

Santa Fe to Taos Thru-Hike guiding application

SOUTH HALF



Taos Plaza •

Santa Barbara Campground •

Day 7 - SFNF Day 6, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 5, Carson NF Day 1, Carson Pecos Wilderness Day 1
Truchas Lakes to Santa Barbara Campground.
Shuttle Taos to Santa Fe or Taos
11.4 miles, 1,400 ft ascent, 4,400 ft descent
Trip 1: 8/1 Trip 2: 9/12

Day 6 - SFNF Day 5, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 4
Pecos Baldy Lake to Truchas Lakes
Trip 1: 7/31 Trip 2: 9/11

Day 5 - SFNF Day 4, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 3
just short of Panchuela CB to Pecos Baldy Lake
Trip 1: 7/30 Trip 2: 9/10

Day 3 - SFNF Day 3, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 2
Lake Katherine to just short of Panchuela CG
Trip 1: 7/28 Trip 2: 9/8

Day 4 - ZERO DAY
Rest at Los Pinos, Vida Bonita, or Field Trip
Trip 1: 7/29 Trip 2: 9/9

Day 2 - SFNF Day 2, SFNF Pecos Wilderness Day 1
field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection to Lake Katherine
Trip 1: 7/27 Trip 2: 9/7

Day 1 - SFNF Day 1
Santa Fe Plaza to field east of Winsor / Borrego intersection
Trip 1: 7/26 Trip 2: 9/6

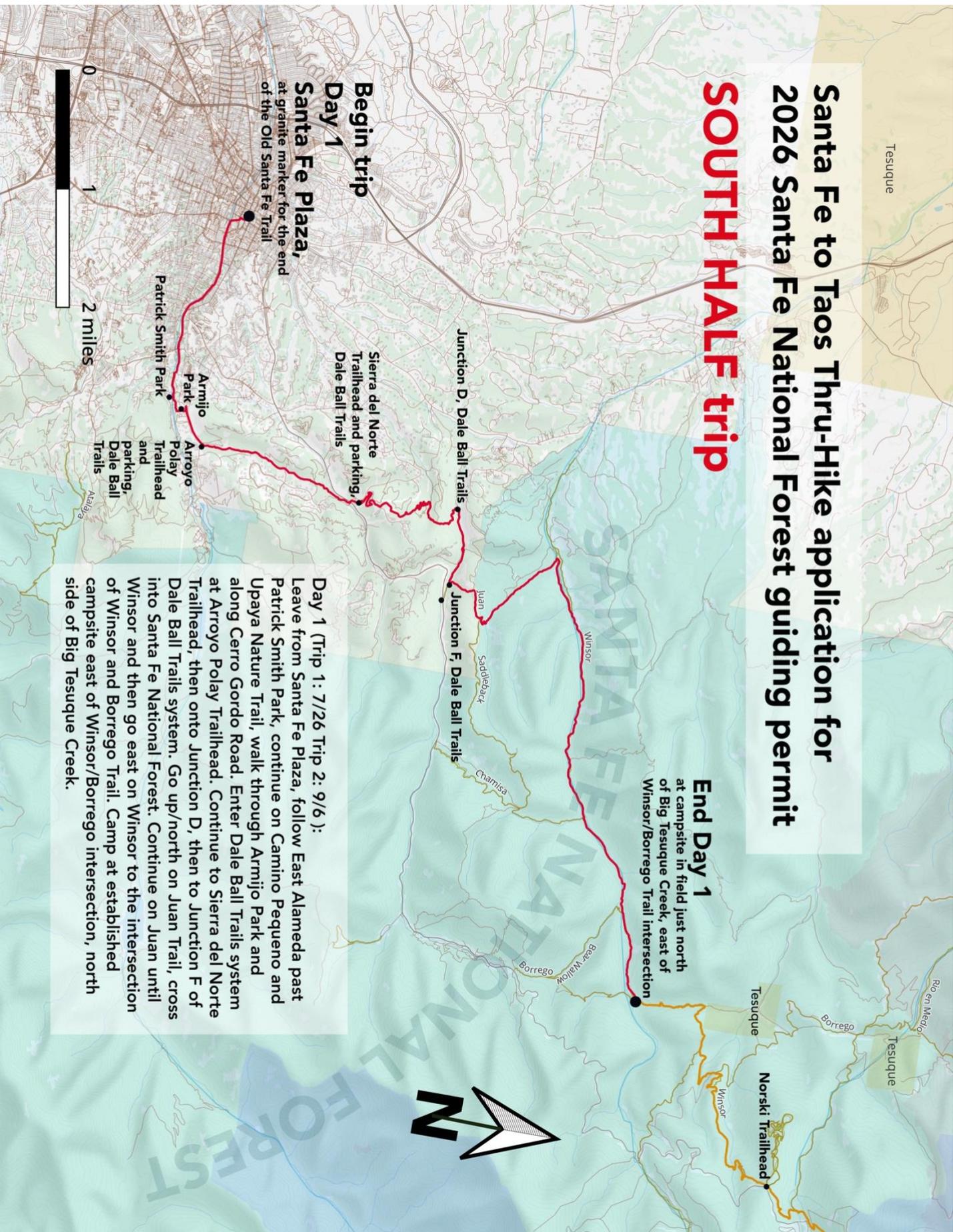
Santa Fe Plaza •

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

Sierra del Norte
Trailhead and parking,
Dale Ball Trails

Junction D, Dale Ball Trails

Junction F, Dale Ball Trails

End Day 1

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

Day 1 (Trip 1: 7/26 Trip 2: 9/6):
Leave from Santa Fe Plaza, follow East Alameda past Patrick Smith Park, continue on Camino Pequeno and Upaya Nature Trail, walk through Armijo 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 Borrogo Trail. Camp at established campsite east of Winsor/Borrogo intersection, north side of Big Tesuque Creek.

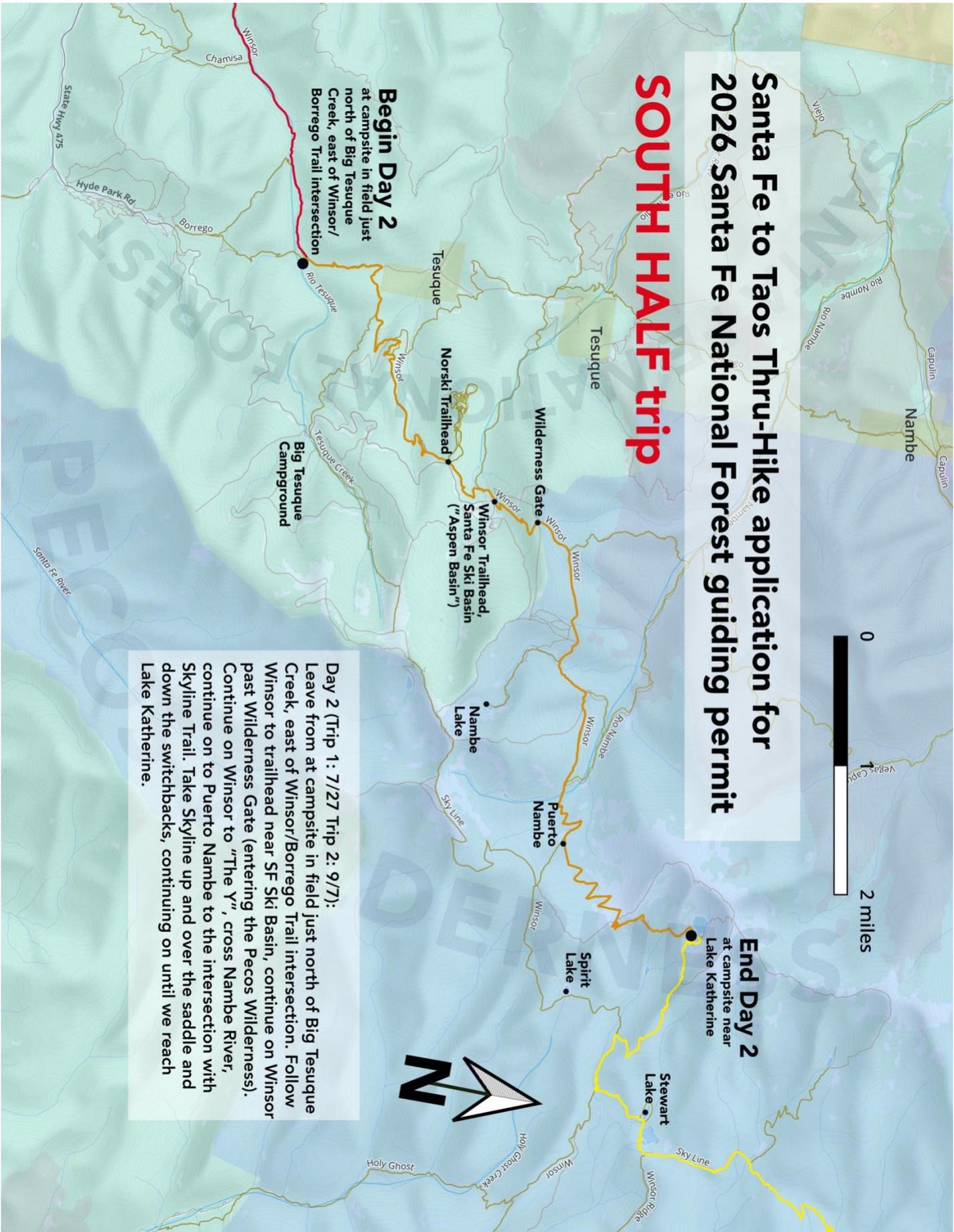
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Begin Day 2
at campsite in field just
north of Big Tesuque
Creek, east of Winsor/
Borrego Trail Intersection

End Day 2
at campsite near
Lake Katherine

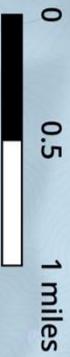
Day 2 (Trip 1: 7/27 Trip 2: 9/7):
Leave from at campsite in field just north of Big Tesuque
Creek, east of Winsor/Borrego Trail intersection. Follow
Winsor to trailhead near SF Ski Basin, continue on Winsor
past Wilderness Gate (entering the Pecos Wilderness).
Continue on Winsor to "The Y", cross Nambe 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

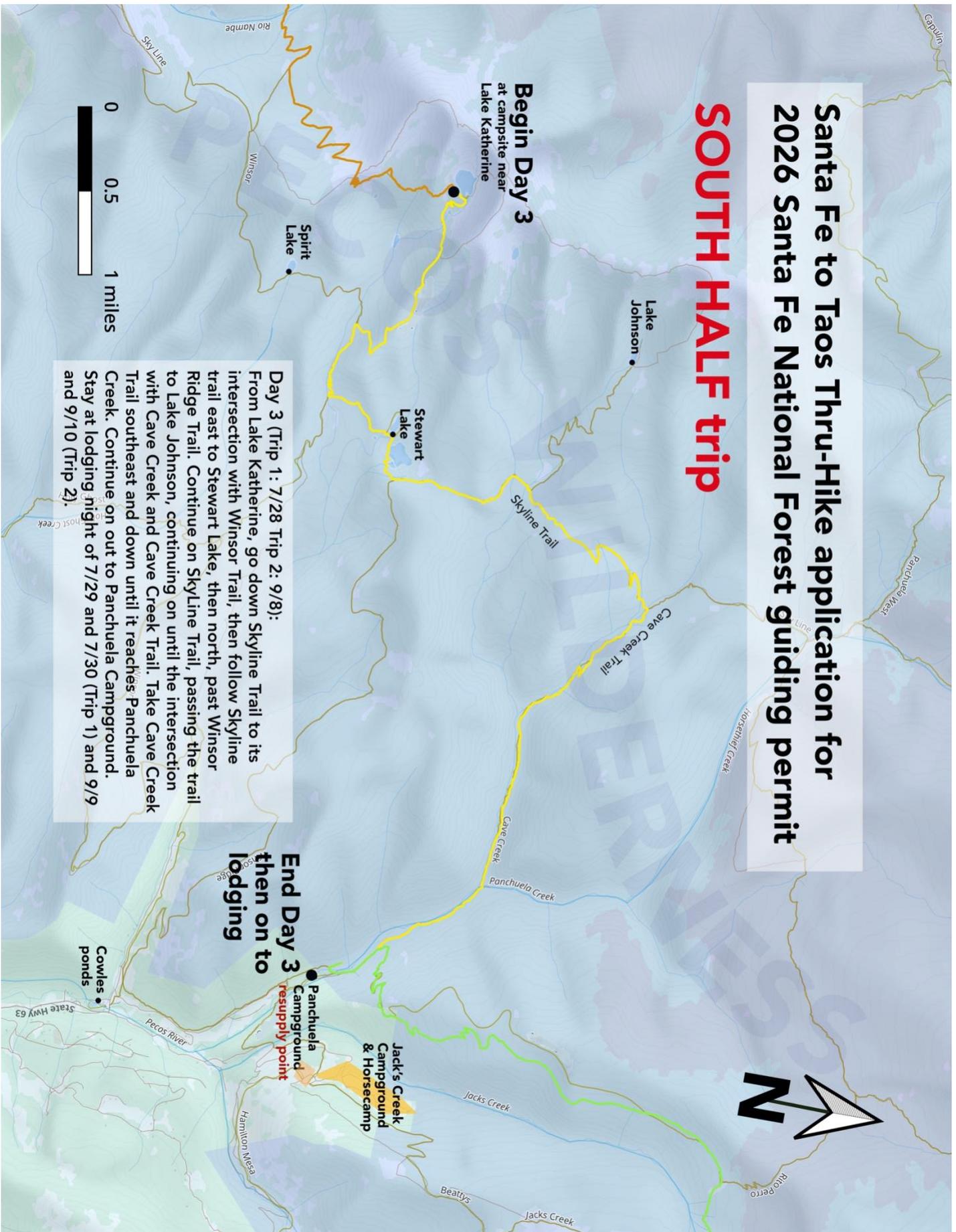


Day 3 (Trip 1: 7/28 Trip 2: 9/8):
From Lake Katherine, go down Skyline Trail to its intersection with Winsor Trail, then follow Skyline trail east to Stewart Lake, then north, past Winsor Ridge Trail. Continue on Skyline Trail, passing the trail to Lake Johnson, continuing on until the intersection with Cave Creek and Cave Creek Trail. Take Cave Creek Trail southeast and down until it reaches Panchuela Creek. Continue on out to Panchuela Campground. Stay at lodging night of 7/29 and 7/30 (Trip 1) and 9/9 and 9/10 (Trip 2).

End Day 3
then on to
lodging

Panchuela
Campground
resupply point

Jack's Creek
Campground
& Horsecamp



“ZERO” DAY

Not in SFNF. Rest at lodging
(Los Pinos Lodge, Vida Bonita, or Field Trip.
All are near Panchuela CG).

Day 4 of 7 of South Half trip.

Arrive at lodging at end of day
on 7/29 (Trip 1) or 9/9 (Trip 2).
Leave lodging morning of
7/30 (Trip 1) or 9/10 (Trip 2).

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End Day 5
Pecos Baldy Lake

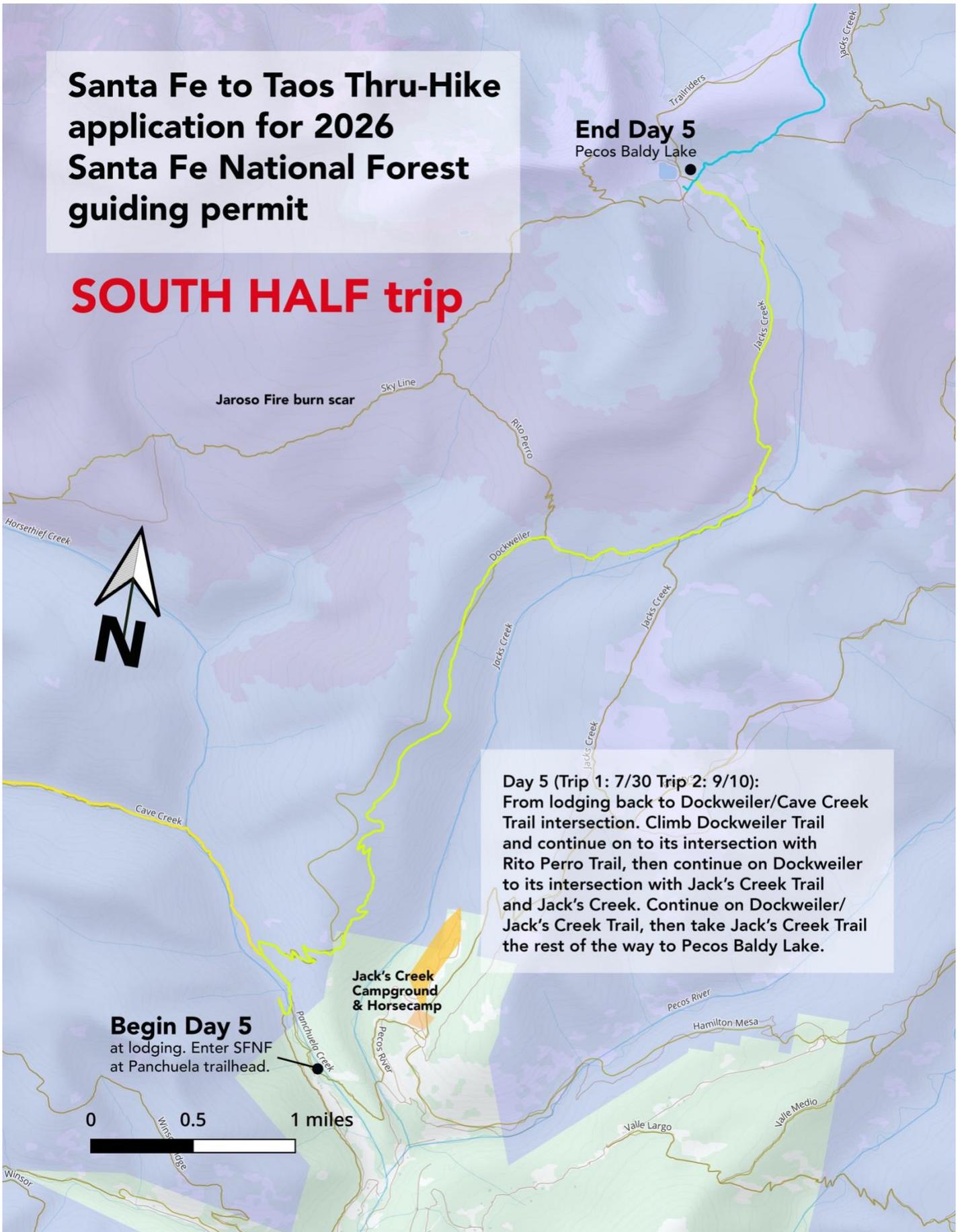


Day 5 (Trip 1: 7/30 Trip 2: 9/10):
From lodging back to Dockweiler/Cave Creek Trail intersection. Climb Dockweiler Trail and continue on to its intersection with Rito Perro Trail, then continue on Dockweiler to its intersection with Jack's Creek Trail and Jack's Creek. Continue on Dockweiler/Jack's Creek Trail, then take Jack's Creek Trail the rest of the way to Pecos Baldy Lake.

Begin Day 5
at lodging. Enter SFNF
at Panchuela trailhead.

0 0.5 1 miles

**Jack's Creek
Campground
& Horsecamp**



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Day 6 (Trip 1: 7/31 Trip 2: 9/11): From Pecos Baldy Lake follow Skyline Trail north over the Trailriders Wall all the way to Truchas Lakes. Camp at Truchas Lakes.

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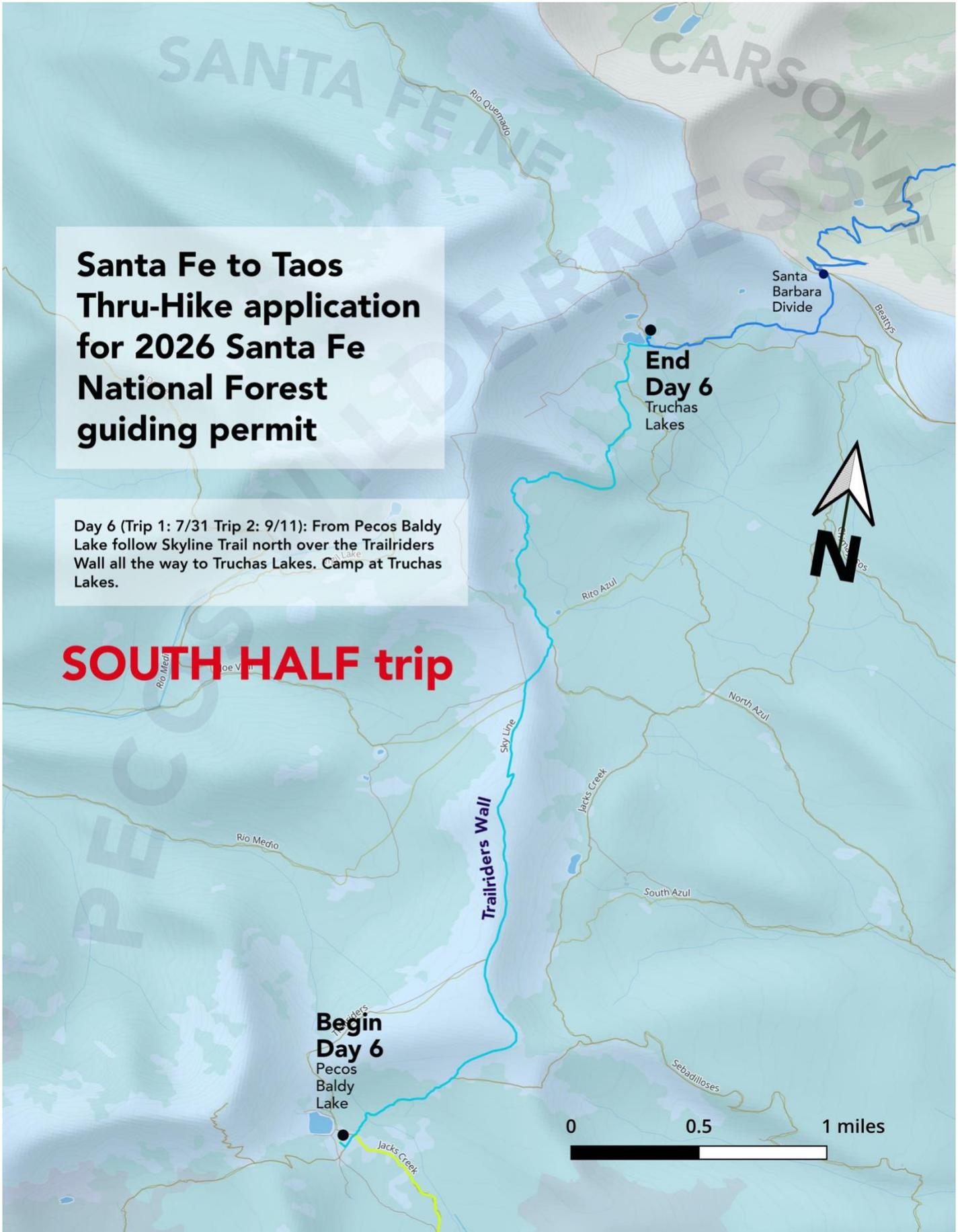
**Begin
Day 6**
Pecos
Baldy
Lake

**End
Day 6**
Truchas
Lakes

Santa
Barbara
Divide



0 0.5 1 miles



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End Day 7, end trip

Santa Barbara Campground paid parking lot
Carson NF Day 1 / Carson Pecos Wilderness Day 1

Begin Day 7

Truchas Lakes, SFNF Day 6
Trip 1: 8/1 Trip 2: 9/12
35.97080, -105.63438
Established campsite/s on northeast side of lake

Day 1 Carson NF, Day 7 of 7 trip

**SOUTH
HALF
trip**



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