

Looking for an adventure? You've found it. Come see the rugged beauty of New Mexico's high country on a 10-day trek between two historic destinations. Experienced guides—including the woman who created the route—will escort you through the Santa Fe National Forest, the Pecos Wilderness, and Carson National Forest. We'll pass through alpine fields, under towering trees, along trout gurgling trout streams and by remote lakes. You'll see reknown sites like the Trailriders Wall and find out what the stars look like at 12,000 feet without light pollution.

We're not gonna lie: It's not an easy route. But your trip includes training support. We'll lend you pro-grade gear and make sure you get great food and good rest and regular breaks. The itinerary has some long days, but it's generally designed to build up as you go, so you'll finish strong and have a great time.

What you'll take away, even more than the memories (and some new muscle) is a sense of confidence. Because if you can hike 132 miles over some of the highest and most rugged terrian in the West... what else could you do?

I'll always treasure this hike because it provided world-class, Rocky Mountain adventure in my backyard! As I approached the completion and sensed the connection between Santa Fe and Taos I also began to appreciate the unique character of the route. Is there another long-distance hike in the U.S. that knits together two culturally-significant communities with a high-mountain traverse like this? The two end-point towns make for memorable hiking as the trail transforms in and out of the mountain experience.

- Darrow Kirkpatrick, SF2T 2025 Finisher



La Cueva field.

Full Route Trips South Half Trips

Trip #1: June 8-17

Trip #2: July 6-15

Trip #3: August 10-19

Trip #4: Sept 28- Oct 7

Trip #1: June 8-17

Trip #2: June 22-July 2

Full Route \$3,000

10 days. Average of 12.6 miles and 2,700 ft of ascent per day. All trips leave Santa Fe Plaza on a Monday morning and arrive in Taos Plaza the following Wednesday in the late afternoon. Each trip will have 9 guests and 2 guides.

Day 1. Santa Fe Plaza to field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection. 13.6 miles. 3,000 ft ascent, 1,600 ft descent.

Day 2. Field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection and north of Tesuque creek to Lake Katherine. 11.7 miles. 5,000 ft ascent, 1,800 ft descent.

Day 3. Lake Katherine to just short of Panchuela Campground. 10.2 miles. 900 ft ascent, 4,200 ft descent.

Day 4. Just short of Panchuela Campground to Pecos Baldy Lake. 8.4 miles. 3,400 ft ascent, 400 ft descent.

Day 5. Pecos Baldy Lake to Truchas Lakes. 5.4 miles. 1,100 ft ascent, 700 ft descent.

Day 6. Truchas Lakes to Bull Field. 12.6 miles, 2,200 ft ascent, 4,500 ft descent.

Day 7. Bull Field to La Cueva Lake. 13.6 miles, 4,400 ft ascent, 3,800 ft descent.

Day 8. La Cueva Lake to West Rito de la Olla / FR 438 campsite. 16.6 miles. 3,000 ft ascent, 4,100 ft descent.

Day 9. West Rito de la Olla / FR 438 campsite to Paradise Canyon 15.6 miles, 1,800 ascent, 2,200 descent.

Day 10. Paradise Canyon to Taos Plaza 18.8 miles, 2,500 ft ascent, 4,200 ft descent.

South Half \$2,100

Day 1 and 2 see above.

Day 3. Lake Katherine to Panchuela Campground, then walk to lodge. 10.2 miles. 900 ft ascent, 4,200 ft descent.

Day 4. Zero Day. Rest at the lodge or fish along the Pecos River or at Cowles Ponds.

Day 5. Panchuela Campground to Pecos Baldy Lake. 8.4 miles. 3,400 ft ascent, 400 ft descent.

Day 6. Pecos Baldy Lake to Truchas Lakes. 5.4 miles. 1,100 ft ascent, 700 ft descent.

Day 7. Truchas Lakes to Santa Barbara Campground, then shuttles to Santa Fe or Taos. 11.4 miles, 1,400 ft ascent, 4,400 ft descent.



Lake Katherine

Find out more at SantaFeToTaos.org/guided-hikes/

What's included

- Most of the gear you'll need: Tent, sleeping bag and pad, backpack, water treatment, headlamp, hiking poles, stuff sacks, stove and food prep/meal items.
- All meals plus snacks and hydration while we're on trail.
- You can pack a duffle bag of things you might want and we'll bring to you at four points along the route.
- One-hour recorded Zoom calls two months and one month before departure to go over what to expect, training and packing, and any questions you have.
- Access to a Garmin Inreach Mini on trail.
- The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike Guidebook and a finisher t-shirt to show off your accomplishment.
- Transport from Taos Plaza or Santa Barbara Campground back to Santa Fe Plaza.

What's not included

- Transport to and from any of the trailheads if you need to leave the trip. We can arrange a pickup for you, but you are responsible for its payment.
- The boots and clothes you'll wear on the trip.
- Anyone carrying more than a few of pounds of your gear and personal items. Expect to carry a 35 lb pack.
- Setting up & breaking down your tent and similar tasks.

Meet One of Your Guides: Pam Neely

Pam is the creator of the route, the Founder of the Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike as a 501(c)(3) organization, and the author of The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike Guidebook.

She began work on the thru-hike in 2015 and first completed it in 2018. She has been refining the route ever since, documenting it in over 20,000 photographs and videos, and developing resources like the resupply along the route. Pam has been a Certified Wilderness First Responder for over a decade, has a Food Handling certificate, a HAM radio license, Search and Rescue experience, and will soon have Forest Bathing certification.



Bighorn sheep at Lower Truchas Lake.

Heading towards Santa Barbara Campground.

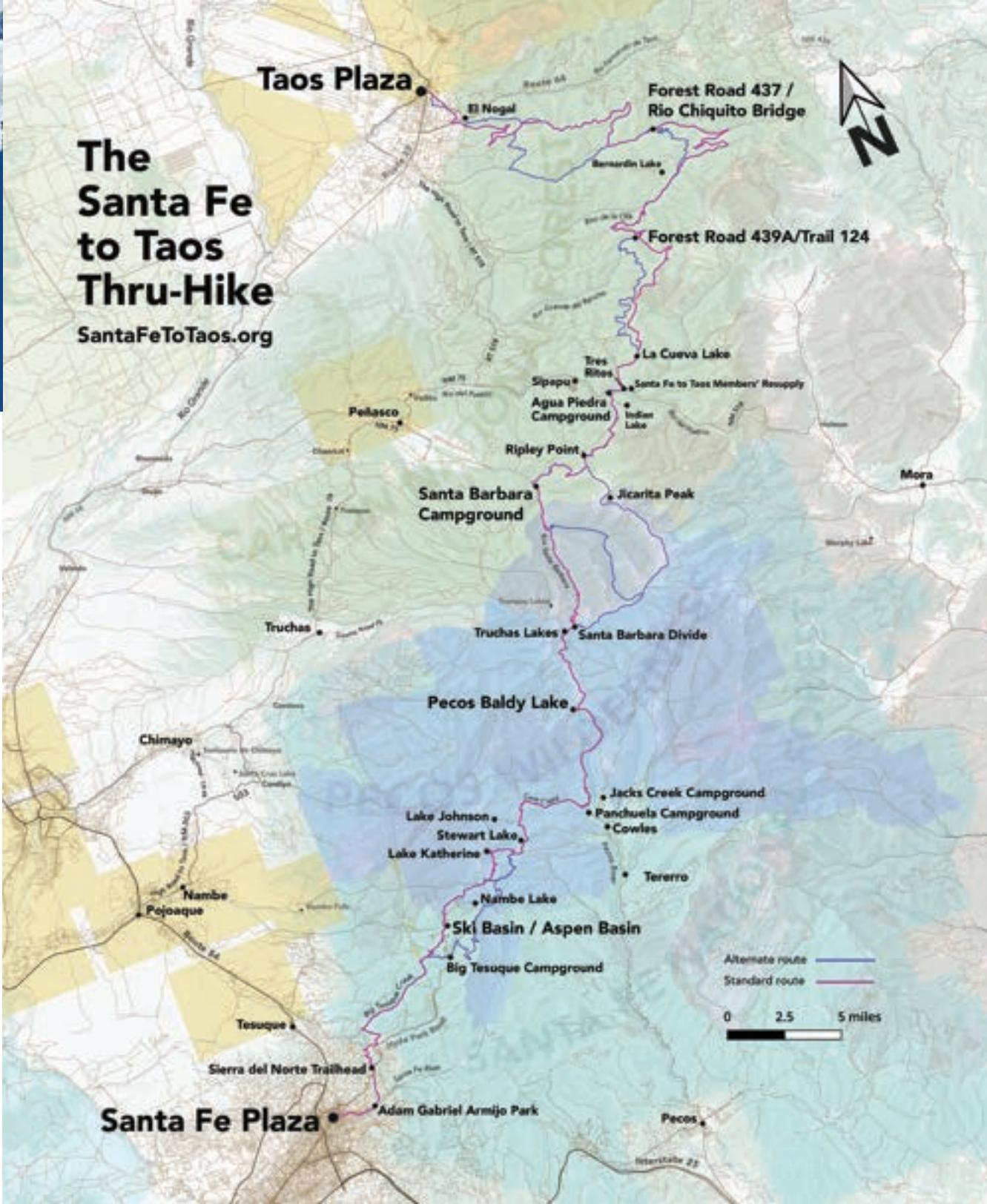


Participation requires getting a medical release form signed by your doctor. Also, if you can't keep up with the itinerary by the end of the first or second day, you will have to leave the trip. There will be a couple of training hikes in the Santa Fe area to help you get into shape and trail-test your gear.



The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike

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Stewart Lake, one of the 13 lakes and ponds you'll pass by on your way from Santa Fe Plaza to Taos Plaza. More than 25% of the route runs next to or is within a few hundred feet of water. There's great trout fishing, too. The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike is an equal opportunity employer.

The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike



Guided backpacking trips from Santa Fe Plaza to Taos Plaza over New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains

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The Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike operates under permits from the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests.