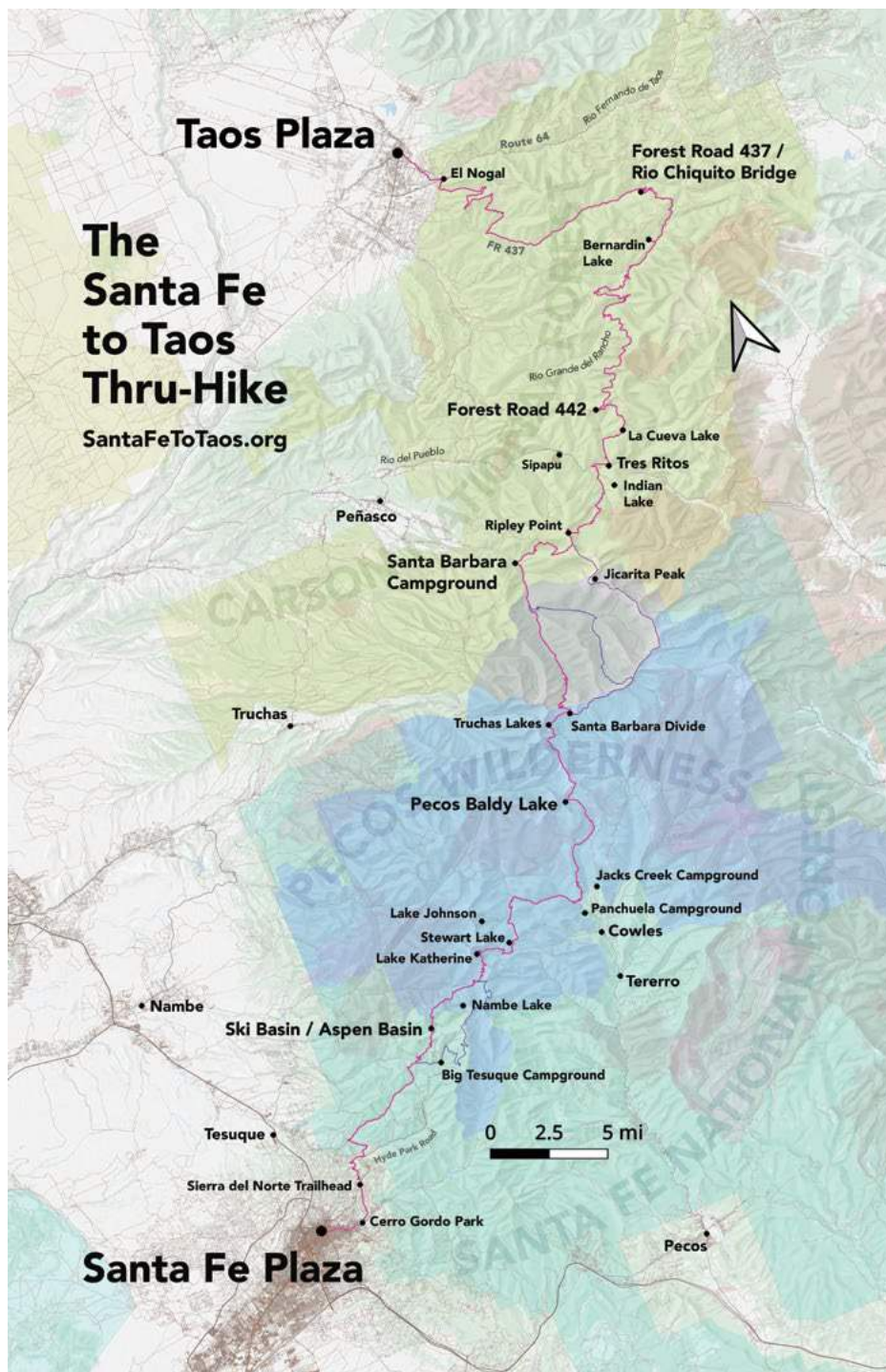


# The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike

## INFO SHEET

- Santa Fe Plaza to Taos Plaza.
- 132 miles on existing trails.
- Takes two weeks if you do ten miles a day — it's the perfect summer vacation.
- Can be done over a series of weekends in one summer. Or do it as day hikes and one-night overnights plus one two-night overnight.
- Route is broken up into six Sections, each about 20 miles each. Each Section has 7-9 sub-sections.
- Most of the thru-hike is above 9,000 feet elevation. Expect to do 2,000-3,000+ feet of elevation per day.
- Has far more water than you'd think! 28% of the route is directly next to or within a few hundred feet of rivers and creeks. Goes right by 13 lakes and ponds.
- Goes through wilderness and on remote trails. Expect occasional fallen trees and faint trails.
- Resupply at just about the halfway mark at Sipapu Ski Basin.
- Best months to do it are July, August, and September. Can be done from June through October.
- Separate route for mountain bikers in development. Route shown here is not designed or intended for mountain bikes.



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# ROUTE

## Section 1: Santa Fe Plaza to Santa Fe Ski Basin (19.5 miles)

**S1-1:** Santa Fe Plaza to Patrick Smith Park. 1.4 miles.

**S1-2:** Patrick Smith Park to Arroyo Polay Trailhead via Cerro Gordo Park. 1.2 miles.

**S1-3:** Arroyo Polay Trailhead to Sierra del Norte Trailhead. 1.8 miles.

**S1-4:** Sierra del Norte Trailhead to Little Tesuque Creek / Juan Trail (Trail 399). 3.4 miles.

**S1-5:** Little Tesuque Creek / Juan Trail (399) to Winsor Trail (254). 1.8 miles.

**S1-6:** Winsor Trail (254) / Juan Trail (399) intersection to Winsor Trail (254) / Chamisa Trail (183) intersection. 3.3 miles.

**S1-7:** Winsor Trail (254) / Chamisa Trail (183) intersection to Winsor / Borrego Trail (150) intersection. 1.8 miles.

**S1-8:** Winsor / Borrego Trail (150) to Forest Road 102. 1.9 miles

**S1-9:** Forest Road 102 to Winsor Trailhead at The Ski Basin. 2.9 miles

Alt Route: Tesuque Peak to Puerto Nambe

## Section 2: Santa Fe Ski Basin to Pecos Baldy Lake (26.2 miles)

**S2-1:** Ski Basin / Winsor (254) trailhead to "the Y". 2.4 miles.

**S2-2:** "The Y" to Puerto Nambe. 2.2 miles.

**S2-3:** Puerto Nambe to Lake Katherine. 2.8 miles.

**S2-4:** Lake Katherine to Winsor Ridge (271) / Skyline Trail (251) intersection. 3.6 miles.

**S2-5:** Winsor Ridge (271) / Skyline Trail (251) intersection to Skyline Trail (251) / Cave Creek (288) intersection. 2.9 miles.

**S2-6:** Cave Creek (288) / Skyline Trail (251) intersection to Cave Creek (288) Dockweiler Trail (259) intersection. 3.3 miles.

**S2-7:** Dockweiler Trail (259) / Cave Creek Trail (288) junction to Dockweiler field and rill. 4.1 miles.

**S2-8:** Dockweiler field and rill to intersection of Dockweiler (259) and Jack's Creek Trail (257). 2.5 miles.

**S2-9:** Dockweiler (259) / Jack's Creek Trail (257) junction to Pecos Baldy Lake. 2.6 miles.  
Alt route: Puerto Nambe to Spirit Lake to Winsor Creek / Winsor Trail

## Section 3: Pecos Baldy Lake to Santa Barbara Campground (19.6 miles)

**S3-1:** Pecos Baldy Lake to intersection of Skyline (251) & Jose Vigil Trail (351). 2.8 miles.

**S3-2:** Intersection of Skyline (251) & Jose Vigil Trail (351) to Truchas Lakes. 2.5 miles.

**S3-3:** Truchas Lakes to Santa Barbara Divide. 2.4 miles.

**S3-4:** Santa Barbara Divide to West Fork of Rio Santa Barbara. 5.4 miles.

**S3-5:** West Fork Rio Santa Barbara to intersection of Middle Fork Trail (24) and West Fork Trail (25). 3.6 miles.

**S3-6:** Intersection of Middle Fork Trail (24) and West Fork Trail (25) to Santa Barbara Campground free parking lot. 3.1 miles.

**Alt route:** Middle Fork Trail (24)

**Alt route:** Jicarita Peak / Divide Trail (36)

## Section 4: Santa Barbara Campground to FR 442 (18.7 miles)

**S4-1:** Santa Barbara Campground free parking lot to intersection Indian Creek Trail (27) and Bear Mountain Trail (28). 2.1 miles.

**S4-2:** Intersection of Indian Creek Trail (27) and Bear Mountain Trail (28) to intersection Indian Creek Trail (27) and Divide Trail (36). 2.6 miles.

**S4-3:** Intersection Indian Creek Trail (27) and Divide Trail (36) to Los Esteros. 1.5 miles.

**S4-4:** Los Esteros to intersection of Agua Piedra Creek, Trail 19A and Trail 22. 3.8 miles.

**S4-5:** Trail 19a/22/Agua Piedra Creek to Agua Piedra Campground entrance. 1.9 miles.

**S4-6:** Agua Piedra entrance bridge to La Cueva Canyon / Trail 492. 0.9 miles.

**S4-7:** La Cueva Canyon / La Cueva Trail (492) to intersection of La Cueva Trail (492) and Ojitos Maes Trail (182). 1.7 miles.

**S4-8:** Intersection of La Cueva Trail (492) and Ojitos Maes Trail (182) to intersection of Ojitos Maes Trail (182) & La Cueva 8. 1.4 miles.

**S4-9:** Intersection of La Cueva 8 and Ojitos Maes Trail (182) to FR 442. 2.7 miles.

## Section 5: FR 442 to Rio Chiquito / FR 437 (26 miles)

**S5-1:** FR 442 to the beginning of the burn. 4.73 miles.

**S5-2:** Beginning of the burn on FR 442 to FR 439 / Rio Grande del Rancho. 4.2 miles.

**S5-3:** FR 439 / Rio Grande del Rancho to the beginning of the Connector. 4.0 miles.

**S5-4:** The beginning of the Connector to FR 438. 4.0 miles.

**S5-5:** FR 438 / end of the Connector to Bernardin Lake. 2.4 miles.

**S5-6:** Bernardin Lake to Puertocito (junction of FR 438 and FR 478). 2.3 miles.

**S5-7:** Puertocito to Rio Chiquito / Forest Road 437. 4.5 miles.

## Section 6: Rio Chiquito / FR 437 to Taos Plaza (20 miles)

**S6-1:** Rio Chiquito / FR 437 to Buena Suerte Canyon / FR 437. 2.3 miles.

**S6-2:** Buena Suerte Canyon to Manzanita Canyon on FR 437. 3.0 miles.

**S6-3:** Manzanita Canyon to Drake Canyon Loop Trail (165) on FR 437. 2.2 miles.

**S6-4:** Intersection of FR 437 and Drake Canyon Loop Trail (165) to intersection of Drake Canyon Loop Trail (165) and unnamed trail. 3.4 miles.

**S6-5:** Intersection of Drake Canyon Loop Trail (165) and unnamed trail to intersection of Ojitos Trail (166) and another unnamed trail. 1.5 miles.

**S6-6:** Ojitos Trail (166) from intersection with unnamed trail to Ojitos Trail (166) and a different intersection with another unnamed trail. 4.1 miles

**S6-7:** Ojitos Trail (166) / unnamed trail to El Nogal. 1.1 miles

**S6-8:** El Nogal to The Taos Cow. 1.7 miles

**S6-9:** The Taos Cow to Taos Plaza. 1.4 miles.

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