

The Sun Country Striders  
Welcomes You to  
**Cloudcroft Rails to Trail**  
**Otero County**  
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 5k and 17k routes outside of Cloudcroft. Cloudcroft is in the Sacramento Mountains at an elevation of 8,675 ft. Boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Take plenty of water. Check weather conditions before beginning the walk.

**Walk Registration:**

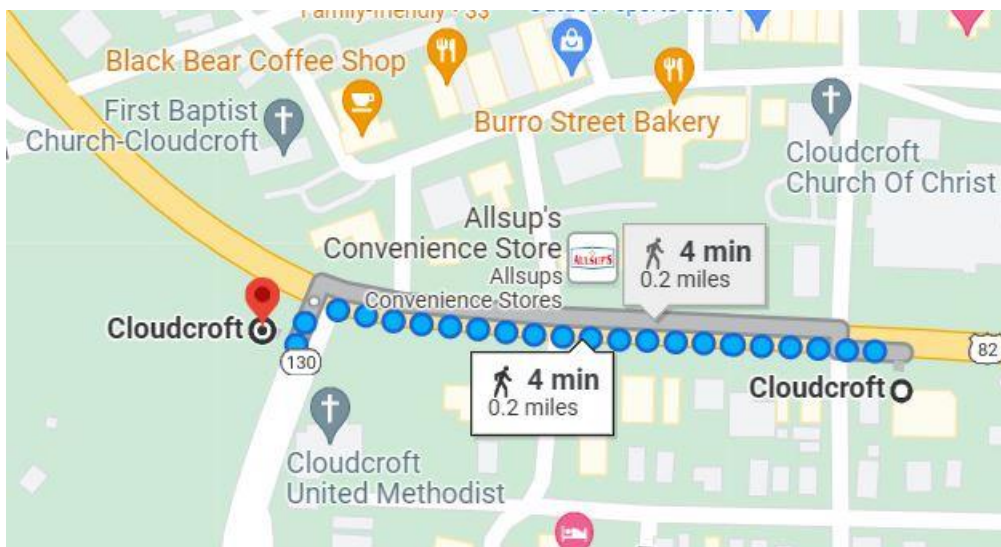
Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. Directions and stamp will be available in Silver City during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 13-16, 2023. If wishing to do the walk on the way to the events, contact the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

**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:**

GPS coordinates for Cloudcroft, New Mexico: 32.9573 N, 105.7425 W. Cloudcroft is on US-82 in south central New Mexico. The start point is on the west side of town. Head west on US-82 and watch for NM-130. There is a dirt parking lot on the left at the intersection of US-82 and NM-130. This is the trailhead for the walk of T5001A. There are no restrooms at the start or along the trail



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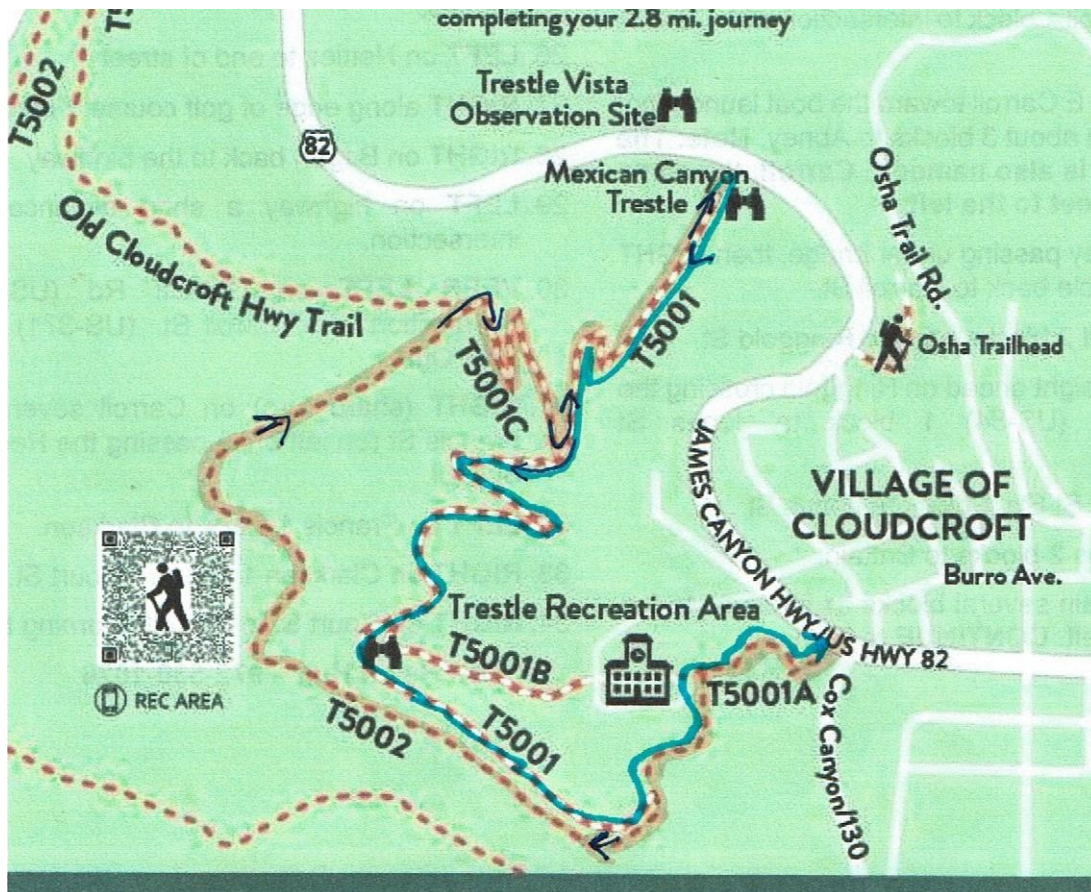
## Cloudcroft Rails to Trail – 5K

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. **WATCH CAREFULLY FOR ALL TRAIL MARKINGS!**
2. Follow **T5001A** to the intersection with **T5001** and **T5002**.
3. **Veer LEFT** on T5002 and continue to a small meadow with a shelter.

4. Cross the meadow, then **RIGHT** on **T5001C**.
5. At intersection with **T5001**, turn **LEFT** to the Mexican Canyon Trestle.
6. **U-TURN** on **T5001** back to intersection with **T5001A**.
7. **LEFT** on **T5001A** and return to the start point. **End of 5k route.**

**Event related assistance:  
Henrietta Vargas – 575-496-7990**



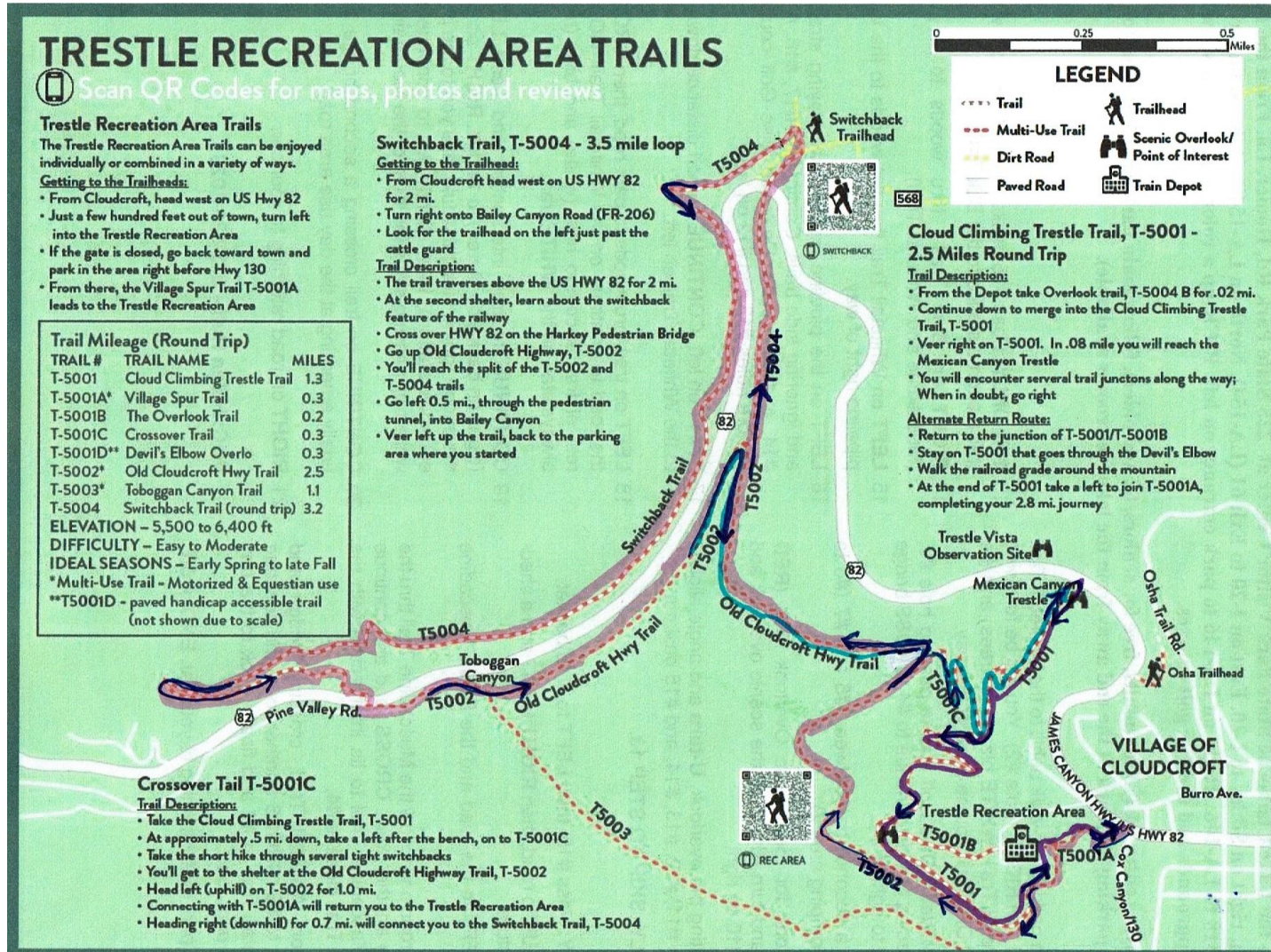
**Cloudcroft Rails to Trail – 5K**

## Cloudcroft Rails to Trail – 17K

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1. **WATCH CAREFULLY FOR ALL TRAIL MARKINGS! 17k is over 10 miles. Remember, you can turn around whenever you need and walk as far as you want to walk.**
2. **Follow T5001A** to the intersection with **T5001** and **T5002**.
3. **Veer LEFT** on **T5002** and continue to a small meadow with a shelter.
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5. At intersection with **T5001C** on right, turn **LEFT** on Old Cloudcroft Hwy Trail (**T5002**) and continue to the Harkey Pedestrian Bridge.
6. Cross bridge to **T5004** (Switchback Trail).
7. Just before making a sharp **U-TURN** on **T5004**, there are several historical signs about the old railroad.
8. Continue on **T5004** to intersection with Bailey Canyon Road.
9. Cross road and turn **RIGHT**, passing thru the Pedestrian Tunnel that goes under HWY-82.
10. At intersection with **T5002**, turn **LEFT** and return to the meadow with the shelter.
11. **LEFT** to go to **T5001C**.
12. **RIGHT** on **T5001C**.
13. At intersection with **T5001**, **LEFT** to the Mexican Canyon Trestle.
14. **U-TURN** and stay on **T5001** back to intersection with **T5001A**.
15. **LEFT** on **T5001A** and return to start point. **END of 17k route.**

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