

Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike guiding application

FULL ROUTE



Taos Plaza

Day 10 - Carson NF Day 5

Paradise Canyon campsite to Taos Plaza
18.8 miles, 2,500 ft ascent, 4,250 ft descent
Trip 1: 6/17 Trip 2: 7/15 Trip 3: 8/19 Trip 4: 10/7

Day 8 - Carson NF Day 3

La Cueva lake to West Rito de la Olla / FR 438 campsite
16.6 miles, 3,000 ascent, 4,050 descent
Trip 1: 6/15 Trip 2: 7/13 Trip 3: 8/17 Trip 4: 10/5

Day 7 - Carson NF Day 2

Bull Field to La Cueva Lake
13.6 miles, 4,400 ft ascent, 3,800 ft descent
Trip 1: 6/14 Trip 2: 7/12 Trip 3: 8/16 Trip 4: 10/4

Day 6 - SFNF Day 6, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 5, Carson NF Day 1, Carson Pecos Wilderness Day 1

Truchas Lakes to Bull Field
12.6 miles, 2,200 ft ascent, 4,500 ft descent
Trip 1: 6/13 Trip 2: 7/11 Trip 3: 8/15 Trip 4: 10/3

Day 5 - SFNF Day 5, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 4

Pecos Baldy Lake to Truchas Lakes
Trip 1: 6/12 Trip 2: 7/10 Trip 3: 8/14 Trip 4: 10/2

Day 4 - SFNF Day 4, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 3

just short of Panchuela CB to Pecos Baldy Lake
Trip 1: 6/11 Trip 2: 7/9 Trip 3: 8/13 Trip 4: 10/1

Day 2 - SFNF Day 2, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 1

field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection to Lake Katherine
Trip 1: 6/9 Trip 2: 7/7 Trip 3: 8/11 Trip 4: 9/29

Day 3 - SFNF Day 3, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 2

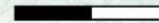
Lake Katherine to just short of Panchuela CG
Trip 1: 6/10 Trip 2: 7/8 Trip 3: 8/12 Trip 4: 9/30

Day 1 - SFNF Day 1

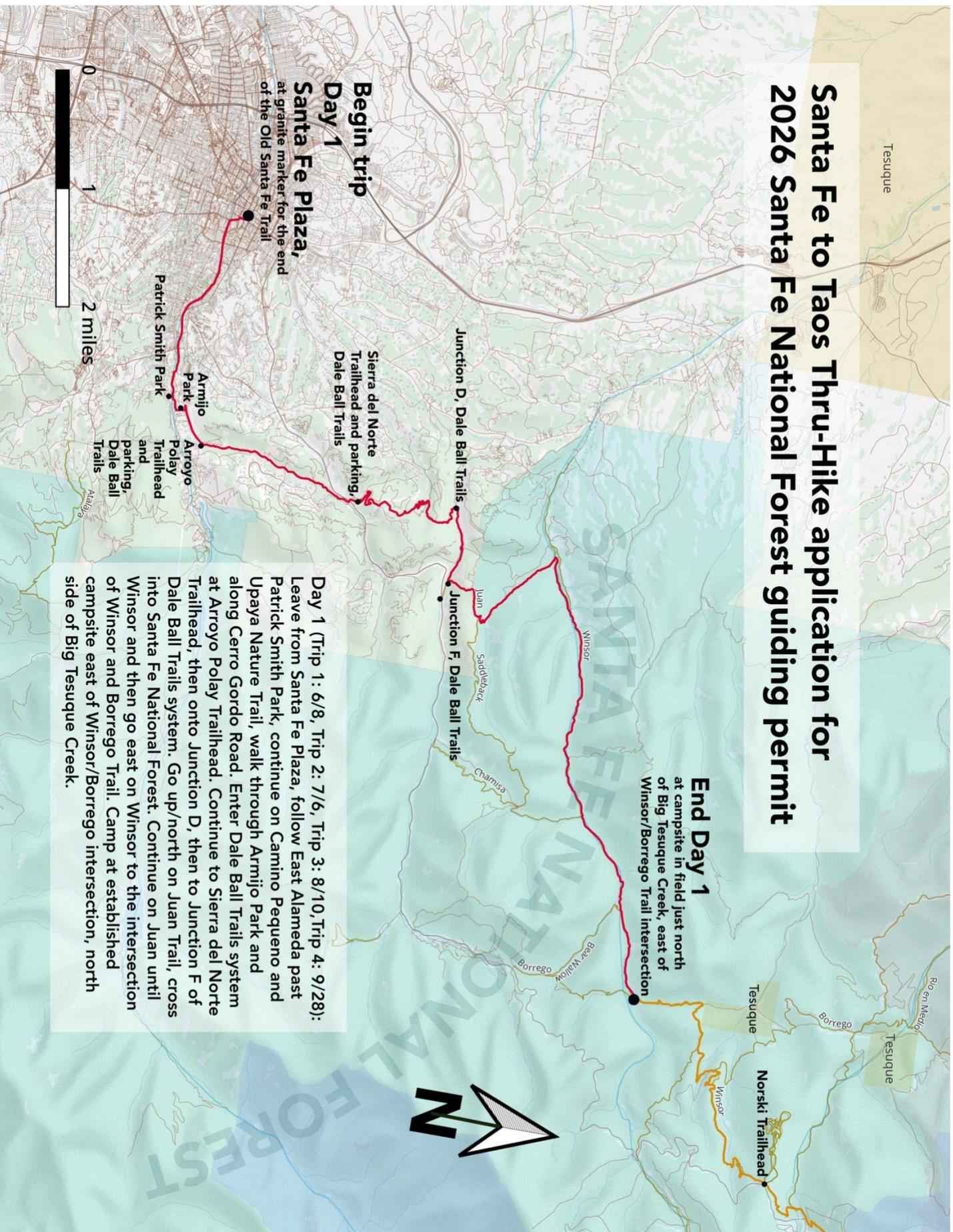
Santa Fe Plaza to field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection
Trip 1: 6/8 Trip 2: 7/6 Trip 3: 8/10 Trip 4: 9/28

Santa Fe Plaza

0 2.5 5 miles



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Begin trip Day 1

Santa Fe Plaza,
at granite marker for the end
of the Old Santa Fe Trail

Patrick Smith Park
Arroyo Polay Trailhead and parking, Dale Ball Trails
Sierra del Norte Trailhead and parking, Dale Ball Trails
Junction D, Dale Ball Trails

Day 1 (Trip 1: 6/8, Trip 2: 7/6, Trip 3: 8/10, Trip 4: 9/28):
Leave from Santa Fe Plaza, follow East Alameda past Patrick Smith Park, continue on Camino Pequeno and Upaya Nature Trail, walk through Arroyo Park and along Cerro Gordo Road. Enter Dale Ball Trails system at Arroyo Polay Trailhead. Continue to Sierra del Norte Trailhead, then onto Junction D, then to Junction F of Dale Ball Trails system. Go up/north on Juan Trail, cross into Santa Fe National Forest. Continue on Juan until Winsor and then go east on Winsor to the intersection of Winsor and Borrego Trail. Camp at established campsite east of Winsor/Borrego intersection, north side of Big Tesuque Creek.

End Day 1
at campsite in field just north
of Big Tesuque Creek, east of
Winsor/Borrego Trail intersection



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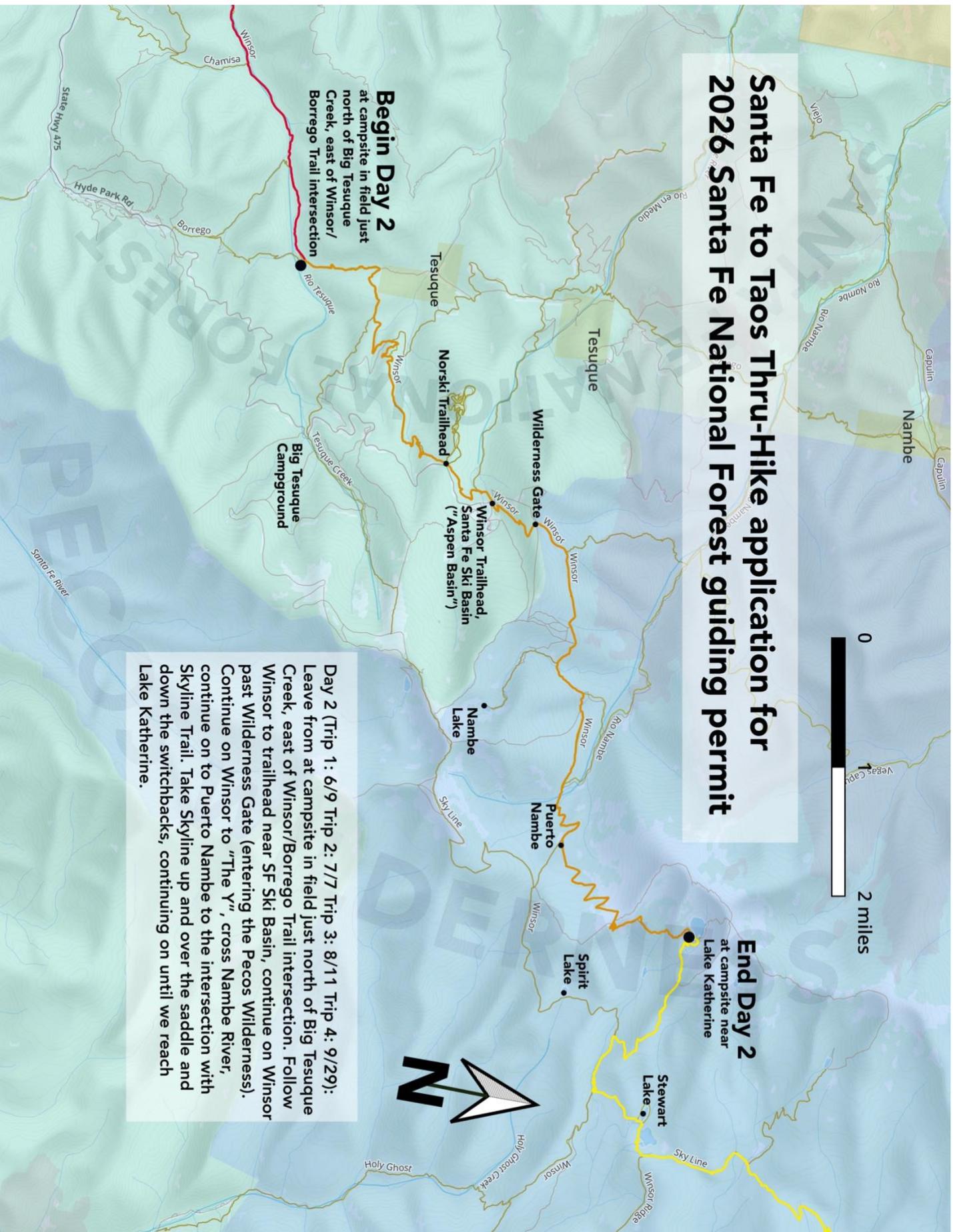
Begin Day 2

at campsite in field just north of Big Tesuque Creek, east of Winsor/Borrogo Trail Intersection

End Day 2

at campsite near Lake Katherine

Day 2 (Trip 1: 6/9 Trip 2: 7/7 Trip 3: 8/11 Trip 4: 9/29):
Leave from at campsite in field just north of Big Tesuque Creek, east of Winsor/Borrogo Trail intersection. Follow Winsor to trailhead near SF Ski Basin, continue on Winsor past Wilderness Gate (entering the Pecos Wilderness). Continue on Winsor to "The Y", cross Nambe River, continue on to Puerto Nambe to the intersection with Skyline Trail. Take Skyline up and over the saddle and down the switchbacks, continuing on until we reach Lake Katherine.

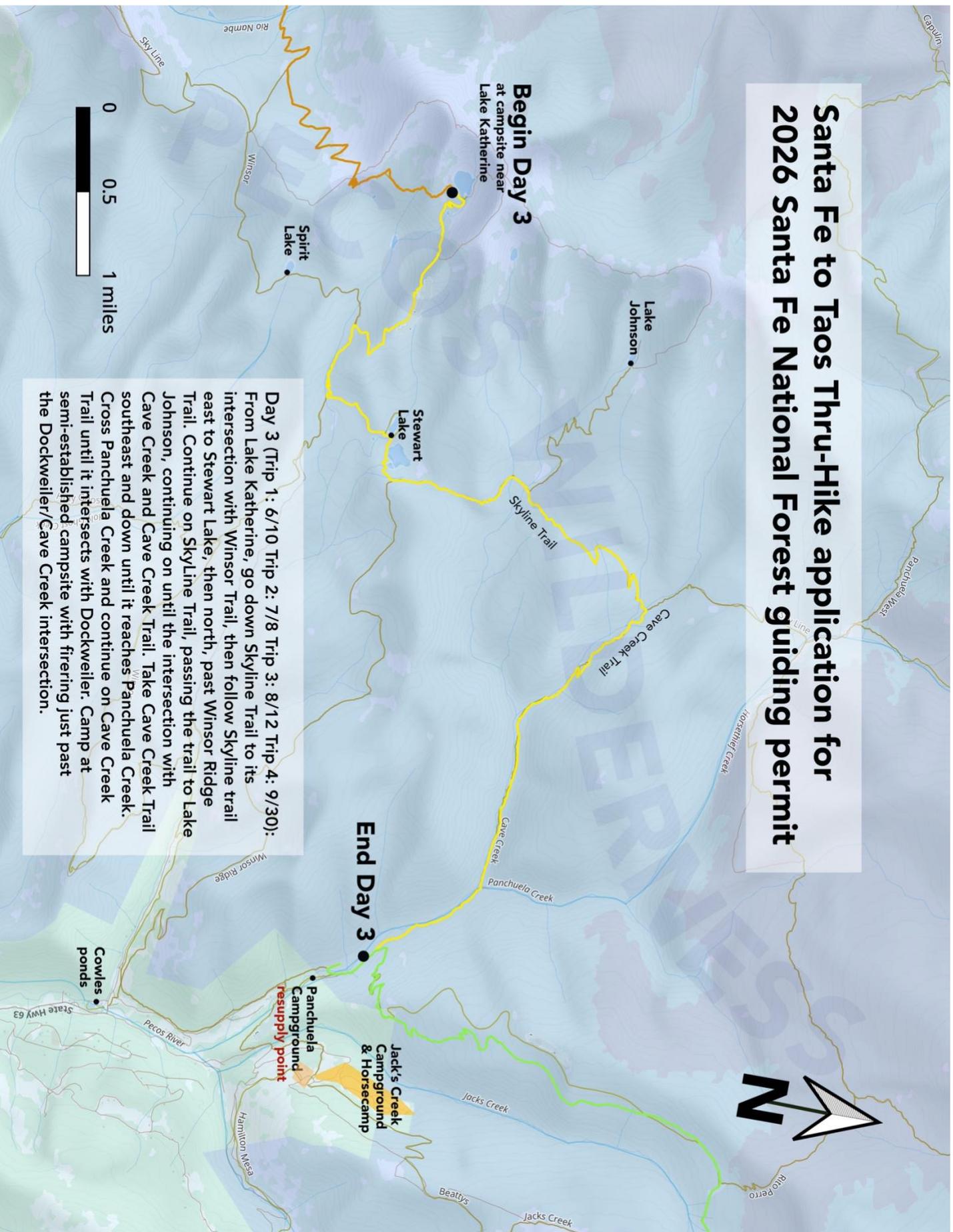


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Begin Day 3
at campsite near
Lake Katherine

End Day 3

Day 3 (Trip 1: 6/10 Trip 2: 7/8 Trip 3: 8/12 Trip 4: 9/30):
From Lake Katherine, go down Skyline Trail to its intersection with Winsor Trail, then follow Skyline trail east to Stewart Lake, then north, past Winsor Ridge Trail. Continue on Skyline Trail, passing the trail to Lake Johnson, continuing on until the intersection with Cave Creek and Cave Creek Trail. Take Cave Creek Trail southeast and down until it reaches Panchuela Creek. Cross Panchuela Creek and continue on Cave Creek Trail until it intersects with Dockweiler. Camp at semi-established campsite with firring just past the Dockweiler/Cave Creek intersection.



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End Day 4
Pecos Baldy Lake

Jaroso Fire burn scar



Day 4 (Trip 1: 6/11 Trip 2: 7/9 Trip 3: 8/13 Trip 4: 10/1): From fire ring campsite just past Dockweiler/Cave Creek intersection back to that intersection. Climb Dockweiler Trail and continue on to its intersection with Rito Perro Trail, then continue on Dockweiler to its intersection with Jack's Creek Trail and Jack's Creek. Continue on Dockweiler/Jack's Creek Trail, then take Jack's Creek Trail the rest of the way to Pecos Baldy Lake.

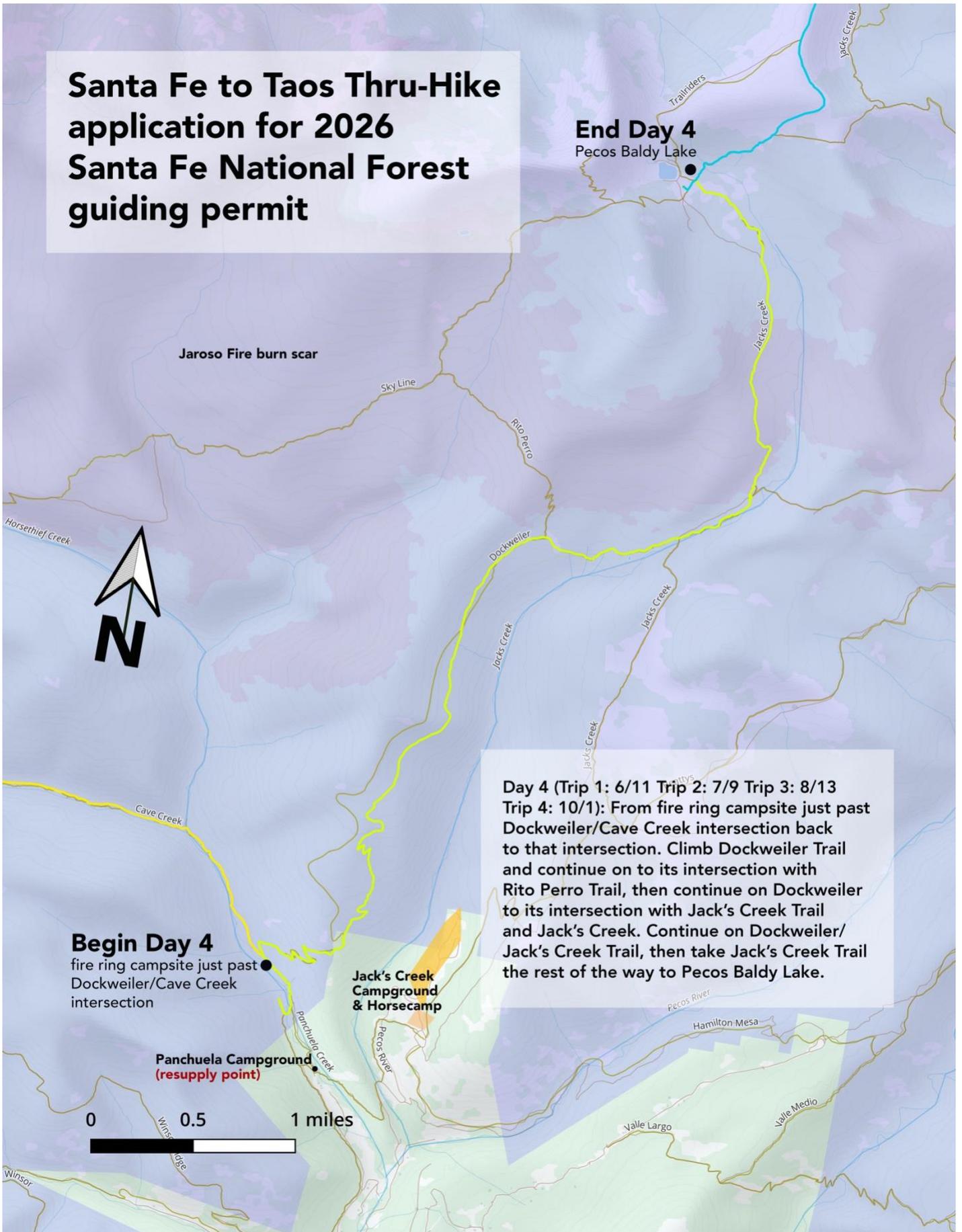
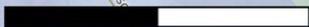
Begin Day 4

fire ring campsite just past Dockweiler/Cave Creek intersection

Jack's Creek Campground & Horsecamp

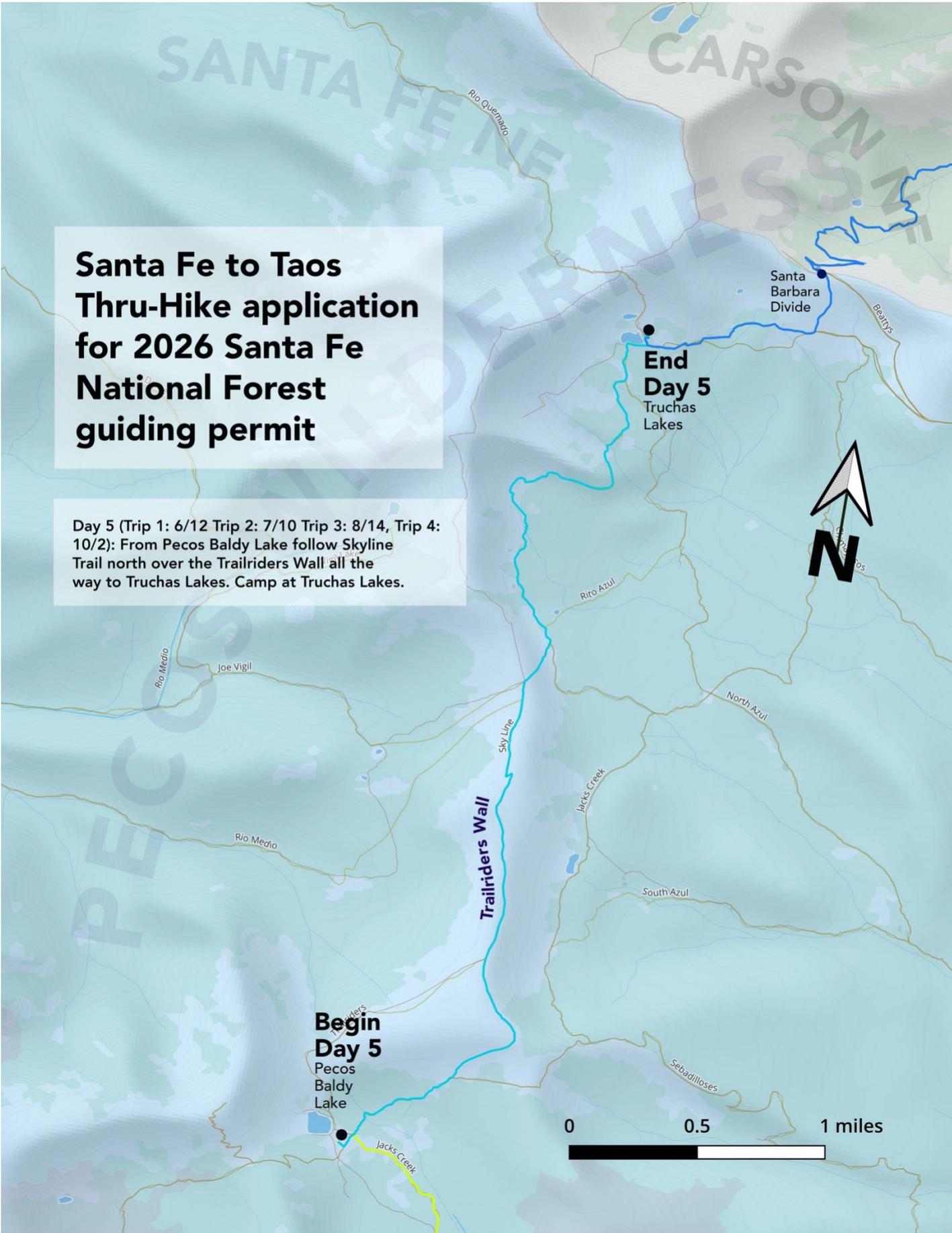
Panchuela Campground (resupply point)

0 0.5 1 miles



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Day 5 (Trip 1: 6/12 Trip 2: 7/10 Trip 3: 8/14, Trip 4:
10/2): From Pecos Baldy Lake follow Skyline
Trail north over the Trailriders Wall all the
way to Truchas Lakes. Camp at Truchas Lakes.



End Carson NF Day 1 / Carson Pecos Wilderness Day 1 at "Bull Field"

Campsite coordinates 36.09226,
-105.59480 about 400 ft south/southeast
from intersection
of Indian Creek Trail (27)
and Indian Creek

Santa Barbara Campground

Ripley Point

Requested usage days

Trip 1: 6/13

Trip 2: 7/11

Trip 3: 8/15

Trip 4: 10/3

Begin Carson NF Day 1 / Carson Pecos Wilderness Day 1 at Truchas Lakes

35.97080, -105.63438

Established campsite/s on
northeast side of lake.

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**Requested usage days for Carson NF Day 2:
Trip 1: 6/14 Trip 2: 7/12 Trip 3: 8/16 Trip 4: 10/4**



End Carson NF Day 2 at La Cueva Lake
Campsite coordinates 36.15301, -105.49973

0 1 2 miles

**Begin Carson NF
Day 2 at "Bull Field"**

Campsite coordinates 36.09226,
-105.59480. About 400 ft S/SE
from intersection of Indian Creek
Trail (27) and Indian Creek

Day 2 Carson, Day 7 of full trip

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Requested usage days for Carson NF Day 3:

Trip 1: 6/15 Trip 2: 7/13,

Trip 3: 8/17, Trip 4: 10/5

End Carson NF Day 3 at West Rito de la Olla / FR 438 campsite

Campsite coordinates 36.26079, -105.44573

Begin Carson NF Day 3 at La Cueva Lake

Campsite coordinates 36.15301, -105.49973

Day 3 Carson NF, Day 8 of full trip

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Requested usage days for Carson NF Day 4:
Trip 1: 6/16 Trip 2: 7/14 Trip 3: 8/18 Trip 4: 10/6



South Boundary Trail
Paradise

**End Carson NF Day 4 at
Paradise Canyon campsite**
Campsite coordinates 36.31715, -105.45585

Rio Chiquito Campground

Puertocito

Day 4 Carson NF, Day 9 of full trip

Bernardin Lake

Forest Road 438 (no vehicles)

**Begin Carson NF Day 4 at
at West Rito de la Olla /
FR 438 campsite**
Campsite coordinates 36.26123, -105.44568

Rito De La Olla



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End Carson NF Day 5 at Taos Plaza



Requested usage days
for Carson NF Day 5:
Trip 1: 6/17, Trip 2: 7/15,
Trip 3: 8/19, Trip 4: 10/7

0 1 2 miles



Day 5 Carson NF, Day 10 of full trip

Begin Carson NF Day 5 at Paradise Canyon campsite

Campsite coordinates 36.31715, -105.45585