

City of Rocks State Park
Grant County



This walk is a hike around the City of Rocks State Park giving you the 2 options to add 2 or 5k to the basic 5k route. The Table Mountain 5k option (rated 3C) gains several hundred feet in elevation and we recommend hiking boots and poles for it. Hiking poles are nice for the other trails. The Hydra Trail plus the 2k option (rated 2C) to the observation point are wide compacted dirt trails. The basic trail thru the rocks are relatively easy, but hiking poles for balance are good.

Walk Registration:

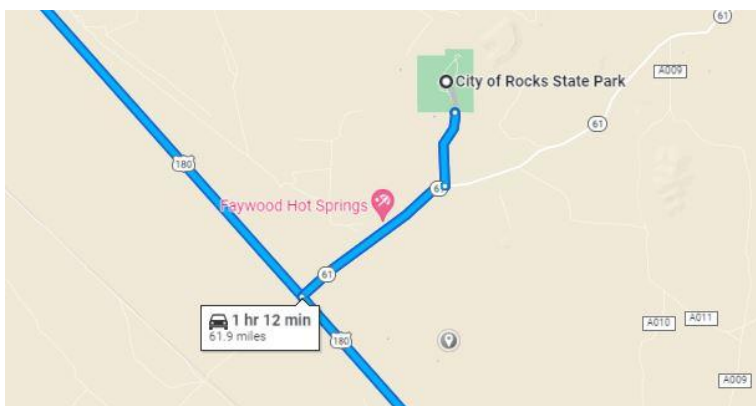
Register via the convention registration, the Online Start Box (OSB), or onsite registration. This is the convention's featured walk for Sat, Apr 26, 2025. Onsite registration, directions, and stamp will be available on that Sat or during the convention in Las Cruces. The walk may be done at any time during the convention week.

Driving Directions to Start Point:

Drive to the City of Rocks State Park which is about half-way between Deming and Silver City. Take US-180 to NM-61, then east on NM-61 and follow signs to the City of Rocks State Park (32.58239N, 107.97223W). Use the self-pay station to pay the vehicle parking fee (\$5 for New Mexico residents, \$10 for out-of-state).

Special registration checkin and parking for Sat, Apr 26:

Because of limited parking inside the park, we are working with park personel to facilitate access to the park. When you turn east off of US-180, immediately stop on the south side of NM-61 to checkin, register, pickup park entry fee envelop, directions, stamps, and make new friends. We are asking that walkers make-friends or take-friends into the park by carpooling and leave some vehicles at this registration area (and saving on vehicle parking fees). We will then direct you to a parking area. We will group walkers according to their plans for 5k, 7k, 10k, or 12k distances.



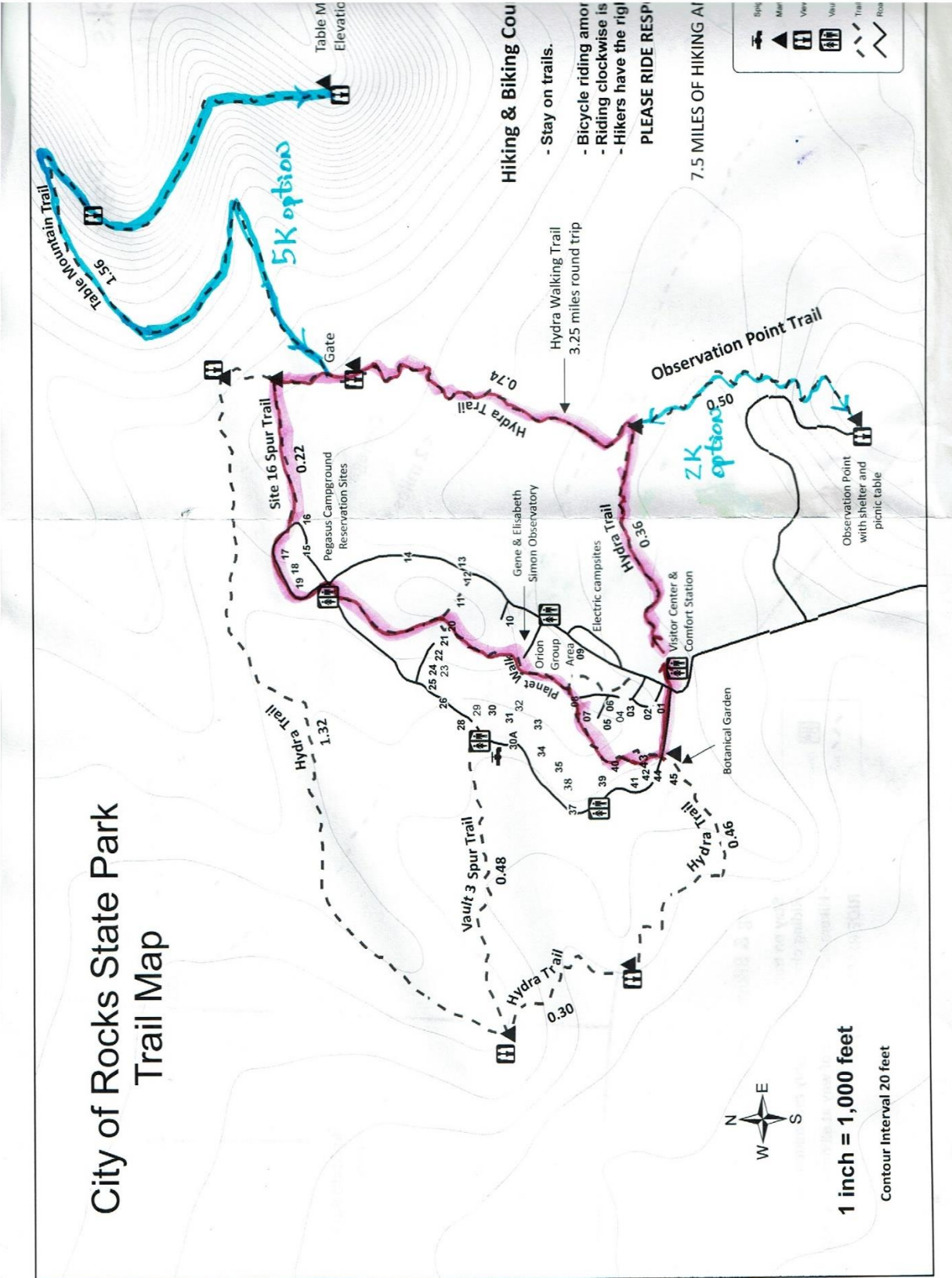
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1. After paying the parking fee, continue to the Visitor Center. Restrooms available at VC and throughout the campground. Please do not park in front of the VC, but rather behind the center. **(Sat, Apr 26 – you will be directed to parking areas – stop by VC for toilets, then continue to the assigned parking area)**
2. Look for the Hydra Trailhead at the far end of the visitor center back parking lot.
3. Follow the trail for about .4 mile to a junction with the Observation Viewpoint Trail.
4. **2k Bonus Option: RIGHT** on trail uphill to the Observation Point then **U-TURN** back to the Hydra Trail. **(NOTE: if not hiking to the viewpoint, drive to it afterward on the road next to the park fee station.)**
5. Continue on the Hydra trail about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the junction with the Table Mountain trail on the right.
6. **5k Bonus Option: RIGHT** on trail uphill to the top of Table Mountain, then **U-TURN** back to the Hydra Trail.
7. **Continue** on the Hydra trail a short distance to the intersection with the sign for the Pegasus Campground.
8. **LEFT** to the campground and checkpoint then circle the campground counter-clockwise to the main park road and **restroom**.
9. **CROSS** the road to continue on the trail across from the restrooms heading into the 'city of rocks'. Trail is lined with small rocks, but you might lose it at time. Not to worry, feel free to wander and explore the rocks and the many photo ops. If you would rather avoid scrambling over and thru the rocks, then follow the park road to the far end of the formations and the Visitor Center and enjoy the sights.
10. **CONTINUE** to the far end of the rock formations emerging on the park road. If you think that you are lost, just walk in any direction until you see the park road which circles the rock formation, then pick your path.
11. **LEFT** on park road and return to the visitor center and your car.
12. **END of 5k basic route with 2k and 5k bonus options.**

**Event related assistance:
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