail to the cave.
10. **Explore** the cave, then follow the trail and signs back to the Visitor Center.

**Event related assistance:**  
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