

NACO ARIZONA WALK

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers
welcome you to the
NACO ARIZONA Walk
with a loop which crossed the border into Mexico
(*requiring Homeland Security identification*)

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The walk provides for a 10km trail which is all in the USA, a 5km loop which uses a portion of the 10km trail, and an additional 5km loop off of either of these that goes across the border into Mexico. All trails are rated 1B.

Originally this walk started at the Turquoise Valley Golf Course. But as the golf course is closed (and is locked up), the start point is the fenced parking lot across from the golf course. Should it be locked, contact the RV park next door.

There are no restroom facilities on this walk. It is suggested that you stop at the Burger King restaurant, use their restrooms and buy a drink or snack before you head out on the trail.

Walk Registration:

Your registration is by the Online Start Box. Please do NOT use the physical start box.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your OSB account, click the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab and the “Go to Finish Table” button for this event. Use the display entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk (plus any applicable special programs) to generate the stamped “virtual” insert cards that you choose.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

2020-2023 = Border Crossing (if you go into Mexico)

Forever = The letter “N” and the state “Arizona”

OTHER YREs in AREA

Bisbee = registration Copper Queen Hotel, Bisbee; Fort Huachuca, San Pedro, Sierra Vista, and

Coronado = registration Quality Inn, Sierra Vista. Tombstone = registration Circle K, Tombstone

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Driving Directions

From I-10, exit 303 (Benson), proceed through about three miles of Benson to right branch onto Highway 80 towards Tombstone and Bisbee. Fifty miles later at traffic circle in Bisbee (continue past Old Bisbee and the overlook), take next branch Highway 92. At the third traffic light (middle one is turned off), left onto Naco Highway, Burger King is on your left.

Four miles down Naco Highway, turn right onto Newell (first exit into Naco) and proceed about ½ mile to the fenced RV park overflow lot on the left. The gate may be closed.

GPS: 31.339920 -109.936999 will get you close. The address for the RV Park is 1791 Newell Street, Naco AZ.

Restrooms

None. Burger King is the closest with a public restroom.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
..... Event related assistance:
Paul Lamb 520-432-3931 or
Wendy Breen 520-508-3889

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

Walk Instructions

For **10K on US side only**, start with instruction 1.

For **5K on US side or 10K on both sides of the border**, start with instruction 7.

1. Head back to road and turn **right→** (east) on Newell St and continue until it ends

at Naco Highway.

2. Turn **left←** (north) on Naco Highway and go a little more than 1K to Purdy Ln.
3. Turn **left←** (west) on Purdy Ln and continue until it ends at Willson. (Purdy Ln turns into a dirt road about one third of the way.)
4. Turn **left←** (south) on Willson and continue until it ends at Newell St.
5. Turn **left←** (east) on Newell and go to Towner Ave (the second cross street).
6. Turn **left←** (north) on Towner and continue until it ends at Hughes St. Pick up the 5K trail at instruction 9.

5K US trail and 10K US and Mexico trail

7. Head back to road and turn **left←** (west) on Newell St and continue to Towner, the first cross street.
8. Turn **right→** (north) on Towner and continue until it ends at Hughes St.

Pick up 10K US only trail

9. Turn **left←** (west) on Hughes St and continue until it ends at Quetel Ave.
10. Turn **right→** (north) on Quetel Ave and around the corner and (west) along Zepeda St. until it ends at Willson Rd. [Jim Willson, a Naco native, was Cochise County Sheriff for many years. Also at this corner is the entrance to Arizona Water Company's property on which is located the old Naco, AZ, cemetery and a mastodon kill site, which was excavated by Northern Arizona University in 1952.]
11. Turn **left←** (south) on Willson Ave for one long block and turn **left←** (east) onto Newell St. (For the 10K US walkers, yes you have been here before.) [The buildings in this area are the remains of Camp Naco which was an outpost of Fort Huachuca in the early 1900's. John J "Blackjack" Pershing launched his raid into Mexico in search of Pancho Villa from this camp.]

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12. Stay on Newell St two blocks to Towner Ave, then turn **right→** (south) onto Towner Ave. Continue to Martinez St.
13. Continue on Towner Ave one block to the US Port of Entry building.
14. **For the 10K US and Mexico walkers, go to instruction M1.** All others, turn around and proceed back on Towner. (**DO NOT** go around the building unless you have DHS identification!)
15. Proceed one block to Martinez St.
16. Turn **right→** (east) on Martinez and go one block where it ends at Giesler.
17. Turn **left←** (north) on Giesler and go one block to Valenzuela St.
18. Turn **right→** (east) onto Valenzuela St. and continue until it ends at Humphrey Ave.
19. Turn **left←** (north) on Humphrey Ave and go one block.
20. Turn **left←** (west) on Dominguez St and continue one short, one long block, and two short blocks to Towner Ave.
21. Turn **right→** (north), crossing Dominguez St carefully, and continue on Towner Ave to Newell St.
22. Turn **right→** (east) on Newell St back to the RV park overflow lot and your parked car.

MEXICO 5K LOOP

- M1. Proceed around Border Patrol building, cross the road and veer right to the Mexican Port of Entry. [DO NOT take a pet across the border. If you have any fresh fruit or vegetables with you, you CANNOT bring them back into the U.S.]
- M2. You are walking (south) on Avenida (Fco I) Madero. Go across Calle Juarez. At the corner of Calle (Miguel) Hidalgo (second traffic signal), turn **left←** (east) and follow it until it ends at Avenida Justo Sierra.
- M3. Turn **right→** (south) and cross the railroad tracks and turn **left←** (east) on the unsigned street. Continue along street and along edge of the cemetery.
- M4. Continue and turn **right→** (south) at the end of the cemetery.
- M5. Continue on this road until it ends, then turn **right→** (west) onto Calle Dr Luis Antonio Romo Mitre (no sign).
- M6. Continue, crossing the railroad tracks, to stop sign at Avenida Madero (the main street). Turn **right→** (north) and continue to the border crossing. Please smile and say “thank you” to the Border Patrol.
- M7. As you exit the U.S. Border Station, turn **left←** and then **right→** (north) on Towner Ave. Pick up the 5K US trail at instruction 15.

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