

The Sun Country Striders
 Welcomes You to
Catwalk & Hot Springs
Catron County
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 2-10k route at the Catwalks and the San Francisco Hot Springs near Glenwood. This event will be available in 2023 only and is in Catron County. The Catwalk Trail is close to Glenwood and about 60 miles from Silver City and takes about 1 ¼ hours to drive. The San Francisco Hot Springs Trail is about 9 miles south of Glenwood.

The Catwalk Trail near Glenwood refers to the original plank-board walkway placed atop the steel pipe that used to bring water to the ore processing plant, ruins of which can still be seen near the parking area. The trail offers a fascinating glimpse into the geologic and historic foundations of the southwest New Mexico. The result of cataclysmic volcanic actions, the area now offers a beautiful picnic spot next to Whitewater Creek. Depending on water conditions, continue past the end of the catwalks and connect to the Gold Dust Trail. In the event of high water just before the parking lot, this trail may not be available.

The second trail is the San Francisco Hot Springs Trail, a 1.5 mile in/out trail to some hot springs along the San Francisco River. The trail then returns to the parking lot. Hiking boots and poles come in handy.

Walk Registration:

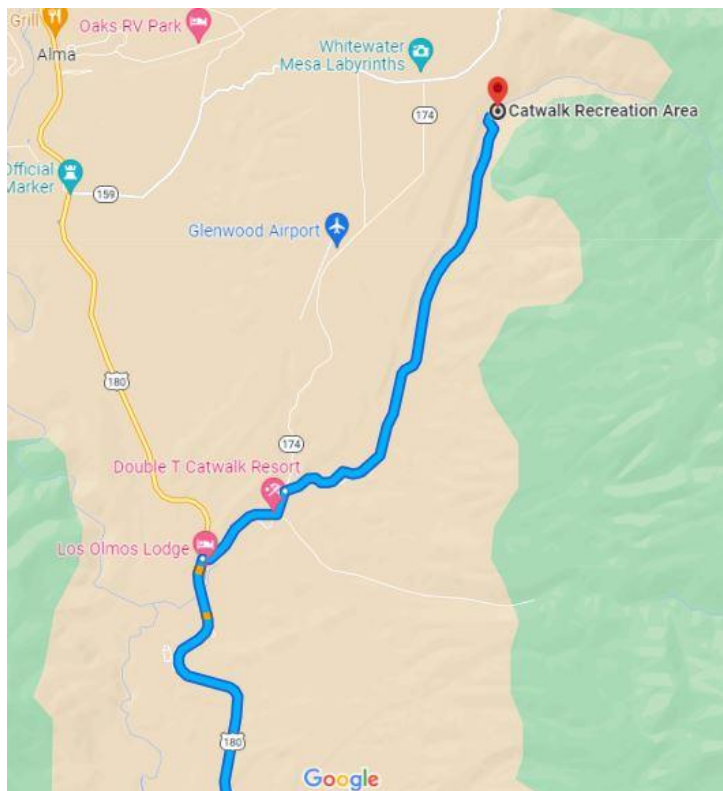
Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. The directions and stamps will be available in Silver City during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 13-16, 2023. If wishing to do the walk on the way to the events, contact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

The Catwalk Recreation Area is near Glenwood. Take US-180 northwest toward Glenwood for about 60 miles, then right on NM-174 for 1 mile, and finally right on Cat Walk Rd for 4 miles to the parking lot on left (33.37312 N, 108.84192W). **Vehicle parking fee of \$3 at self-pay station.** Travel time about 1 ¼ hrs from Silver City. Check with rangers about trail conditions and closures. This trail is an in-out trail into the mouth of the canyon and follows the metal catwalk installed along the canyon walls for a 1.2 mile round trip. The hike may be extended on the Gold Dust Trail (depending on water level) but again returns along the catwalk back to the parking lot. Vault toilet at trailhead parking lot.



Silver City to Catwalk Recreational Area near Glenwood

After visiting the Catwalks, return to *Glenwood* and turn left on US-180 back toward Silver City. Look for a 'hiker' sign about 9 miles south of *Glenwood* on the right between mile markers 58 and 59. Turn RIGHT (southwest) down the dirt road (note the San Francisco Hot Springs sign) to the parking lot (33.24477N, 108.88068W). This trail is 2 miles north of the *Catron/Grant* county line. Vault toilet available at the start point.

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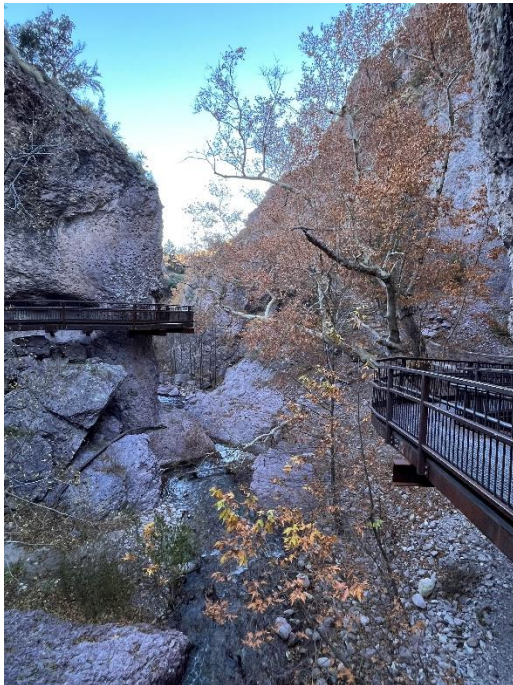
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CATWALK TRAIL - CATRON COUNTY – 2/5 K

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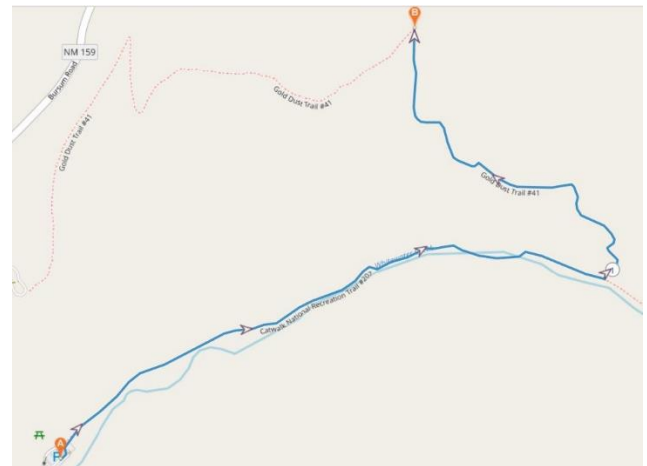


1. **These directions are based on maps of the hiking trail maps available online and have not been verified for conditions.**
2. **From the parking lot**, follow trail thru the picnic area to the Catwalks.
3. **Continue** thru the canyon staying on the left side of the canyon about .6 mile to the end of the Catwalk.



4. **Decision Time:** At end of Catwalk, look for the stepping stones across the river to continue the trail. How's your balance and are you willing to get your feet/shoes wet?
5. **Don't want to get wet (this is as far as I went in Nov):** **CROSS** over to the other side of the catwalk and return to your car. **END of 2k.**

6. **OR continue up the Canyon.** (I have not verified the rest of this trail.) Cross the river and continue on trail for another ½ mile to the junction with the Gold Dust Trail on the left.
7. **LEFT** on Gold Dust Trail until the trail makes a very sharp turn to the left (1.55 miles). Trail is not maintained and may be hard to follow, so go as far as you want to go.
8. **U-TURN** and retrace your route back to your car **(5k in-out)**.
9. **OR instead of the Gold Dust Trail**, continue up the creek as far as you wish/dare to go, then return to the Catwalk parking lot.



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

SAN FRANCISCO HOT SPRINGS TRAIL - CATRON COUNTY – 5K

From the Catwalks/Glenwood, turn south on US-180 toward Silver City. Continue about 9 miles to a 'Hiker' sign between mile markers 58 and 59 (2 miles north of the Catron/Grant county line). Right on dirt road and note sign for the San Francisco Hot Springs Trail. Continue to the parking lot.

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1. Trail is about 1.5 miles to the hot springs. We did not find the hot springs, but we did make it down to the river.
2. From the parking lot, follow trail across some open terrain, and then thru a wooded areas.
3. The first mile of the trail gradually descends about 250' along a well-defined trail.
4. Continue on trail to a 'cattle' gate. After the cattle gate, the trail continues about 1/3 mile on a **steep, rocky, switchback trail** to the river.
5. **U-TURN** back to your car. **End of 5k trail.**

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