



The Sun Country Striders  
 Welcomes You to  
**Mosquero & Mills Canyon**



**Harding County**  
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event

This walk is composed of a 5k walk in Mosquero and a second route in Mills Canyon in Harding County. Harding is the least populated county in New Mexico and boasts a county population of 707 humans and 40,000 cattle. These routes will be available in 2024 only. The 5k walk will explore Mosquero, the county seat, with its many murals, county courthouse, school, and park. The second route is in Mills Canyon along the Canadian River and may be any length you want, but is accessed on a 6-mile 'washboard' road to the Mills Canyon Rim Campground

**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, 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 Mosquero town walk starts at the Mosquero Park at 4<sup>th</sup> and Jolly Rogers. From Santa Fe, take I-25 north to Wagon Mound, then east on NM-120 to Roy, then southeast (right ) on NM-39 to Mosquero. NM-39 becomes Main St. Continue to 4<sup>th</sup> St, then north on 4<sup>th</sup> 1 ½ blocks to the park on the right. No restrooms available at the start, but may be available at various businesses in the area.

For the Mills Canyon route, at Roy, turn northwest (left) on NM-39 10 miles to the sign for Mills Canyon, then west (left) for 6 miles on the 'washboard' road to the Canyon Rim Campground. Park. Porta-potty at campground.

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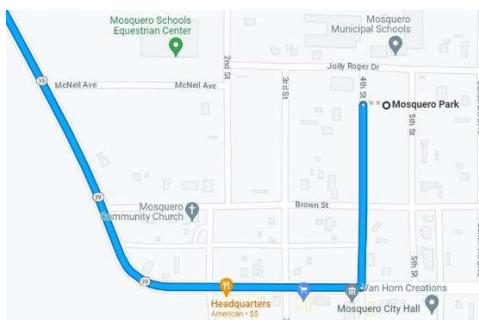
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**MOSQUERO - HARDING COUNTY - 4K**

Walk starts at the Mosquero Park at 4<sup>th</sup> and Jolly Rogers streets in Mosquero. In Mosquero, NM-39 becomes Main St. Proceed to 4<sup>th</sup> St, then north on 4<sup>th</sup> 1 ½ blocks to the park on the right.

Special Programs: Town Hall

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11. **LEFT** on 5<sup>th</sup> 2 blocks to Main, then **RIGHT** on Main 1 block to Lakefront.
12. **LEFT** on Lakefront 1 block to Brown, then **LEFT** on Brown 1 block to 5<sup>th</sup>.
13. **LEFT** on 5<sup>th</sup> 1 block to Main, then **RIGHT** on Main 1 block to 4<sup>th</sup>.
14. **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> 1 ½ blocks returning to your car. **END of 5k.**

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

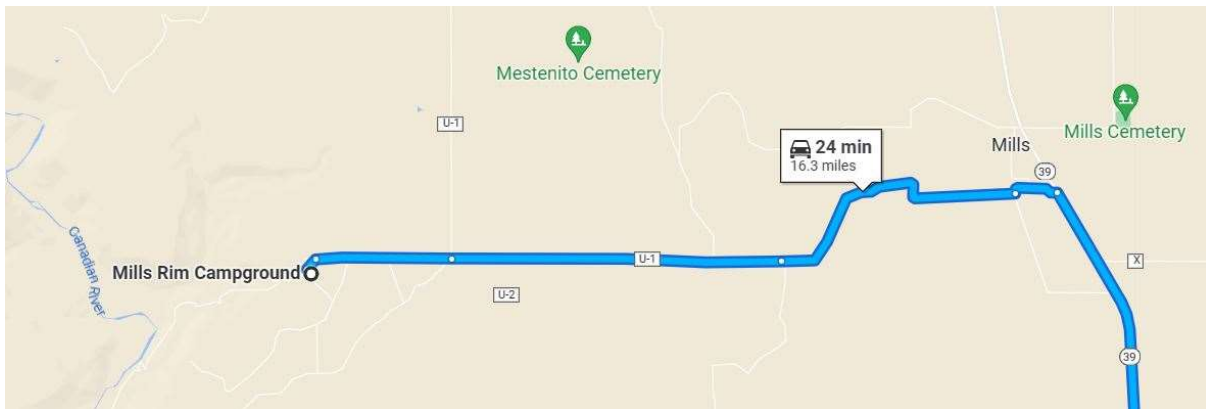
1. **NOTE: Not all streets are identified. Please follow directions and map.** Facing 4<sup>th</sup> St, **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> to Jolly Rogers (McNeil).
2. **RIGHT** on Jolly Rogers 2 blocks to Lakefront Blvd, then **LEFT** on Lakefront Blvd 1 block to Division St.
3. **LEFT** on Division 1 long block to 2<sup>nd</sup> St passing Pirate Field, then **LEFT** on 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 blocks to Brown.
4. **JOG RIGHT, THEN LEFT** to continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 blocks to Pine.
5. **LEFT** on Pine 1 block to 3<sup>rd</sup>, then **RIGHT** on 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 blocks to Baca.
6. **LEFT** on Baca 2 blocks to 5<sup>th</sup>, then **LEFT** on 5<sup>th</sup> 1 block to Downey.
7. **LEFT** on Downey 1 block to 4<sup>th</sup>, then **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> 1 block to Pine.
8. **LEFT** on Pine 1 block to 3<sup>rd</sup> passing the Harding County Courthouse.
9. **RIGHT** on 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 blocks to Main, then **RIGHT** on Main 1 block to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
10. **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> 2 blocks to Pine, then **LEFT** on Pine 1 block to 5<sup>th</sup> St.



**MILLS CANYON - HARDING COUNTY – 3-10K**

Walk starts at the Mills Rim Campground at Mills Canyon. From Santa Fe, take I-25 north to Wagon Mound, then east on NM-120 to Roy. At Roy, turn northwest (left) on NM-39 for 10 miles to the sign for Mills Canyon. Left onto the 'washboard' road for 6 miles to the Mills Canyon Rim Campground driving about 15-20 MPH. Park at the Rim Campground and look for the sign 'Narrow, Steep, Winding Rd - next 2 miles'. We will be walking this dirt road. If you have a high-clearance vehicle, you may continue to the canyon bottom. I made it in my Santa Fe Sport with high-clearance driving very carefully at 1-10 MPH. Hiking boots and poles recommended.

Porta-potty available at campground.



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1. From the Rim Campground, follow the steep, narrow, winding road down as far as you wish. Nice views of the canyon the further down you go. Distance to Mills Canyon Campground – 3.3 miles. Canadian River flows (maybe) thru the canyon.
2. Turn around whenever desired and give yourself the appropriate distance.
3. **OPTION:** If you chose to drive down to the bottom (most of this road is single lane with a few wide places where you can meet a vehicle), then visit the Melvin Mills Orchard Ranch ruins. Hike the roads and explore. There is supposed to be a trail to the right (when facing the river area), but I did not see the trailhead. I saw pools of water from the road, but not a river.
4. Enjoy. **END of whatever distance you walked.**

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