



The Sun Country Striders
Welcomes You to
Belen, New Mexico



Valencia County
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event

This walk is composed of 5 and 10km routes and will be available in 2024 only. Belen is in Valencia County. The 5k walk explores the historic downtown area and passes historic buildings including the Belen Harvey House Museum. The 10k route continues to residential neighborhoods and the Saint Mary's Catholic School.

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 during the Sun Country Striders Week of Walking April 11-16, 2024 from the POC at selected sites. 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 Belen City Hall parking lot behind the city hall at 102 S Main St in Belen. From I-25, take the Business-25 (Main Street) to downtown Belen. City Hall faces Main St next to the arch entrance to the historic downtown area. Turn east on Becker (one-way) to the parking lot on the right behind City Hall.



No restrooms available at the start, but available at various fast food places and service stations in the area.

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BELEN - VALENCIA COUNTY – 5/10K

Walk starts at the parking lot behind the Belen City Hall at 102 S Main St in Belen. From I-25, take Business-25 (Main St) to downtown Belen. East on Becker (one-way) next to the arch to the city hall parking lot on the right.

Special Programs: Town Hall

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, walk back to see the town arch at Main Street between Becker and Dalias streets. Belen is Spanish for 'Bethlehem'.
2. Return back along Becker passing the parking lot on your right for 3 blocks to 5th St.
3. **RIGHT** on 5th St 2 blocks to Baca (Belen Middle School campus across street).
4. **RIGHT** on Baca 1+ blocks to 6th St (on left).
5. **LEFT** on 6th to Bernard (to circle the middle school campus).
6. **LEFT** on Bernard 1 block to 4th, then **LEFT** on 4th 1 long block to Baca.
7. **RIGHT** on Baca 3 blocks to deadend at 1st St (railroad tracks across 1st St).
8. **LEFT** on 1st about 4 blocks to the Harvey House Museum at 104 N 1st on the right. (Open Noon-5:00 Wed-Sat)
9. **CONTINUE** to the stairs on left next to the bridge. Take the stairs, then **RIGHT** to the middle of the bridge for a view of the railroad yards. Return to the pedestrian bridge over Reinken.
10. **RIGHT** on pedestrian bridge to cross Reinken.
11. **LEFT** down stairs to Reinken. Continue 3 blocks on Reinken to 4th St.
12. **RIGHT** on 4th 1 block to Chavez.
13. **RIGHT** on Chavez 2 blocks to 2nd St.
14. **LEFT** on 2nd 1 block to Picard.
15. **LEFT** on Picard 3 blocks to 5th St.
16. **RIGHT** on 5th 1 block to Ross.
17. **LEFT** on Ross about 4 blocks to Main St passing the Central Elementary School.
18. **10k ONLY: Go To Step 23**
19. **5K ONLY: LEFT** on Main 3 blocks to Reinken.
20. **LEFT** on Reinken 2 blocks to 6th St.
21. **RIGHT** on 6th 2 blocks to Dalias (6th curves slightly to the right).
22. **RIGHT** on Dalias back to Main St, then cross to the City Hall parking lot and your car. **END of 5k.**
23. **10k Continues: LEFT** on Main a short way, then **CROSS** Main St to continue on Ross St.
24. **CONTINUE** on Ross 1 block to Romero.
25. **RIGHT** on Romero a short distance to Esperanza.
26. **LEFT** on Esperanza 2 block to 10th (no sign).
27. **RIGHT** on 10th 2 blocks to Aragon.
28. **LEFT** on Aragon 3 blocks to Edith.
29. **LEFT** on Edith and continue as Edith curves to the left. Continue to Edith Dr on the right.
30. **RIGHT** a short way to Mesa Rd.

- 31. **RIGHT** on Mesa to Delgado passing a cemetery. Walk thru the cemetery if desired.
- 32. **LEFT** on Delgado 1 long block to the 'T' intersection (10th St – no sign).
- 33. **LEFT** on 10th 2 short blocks to Church.
- 34. **RIGHT** on Church several blocks to Main.
- 35. **LEFT** on Main 1 block to the light at Reinken. **RIGHT** crossing Main at the light, then continue **LEFT** 1 block to Chavez Ave.
- 36. **RIGHT** on Chavez 3 blocks to 5th St.
- 37. **RIGHT** on 5th 1 block to Reinken.
- 38. **LEFT** on Reinken 1 block to 4th St.
- 39. **RIGHT** on 4th 2 blocks to Dalias.
- 40. **RIGHT** on Dalias about 3 blocks back to Main St, then cross to the City Hall parking lot and your car. **END of 10k walk.**

**Event related assistance:
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Belen – 5k



Belen – 10k