



The Sun Country Striders  
 Welcomes You to  
**Continental Divide Trail**  
**Grant County**  
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



Established by Congress in 1978, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) spans 3,100 miles between Mexico and Canada, traversing five states and connecting countless communities along the spine of the Rocky Mountains. This section of the trail near Silver City is relatively flat with no major ups and downs. Although an easy hike through the woods, hiking poles can be helpful and hiking boots optional.

**Walk Registration:**

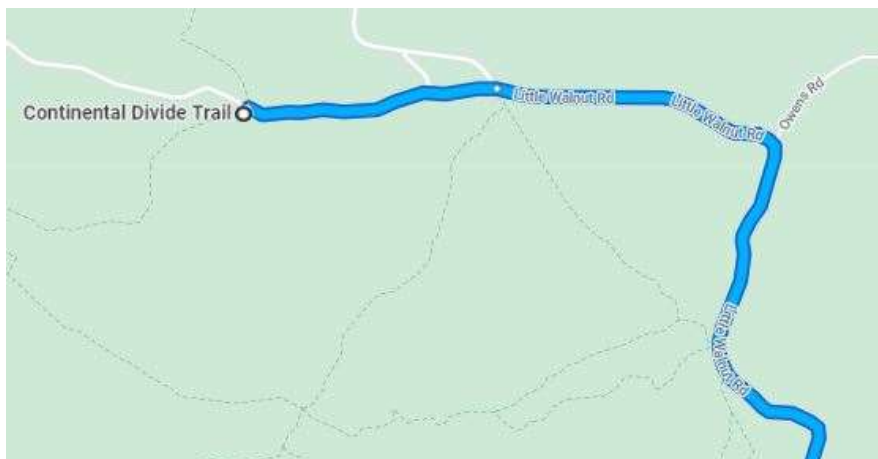
Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. The directions and stamps will be available in Silver City during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 13-16, 2023. If wishing to do the walk on the way to the events, contact 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 Continental Divide Trailhead located about 10 miles north of Silver City. Take US-180 west to Little Walnut Rd just past the Pizza Hut. RIGHT on Little Walnut Rd about 8 miles, then VEER LEFT to stay on Little Walnut Rd (now a dirt road) and ignoring Owens Rd to the right. Pass the roads to Pinos Altos and continue about 1 mile to the Continental Divide Trailhead parking lot on the left (32.86464N, 108.29984 W). Forest Service bulletin board at the trailhead. No restrooms available at the trailhead or along the hike.



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## Continental Divide Little Walnut Creek Trailhead – Grant County

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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. At the parking lot, study the info board and look for the 'Continental Divide Trail' logo which marks the trail. This trail extends from the Mexican border thru New Mexico and northward to the Canadian border.
2. Look for the trailhead to the right of the info board. This trail is gently rolling hills with very minor up/downs. Walking sticks are nice to have but not a must.
3. At .7 mile, you come to an intersection in a clearing with a sign in a wire/rock enclosure (this is the second marker like this) and trail going to the right. There is a slightly fainter side trail to the left. Look on tree between the trails for a sign pointing to the 'Divide Access Trail No. 712 on the left.



4. **5K ONLY: LEFT** on the access trail. **GO to step 9.**
5. **7/10K ONLY:** Veer **RIGHT** to stay on the main trail and continue another 1.5 miles to a large gate. (You are now 2.2 miles from the parking lot.)
6. **U-TURN** back to the previous intersection with the access trail, now on the right.
7. **7K ONLY: VEER LEFT** on the main trail and return to the parking lot on the same trail that you hiked in. **END of 7K trail, 4.4 miles total.**
8. **10K ONLY: RIGHT** on the access trail.
9. **Join the 5K trail here:** Continue to an iron gate. Just after the gate, the trail becomes the Wagon Wheel Loop (on left and straight ahead). Left is short cut back to the road and is about .6 miles shorter. If you take the short cut, deduct 1k from your route. There is also another trail to the right (ignore it).



10. Continue straight on Wagon Wheel Trail as it wiggles back and forth.

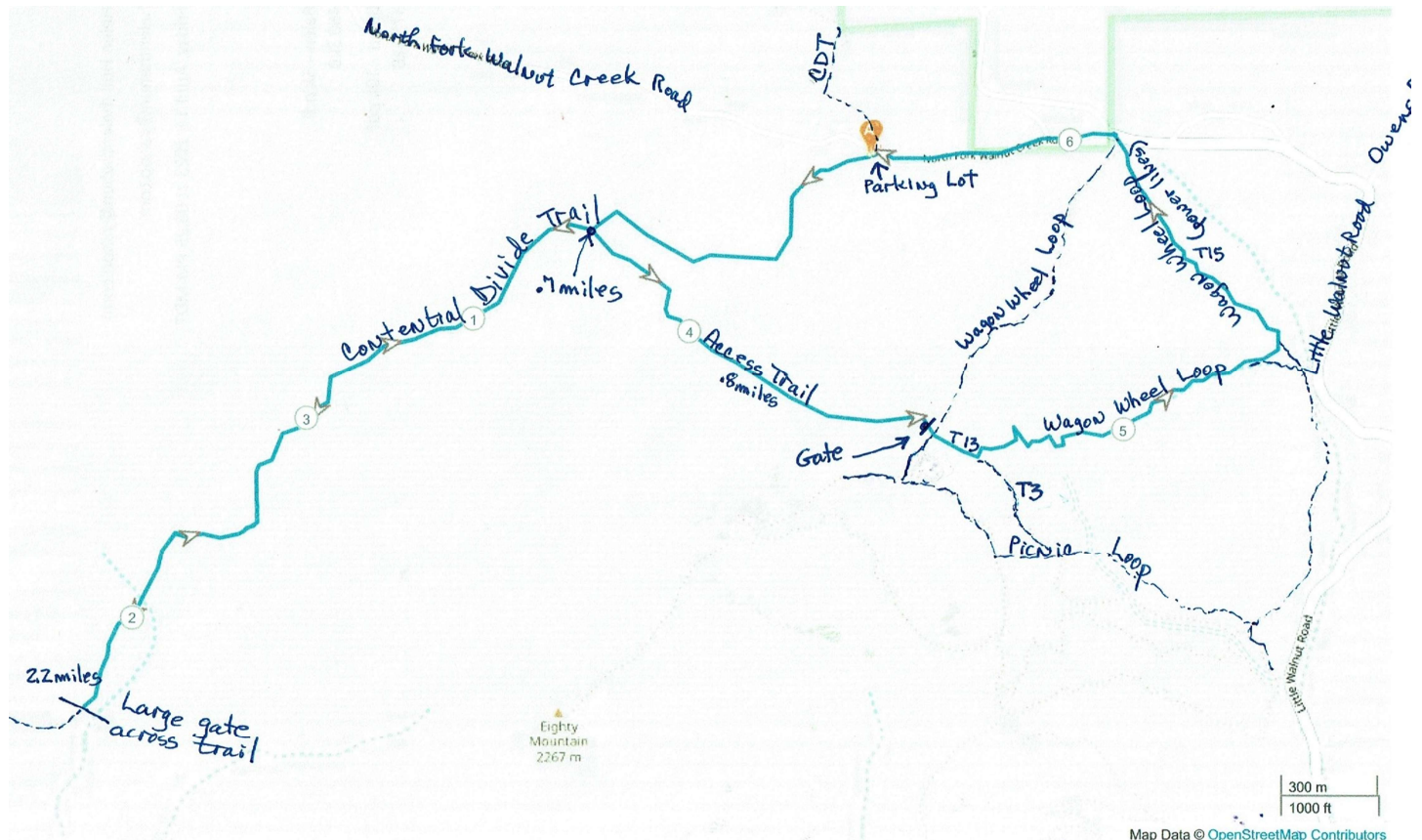
11. Go straight on the main trail. After about ¼ mile, the trail splits (T3 to the right, ignore it) and T13. Stay on T13.

12. **Continue** on trail passing a T12 sign, then veer left to the T14 trail and then shortly afterward a wooden sign (Picnic Loop, and Little Walnut Picnic Area). Ignore the sign and veer left on the T15 trail.

13. Trail continues thru the woods an along the power lines leading to the Wagon Wheel trailhead (room for only a couple of cars) and Little Walnut Road.

14. **LEFT** on road about ½ mile back to the Continental Divide Trailhead and your car.  
**END of 4/5/9/10k route.**

**Event related assistance:  
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