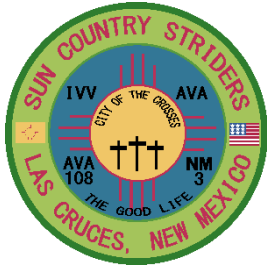


# Dragonfly & Fort Bayard - Grant County



The Sun Country Striders  
Welcomes You to  
**Dragonfly & Fort Bayard**  
**Grant County**  
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk consists of 2 different loops, the Dragonfly Petroglyphs and the Fort Bayard Historic Site. The trails are about 3 miles apart. The Dragonfly Trail is a 7k nature trail loop leading to several petroglyphs including the one of a dragonfly. The second part of the walk is at the Historic Fort Bayard Site, a fort established after the Civil War to protect settlers from the Apache Indians and was garrisoned by the Buffalo Soldiers. It was then converted into the army's first tuberculosis sanitarium, and later became a VA hospital. The property is now the Fort Bayard Medical Center, a long-term nursing care facility operated by the state of New Mexico.

## Walk Registration:

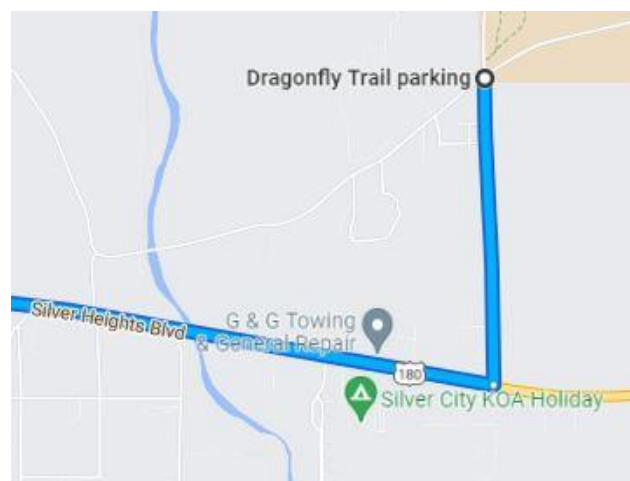
Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event. The directions and stamps will be available in Las Cruces during the AVA Convention Mon, Apr 28 thru Fri, May 2. You may register for the walk and download the directions 2 weeks before the event opens.

## 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:

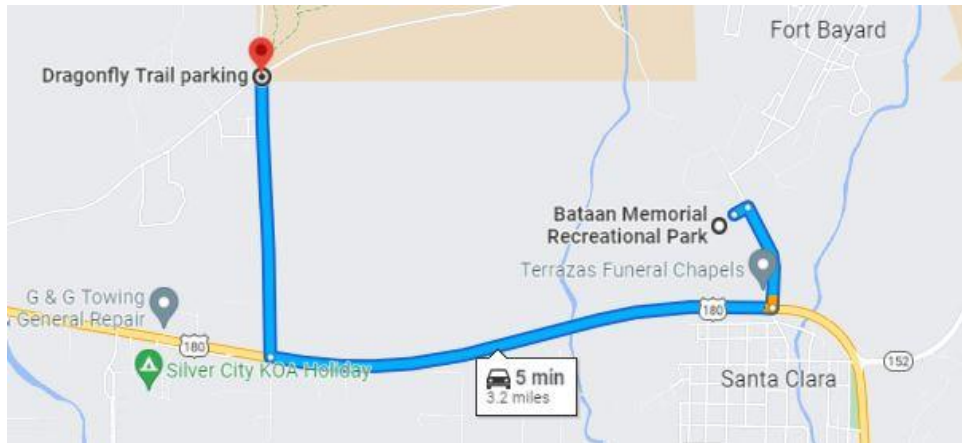
Drive to the Dragonfly Trailhead located about 5 miles from Silver City. Take US-180 east to the Arenas Valley Rd (on left only, Yucca Valley Dr on right), watch for signs for the Dragonfly Trail. LEFT (north) on Arenas Valley Rd about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the parking lot on the right. Hiker parking lot immediately after the horse trailer parking lot (32.79485 N, 108.18417 W). Restrooms available at trailhead.



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## Dragonfly & Fort Bayard - Grant County

For the Fort Bayard route, from Silver City, take US-180 east toward Santa Cruz to Fort Bayard Rd (look for signs for the Historic Fort Bayard). LEFT (north) on Fort Bayard and the Bataan Memorial Recreation parking lot on the left. From the Dragonfly Trailhead, south on road back to US-180, then LEFT on US-180 to Fort Bayard Rd. Walk is along paved roads with only 1 hill. Regular walking shoes will be sufficient for this walk. Restrooms available in the recreational complex.



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## Dragonfly Petroglyph Trail – 6k – Grant County

This is a nature trail along a hard-packed dirt trail with minor up/downs. Hiking boots and sticks are optional but nice to have.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

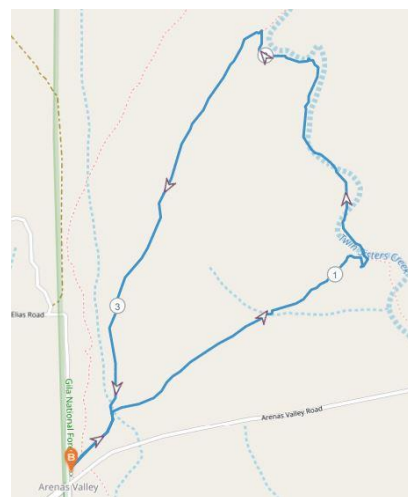
1. From the parking lot, go thru the gate and look for sign for trails (2 trails). Follow the Dragonfly Trail on the right about ¼ mile to a trail on the right - look for trail markers.
2. This is the beginning of the loop trail and may be walked in either direction. **BUT** we recommend walking counter-clockwise for ease in viewing the Dragonfly Petroglyphs
3. **RIGHT** at the intersection and follow signs for the Dragonfly Trail for 2 miles.
4. Continue along the Two Sisters creek to the following sign after 2 miles. Sign points to the left and downhill to cross the creek and also to the right to view the petroglyph.



5. **RIGHT** a short distance to view the petroglyph above the creek bed.



6. Return to the trail, then **RIGHT** on the trail downhill to the creek, cross, and then up the other side.
7. **CONTINUE** on trail about 1.5 miles back to the loop intersection.
8. **LEFT** on trail and return to the parking lot.
9. **END** of 3.7 mile route, 6K.



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## Fort Bayard (continue Grant County Trails) – 5k

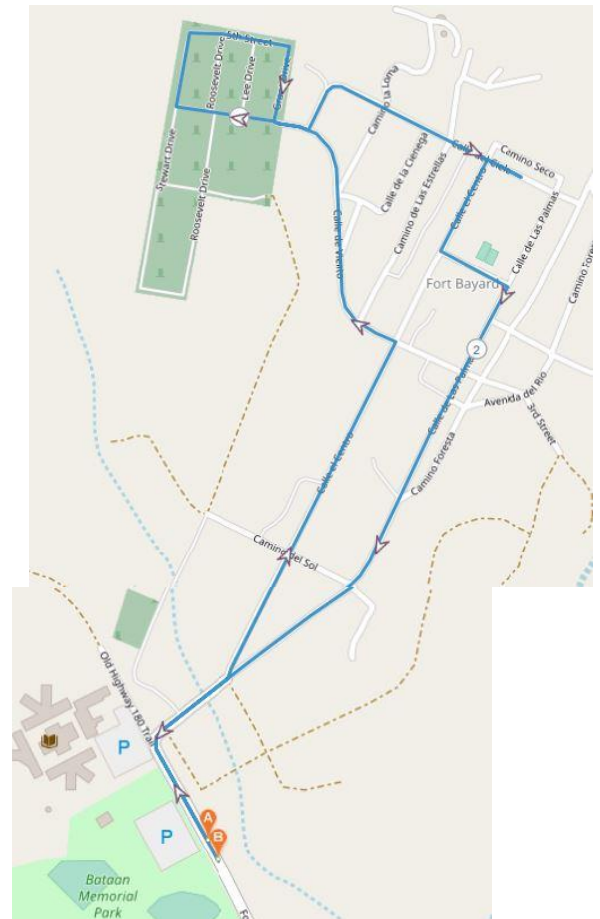
From Silver City, take US-180 east toward Santa Cruz to Fort Bayard Rd (look for signs for the Historic Fort Bayard. **LEFT** (north) on Fort Bayard and the Bataan Memorial Recreation parking lot on the left. From the Dragonfly Trailhead, south on road back to US-180, then **LEFT** on US-180 to Fort Bayard Rd. Walking tour guide may be picked up at various places around the historic fort.

1. From the parking lot, visit the Bataan Death March Memorial. The memorial honors the New Mexico 200<sup>th</sup> National Guard unit which fought on Bataan and endured the Bataan Death March.
2. Continue uphill to the second Veterans Memorial, then return to the parking lot.
3. Exit the parking lot to Fort Bayard Rd, then **LEFT** on road to Calle de Las Palmas.

**Alternately**, drive to the cemetery and then continue to the old fort's parade grounds. Park at the parade grounds and explore.

4. **RIGHT** on Calle de Las Palmas to the 'Y' intersection with Calle El Centro.
5. **VEER LEFT** on Calle El Centro to Cam Del Viento.
6. **LEFT** on Calle El Centro (toward cemetery). Continue to the entrance to the cemetery.
7. **LEFT** into the Fort Bayard National Cemetery and continue to the back side.
8. **RIGHT** and **RIGHT** and **RIGHT** again returning to the entrance.
9. **LEFT** exiting the cemetery, then **LEFT** on the road.
10. **CONTINUE** on road as it curves to the **RIGHT** (Calle Del Cielo). Note the old building (nurse's quarters) and water tower.
11. **CONTINUE** to Calle El Centro and the historic fort buildings.
12. **PASS** El Centro a short distance to the front of the large building on left.
13. Return to El Centro, then **LEFT** on El Centro about halfway to the Museum and Commanding Doctors Home.

14. **LEFT** across the parade ground to the Buffalo Soldiers Statue.
15. **CONTINUE** passing the statue to Calle de Las Palmas.
16. **RIGHT** on Calle de Las Palmas passing the Recreation Hall built by the WPA in 1940.
17. **CONTINUE** back to Fort Bayard Rd.
18. **LEFT** on Fort Bayard and return to your car.



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