



The Sun Country Striders
Welcomes You to
City of Rocks State Park
Grant County
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is a hike around the City of Rocks State Park giving you the 2 options to add 2 or 5k to the basic 5k route. The Table Mountain 5k option gains several hundred feet in elevation and we recommend hiking boots and poles for it. Hiking poles are nice for the other trails. The Hydra Trail plus the 2k option to the observation point are wide compact dirt trails. The basic trail thru the rocks are relatively easy, but hiking poles for balance are good.

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:

Drive to the City of Rocks State Park which is about half-way between Deming and Silver City. Take US-180 to NM-61, then east on NM-61 and follow signs to the City of Rocks State Park (32.58239N, 107.97223W). Use the self-pay station to pay the \$5 vehicle parking fee. This parking pass is good all day at all New Mexico state parks including Rockhound State Park.



Additional Trail(s) Information:

The state park offers several trails. Our goal is to enjoy the walk and the park. **Hiking boots and poles are recommended for balance and ankle support.** Feel free to do whatever hike you wish and for whatever distance. Remember, although you might start out on a long hike, you can always turn around whenever you wish.

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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. After paying the parking fee, continue to the Visitor Center. Restrooms available at VC. There are a couple of parking spots in front of the center, but more spaces are available behind the center.
2. Look for the Hydra Trailhead at the far end of the back parking lot.
3. Follow the trail for about .4 mile to a junction with the Observation Viewpoint Trail.
4. **2k Option: RIGHT** on trail uphill to the Observation Point then U-TURN back to the Hydra Trail. **(NOTE: if not hiking to the viewpoint, drive to it afterward on the road next to the park fee station.)**
5. Continue on the Hydra trail about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the junction with the Table Mountain trail on the right.
6. **5k Option: RIGHT** on trail uphill to the top of Table Mountain, then U-TURN back to the Hydra Trail.
7. **RIGHT** on the Hydra trail a short distance to the intersection with the sign for the Pegasus Campground.
8. **LEFT** to the campground, then circle the campground counter-clockwise to the main park road and the restrooms.
9. **CROSS** the road to continue on the trail across from the restrooms heading into the 'city of rocks'. Trail is lined with small rocks, but you might lose it at time. Not to worry, feel free to wander and explore the rocks and the many photo ops.
10. **CONTINUE** to the far end of the rock formations emerging on the park road. If you think that you are lost, just walk in any direction until you see the park road which circles the rock formation, then pick your path.
11. **LEFT** on park road and return to the visitor center and your car.
12. **END** of 5k basic route.

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

City of Rocks State Park Trail Map

