



The Sun Country Striders
Welcomes You to
Mountainair & Salinas Missions

Torrance County
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of a 5k walk in Mountainair and 3 short walks at the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument sites in Torrance County. You may do any/all of the 4 short walks and combine their distances. These routes will be available in 2024 only. The Mountainair walk will explore this small town and county seat of Torrance County and headquarters for the Salinas Missions. Then venture from Mountainair to visit the ruins of the Salinas Pueblo Missions dating back over 400 years. Each walk will explore the sites on short 2-3k routes.

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 Mountainair town walk starts at the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument headquarters at 105 S Ripley Ave. From I-25 and Belen, take NM-47 southeast to US-60. From Socorro, head north on I-25 to US-60, then east on US-60. Continue on US-60 to Mountainair and the National Monument Visitor Center on the south side of US-60 at Ripley Ave. Mountainair has a population of 900 and only 1 blinking light. You can't miss it. From the east and Santa Rosa, take US-54 southwest to Vaughn, then US-60 west to Mountainair.

The Salinas Pueblo National Monument consists of 3 sites. The Abo Ruins site is just off of US-60 between Belen and Mountainair and is 35 miles southeast of Belen and 10 miles west of Mountainair. The Gran Quivira site is 25 miles south of Mountainair. From US-60, take NM-55 south as it turns right, left, right, left, right to the site's visitor center (follow the signs). The Quarai Unit is 9 miles north of Mountainair. From US-60 take NM-55 north and follow the signs to the visitor center.

Restrooms available at the Visitor Center at all locations.

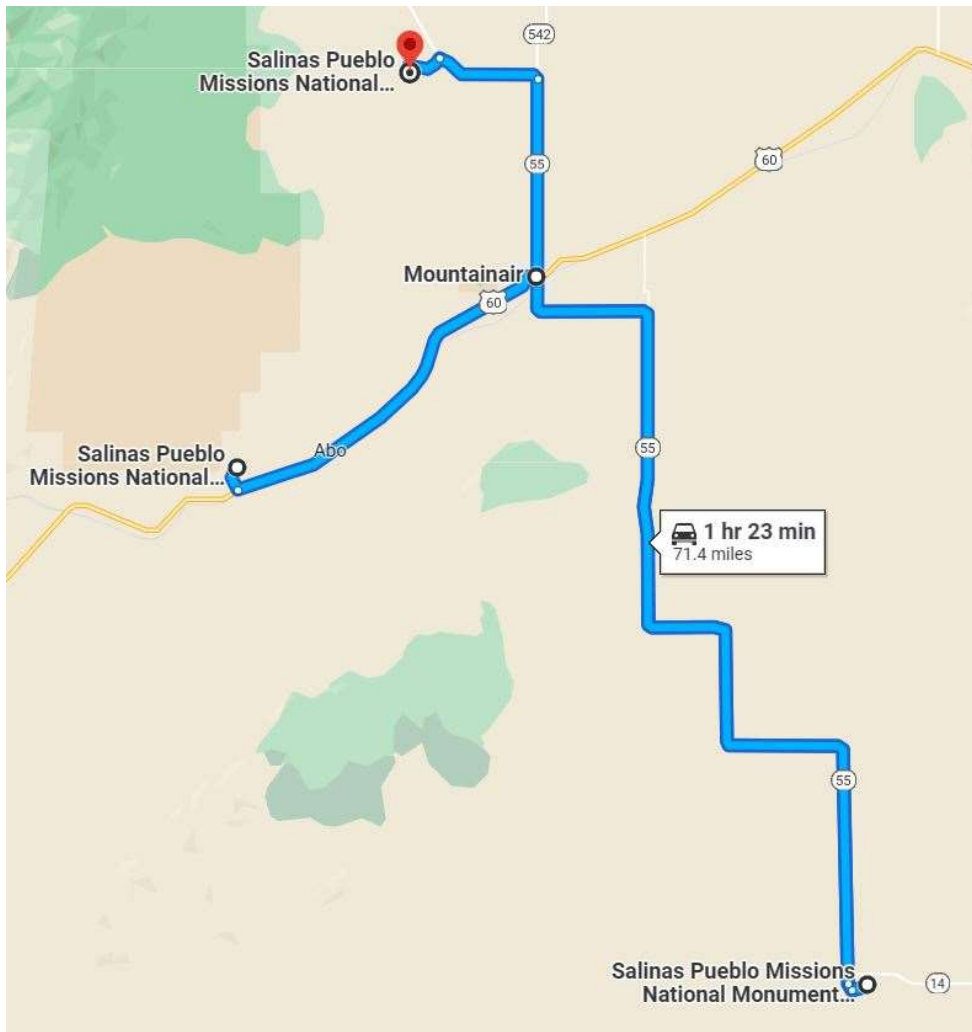
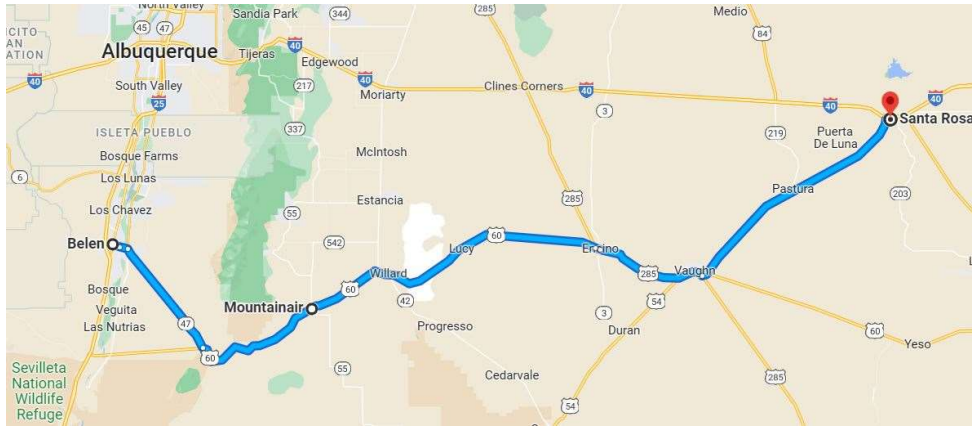


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MOUNTAINAIR - TORRANCE COUNTY – 5K

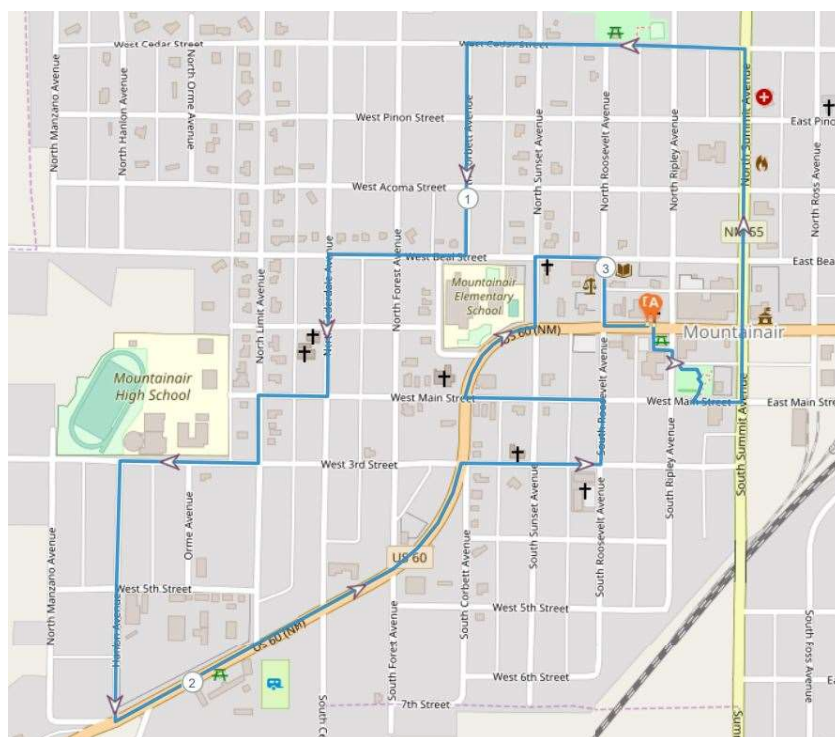
Walk starts at the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument visitor center at 105 S Ripley in Mountainair. The visitor center actually faces US-60 (Broadway) at the corner of Ripley.

Special Programs: Town Hall

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1. From the parking lot of the Visitor Center, **RIGHT** on Ripley to the park on the left. Note the various murals throughout the town.
2. **LEFT** thru the park, then exit **RIGHT** to Main St.
3. **LEFT** on Main noting the rock fence and the Shaffer Hotel, a nice place to eat. Continue to Summit Ave.
4. **LEFT** on Summit 5 blocks to Cedar St, then **LEFT** on Cedar 4 blocks to Corbett passing the city park.
5. **LEFT** on Corbett 3 blocks to Beal St, then **RIGHT** on Beal 2 blocks to Cederdale.
6. **LEFT** on Cederdale 2 blocks to Main St, **RIGHT** on Main 1 block to Limit Ave.
7. **LEFT** on Limit 1 block to 3rd St., then **RIGHT** on 3rd 2 blocks to Hanlon.
8. **LEFT** on Hanlon 2 blocks to US-60 (Broadway), then **LEFT** on Broadway 4 blocks to 3rd.
9. **RIGHT** on 3rd 2 blocks to Roosevelt, then **LEFT** on Roosevelt 1 block to Main.
10. **LEFT** on Main 2 blocks to Broadway, then **RIGHT** on Broadway 1 block to Sunset and continue as it curves to the right.
11. **LEFT** on Sunset 1 block to Beal St, then **RIGHT** on Beal 1 block Roosevelt.
12. **RIGHT** on Roosevelt 1 blocks to Broadway, then **LEFT** on Broadway 1 block returning to the visitor center and your car. **END of 5k.**

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



SALINAS PUEBLO MISSIONS NATIONAL MONUMENT (3 sites)

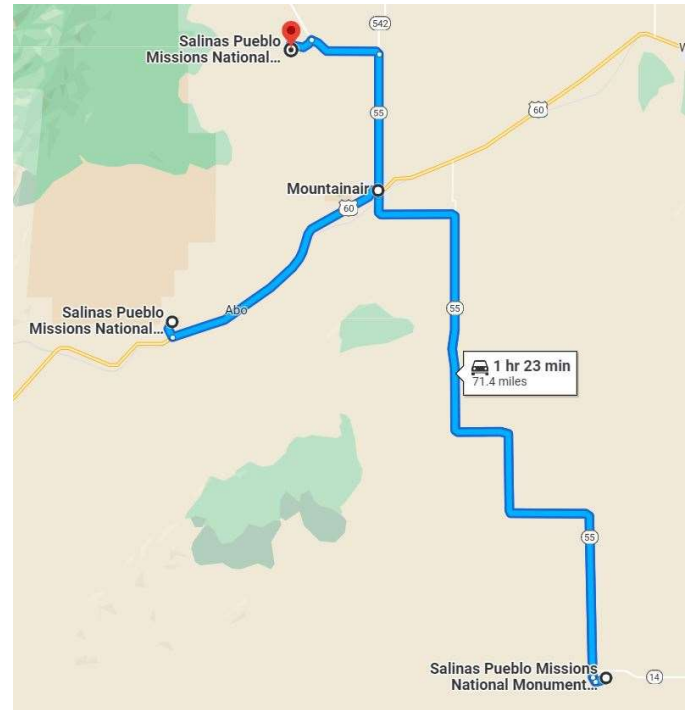
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1. **Abo Ruins (10 miles west of Mountainair on US-60) on the north side of US-60.**
2. Stop at the visitor center (restrooms to the left), follow the trail across the road to the church ruins, then continue around to the creek and additional ruins returning to the park road.
3. **RIGHT** on the park road about .2 mile passing the picnic area and going slightly downhill.
4. **U-TURN** back on the park road to the Visitor Center and your car. **END of 2k.**

1. **Gran Quivira Ruins (25 miles south of Mountainair on NM-55)**
2. From the parking lot, follow trail to the visitor center and the loop trail around the ruins. Visit the Larger Church and the site of the first church along with other ruins. Follow trail back to the visitor center and the parking lot (.8 miles).
3. Circle the parking lot and walk about .2 mile down the park road, **U-TURN** back to the parking lot for a total of 1.2 miles **END of 2k.**

1. **Quarai Ruins (9 miles north of Mountainair on NM-55).**
2. From the parking lot, go thru the visitor center to the Ruins trail. **LEFT** on trail to the ruins walking clockwise. Visit the church ruins, then continue along the trail.
3. At intersection with the Spanish Corral Trail, turn **LEFT** on trail, then at intersection, follow the trail clockwise around the 1 mile primitive trail returning to the intersection.
4. **LEFT** on trail and **LEFT** again on the Ruins trail to return to the visitor center and your car. **END of 3k.**

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Quarai Ruins Trails