

**Instruction for Nature Center
6/11km Walk, Rated 1A, Y0917
Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club**

Walk Start Location: 2601 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque NM 87104.

GPS coordinates: 35.09302, -106.67991

Restrooms available at the BioPark and Rio Grande Nature Center.

Parking: BioPark parking lot.

Driving Directions: From Albuquerque take I-40 to Exit-157A and go South on Rio Grande BLVD for 0.8 miles (second traffic light). Turn right on Central AVE for 0.4 miles (first light) and then go right on New York AVE. Take an immediate left into the Biological Park parking lot.

Walk Completion and Credit: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

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6K and 11K Rated 1A, Stamp #0917



6 & 11K OPTIONS

1. From the BioPark Administrative Office, **LEFT** and walk through the BioPark gates. **RIGHT** following the sidewalk toward the end of the BioPark bldg. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT**, passing through a pedestrian gate to Central Ave.
2. **RIGHT** at Central Ave and walk along the sidewalk with BioPark fence to your **right**.
3. **CROSS** Tingley Ave at the traffic signal, then **BEAR RIGHT** towards the bird sculpture.
4. **PROCEED** onto the asphalt pathway which is the Bosque Trail. **RIGHT** following the paved path as it curves to the **right** keeping the BioPark on your **right**.
5. At 1.3 miles you will **CROSS UNDER** I-40. (*Exercise caution as there are many bikers sharing the trail and there are blind corners at both sides of the bridge underpass.*)

6K OPTION (11K continue below)

6. At the far end of the underpass, **LEFT** to **CROSS** one of two footbridges, then **RIGHT** to the end of the pavement where it becomes an unpaved trail.
7. **REMAIN** on the upper unpaved trail until you reach the 1 ½ mile marker post.
8. **REVERSE** direction and **FOLLOW** the trail back to the I-40 underpass. At the underpass, the path reverts to pavement then back to an unpaved path as you walk through the underpass.

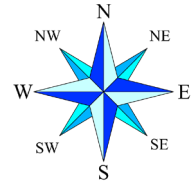
9. **REMAIN** on the unpaved path heading South until you reach a barricade where the pavement starts again.
10. **BEAR LEFT** and **CROSS** Tingley Dr. **FOLLOW** the sidewalk to the BioPark pedestrian gate and back to your car.

11K OPTION (Skip steps 6-10)

- 6a. At the far end of the underpass, **BEAR RIGHT** and **PROCEED** north on the paved trail.
- 7a. At 3.3 miles, you will encounter the entrance to the Nature Center. **STAY** to the **RIGHT** of the irrigation canal for the entire walk.
- 8a. **ENTER** the Nature Center and **PROCEED** to the concrete wall overlooking the pond.
- 9a. Once you've taken time to tour the Nature Center and used the restrooms, **RETURN** to the trail system.
- 10a. **CROSS** the bridge over the irrigation canal and turn **LEFT** (south) on the upper paved trail.
- 11a. There are mileage markers along this trail. Approximately ¾ mile south of the Nature Center (mile marker 2 ½) you will **CROSS** a water transfer line that moves water from the Rio Grande to storage tanks used to water city parks.
- 12a. Near mile marker 2, you will **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** ahead on a dirt road.
- 13a. **BEAR LEFT** and **CROSS** Tingley Dr. **FOLLOW** the sidewalk to the BioPark pedestrian gate and back to your car.

We hope you've enjoyed this walk and will join us on our other routes in the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos areas.

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Above is the turn around at Rio Grande Nature Center

Left is the entire route.

6km cross over at I-40 bridge and return to BioPark

Below is the expanded view of the start/finish at the ABQ BioPark

