

The Sun Country Striders  
 Welcomes You to  
**Fort Sumner - De Baca County**  
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 5 and 10k routes and will be available in 2022 only. Fort Sumner is the county seat of De Baca County and is known as the place where Pat Garrett killed Billy the Kid who was then buried in the original Fort Sumner Cemetery at the Fort Sumner Historic Site (6 miles southeast of the present town on NM-272). The walk passes the historic downtown area, churches, schools, and other historic buildings.

Fort Sumner Historic Site is in the scenic Pecos River valley and includes the Bosque Redondo Memorial which chronicles a dark history: the forced relocation of an estimated 9,500 Diné (Navajo) and 500 N'de (Mescalero Apache) from their traditional tribal homelands to the Bosque Redondo Indian Reservation. Fort Sumner, a U.S. Army internment camp, stood at the reservation's center. Between 1863 and 1868, thousands died during the 400-mile march known as The Long Walk and from inhumane conditions at the camp. More than 450 of the Mescalero Apaches escaped in 1865, but the Navajo remained for another three years. Nearly one-third died before the U.S. government intervened and allowed them to return home.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. The directions and stamps will be available at the La Quinta Hotel at 26147 US-70E in Ruidoso during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 20-25, 2022. 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:**

The walk starts at De Baca County Courthouse in the 500 block of Ave C (between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets). From US-60 turn north on 6<sup>th</sup> St, then left on Ave C. Park around the courthouse. Directions start from the front of the courthouse on Ave C. Restrooms available at the courthouse and local businesses along the route.

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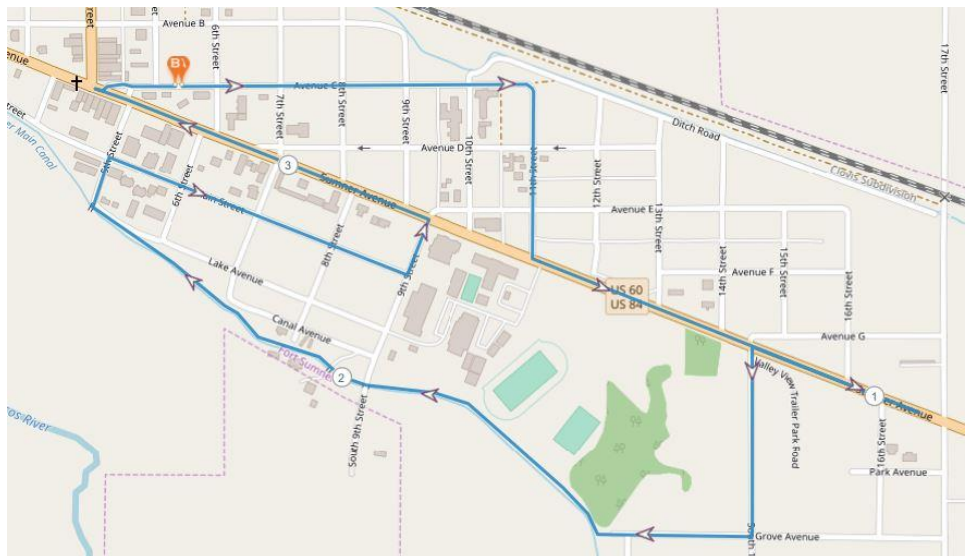
## FORT SUMNER – DE BACA COUNTY – 5k

## Special Programs: Town Hall

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1. If walking during the week, check out the WPA mural in the courthouse.
2. With your back to the courthouse, **LEFT** on Ave C 5 ½ blocks to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
3. **RIGHT** on 11<sup>th</sup> St 3 blocks to US-60 (Sumner Ave).
4. **LEFT** on Sumner Ave staying on the left side of the highway for about 6 blocks to the Billy the Kid Museum across the street. (Some say it is interesting, others say it's so-so)
5. **CROSS and RIGHT** on Sumner to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
6. **LEFT** on 14<sup>th</sup> St a couple of blocks to Grove (or Lake).
7. **RIGHT** on Grove/Lake to the end of the street and the Fort Sumner Irrigation Canal. (We have permission from the Fort Sumner Irrigation Canal District to walk on the levee per Cammy Mansell, voted Sept 13, 2021)
8. **RIGHT** on the levee and follow it to 9<sup>th</sup> street. Note the high school athletic fields on the right.
9. **LEFT** across the bridge to the other side of the canal, then **RIGHT** to continue on the canal crossing 2 small bridges (5<sup>th</sup> St). You should be able to see the street running close to the canal.
10. **RIGHT** across the bridge 1 block to Main St.
11. **RIGHT** on Main St 4 blocks to 9<sup>th</sup> St.
12. **LEFT** on 9<sup>th</sup> St 1 block to Sumner.
13. **LEFT** on Sumner 5+ blocks to the intersection with Ave C.
14. **CAREFULLY CROSS** the highway, then **RIGHT** on Ave C passing the Town Hall and returning to your car. **END of 5k.**

**Event related assistance:  
Helen Hull: 972-530-1026**



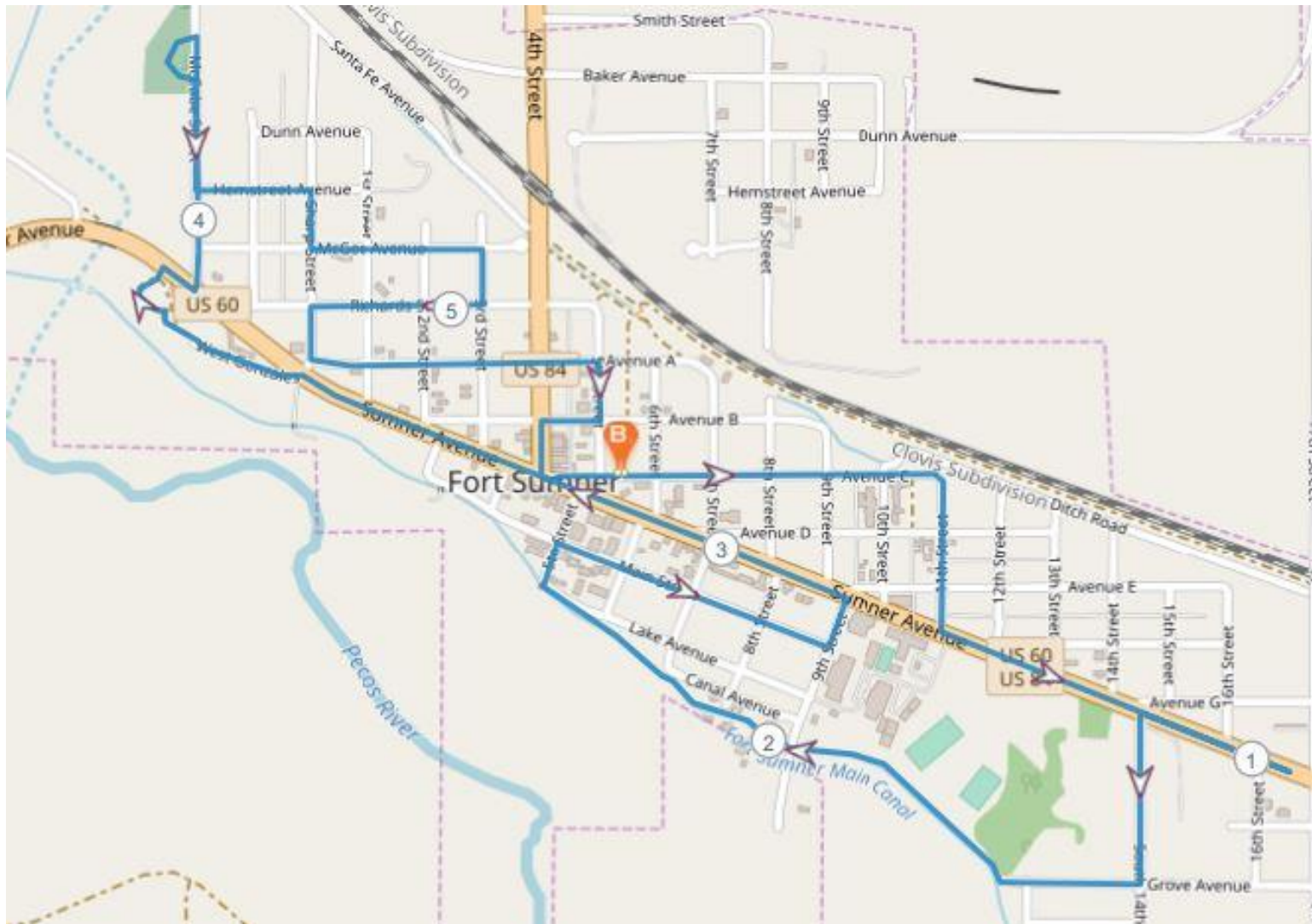
## FORT SUMNER – DE BACA COUNTY – 10k

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2. With your back to the courthouse, **LEFT** on Ave C 5 ½ blocks to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
3. **RIGHT** on 11<sup>th</sup> St 3 blocks to US-60 (Sumner Ave).
4. **LEFT** on Sumner Ave staying on the left side of the highway for about 6 blocks to the Billy the Kid Museum across the street. (Some say it is interesting, others say it's so so)
5. **CROSS and RIGHT** on Sumner to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
6. **LEFT** on 14<sup>th</sup> St a couple of blocks to Grove (or Lake).
15. **RIGHT** on Grove/Lake to the end of the street and the Fort Sumner Irrigation Canal. (We have permission from the Fort Sumner Irrigation Canal District to walk on the levee per Cammy Mansell, voted Sept 13, 2021)
7. **RIGHT** on the levee and follow it to 9<sup>th</sup> street. Note the high school athletic fields on the right.
16. **LEFT** across the bridge to the other side of the canal, then **RIGHT** to continue on the canal crossing 2 small bridges (5<sup>th</sup> St). You should be able to see the street running close to the canal.
8. **RIGHT** across the bridge 1 block to Main St.
9. **RIGHT** on Main St 4 blocks to 9<sup>th</sup> St.
10. **LEFT** on 9<sup>th</sup> St 1 block to Sumner.
11. **LEFT** on Sumner about 9 blocks to the intersection with Gonzales (on the left) and Sharp (on the right).
12. **VEER LEFT** on Gonzales and follow it to then end, then continue on trail clockwise to exit to Sumner Ave.
13. **CAREFULLY CROSS** the highway, then continue north on McCabe St to the entrance to St Anthony's Cemetery.
14. **LEFT** into the cemetery, then **RIGHT** to the exit to the cemetery. **RIGHT** to McCabe.
15. **RIGHT** on McCabe about 1 block to Hemstreet Ave.
16. **LEFT** on Hemstreet 2 blocks to Sharp St.
17. **RIGHT** on Sharp 1 block to McGee.
18. **LEFT** on McGee 3 blocks to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
19. **RIGHT** on 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 block to Richards.
20. **RIGHT** on Richards 3 blocks to Sharp.
21. **LEFT** on Sharp 1 block to Ave A.
22. **LEFT** on Ave A 5 blocks to 5<sup>th</sup> St.
23. **RIGHT** on 5<sup>th</sup> St 1 block to Ave B.
24. **RIGHT** on Ave B 1 block to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
25. **LEFT** on 4<sup>th</sup> St 1 block to Ave C.
26. **LEFT** on Ave C passing the Town Hall and returning to your car. **END of 10k.**

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