

Choose your trailhead to plot your adventure: *La Cuchara*, meaning the spoon, *Frijoles*, meaning beans, *Calabasas*, meaning squashes. Within three miles of the historic Santa Fe Plaza, discover La Tierra Trails system. Enjoy 25+ miles of hiker, biker, and equestrian trails, plus designated technical parks for BMX, mountain bikes, and ATV/MX. With an elevation range of 350 vertical feet over a 1,500 acre area, La Tierra Trails are generally designated as easy to moderate, but offer some well-marked technical routes that feature steeper grades. Thanks to the City of Santa Fe, the International Mountain Biking Association, the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, La Tierra Trails has evolved from its general public land status to a thriving multi-use recreation destination.

Trail Segment Distance (mi)

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Trail Junction

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Parking (10+ vehicles)

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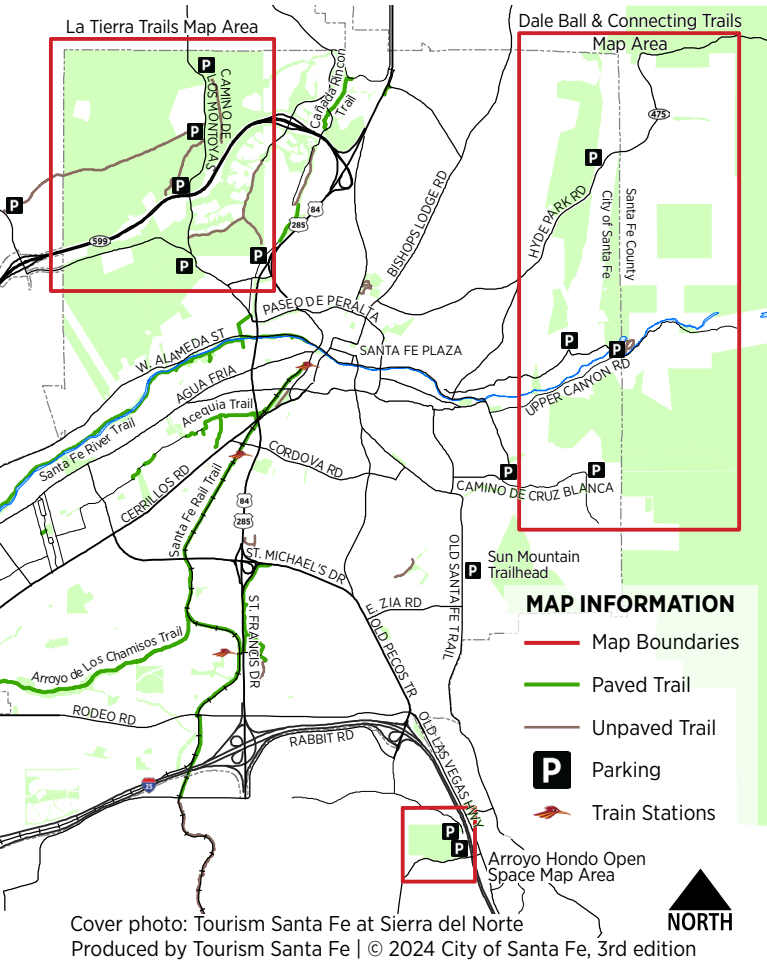
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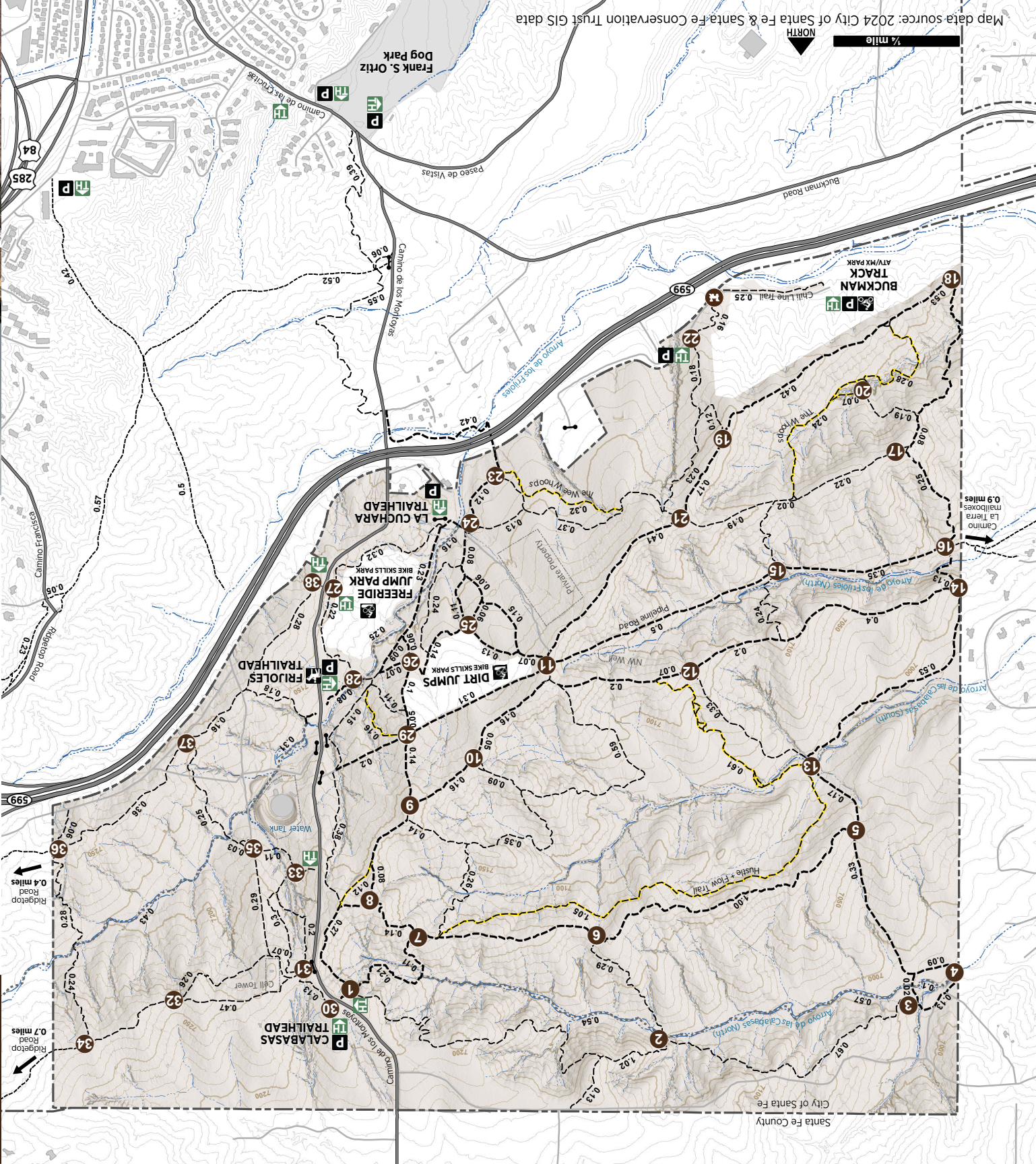
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Sangre de Cristo Mountains

You'll notice the dominant piñon and juniper vegetation, which serves as protection and travel corridors for numerous wildlife species, including the cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, burrowing owl, piñon jay, Steller's jay, coyote, bobcat, and mountain lion. Most mammals are active at night, so tracks and scat are often all we see of them. Birds and reptiles are active in the day, depending on the season. Some of the most ancient, drought-adapted habitats are microscopic, in bio-crusts woven together of many species.

The Sangre de Cristo foothills are located on the original homeland of the Tewa people, still referred to as *Ogha Po'oge* (White Shell Water Place).



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Trail Safety Reminders & Recommendations

- Ride/hike the trails at your own risk.
- Help protect our fragile ecosystem by staying on designated trails.
- Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.
- Pack plenty of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, rain gear, and a first aid kit.
- Take it slowly, particularly if you are visiting from a lower altitude with higher humidity. Dehydration and altitude sickness can become serious, so rest often, hydrate, and enjoy the views.
- Trails and parking lots are open dawn to dusk.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle at the parking lots.
- Be aware that the higher elevation Dale Ball and connecting trails can be icy in the winter and early spring; the lower elevation La Tierra and Arroyo Hondo trails can be hot in the summer.

Seasons & Conditions

Santa Fe is a semi-arid climate with four distinct seasons and 320+ days of sunshine.

Spring: average highs: low 70s; average lows: low 40s
Variable daily temps, occasional wet weather, and rushing creeks.

Summer: average highs: high 80s; average lows: mid 50s
Dry, sunshiny mornings, midday monsoons, and cool evenings.

Autumn: average highs: low 60s; average lows: mid 30s
Bright sun, crisp air, and vibrant golden aspens and cottonwoods.

Winter: average highs: high 40s; average lows: mid 20s
Mild, but true winter, with 6-8 snowfalls blanketing the hills.

Trail Rules & Etiquette

Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

ATV/MX vehicles only allowed within designated ATV/MX Park.

No campfires or open flames.

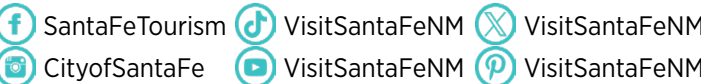


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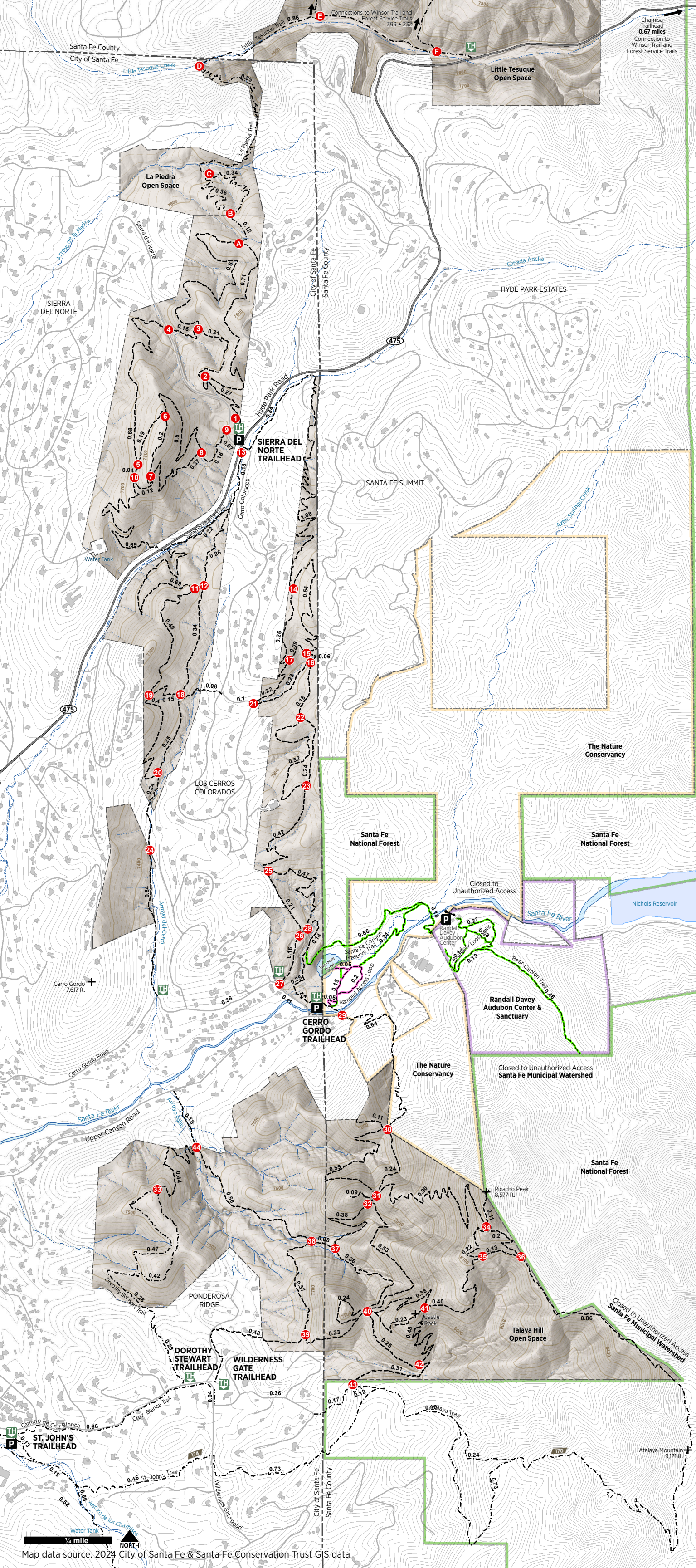
With additional help from the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, National Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy.



Santa Fe Foothill Trails



Enjoy the foothills of Santa Fe by foot, bike, or horseback



Dale Ball

AND CONNECTING TRAILS

MAP LEGEND

TRAILS

- Hiker/Biker
- Connecting
- Preserve & Audubon
- Ramped Access Loop*

USERS



- # Trail Junction
- TH Trailhead
- P Parking (10+ vehicles)
- 174 Forest Service Trail

0.00 Trail Segment Distance (miles)

Within two miles of the historic Santa Fe Plaza, discover the Dale Ball Trail system and its connecting trails. Enjoy 36+ miles of hiking and mountain biking trails that extend across land owned by the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, the National Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, the National Audubon Society, and private landowners. With an elevation fluctuation of approximately 1,800 feet, expect panoramas of the Rio Grande Valley's mountain ranges and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The late Dale Ball, founder of Santa Fe Conservation Trust, was instrumental in the conception, design, and construction of the trails that bear his name, negotiating easements from private property owners to link portions of City and County land to devise a true system.

While the Dale Ball Trail system offers 23.75 miles of superb single track, don't miss the miles of equally excellent connecting trails:

- Little Tesuque Creek Trail 1.7 (connecting to an extensive network of trails in the 1.6 million-acre Santa Fe National Forest)
- La Piedra Trail 1.6
- Meadow Loop Trails & Bear Canyon Trail 1.0
- Santa Fe Canyon Preserve Trail 1.4 (*features a 0.4-mile ramped access loop)
- Dorothy Stewart Trail 1.6
- Atalaya Trail 5.4



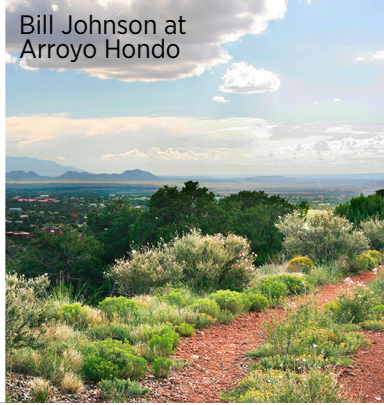
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Bill Johnson at Arroyo Hondo

ARROYO HONDO OPEN SPACE

MAP LEGEND

TRAILS

- Multi-Use

USERS



- Trailhead
- Parking (10+ vehicles)

0.00 Trail Segment Distance (mi)

Within five miles of the historic Santa Fe Plaza, the Arroyo Hondo Open Space features approximately three miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails (elevation range of 260 feet) that offer panoramic views of the Galisteo Basin, Cerrillos Hills, Ortiz Mountains, and the Arroyo Hondo. At the Old Las Vegas Highway/ Arroyo Hondo Road trailhead, study and take a picture of the artistic interpretive display to appreciate the wide diversity of 20 native plants you can find along the trail, including Scarlet Hedgehog Cactus and Coyote Willow. Also keep an eye out for a historic dam, evidenced from particular vista points. Once private land destined for parceling into residential lots, the Arroyo Hondo Open Space was rescued in favor of keeping the space an open public access area.

Start your adventure at one of two trailheads:

- Old Las Vegas Highway/Arroyo Hondo Road
- Old Agua Fria Road East

