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The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club  
welcomes you to  
**The St. John's College and Museums Skywalk in Santa Fe NM**  
An AVA Sanctioned Year-Round Event  
that qualifies for  
the AVA "Walking the USA - Capitals" Special Program

The walk is at an elevation of 7200'. Walk alongside the Acequia Madre (Mother Ditch), supplying water for almost 400 years. Traverse the campus of St. Johns College, and pass through the grounds of a small Carmelite monastery; view a life-size sculpture of a wagon arriving on the Santa Fe Trail; pass the Museum of New Mexico, and two other museums, and walk through the historic residential near the Old Santa Fe Trail. Extensive internet resources are provided herein. Walking options are 10 km or 5 km, both rated 1A.

### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on [my.ava.org](http://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.

There are lots of streets with no sidewalks on this walk. Please walk on the left, facing traffic. Don't forget to bring water during the summer months, especially. Beware of snow/ice/mud in the winter months.

### **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. Left a few feet from the door of the Visitor's Center (S/F), then turn right under the covered walkway, keeping the fountain to your right.
2. Left on the path next to the wall, exiting the patio.
3. Right on the dirt path just before reaching the sidewalk into the area in front of the San Miguel Chapel, the oldest church in the US and the home of a beautiful staircase. Exit to down the steps to Old Santa Fe Trail, and turn right.
4. Immediately turn right on DeVargas Street, passing the side of Upper Crust Pizza. Continue along DeVargas to a fire hydrant OYL.
5. Left on dirt pathway, with the El Castillo retirement community on your right.
6. Right on the intersecting pathway just before the pedestrian bridge over the Santa Fe River. Continue along the river side, crossing the entrance to El Castillo, keeping the Santa Fe River OYL.
7. At Paseo de Peralta, jog slightly left, then cross Paseo de Peralta at the light, continuing 1 block on the path with East Alameda St OYL and the Santa Fe River OYR, to Delgado Street.
8. Right 3 long blocks on Delgado, passing Canyon, Calle Corvo to Acequia Madre.
9. Left 6 blocks on Acequia Madre to a stop sign, walking on the dirt path on the right side of the street. This is the historic mother ditch, fed by the Santa Fe River. For 400 years, water rights owners along its course have used its waters for irrigation.

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10. Cross Abeyta, continuing past the “wrong way” signs to the right curve, bearing left about 20 meters on Camino del Poniente.

11. Right 2 very long blocks on Camino del Monte Sol, passing El Caminito and Camino de Santander.

**12. Upon reaching Garcia Street, if doing the 5 k turn right on Garcia Street, and resume directions at Number 35. If doing 10k continue past Callecita Mera.**

13. Left on Camino Cruz Blanca, passing Santa Fe Prep School OYL. As the road curves to the right near the college, carefully cross over to the paved sidewalk on the right, and continue to the next intersection.

14. Right on Camino Cruz Blanco, then right again at the Welcome to St. John’s College sign at the entrance road in the direction of the visitor parking lot OYL. Proceed toward the Petersen Student Center, passing the handicapped parking area, turn right on the red brick sidewalk and head up the stairs towards the flagpole.

**15. CP #1: What is the year listed on the plaque in front of the flagpole?** \_\_\_\_\_

16. Right at the top of the stairs, then curve right again past the shrubbery to a curved path heading back down towards a fountain. Levan Hall should be on your left, then turn right towards the fountain/pond. Head back out the way you came into St. John’s.

17. As you approach the entrance, turn left on the driveway, proceed through the parking lot, then turn left on the dirt path towards the tennis court and playing fields. Bear to the right on the path where you see the picnic tables. Once at the picnic tables, turn right and walk w. the tennis courts to your right towards Camino Cruz Blanco.

18. Turn left on Camino Cruz Blanco. When you are opposite the entrance to Santa Fe Prep, turn left (ducking under the vehicle gate if needed) towards the Carmelite Monastery compound, keeping the buildings on your left as you transit the gravel parking lot.

19. Left ½ block on Mount Carmel Road towards the historic ornate chapel w. beautiful tile work on its exterior.

20. Turn around and proceed on Mount Carmel Road towards the exit of the compound through the main entrance to Camino del Monte Sol (unmarked).

21. Turn left on Camino del Monte Sol for 1 block. Cross Old Santa Fe Trail.

22. Turn Right for 1 block on Old Santa Fe Trail.

You will see the historic National Park Service Building designed by Cecil Doty and constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) out of adobe bricks in the 1930’s on your left.

23. Turn left on Camino Lejo, passing the Santa Fe Trail sculpture on your right depicting a covered wagon.

24. Proceed left through the gate of the Spanish Colonial Arts Museum, then turn right on the pathway with signs indicating a path to the other museums in the complex. (beige railings) . Cross the unmarked driveway. There will be sculptures along your route.

25. Once in the parking proceed left towards the entrance to the museum complex and take the stairs up to Milner Plaza.

26. Left along the plaza to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, passing the Museum Café on your left. Reverse direction, and proceed towards the Museum of International Folk Art, at the opposite end of the plaza. There is a labyrinth on your left w. an acoustical surprise at the center if you wish (distance not included in volksmarch).

27. Turn left just before the entrance of the Folk Art museum and descend the stairs to the parking lot.

28. Turn right on the entrance road, leaving the parking lot, and follow as it curves to the right. About half way through the curve at the crosswalk, turn left, passing bleachers towards the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian. The museum was founded in 1937 by Mary Cabot Wheelwright to study and preserve the Navajo culture, and now includes exhibits relating to other Southwestern Pueblos as well.

29. Turn right and take the unpaved museum entrance back to the unmarked Camino Lejo. Turn left for ½ block.

30. Cross and then turn right on Camino Corrales, crossing Camino Lejo, passing Camino Pinones, Armenta and East Barcelona.

31. Cross Old Santa Fe Trail towards Amelia White Park, turning left diagonally and proceed through the rose arbor, passing benches w. famous quotations

32. At the end of the park, head back to and cross Old Santa Fe Trail.

33. Turn right and walk about 3 blocks to the Y intersection with Old Pecos Trail.

34. Cross Old Santa Fe Trail at intersection, and proceed about 7 ½ blocks back to the start point

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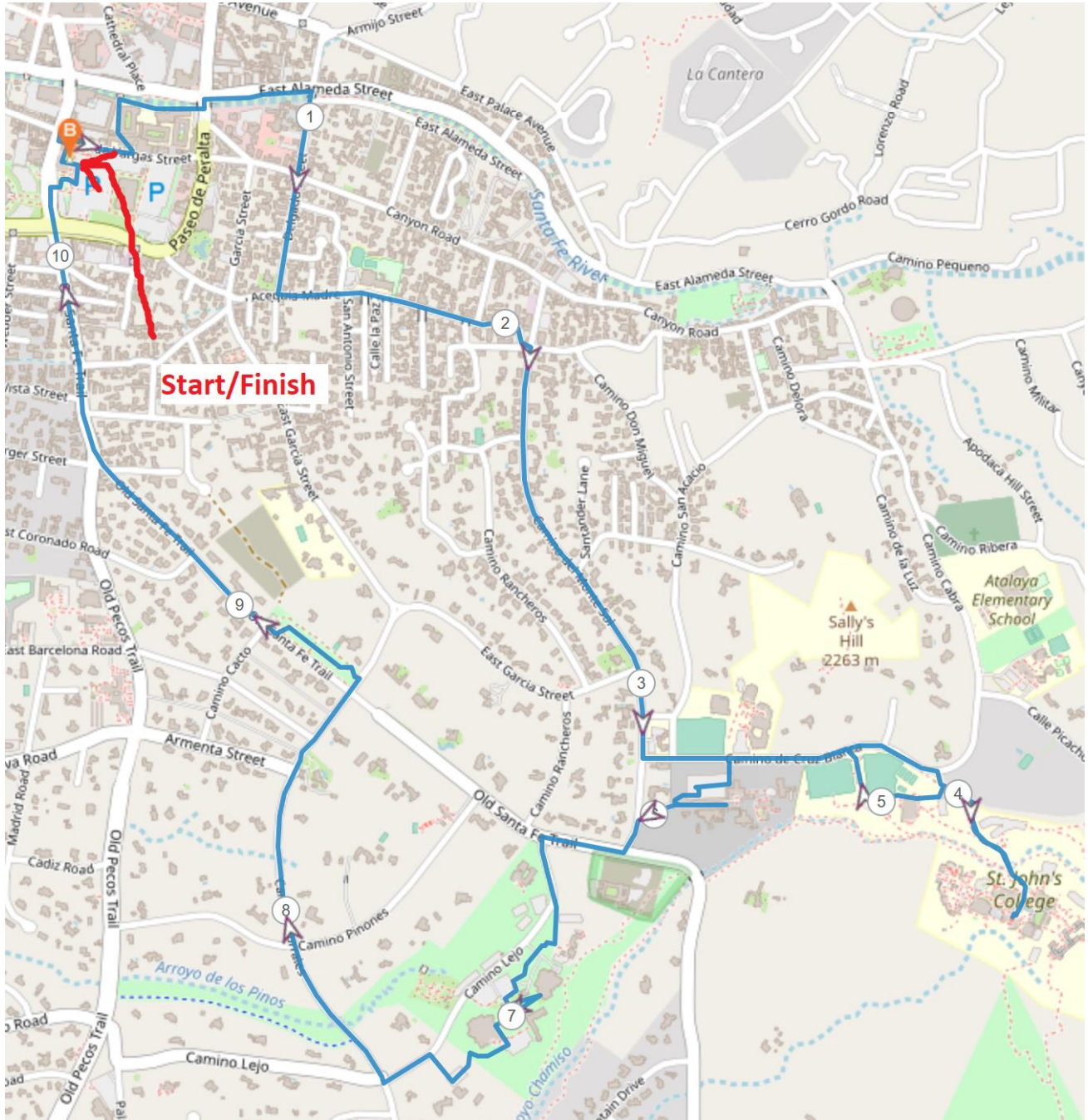
crossing Buena Vista, and Paseo de Peralta,  
returning to the Visitor Center.

**35. 5k ONLY: Turn Right on Garcia and continue  
to intersection with Acequia Madre.**

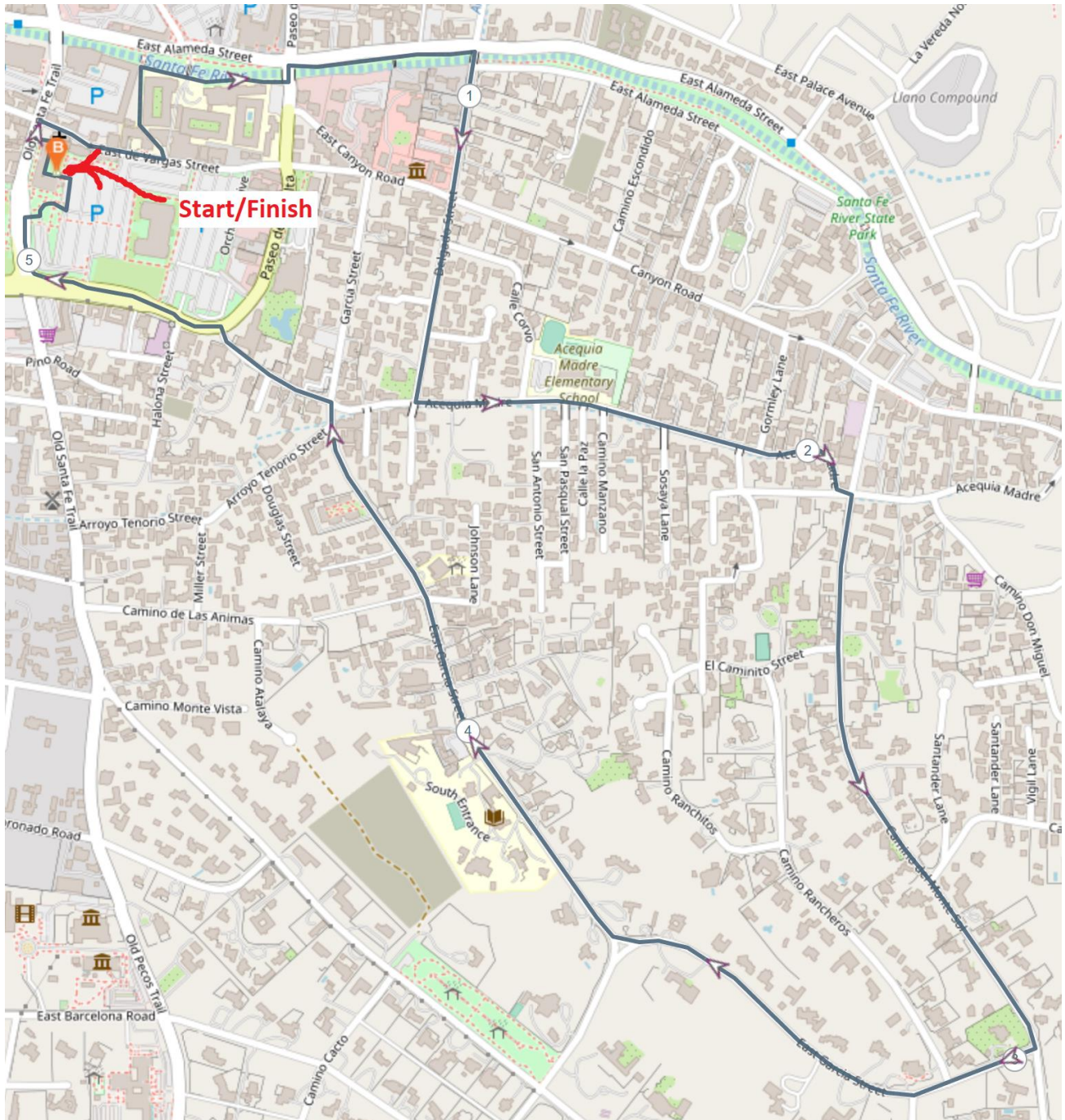
**36. Turn Left on Acequia Madre.**

**37. Left on Paseo to Peralta, then Turn Right on  
Old Santa Fe Trail, to return to the Visitor  
Center.**

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# St. John's College and Museums Skywalk Santa Fe NM 5K Event



## **Internet Resources**

Santa Fe Visitor Information Center: <https://www.newmexico.org/listing/nmtd-vic-santa-fe-visitor-information-center/491/>

Tourism Santa Fe: [https://www.santafe.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA1KiBBhCcARIsAPWqoSpJn-S0v2eSXGsydCDHORRdYY2Ow9rDG2\\_h7FCPDz35T9WrjiqbgAoaAuCGEALw\\_wcB](https://www.santafe.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA1KiBBhCcARIsAPWqoSpJn-S0v2eSXGsydCDHORRdYY2Ow9rDG2_h7FCPDz35T9WrjiqbgAoaAuCGEALw_wcB)

St. John's College: <https://www.sjc.edu/santa-fe>

Carmelite Monastery: <https://www.carmelofsantafe.org/>

Spanish Colonial Arts Museum: <https://www.spanishcolonial.org/>

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture: <http://www.indianartsandculture.org/>

Museum of International Folk Art: <http://www.moifa.org/>

Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian: <https://wheelwright.org/>