

**Capitan NM 12/5km Walk 2B:** 20 miles from the hotel at 6400 feet. Walk along gravel fitness trail and through town. No shade, so early morning is best. Features Smokey Bear Grave & Museum, and small park. Altitude is 6400 feet.

**Fort Stanton 20/10/6/5km Hike 3B - Traditional walk Sat. April 23.** 30 miles north of hotel at 6200 feet. Walk Through sparsely forested area with rolling hills. One 10/5 km loop and the one 10/6 km loop. There is also a 5km town loop that goes around the Fort and historic cemetery. Fort Stanton has a nice museum and many historic buildings are open to the public. Altitude is 6200 feet.

YREs are available nearby in Ruidoso and Cloudcroft. Also, available in the Ruidoso area, on the eastern side of New Mexico, are four new YREs in Lovington, Portales, Clovis, and Fort Sumner.

Please note that water is NOT available at each walk, and there is no Checkpoint. Please bring plenty of water for each walk, along with snacks. Hiking poles are recommended.



# The Sun Country Striders

Welcome you to Ruidoso, New Mexico

**April 20 - April 25, 2022**

7 Traditional Events - 3 YREs



## White Sands National Monument



## EVENT HOTEL

La Quinta by Wyndham, 26147 US Hwy. 70 E, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Phone (575) 378-3333. Blocked rooms for this event are \$99 Sunday - Thursday, and \$129, Friday and Saturday. Please mention American Volkssport Association for your reduced rate.

## DIRECTIONS

From the West on Hwy 70 the hotel is about 2 blocks past light at the intersection with NM 48. From the East on Hwy 70, hotel is on the right just before the light at NM 48. From the North on NM 48, turn left on Hwy 70, and go two blocks to hotel on left.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for all walks will be 6am - 5pm April 20 - April 24 at host hotel lobby. Please register for your walks, pay, and stamp your books then. All walks are available everyday listed except Fort Stanton, which is April 23 only. Registration fee is \$3.00 for each walk.

## ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT

These are non-competitive events, walk, jog or run at your own pace. It is open to all. CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

## DINNERS

**April 22:** Meet and greet at hotel breakfast room. Snacks will be provided but BYOB (check with POC)

**April 23:** Dinner at local restaurant. Reservations required by April 1st. There will be a local speaker. Pay your own.

## POCS

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## THE HIKES/WALKS

**Carry water on all walks and hikes. Hiking boots and sticks recommended on all hikes.**

**April 13 - May 2**

**White Sands National Park 5/10km 3C:** The trails are hard packed/ loose sand. There is no water available in park but restrooms are at the trail heads. Park opens at 7am.. Park is located 72 miles West of Ruidoso on US 70. Altitude is 4,000 Feet.

**Roswell, NM 5/10KM 1A:** Located 75 miles East of Ruidoso on US HWY 70. Home of International UFO Museum and Research Center. Also has only UFO Themed McDonalds. Visit Roswell History and Art Center, Walker Aviation Museum, Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, and Spring River Zoo. Altitude is 3,600 Feet.

**Note:** If you wish to do these 2 walks before Registration Point opens, contact POC for walk instructions. If you are not going to Ruidoso, Insert card will be sent.

**April 20 - April 25**

**Cloudcroft City 15/5km Rails to Trails Hike 3C:** A 50 mile drive south from the hotel. Open 9am to 5pm. Cloudcroft is a small mountain community at 8700 feet. The walk goes through pine forest with open meadows and two historic rail trestles.

**Cloudcroft Osha trail 14/10/5km Hike 2B:** Walk through pine forest with open meadows. Altitude is 8700 feet.

**Ruidoso Grindstone Lake 20/12/6 km Hike 3C:** Walk through pine forests starting at lake on well-developed trails at 7500 feet.