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**Agenda
Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee
Frenchy's Field Barn
Corner of Agua Fria and Osage
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of the May minutes
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Gregory Lopez Park
 - Park Renovation Update
 - Prairie Dog Update
 - Valentina Replacement on the Committee
6. New Business
 - NW Quadrant Priority Trails Plan
 - Safe Routes to Schools and the Ragle Park Development - Jessica Frost
 - Reports: Community Gardens Update – Jessie, Soccer –Marg Veneklasen, BTAC-Anna Hansen, Youth Sports and Little League - Tom Agard, NW Quadrant/BMX / Skate Parks – Daniel Coriz, Tierra Contenta Parks – Oralynn Guerrerortiz, Park History – Sandie Collier.
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7. Confirm date and time for the next meeting.

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THE CITY OF SANTA FE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by Elizabeth Booth, Chair on this date at approximately 3:00 pm at Frenchy's Field Barn, Corner of Agua Fria and Osage, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a forum as follows:

Members Present

Elizabeth Booth, Chair
Tom Agard
Daniel Coriz
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Anna Hansen
Sandra Taylor

Members Absent

Marg Veneklasen (excused)
Patrick Torres (unexcused)

Staff Present

Bob Wood, Parks Division, City of Santa Fe
Jesse Esparza, Parks Division

Others Present

Peggene Bishard
Jessica Frost, NM Dept. Transportation, Safe Routes to School
Denis Saccone, PDAWG
Libby Reinish, Santa Fe Community Gardens
Tristan Chambers, Santa Fe Community Gardens
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE May 20, 2009 Minutes

Tournament under Youth Sports was misspelled.

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the May 20, 2009 minutes as amended. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Under Old Business Letter to the Editor was added.
Renewal of Committee Members to the Advisory Board was added.*

OLD BUSINESS

Gregory Lopez Park- Anna Hansen (Exhibit 1)

Ms. Hansen showed slides of problems at Gregory Lopez Park:

- ❖ Electrical was next to the handicapped parking; the handicapped signs were in the wrong location and had no color indication for handicapped parking.
- ❖ Areas were shown that should have been reseeded for grass.
- ❖ An old grill was substituted in place of one of the two new grills promised.
- ❖ Playground equipment was placed and installed incorrectly.
- ❖ The teeter totter that had been removed wasn't replaced.

Mr. Wood said at the completion of the project there would be a punch list between the contractor and the city that Parks was usually involved in unless the issue was electrical. The improperly installed playground equipment was scheduled for an inspection with a certified inspector and would be resolved.

Mr. Wood was asked to address the park issues one by one and provided the following information:

- Water fountains would be installed that week. The fountains were cheaper to order in batch and install in all locations at the same time.
- Trees for the parks would arrive at the end of the week.
- The base plate for the old teeter totter couldn't be salvaged and a new base plate would have to be installed or the entire fixture replaced.
- The cement base of the play fixture ramp was incorrectly ordered and had to be reordered; ADA approved fiber chips would be used temporarily until the new fixture came in.
- All field trenches would be reseeded; pruning and other work would continue as needed and training was being done to ensure the work would be done correctly.

He said once the inspector's report was received he would contact Ms. Hansen directly.

Park Renovation Update- Bob Wood (Exhibit 2)

Mr. Wood provided an update of the renovation of the parks.

Mr. Agard said he had the 95% plans for Ragle for the committee to review. He wasn't sure the BMX portion had been included in the budget but said the space had been allocated.

Chair Booth asked if there had been public discussion on Ragle Park and asked Mr. Wood to check that.

The committee discussed Nava Ade Park.

The park design had been estimated around \$2 million and would be a phased construction. Ms. Hansen had attended the public meeting and said the group was very vocal about those that wanted a dog park and those who hadn't wanted the park. Those for the dog park had obtained approval from a number of groups and those against were adamant there shouldn't be a dog park. A path was also an

issue and those voting against wanted a natural path and if the path had to meet ADA wouldn't be historic.

Ms. Hansen asked about signs for *no alcohol, no soccer, and pick up after your dog, etc.*

Mr. Wood said there were a lot of slots to be filled with the signs and the city ran out of money on many of them.

Chair Booth brought up the banners for *bond dollars* at work had asked Mr. Chavez in previous meetings about them. She asked Ms. Esparza to follow-up.

Prairie Dog Update

Mr. Wood said the work was ongoing and relocation was in progress and the construction fencing had helped. He said a meeting would be held Monday morning between the contractors, the city and the relocator to determine if the area was ready for construction to start.

Around 30-35 prairie dogs were caught a day and the removal would be finished when determined by the relocator. The cost was about \$70 per dog plus grazing fees and contractors had been put on hold but were paid while the dogs were being relocated. The final totals were asked to be put in a line item for the public to be made aware of the costs of removal and amount of the bond money paid to contractors on hold.

Because of the delay, projects and improvements would need to be prioritized and there was a possibility funds were overextended and a feature would be lost. Parks would make that decision based on the total dollar amount of the project.

Ms. Gonzalez's Replacement

Mr. Agard said he and Mr. Coriz had discussed Joe Ruiz, who ran a skateboard park, as a replacement. Mr. Ruiz had been responsible for the mountain bike park at Cerrillos Hills and they agreed to contact him.

Letter to Editor

Mr. Agard hadn't had time to work on a letter and asked if anyone else wanted the project.

Chair Booth explained the idea was to provide a summary of the number of renovated parks, the status of the bond money, and some commentary. She offered to co-write a portion of the letter and would use the information Mr. Wood supplied that listed the renovations that were completed, in progress and to date and would send to the committee for their comments. She asked Ms. Esparza to follow up on the list.

Ms. Hansen suggested a My View or column about "your bond money at work."

NEW BUSINESS

A. Renewal of Committee Members

The terms for Mr. Torres and Ms. Veneklasen were up and both were amenable to renewal. The City Clerk confirmed that reappointment could be made by the committee if the approved and the members had agreed to continue. A letter would be written by the Chair to request the terms of the two members be extended once approved.

Ms. Taylor moved that the membership to the committee for Patrick Torres and Marq Veneklasen be renewed. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice.

B. Northwest Quadrant Priority Trails Plan

Mr. Coriz showed trail locations shown in yellow on the map and said he met in February with BTAC who had inventoried and mapped the existing trails. A master plan had been proposed with access control; signs and trash cans; trails cleaned up and trail connections.

Chair Booth asked if the BMX Park was safe and had been included as part of the plan.

Mr. Coriz said the park was shown, but thrown in at the end. He showed the location on the map where the connection to the trails was intended and said he was concerned that where the motocross track was hadn't been marked.

Mr. Agard said the plan had been approved and BTAC had recommended the plan be adopted by city council and the BMX Bike Park was not part of that plan and wasn't on the agenda that evening. He was asked to request at Public Comment that city council include the BMX and motocross.

Chair Booth said the parks should be recognized and she was concerned there might be adult's who would want to beautify and change what the park was. She asked if the parks would be required to comply with ADA if included.

Mr. Wood said it could still be extreme sport and be ADA compliant.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the ADA could be delayed until construction was started and her concern was the park could be lost and might not be considered in a new master plan in the future if not on the map.

Mr. Agard moved that a recommendation be made to city council for the BMX track and the motocross that currently existed, to be included in the Northwest Quadrant Priority Plan. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion.

Ms. Hansen made a friendly amendment that the inclusion be brought up at BTAC and was told BTAC had approved the plans but could be made aware.

Mr. Agard said he would attend the BTAC meeting and ask for the park to be included.

The motion passed by unanimous voice.

Chair Booth said she would contact her councilor and thought all of the BMX and motocross kids should attend the city council meeting. She said this was an historic, northern New Mexico land use and she would email the mayor and have him put on the list to be contacted.

Ms. Taylor agreed to write up some *talking points* and send to the committee and would include phrasing that the two areas should be recognized and respected.

C. Safe Routes to Schools in Ragle Park- Jessica Frost (Exhibit 3)

Jessica Frost said this was a federally funded program and she worked with 22 communities around the state and Santa Fe wasn't one of them.

She and Mr. Agard wanted to do the Safe Routes Program at Chaparral. She talked about the trail system from St. Francis that would create a safe route and provide a loop with the Arroyo Chamisa Trail and would allow a southern route.

She showed an area where trails existed that connected Ragle Park and the neighborhoods to the south and east and said there was a plan proposed to turn the trails into parking lots, etc. and eliminate safe connections to get to the park without having to cross through a parking lot.

Ms. Frost said a larger issue was the connections for pedestrians and cyclists who lived in the area. She said the plan promoted driving to the park instead walking to the park. She hadn't seen a public review of the plans and she and others had concerns and she thought that would be a good opportunity to consider the connections.

She showed what was being preserved and what would be parking lot and said there was an opportunity to put in a sidewalk or asphalt connection separate from the parking lot.

She and Mr. Agard recommended the trail that connected to Capitan and suggested Parks be asked about the connections being made and for more accessibility.

Mr. Agard showed areas of renovation and the location of the Little League and T-ball fields.

Ms. Frost said there could be conflict for kids riding their bikes on the same path as walkers and was a safety issue and fencing was going up and she wanted kids to have access to the school.

A letter was suggested and Ms. Frost agreed to do a draft.

Ms. Hansen said that the trails and parks weren't working together and this issue showed the problem.

Mr. Agard said he had talked with Mr. Chavez who agreed to discuss what would be involved for the changes with the designer.

Ms. Hansen said a recommendation should be made this be priority.

Ms. Guerrerortiz added to the exclusion of the shade structure because that could be added later and the connections couldn't be.

Mr. Agard said his motion had recommended city council include the plan recommendations for the safety for pedestrians and bicycle connections to Ragle Park.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Guerrerortiz proposed the plan be marked for suggested changes and given to Mr. Chavez and told the parks committee wanted the modifications to be made a priority to the detriment of other pieces in the project that could be added later. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion.

Mr. Agard said the park was already over budget.

Ms. Hansen said the motion provided an opportunity to remove something for the plans to be modified.

Mr. Wood said recommendations from people like Mr. Chavez and the architect would be better.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said if the issue wasn't raised the alternative would be that the issue would go to city council. She said for the project to be slammed by the committee would look bad and thought there would be a number of votes in favor of the issue and preferred they do that up front than in front of city council.

Chair Booth said she would set up a meeting with Mr. Chavez.

The committee discussed marking the plans for changes and details of the meeting; who would attend, where and when the meeting would take place.

Ms. Taylor asked how a review could be done for every renovation and if a review could be written into the process.

Chair Booth said entire public input process would be on the next agenda for review. She was concerned there hadn't been a public review and the plans were at 95%.

Ms. Frost offered to assist in any way if the committee ever needed input regarding parks next to schools.

Chair Booth asked that Mr. Coriz call Mr. Chavez if he wasn't able to attend the meeting.

The motion for the plan to be marked for changes and to be made priority and given to Mr. Chavez was passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. Prescription Trails- Anna Hargreaves-(Exhibit 4)

Said she had previously talked with the committee about the Prescription Trails. She presented the first edition of the Prescription Trails Guides and said the maps would be on the city website by the end of the summer. She said there were notes for each park provided from their comments and any comments or suggestions could be sent to her at the address on the website.

She said the guides might be available at the Genoveva Chavez Center and the Senior Center after it was determined who would use the parks, how the parks were found and questions were asked to ensure the guides went to those who would use them.

D. Reports

Mr. Coriz asked about the fence at Franklin Miles Park for the skate park and asked if the fence had been moved.

Mr. Wood said the fence was moved to include the safe structure because of damage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Saccone was with PDAWG (prairie dog advocacy watch group) and said she wanted to clarify a few misconceptions she heard earlier.

She said one misconception was that Franklin Miles Park was closed because of the need to relocate prairie dogs. She said the park would have been closed anyway and the cost of the delay was not caused by the prairie dogs and/or the prairie dog protection people; it was because of the city's poor planning. She said there was an ordinance to protect prairie dogs that stated the dogs couldn't be disturbed in any way between May 1 and June 15 and on May 26 the city wanted to start construction.

She said the Gunnison Prairie dog was one of five species and a keystone species to the ecosystem and a candidate for the Endangered Species Act and would have no chance to survive if not saved.

Ms. Hansen asked if the deadline hadn't passed for construction to begin.

Ms. Saccone said they started on June 15 for relocation after the birthing and she was referring to the "remobilization of the construction contractor."

She said the advocacy work was done in the spirit of cooperation as long as there was humane treatment of the prairie dogs. She met with Mr. Chavez June 4 to review the 95% drawings for Frenchy's Field and Ragle Park drawings at that time were at 65%. She said they had agreed in the spirit of cost effectiveness and efficiency to get back together at 95% completion as a preventative measure.

Mr. Agard asked if there was a point she would be comfortable for construction to begin.

Ms. Saccone said she and Mr. Wood had discussed that and the wildlife biologist, Paula Martin, would meet with the contractor to discuss the first half of the Park.

She said once Ms. Martin and the re-locator worked with the contractor for the last of the prairie dogs to be removed safely, PDAWG would go in.

Mr. Agard asked if she had been happy with Ms. Martin's work and with the way the prairie dogs were being removed.

Ms. Saccone said it wasn't her place to comment on Ms. Martin's work. She said she had visited the holding facility.

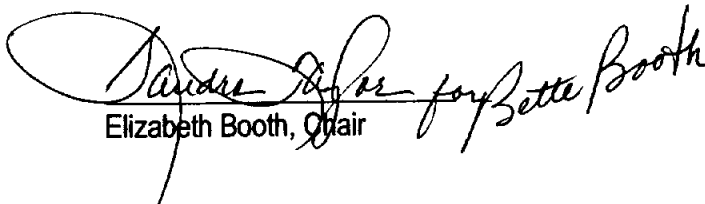
DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

ADJOURN:

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Approved by:


Elizabeth Booth, Chair

Submitted by:

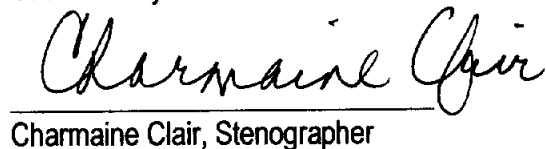
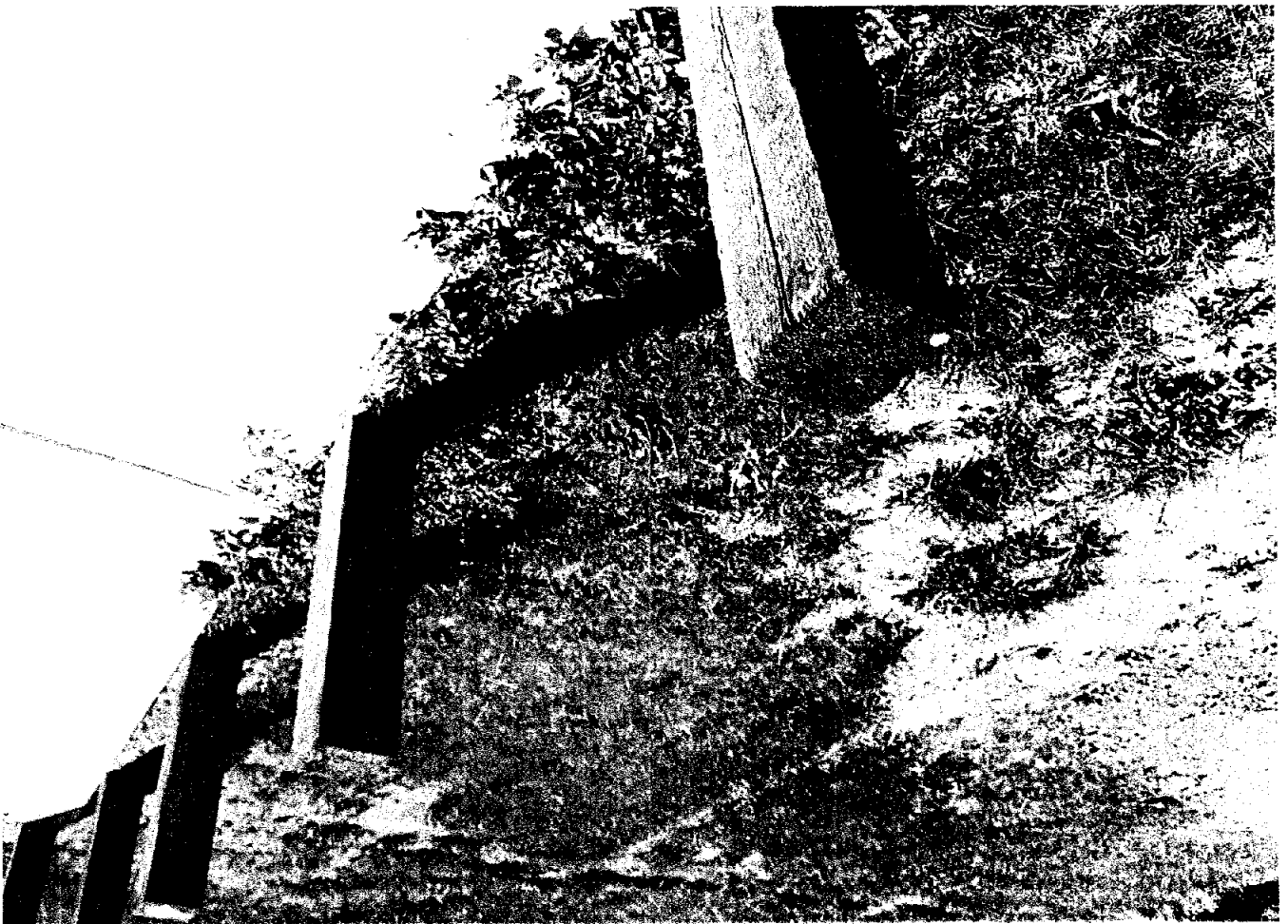
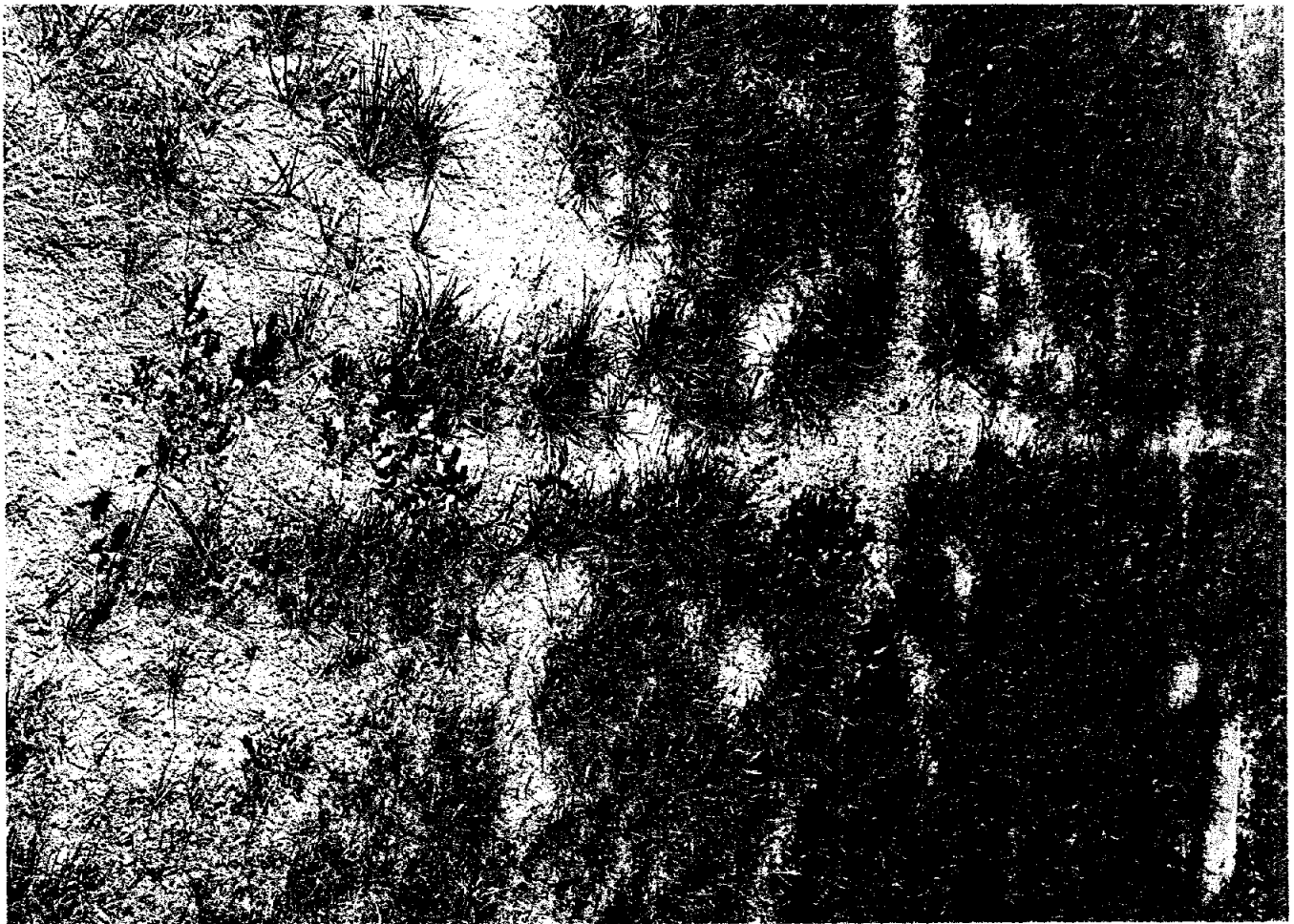

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

EXHIBIT 1
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES
JUNE 24, 2009







- Orlando Fernandez in finished, we are balancing books to see if we have funds for picnic table and a couple of benches.
- Young Park is complete except for drinking fountain, slab is poured and fountain to be installed within a 5-7 days.
- Sod at Los Milagros Park is in, new irrigation heads installed. Upper area of park across from new connecting sidewalk will be reseeded to Fescue-Rye-bluegrass mix.
- Cathedral park is receiving a new water fountain and back flow prevention this week. New flower plantings ongoing.
- Ranchos del Sol received new sod last week.
- Adam Armijo is receiving a new backflow prevention in prep for a new water fountain and Pet bowl install.
- Las Estancias will have 15 new trees planted end of July.
- John Griego will receive a complete irrigation upgrade beginning in mid July.
- Gregory Lopez water fountain is being installed this week. Trees for the park should arrive by end of week. Base plate for old titer totter cannot be salvaged, a new base plate will have to be installed if available, if not entire fixture would have to be replaced. Cement base for ADA ramp into play feature removed as ramp dimensions would not fit base, this will be replaced with engineered wood fiber. Field trenches reseeded. Pruning and other work will continue as needed.
- Frankline Miles pdog relocation continues, we anticipate contractor remobilization this Monday. This delay will push construction completion to end of September at earliest.
- Ragle Park construction documents at 95%, amenities are being reviewed for inclusion or elimination to keep project in budget.
- Frenchy's and Larragoite will have 100% CD's for review within a week, both are on budget so far.
- East DeVargas park is complete
- Patrick Smith park dog run eliminated at east end of park, this will be reseeded. Asphalt path eliminated, 3 planned shade structures reduced to 1 at the playground area, approval of design is pending. Irrigation work should be complete by early next week. Dog run is tabled for further review some time in the fall of 09.
- Santa Fe River parkway design awarded to Surroundings, a local firm, contract moving through governing body.
- Re-Leaf grant for trees in river parkway complete, finalizing grant requirements.
- Prescription trails project complete, documents ready, roll out this initiative in July/August.
- Pueblos del Sol trail system under construction.
- Schematic plans for Nava Ade complete by neighbors and architect, city will contract for survey and design to take to 100% CD's. Project will need to be phased.
- Northwest Quadrant fencing repair work is continuing in-house, contractor is close to finishing fencing and gates on the south portion of this project.
- Part time Horticulturist hired and is planting color in the downtown area.
- MRC improvements continuing on field fencing, irrigation upgrades and fly-ball net install.

Ragle Park Connections to Safe Routes To Schools Trail

Suggested trail connections are based on the 65% completed development plans for Ragle Park.

1. Yucca Street Connection:

Connect proposed Trail to Yucca Street on South West Side for pedestrian and bicycle entrance to park.

2. Avenida Chaparral Connection:

Continue paved trail connection from existing park entrance at Camino Capitan along the eastern edge of the park to Avenida Chaparral to maintain and improve the existing safe route to Chaparral Elementary School and tie in with the proposed Chaparral Trail.

HOW DO SRTS PROGRAMS WORK

SRTS programs are sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, tribal and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to safely walk and bicycle to school. SRTS programs examine conditions around schools and conduct projects and activities that improve safety and reduce traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. These programs make bicycling and walking a safe and healthy way to get to school and get routine exercise.

Successful SRTS programs use a comprehensive **5 E's** approach that includes the following:

Engineering ■ Improvements to infrastructure, such as streets, sidewalks, trails, and crosswalks that facilitate safe walking and bicycling.

Education ■ Pedestrian and bicycle safety training for children and parents, and driver education targeting parents, neighbors and others in the community.

Encouragement ■ Fun, educational and motivational activities that promote safe walking and bicycling.

Enforcement ■ Legal enforcement of traffic laws and activities that help change unsafe behaviors of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Evaluation ■ Ongoing information-gathering to determine what is working and what is not.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SRTS?

Health benefits to children may include:

- Weight and blood pressure control
- Bone, muscle, and joint health
- Reduction in the risk of diabetes
- Improved psychological welfare
- Better academic performance

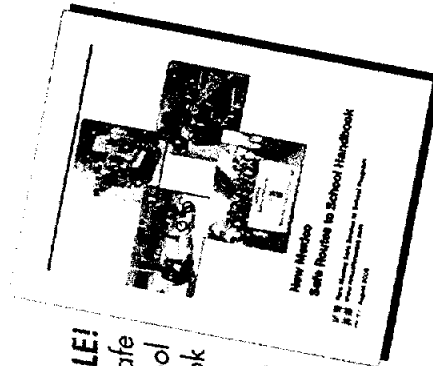
Environmental impacts can include:

- Reduced motor vehicle emissions as fewer parents drive children to school
- Better air quality around schools
- Pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods

NOW AVAILABLE!

The New Mexico Safe
Routes to School
Handbook

Download it from
www.nmsaferoutes.com

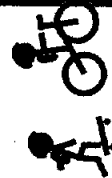


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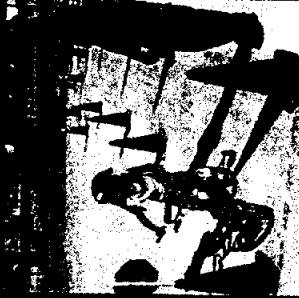
Visit the NM SRTS website at
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NEW MEXICO SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOL

encouraging and enabling children to
safely walk and bicycle to school



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WHAT IS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The NM Safe Routes to School program is a federally-funded program established in 2005 by the federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU. The purposes of the program are:

- To enable and encourage children of all abilities in K-8th grades to walk and bike to school.
- To make bicycling and walking to school safe and appealing, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
- To assist communities and schools with projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

NEW MEXICO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The New Mexico SRTS program is a cost reimbursement program with Phase 1 providing up to \$15,000 awards for developing SRTS Action Plans and Phase 2 providing funds for the implementation of Action Plans, including infrastructure or engineering projects (up to \$250,000) and non-infrastructure activities (up to \$25,000) such as education, encouragement and enforcement. An approved Action Plan is required for Phase 2.

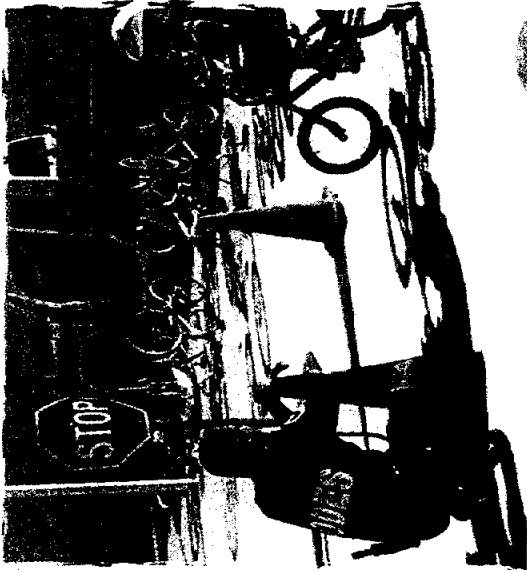
Eligible applicants include local and tribal governments as well as school districts.

Participating schools receive technical assistance and support, training opportunities, educational information on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and other resources.

The application cycle opens in October of each year, with a mid-December deadline. The program guidelines and other information are available online at www.nmsaferoutes.com.

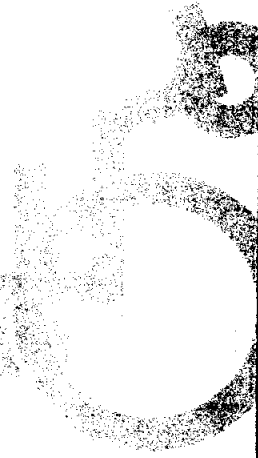


"Walking school buses," where parents or volunteers walk a group of children to school, provide encouragement and a safe way to get to school.



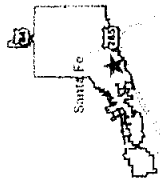
WHY IS SRTS IMPORTANT

In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, fewer than 16% of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus, and over half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles. This impacts traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, an estimated 17% of children ages 2-19 years are overweight and more children are at a greater risk for obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, due in part to physical inactivity.



Regular routine physical activity, such as walking and biking to school, is one of the best ways to address safety issues, traffic congestion and air quality around schools.

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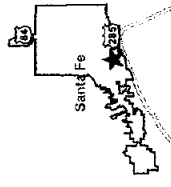


City Limits
Trails
BUILT
PROPOSED
Major Road
Other Road
2008 Aerial



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- Legend**
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 - Other Roads and Streets
 - Santa Fe River
 - 2005 Aerial Photography

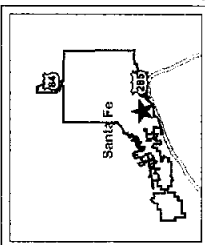
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- Alternative connection
- Existing sidewalks

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Ragle Park



- Legend**
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 - 2008 Aerial Photography

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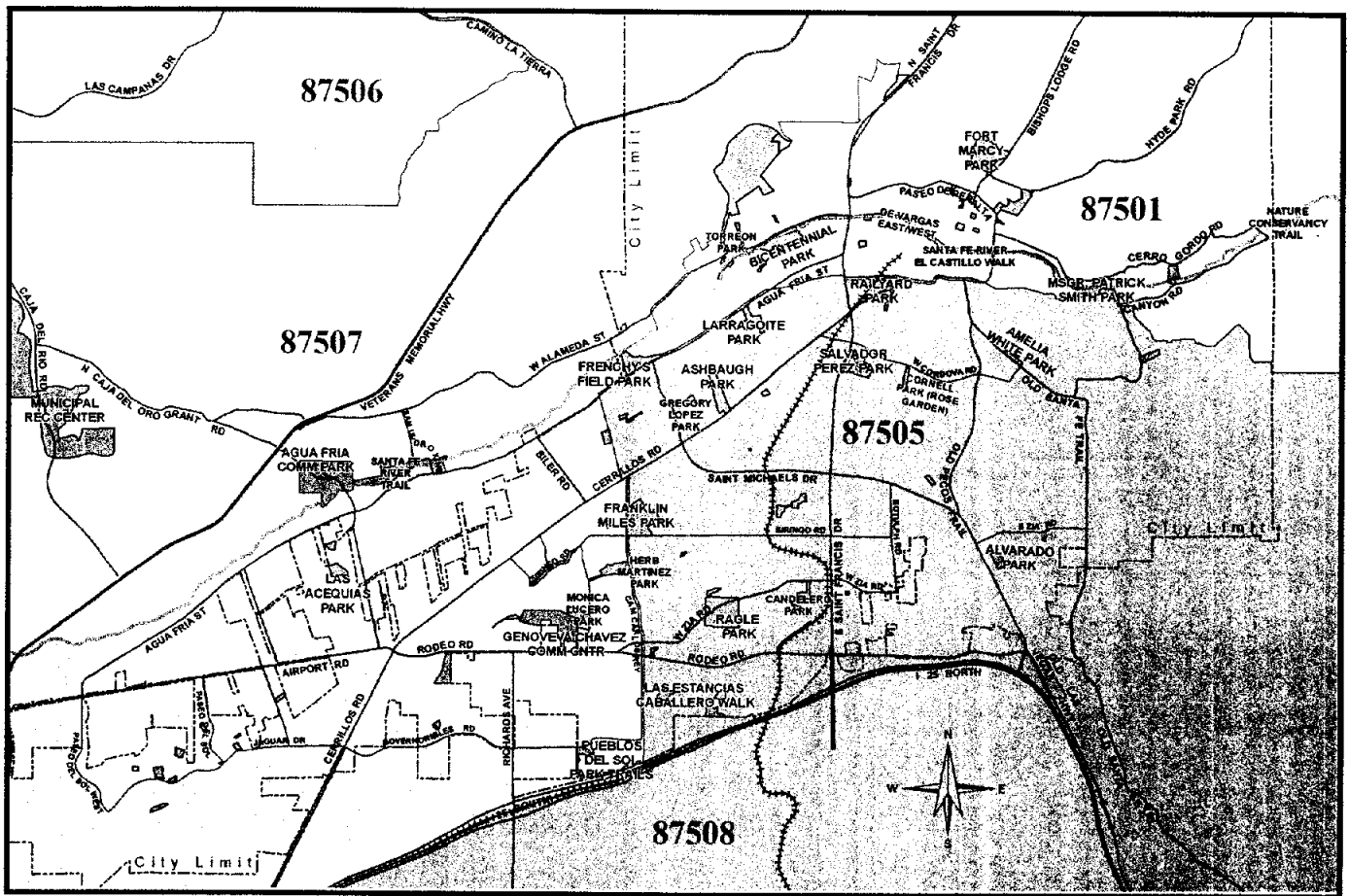
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Walking Trails Guide 2009



Exhibit 4
POSA
June 24, 2009

*This guide will
help you find the best
parks for walking
in Santa Fe*



The Santa Fe Prescription Trails program provides prescriptions for walking and wheelchair rolling, and a walking guide that suggests routes in our community.

This guide will help you find some of the best parks and trail walking paths in the Santa Fe area.

How to Use this Guide

Maps with information about each walking route are organized by zip code, starting with 87501. Maps within a zip code are organized alphabetically by the name of the public park or trail.

Grades – level of difficulty

Trails are identified and rated according to their level of difficulty. Most are loops that go around a park.

Grade 1 = Fully accessible to all users:

A flat, paved pathway located in or around a park that is suitable for wheelchairs.

Grade 2 = Mostly accessible:

A paved or packed crusher fine pathway that may have minor grade changes, located in or around a park.

Grade 3 = Slightly challenging:

A paved, packed crusher fine, dirt or grass pathway with variations in grade.



Information in this Guide

- Walking route length in fractions of a mile (most trails are under 2 miles).
- Nearby public facilities - community center, library etc.
- Nearby Santa Fe Trails bus stops (for schedules call 955-2001).
- Trail safety, views, and nearby attractions.
- Longer suggested routes near some parks.

Notes

- Dogs are welcome in all city parks as long as they are on a leash.
- Fees may apply for use of certain facilities.

Walking Tips

- Wear walking shoes.
- Bring water.
- Start at a gradual pace.
- Walk fast enough to break a light sweat, and slowly enough to have a conversation.
- Swing your arms as you go and take quicker steps to burn more calories.
- Consider finding a walking partner and challenging each other.
- For fun, try using a pedometer.
- Keep track of your walking (using the log at the back of this guide).

It's never too late to get up and get moving! The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans* say that most adults should be physically active on a moderately intensive level for 30 minutes on most days of the week. Breaking up those 30 minutes into 10 or 15 minute segments works fine!

"Walking is man's best medicine."

Hippocrates

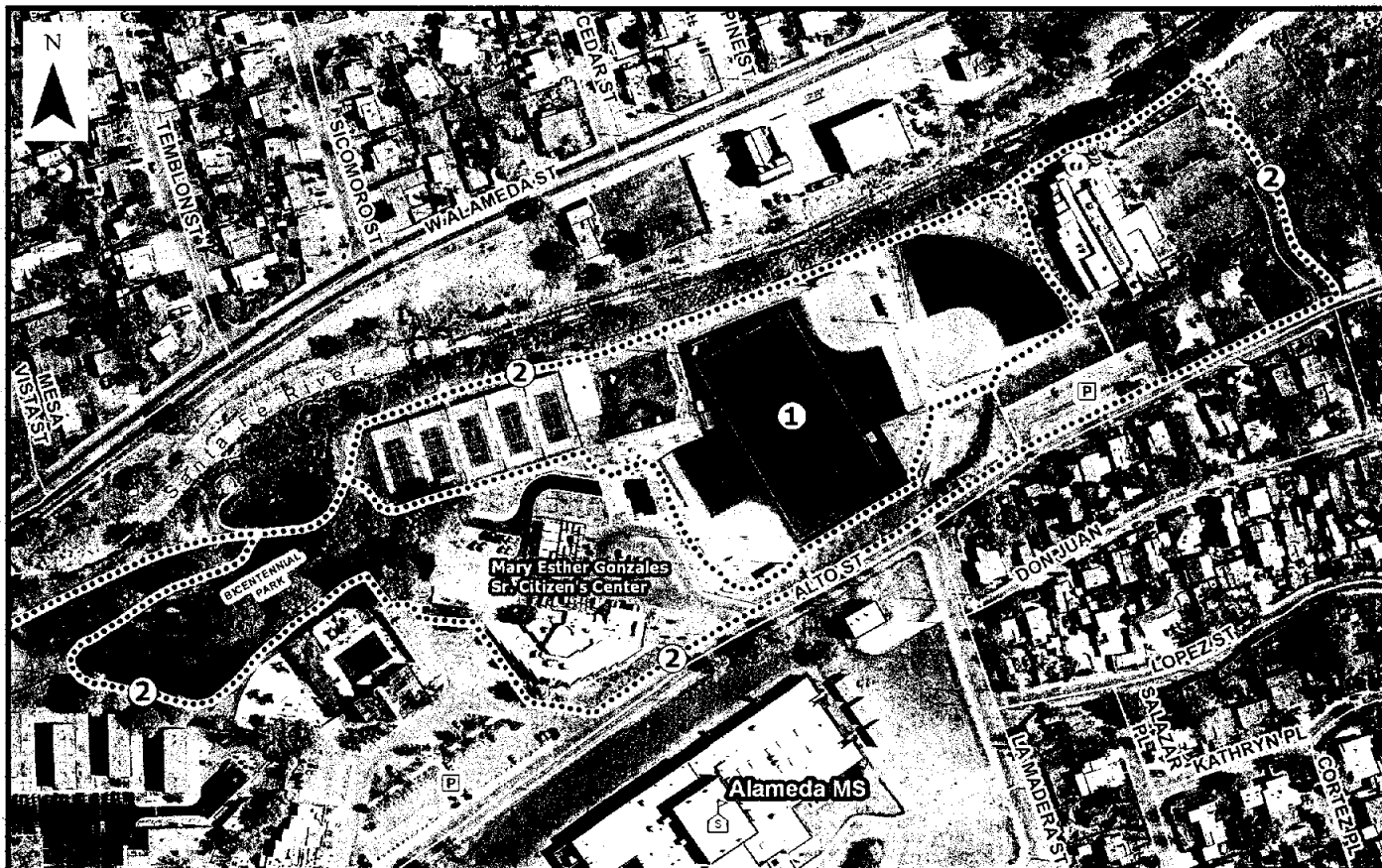
* United States Department of Health and Human Services at www.health.gov/paguidelines

ZIP CODE **87501**

Bicentennial **1043 Calle Alto**

Loop 1: 0.53
Loop 2: 0.88
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved
Attractions: tennis courts, picnic tables, playground, park shelter,
barbeque grills, basketball, outdoor pool (summer)
Cross Streets: Calle Alto, Camino Alire, W. Alameda
Santa Fe Trails: Route 1 Agua Fria, Route 5 W. Alameda
Public Facilities: yes
Parking: parking lot

Notes: This park has recently been renovated and offers a lovely walk shaded by cottonwood trees. Stop by the swing sets and swimming pool and enjoy the children's laughter. This park is near the Santa Fe River trail that follows the river through the city.



ZIP CODE **87501**

De Vargas

201 E. De Vargas

Distance: 0.29 one way

Difficulty: grade 1

Trail Surface: paved

Attractions: benches

Cross Streets: Don Gaspar and S. Guadalupe

Santa Fe Trails: Route 2, 1, 4

Public Facilities: none

Parking: minimal

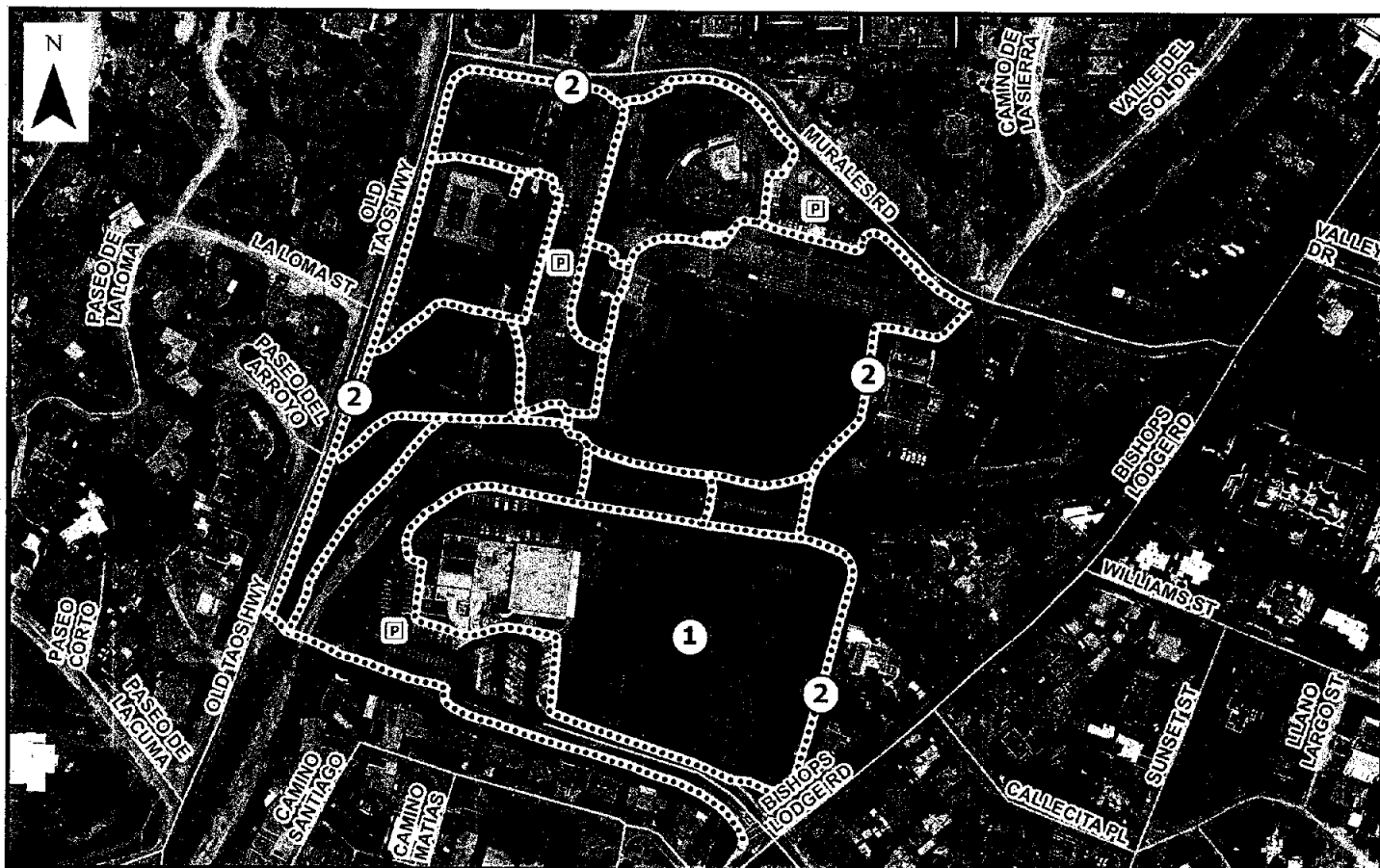
Notes: This park offers views of the mountains and the impressive Our Lady of Guadalupe church. It is near the Santa Fe River trail that follows the river through the city, and can be combined with the Santa Fe River park walk in this guide.



ZIP CODE

Fort Marcy 320 Artist Rd.

- Loop 1:** 0.41
Loop 2: 0.76
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved, with a dirt jogging trail alongside
Attractions: playground, jogging trail with outdoor exercise equipment, putting green, ballpark; tennis courts, bike rack, picnic pagoda
Cross Streets: Artist Rd., Bishop's Lodge, Murales and Old Taos Highway
Santa Fe Trails: none
Public Facilities: yes
Parking: parking lot
- Notes:** There is something for everyone at Fort Marcy Ballpark/Mager's Field Sport Complex. On site is a baseball field, outdoor all-grass soccer field, weight room, indoor pool and cardiovascular machines. Fort Marcy also plays host to one of Santa Fe's favorite annual events, the burning of Zozobra aka Old Man Gloom, a giant marionette effigy that is burned every September during Fiestas de Santa Fe.



ZIP CODE 87501

Frenchy's Field

Agua Fria near Osage

Loop 1: 0.35

Loop 2: 0.48

Difficulty: grade 1

Trail Surface: main loop is paved

Attractions: playground, picnic tables, barbeque grills,
water fountain, benches, community garden being established

Cross Streets: Agua Fria and Osage

Santa Fe Trails: Route 1 Agua Fria or Route 5 Crosstown

Public Facilities: none

Parking: parking lot

Notes: Frenchy's Dairy Farm occupied what is now city-owned land called Frenchy's Field. Bernard "Frenchy" Parachou operated the Sunshine Dairy here for 50 years (1932 - 1983). The cinder block building was Frenchy's home, built by him and his friends in the early 1950s. The red-roofed community center is made of wood from Frenchy's barn. Frenchy's Field Park was established in 1995 and today, the park is a passive recreation area landscaped with native wildflowers that links to the Santa Fe River and the city's open space network of trails and parks.



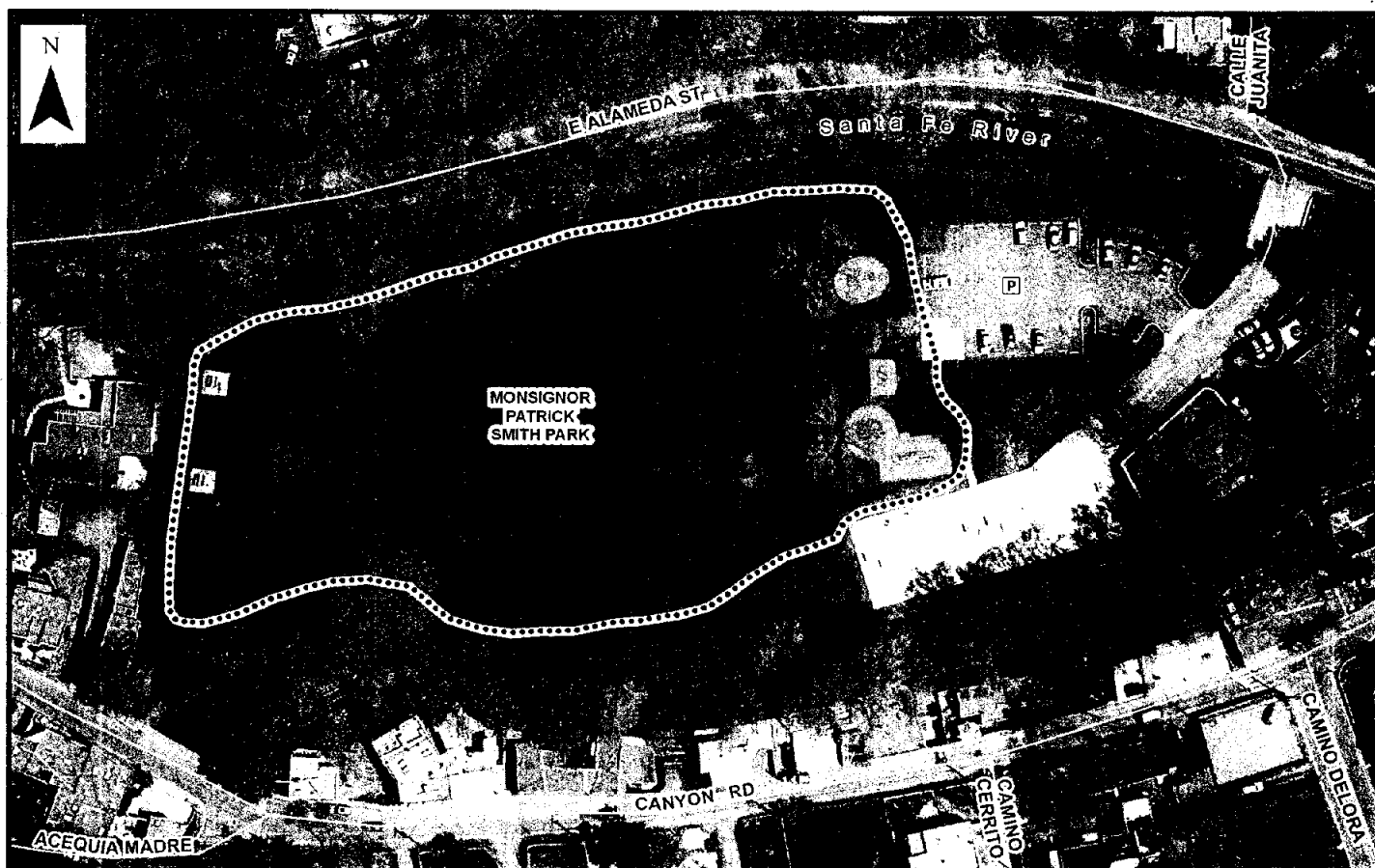
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Monsignor Patrick Smith

1001 Canyon Rd

Loop: 0.26
Difficulty: grade 3
Trail Surface: grass, not a specific walking trail
Attractions: picnic tables, playground, barbeque grills, basketball
Cross Streets: between E. Alameda and Canyon Road
Santa Fe Trails: Route M - Museum Hill
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot

Notes: This park was named after Patrick Smith, once Monsignor of nearby Cristo Rey Church. This park is near the Santa Fe River trail that follows the river through the city.



ZIP CODE **87501**

Nature Conservancy Trail

Cerro Gordo

Distance: one-way to Audobon Center is 0.53
Difficulty: grade 3
Trail Surface: fairly well maintained dirt trail; recommended use in summer and fall only
Attractions: nature preserve around area of old reservoir, benches
Cross Streets: Upper Canyon Rd and Cerro Gordo
Santa Fe Trails: Route M is the closest
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot on Cerro Gordo

Notes: The preserve was launched in April 2000 when the Public Service Company of New Mexico donated the site to the Conservancy. Since then the Conservancy has worked to restore the land to its natural state and constructed an interpretive trail detailing the colorful history and fragile ecology of the place. Within the preserve are the ruins of Old Stone Dam, built in 1881. This was the city's first official attempt to harness the Santa Fe River to supply local residents with water.



ZIP CODE 87501

Santa Fe River

Cathedral Place and E. Alameda

Distance: 0.36 one way
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved
Attractions: benches, picnic tables and wooden sculptures
Cross Streets: Paseo de Peralta and Don Gaspar
Santa Fe Trails: Route M – E. Alameda, Route 6
Public Facilities: none
Parking: on street

Notes: What could be more pleasant than a walk along the river in beautiful downtown Santa Fe? This park is on the Santa Fe River trail that follows the river through the city. This can be combined with the De Vargas park in this guide.



ZIP CODE 87501

Torreon

1515 W Alameda

Loop: 0.31
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved
Attractions: picnic tables, playground; barbeque grills, basketball, bike rack
Cross Streets: West Alameda near Camino Alire
Santa Fe Trails: Route 5 West Alameda
Public Facilities: none
Parking: on street

Notes: Take time to admire the beautiful tower and tile work at the entrance. According to the plaque at the foot of the tower that honors the farming history of the neighborhood, the barrio of El Torreon was named after a defensive tower that stood nearby in the Spanish colonial settlement period 1598 – 1821. During nomadic Indian raids, the barrio inhabitants took refuge in the tower where water, food and weapons were kept for such emergencies. The area was mostly peaceful and the people farmed the fields adjacent to the Santa Fe River and tended their flocks of sheep and goats. They also cut wood, loaded it on to burros and took it to Burro Alley. This park could be combined with Bicentennial Park to create a longer walk.



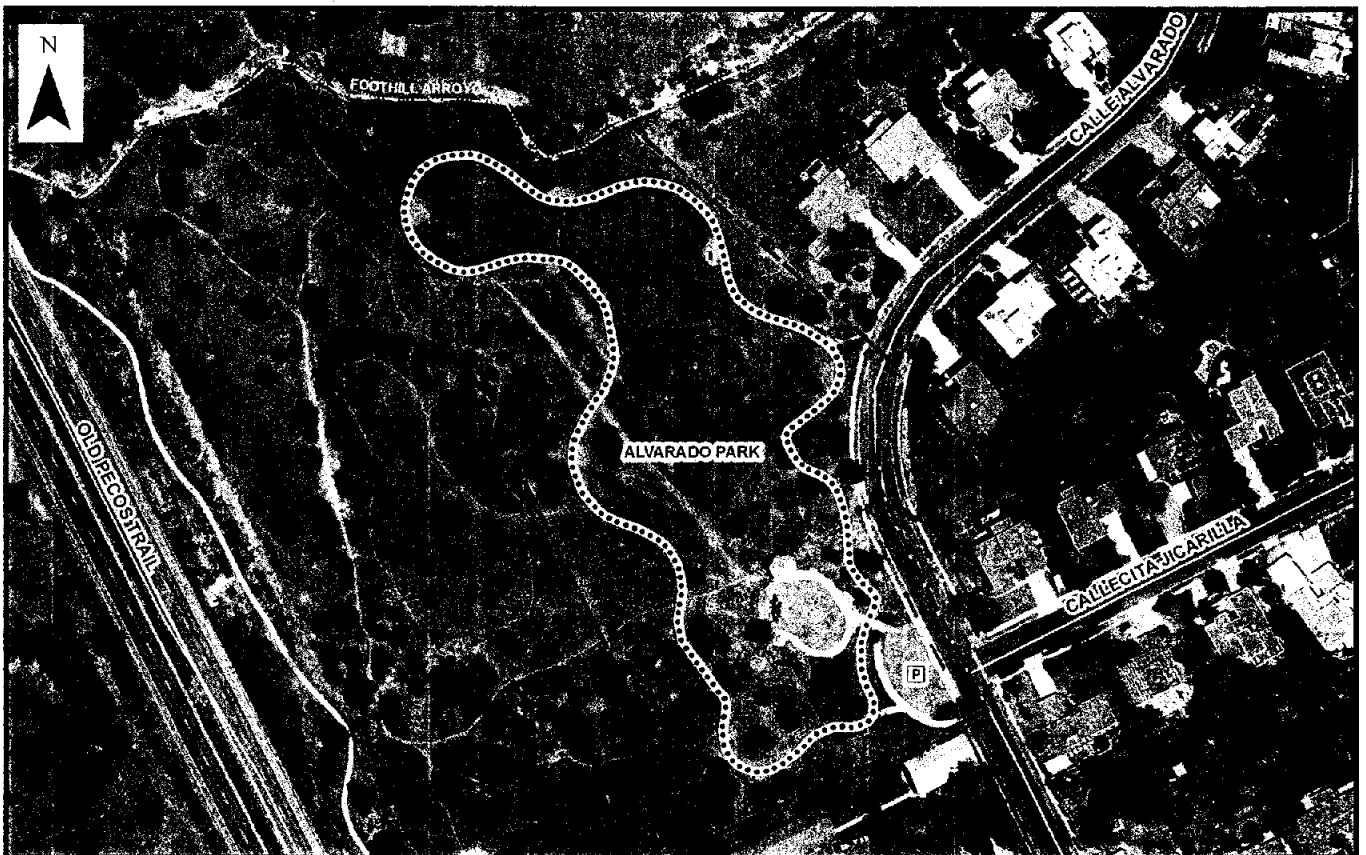
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Alvarado

2234 Calle Alvarado

Loop: 0.35
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: soft gravel
Attractions: exercise stations, playground, picnic shelter,
benches, water fountain
Cross Streets: Calle Alvarado off Old Pecos Trail
Santa Fe Trails: none
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot

Notes: This hidden gem combines beautiful views, a children's play area, a memorial grove of trees, and a trails exercise course. Don't miss it! There are fantastic views of the Jemez Mountains to the west and Sun and Moon Mountains to the north. The trail meanders gently through grassland and those wanting more of a workout can do the proposed activities following the clear instructions at the exercise stations.



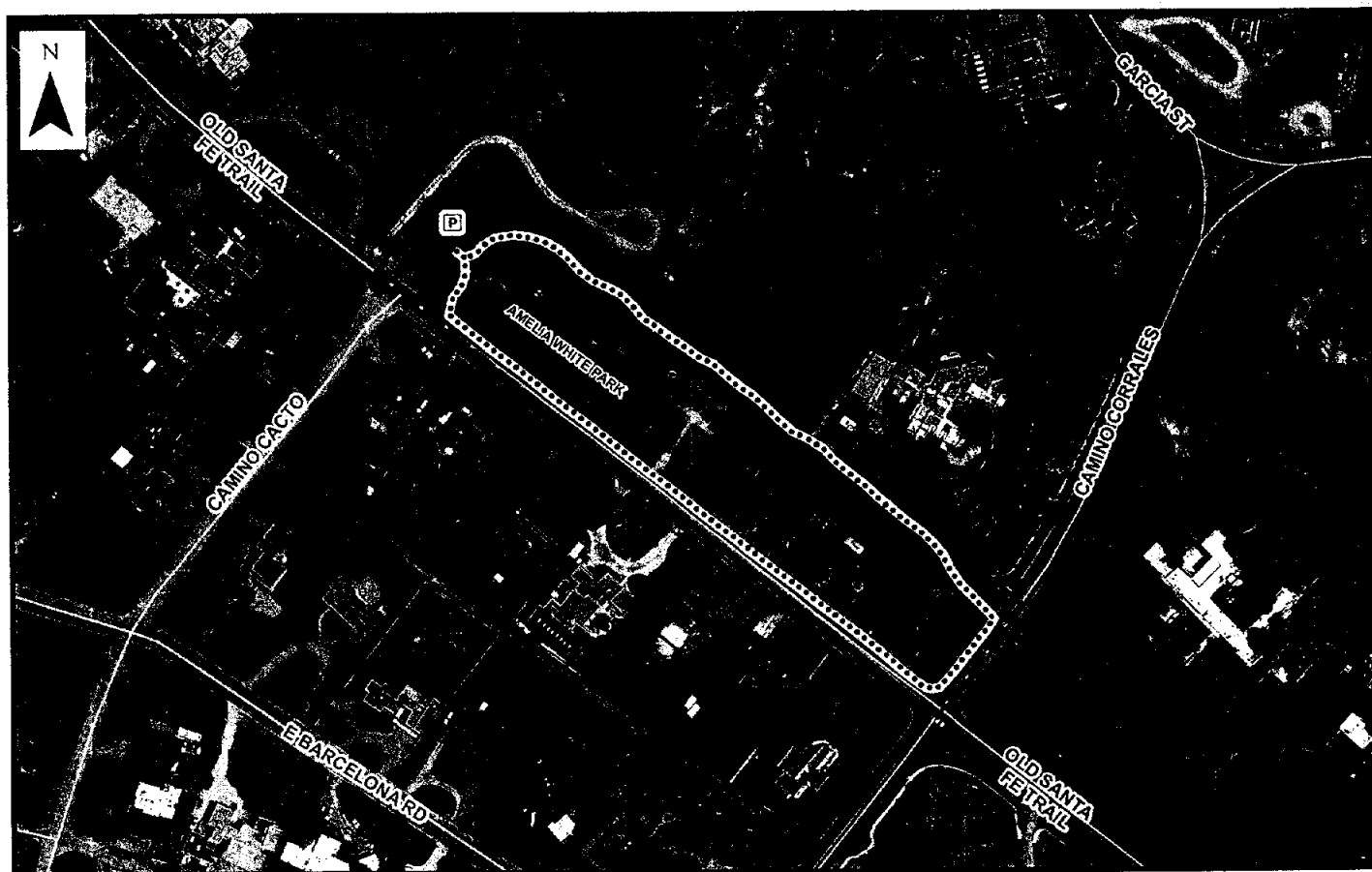
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Amelia White

981 Old Santa Fe Trail

Loop: 0.35
Difficulty: grade 2
Trail Surface: partly dirt and partly sidewalk
Attractions: picnic tables
Cross Streets: Old Santa Fe Trail and Camino Corrales
Santa Fe Trails: Route M
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot

Notes: Amelia White Park is a charming neighborhood park with terrific mountain views. The park features a Korean War Memorial created by Santa Fe sculptor Ken Crowley. It also has some remnants of the Old Santa Fe Trail itself. It's a pleasant place for hikers to pause or families to have a picnic. The park is named after Amelia Elizabeth White, a wealthy New York business woman who, with her sister Martha Root, built a beautiful adobe estate "El Delirio" on Santa Fe's east side in the 1920s. This became a popular gathering place for Santa Fe artists, writers, and intellectuals. The White sisters were avid patrons and promoters of Indian art and in 1972, generously left El Delirio, along with other Santa Fe properties, to the School for Advanced Research.



ZIP CODE **87501**

Ashbaugh

1703 Cerrillos Rd.

Loop: 0.73
Difficulty: grade 3
Trail Surface: grass with no specific designated walking trail
Attractions: picnic tables; barbeque grills
Cross Streets: Cerrillos and San Jose Ave
Santa Fe Trails: Route 2
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot on Cerrillos and Montano

Notes: To extend your walk, check out Gregory Lopez, another small park located one block west of Ashbaugh at the corner of Hano Road and San Felipe - it has a barbeque grill, water fountains, a picnic table, and a playground. It can be accessed from the northwest end of Ashbaugh park on the Acequia Trail then turning left on Otowi Drive and left on San Felipe. (loop is 0.22)



ZIP CODE 87505

Candelero

2213 Brillante St.

Loop: 0.18
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: concrete in good condition
Attractions: playground, basketball, hopscotch, benches, picnic tables, water fountain
Cross Streets: Brillante St., off Zia Rd
Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 and Route 6 Rodeo Rd.
Public Facilities: none
Parking: on street

Notes: This park has several street lights and good visibility. It is also near the Rail Trail, which walkers can explore on their own.



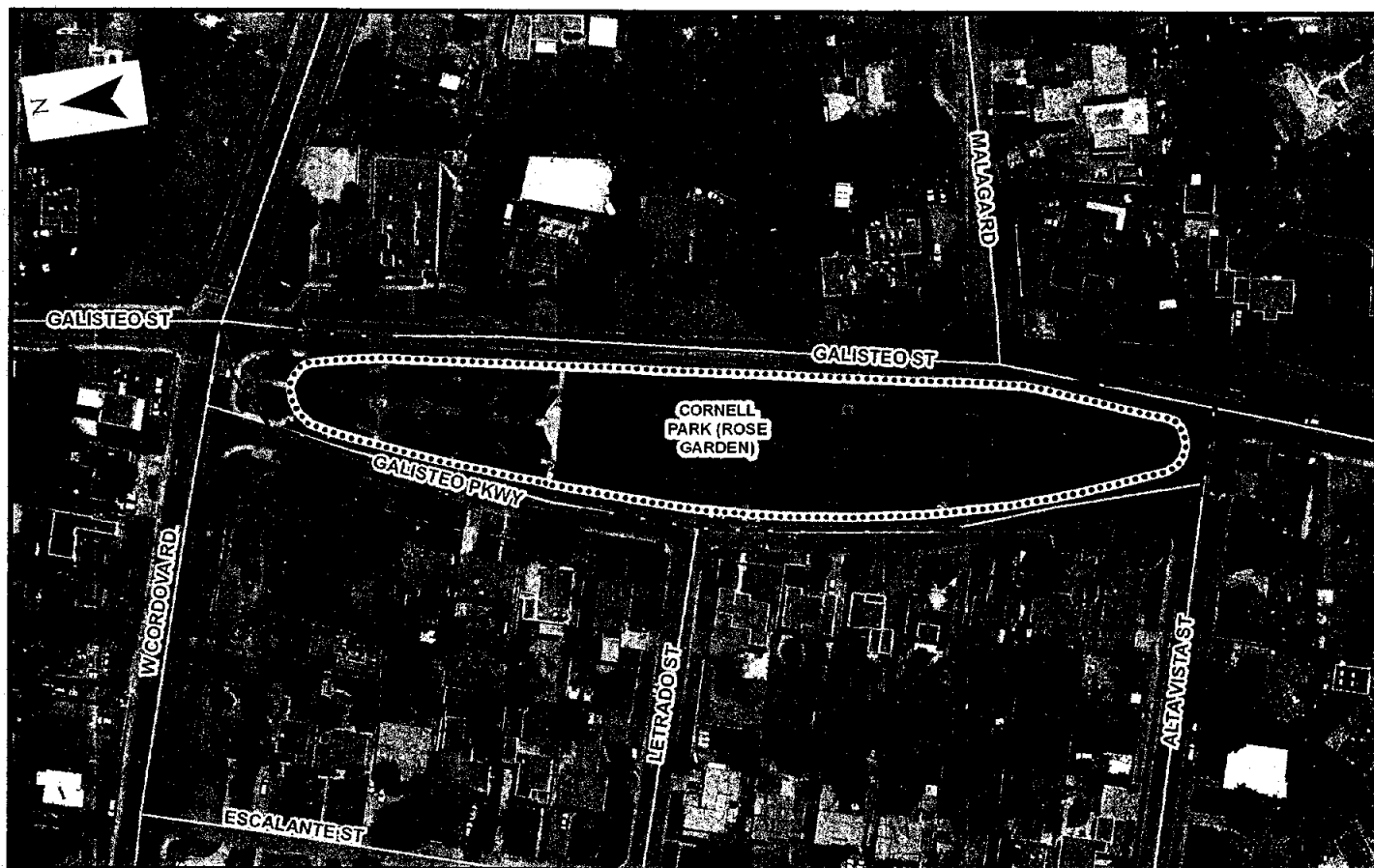
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Cornell Rose Garden

1315 Galisteo Parkway

Loop: 0.33
Difficulty: grade 2
Trail Surface: mostly on sidewalks around park
Attractions: benches
Cross Streets: Galisteo Parkway, between Alta Vista and Cordova
Santa Fe Trails: Route 6 Rodeo Rd.
Public Facilities: none
Parking: on street

Notes: This is one of Santa Fe's most peaceful parks with shady trees, colorful roses in season, and grass to sit on after your walk. This park is dedicated to Harvey Hiram Cornell, a landscape architect who lived from 1893-1962.



ZIP CODE **87505**

General Franklin Miles

1027 Camino Carlos Rey

Loop 1: 0.52

Loop 2: 0.71

Loop 3: 0.97

Difficulty: grade 2

Trail Surface: loop is paved sidewalk except for dirt track along northwest and northeast edge of park; middle trail is well-maintained
Attractions: playground, basketball, baseball, volleyball, Martha Ramirez skate park; bike racks near concession stands; picnic tables, barbeque grills, drinking fountains

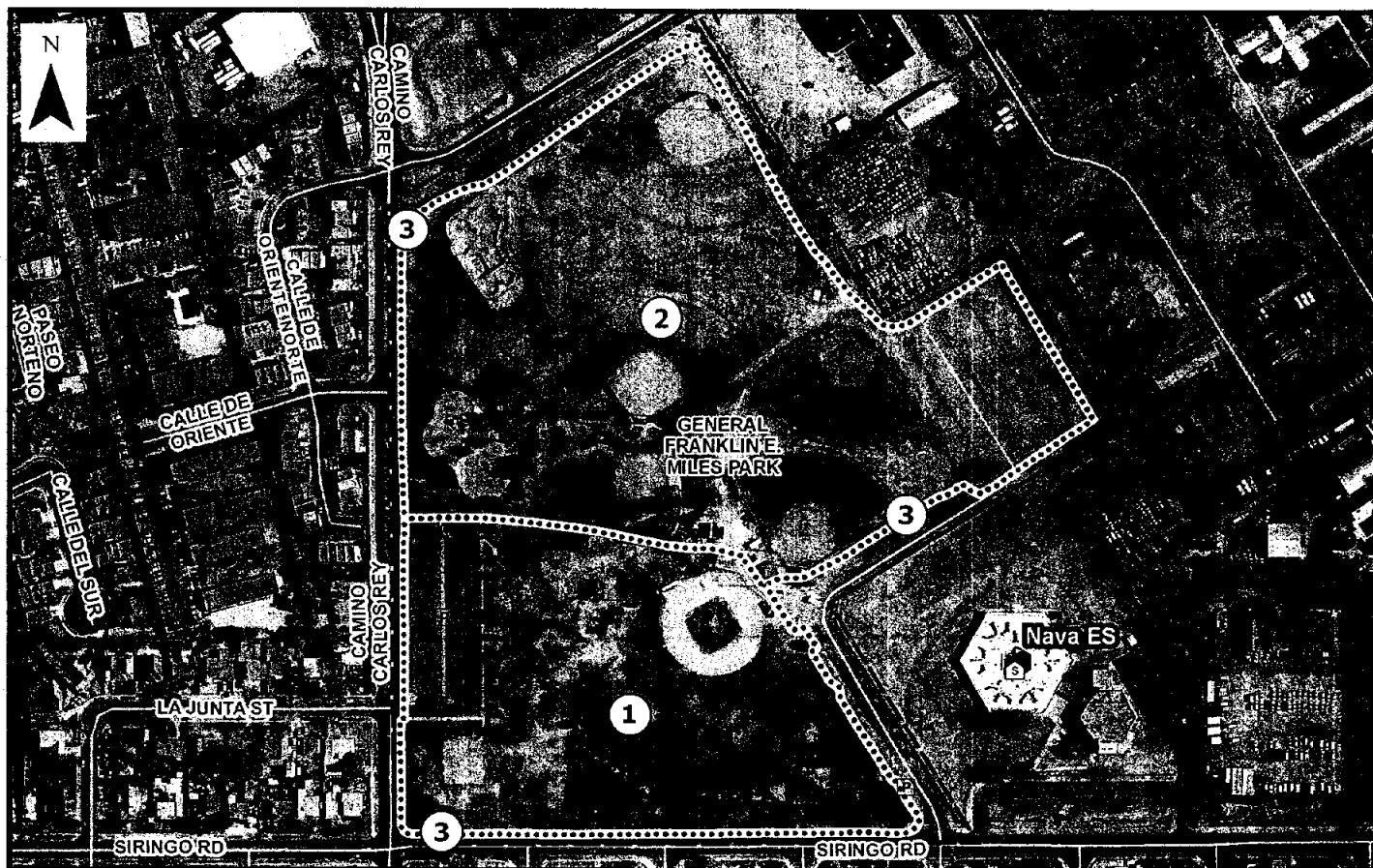
Cross Streets: Camino Carlos Rey and Siringo

Santa Fe Trails: Route 2, Route 4 Southside

Public Facilities: none

Parking: several lots

Notes: Don't miss the extraordinary murals next to the baseball fields! These were created in 2007 by the Santa Fe Teen Arts Center, Warehouse 21. There are clear lines of sight along paths and a slight uphill grade near playground.



ZIP CODE 87401

Larragoite

Agua Fria/Cristobal Colon

Loop: 0.53
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved trail in good condition
Attractions: tennis courts; volleyball, playground, water fountains, picnic tables
Cross Streets: Agua Fria and Cristobal Colon
Santa Fe Trails: Route 1 Agua Fria, Route 5
Public Facilities: yes
Parking: several lots

Notes: Recently renovated, the new paved path offers a great opportunity to take a walk while admiring the stunning Sangre de Cristo mountains. Larragoite is a Basque name. Benito Anselmo Larragoite, founder of the Larragoite family in New Mexico, was born in Bilbao, Spain in 1811.



ZIP CODE 87505

Las Estancias/Caballero

Near Yucca and Carlos Rey

Loop: 1.32

Difficulty: grade 2

Trail Surface: paved trail in good condition around Las Estancias; sidewalk between 2 parks; dirt trail around part of Caballero

Attractions: at Las Estancias: picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain

Cross Streets: Las Estancias, off Yucca - La Silla Dorada and Vía Berrenda

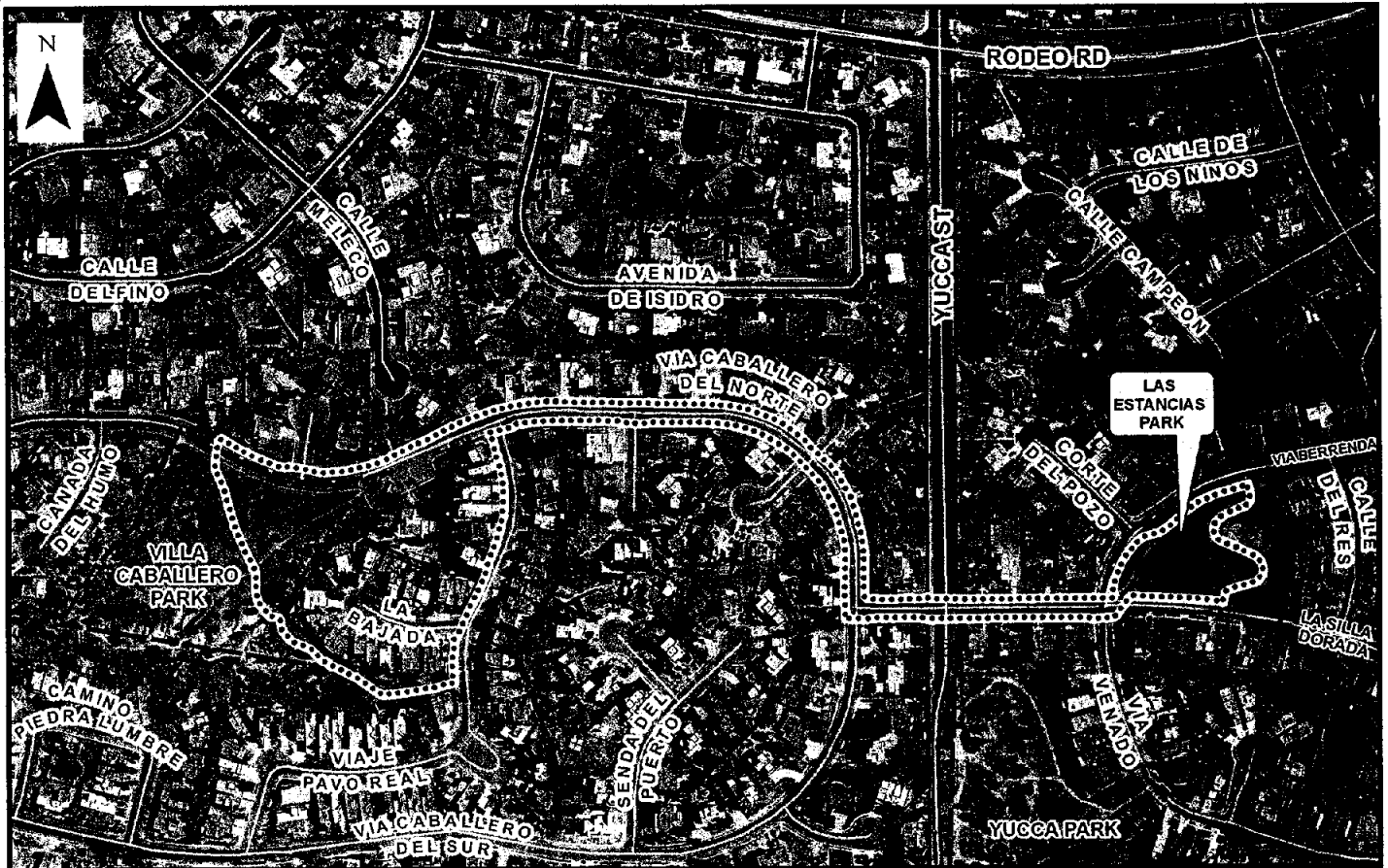
Caballero: off Carlos Rey - Via Caballero del Norte and Pavo Real

Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 and Route 6 Rodeo Rd.

Public Facilities: none

Parking: lot near Caballero, on street near Las Estancias

Notes: The two parks are linked by quiet, safe neighborhood streets and together make a good loop. Las Estancias Park was created in 2008 with lots of input from the residents.



ZIP CODE 85005

Ragle

Zia Road and Yucca St

Loop 1: 0.20

Loop 2: 0.65

Difficulty: grade 2

Trail Surface: grass around ball fields

Attractions: baseball, playground, barbeque grills, benches, picnic tables, shade trees

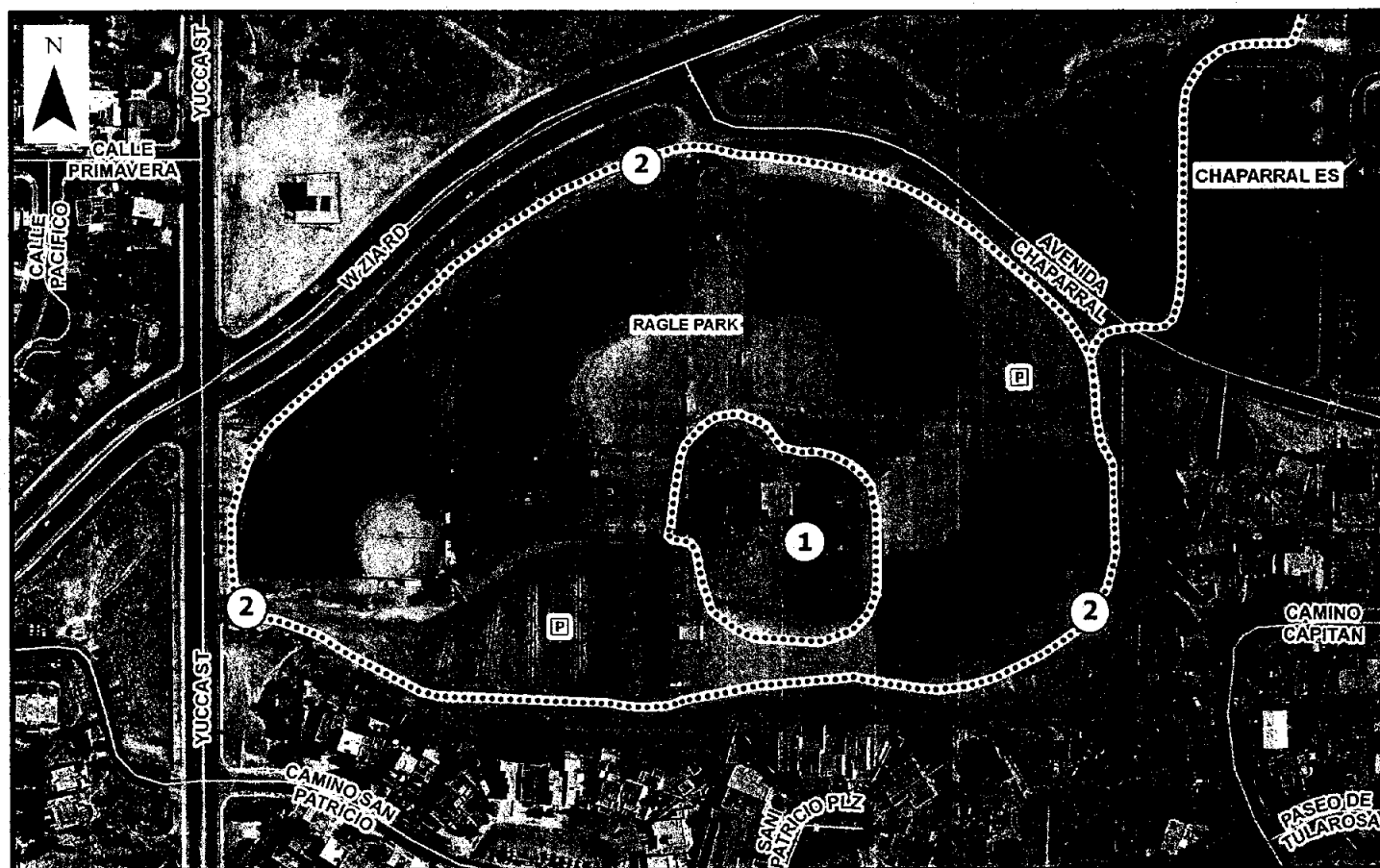
Cross Streets: Zia Road, Yucca St, Avenida Chaparral

Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 and Route 6 Rodeo Rd. are the closest

Public Facilities: yes

Parking: parking lot

Notes: The main section is mostly reserved for baseball fields and it would be possible to walk around these comfortably on days when there are no games. This park is near the Arroyo de los Chamisos Trail which walkers can explore on their own.



ZIP CODE **87505**

Railyard

600 S. Guadalupe

Loop: 0.75
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved and crusher fine
Attractions: benches, playground, outdoor performance space
Cross Streets: Guadalupe and Cerrillos
Santa Fe Trails: Route 2 Cerrillos Rd., Route 4
Public Facilities: yes
Parking: yes

Notes: Near Railyard, farmers' market, Rail Runner station; additional short trails wind through the landscaped area of the park. This park is near the Rail Trail which walkers can explore on their own.

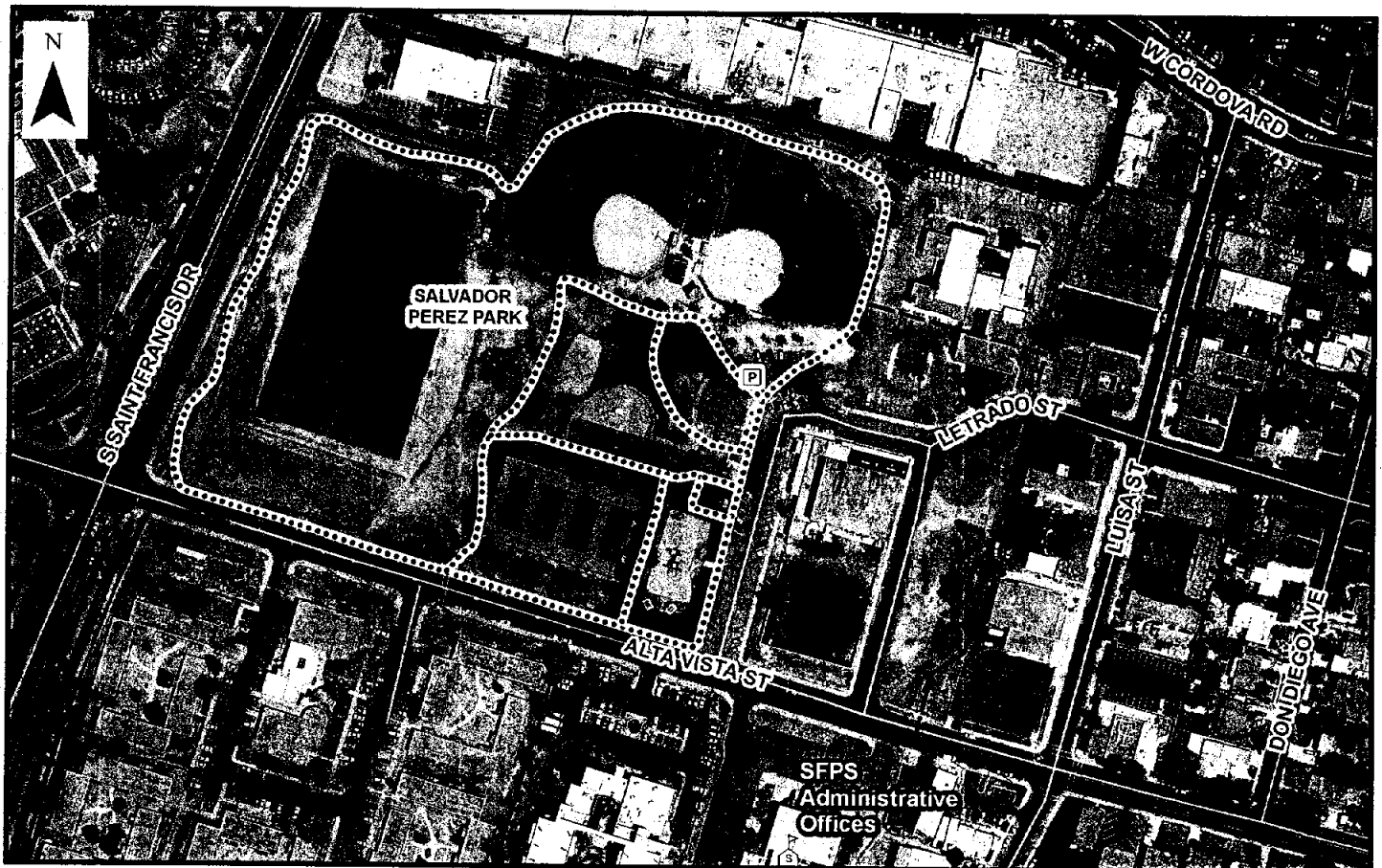


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Salvador Perez 601 Alta Vista St.

Loop: 0.45 miles
Difficulty: grade 2
Trail Surface: paved most of the way; dirt at northwest corner
Attractions: real locomotive engine, playground, baseball, soccer; tennis, volleyball, picnic tables
Cross Streets: Alta Vista and St. Francis
Santa Fe Trails: Route 2 Cerrillos Rd., Route 4 St. Francis
Public Facilities: yes
Parking: yes

Notes: Adjacent to the park is the Salvador Perez Fitness Center, a great place to work out with generally short waits for equipment. It includes an indoor pool; weight room; cardiovascular machines; aerobics room. This park is known to locals as the Train Park and for many years families came to the park to play on the train! This park is near the Rail Trail, which walkers can explore on their own.



ZIP CODE **87507**

Agua Fria Community Park

Agua Fria Park Road

Loop 1: 0.47

Loop 2: 0.72

Difficulty: grade 1

Trail Surface: paved

Attractions: tennis, basketball, baseball, shade pavilion,
picnic tables, barbeque

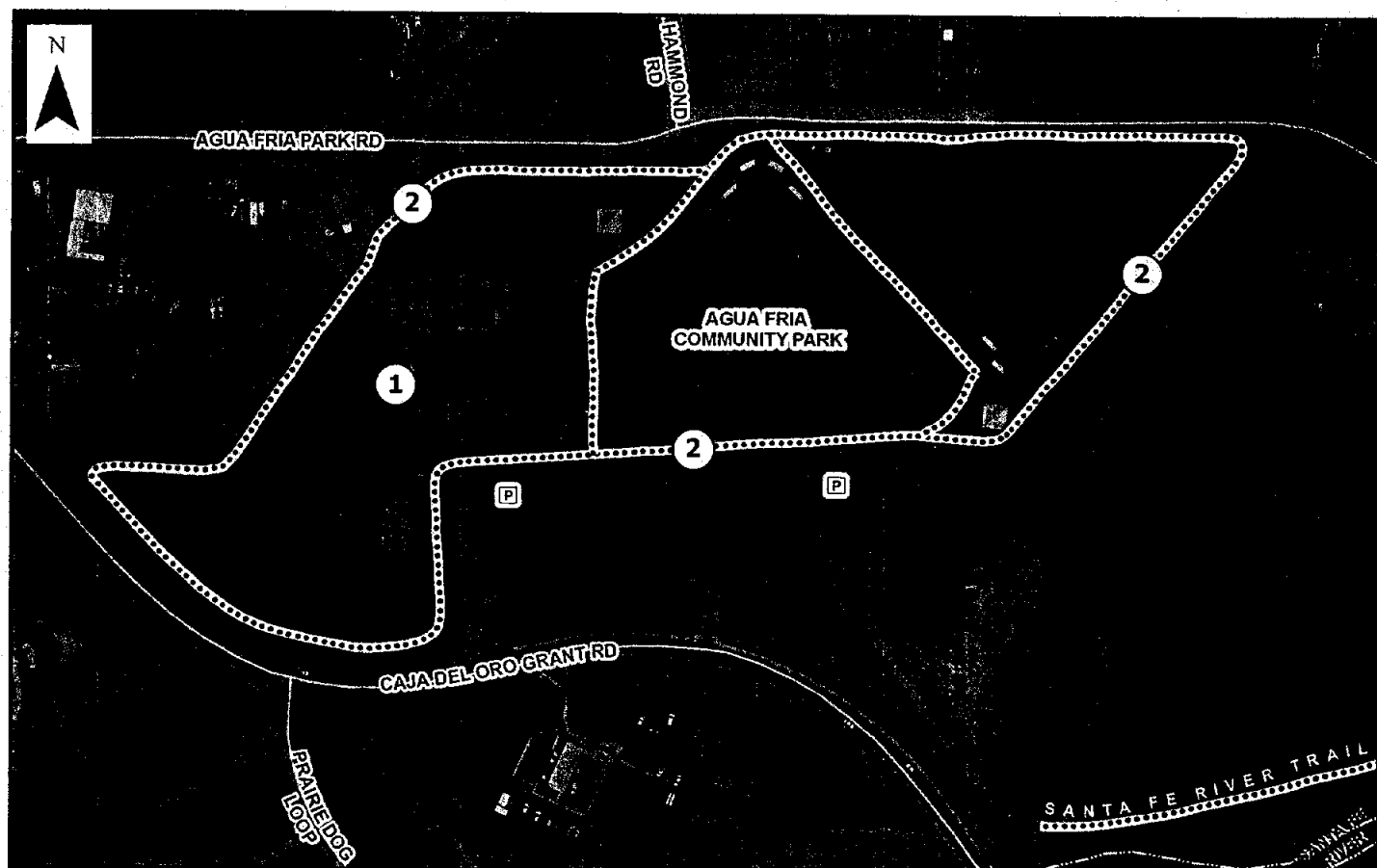
Cross Streets: Agua Fria Park Rd and 62 (Caja del Oro Grant Rd)

Santa Fe Trails: closest to Route 1 Agua Fria

Public Facilities: yes

Parking: parking lot

Notes: This is a spacious park with beautiful views of the mountains, and is located near the Agua Fria Community Center. A short distance (0.25 miles) south on Caja del Oro Grant Rd. connects you with the Agua Fria River Park for a longer walk.



ZIP CODE **87507**

Agua Fria River Park San Isidro Crossing

Distance: 0.70 one way

Difficulty: grade 2

Trail Surface: dirt, in good condition

Attractions: picnic table

Cross Streets: San Isidro Crossing and Caja del Oro Grant Rd (62)

Santa Fe Trails: closest to Route 1 Agua Fria

Public Facilities: no

Parking: parking lot

Notes: This is a pleasant walk along the Santa Fe River. For the more adventurous, you can park at the Isidro Crossing lot, walk along the trail to Caja del Oro Grant Rd, take a right and connect with the Agua Fria Community Park.



ZIP CODE 87507

**Genoveva Chavez
Community Center
3221 Rodeo Rd.**

Loop: 0.1

Difficulty: grade 1

Trail Surface: indoor track

Attractions: use of the community center for a small fee

Cross Streets: Rodeo Road and Avenida de las Campanas

Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 and Route 6 Rodeo Rd.

Public Facilities: at community center

Parking: large parking lot

Notes: The GCCC has numerous indoor facilities including an indoor walking track. One loop is 0.1 mile. The walking track accommodates walkers and runners and provides views of the Chamisos trail and arroyo as well as the basketball courts below. Behind the Chavez Center building is a certified Frisbee Golf Course. The Arroyo de los Chamisos trail can also be accessed behind the main building, but there is a greater than 5% grade initially to reach the trail. Genoveva Chavez was the voice of Santa Fe. She is legendary among Nortesños for her passion for music and her connection to Fiesta. After your walk, you can admire her tiled portrait created by local artist Sam Leyba.



ZIP CODE 87507

Herb Martinez

2240 Camino Carlos Rey

Loop 1: 0.45

Loop 2: 0.23

Both Loops: 0.70

Difficulty: grade 2

Trail Surface: part sidewalk and part grass

Attractions: basketball, tennis, baseball, water fountain,
picnic tables, shade trees, outdoor hockey rink

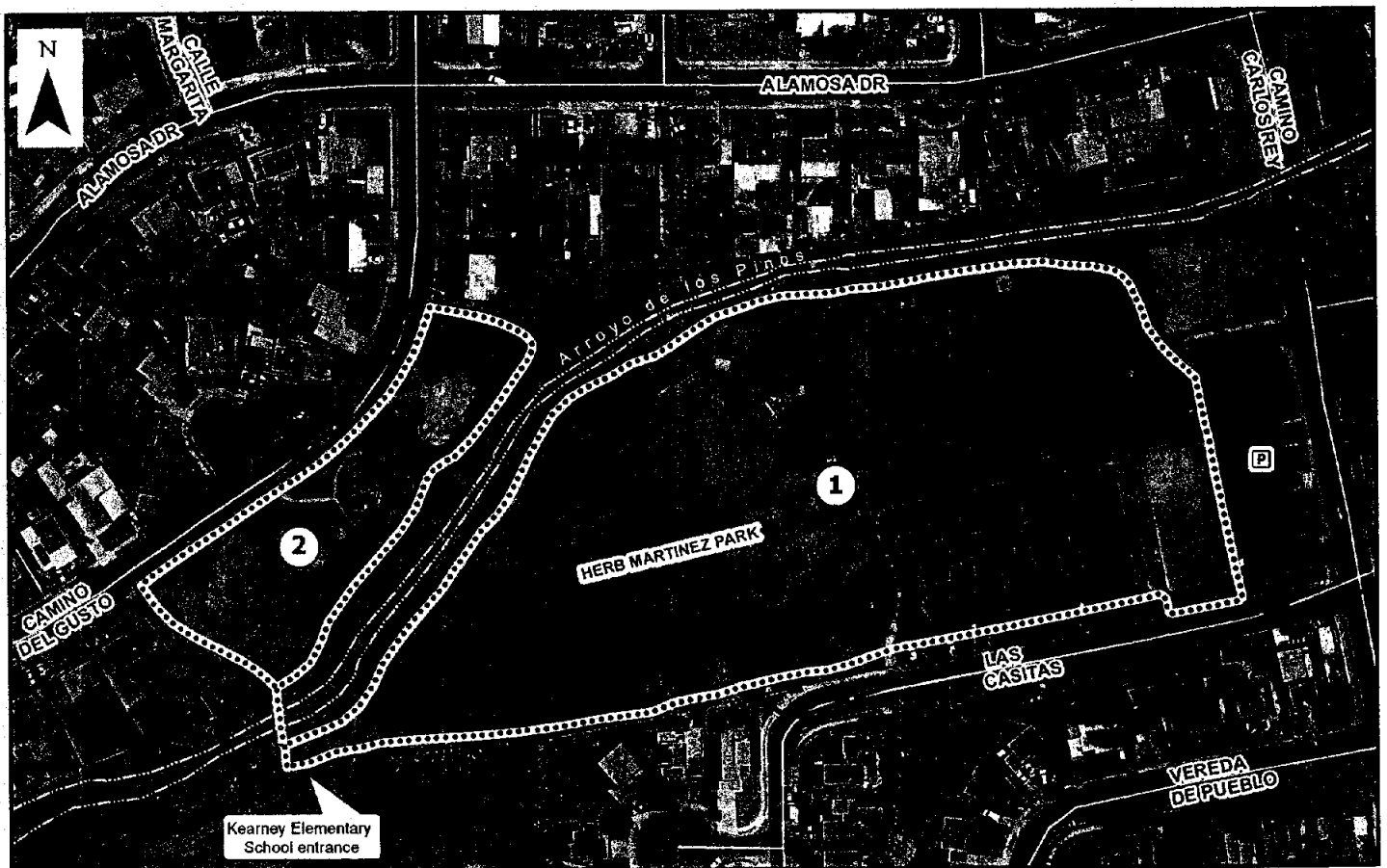
Cross Streets: Camino Carlos Rey, Camino del Gusto, Las Casitas

Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 Southside

Public Facilities: none

Parking: yes

Notes: This park has a lot of activity, but is more secluded than the nearby Franklin Miles park.



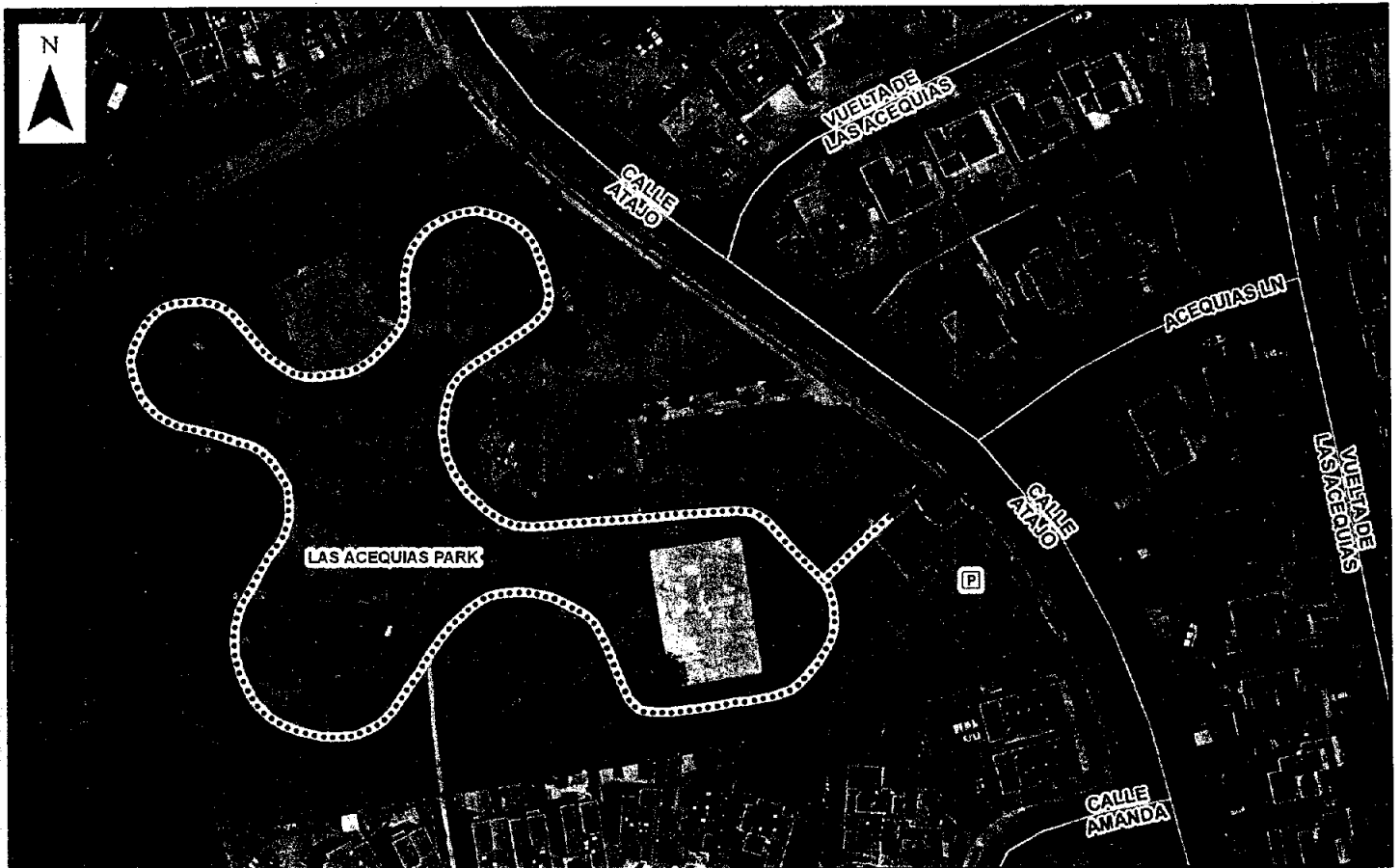
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Las Acequias

1100 Calle Atajo

Loop: 0.36
Difficulty: grade 1
Trail Surface: paved
Attractions: playground, basketball, picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain, shade canopy, bike rack
Cross Streets: Calle Atajo near Acequias Lane
Santa Fe Trails: Route 1, Route 24
Public Facilities: none
Parking: limited on street

Notes: This lovely park is dedicated to the Acequia Madre that once carried water from the Santa Fe River to the people, gardens, and animals of this neighborhood. The colorful tiled sculptures represent the form of the acequia and are dedicated to acequia families of New Mexico - past, present, and future.



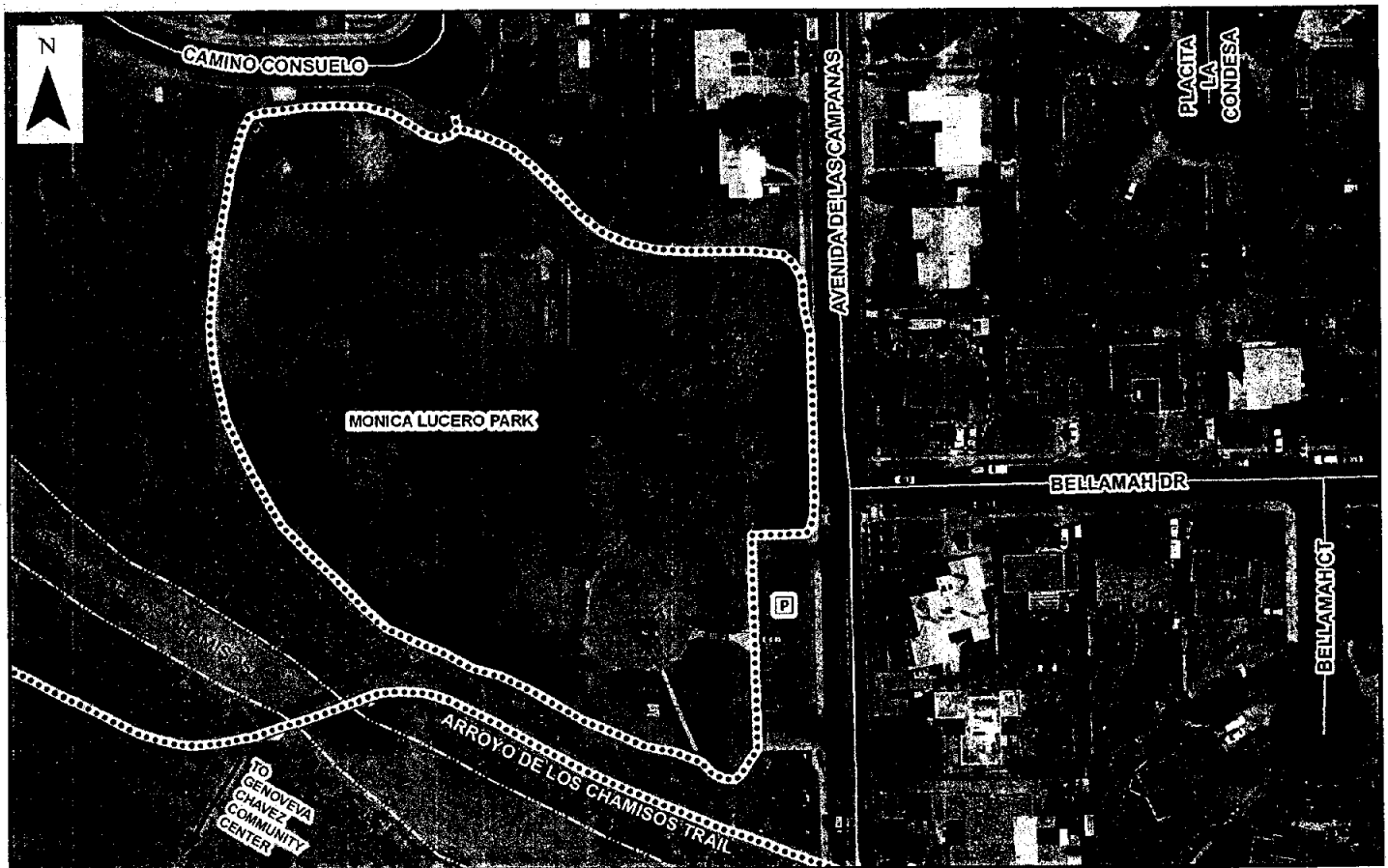
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Monica Lucero

Avenida de las Campanas

Loop: 0.30
Difficulty: grade 3
Trail Surface: grass
Attractions: picnic tables, barbeque grills, playground, open field, shade trees
Cross Streets: Avenida de las Campanas, Camino Consuelo, Arroyo de los Chamisos Trail
Santa Fe Trails: Route 4 and Route 6 Rodeo Rd.
Public Facilities: none
Parking: parking lot

Notes: This is a small park just north of the Genoveva Chavez Community Center. It is on the Arroyo de los Chamisos paved trail that runs from Rodeo Road and joins the Rail Trail. This will eventually go all the way to the Railyard.



ZIP CODE **87507**

Municipal Recreation Center

205 Caja del Rio Road

Loop 1: 1.0

Loop 2: 0.48

Loop 3: 0.65

Loop 4: 0.46

Difficulty: grade 1

Trail Surface: paved, in great condition and wheelchair accessible

Attractions: softball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, rugby

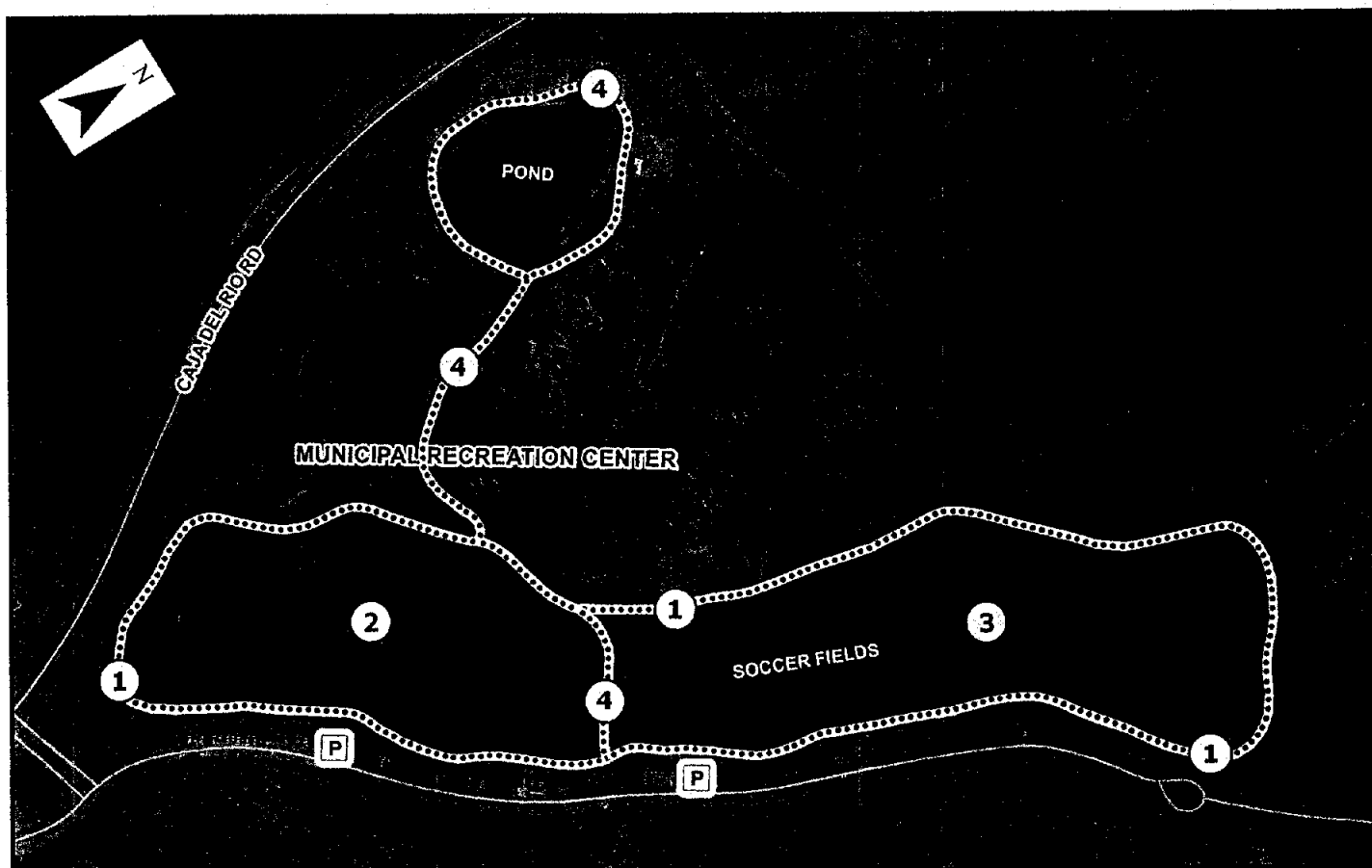
Cross Streets: Caja del Rio Road

Santa Fe Trails: none

Public Facilities: yes

Parking: several parking lots

Notes: This is a beautiful, extensive flat trail around a wide open field. Even though it is not accessible by public transport and is a few miles northwest of Santa Fe, across 599, it is well worth the trip. There is also a pond close by with ducks and other water-loving birds.



ZIP CODE **87507**

Pueblos del Sol Governor Miles

Loop 1: 0.77

Loop 2: 0.63

Loop 3: 1.0

Difficulty: grade 3 based on variations of grade greater than 5% in some places

Trail Surface: paved

Attractions: playground, water fountain, picnic table, benches

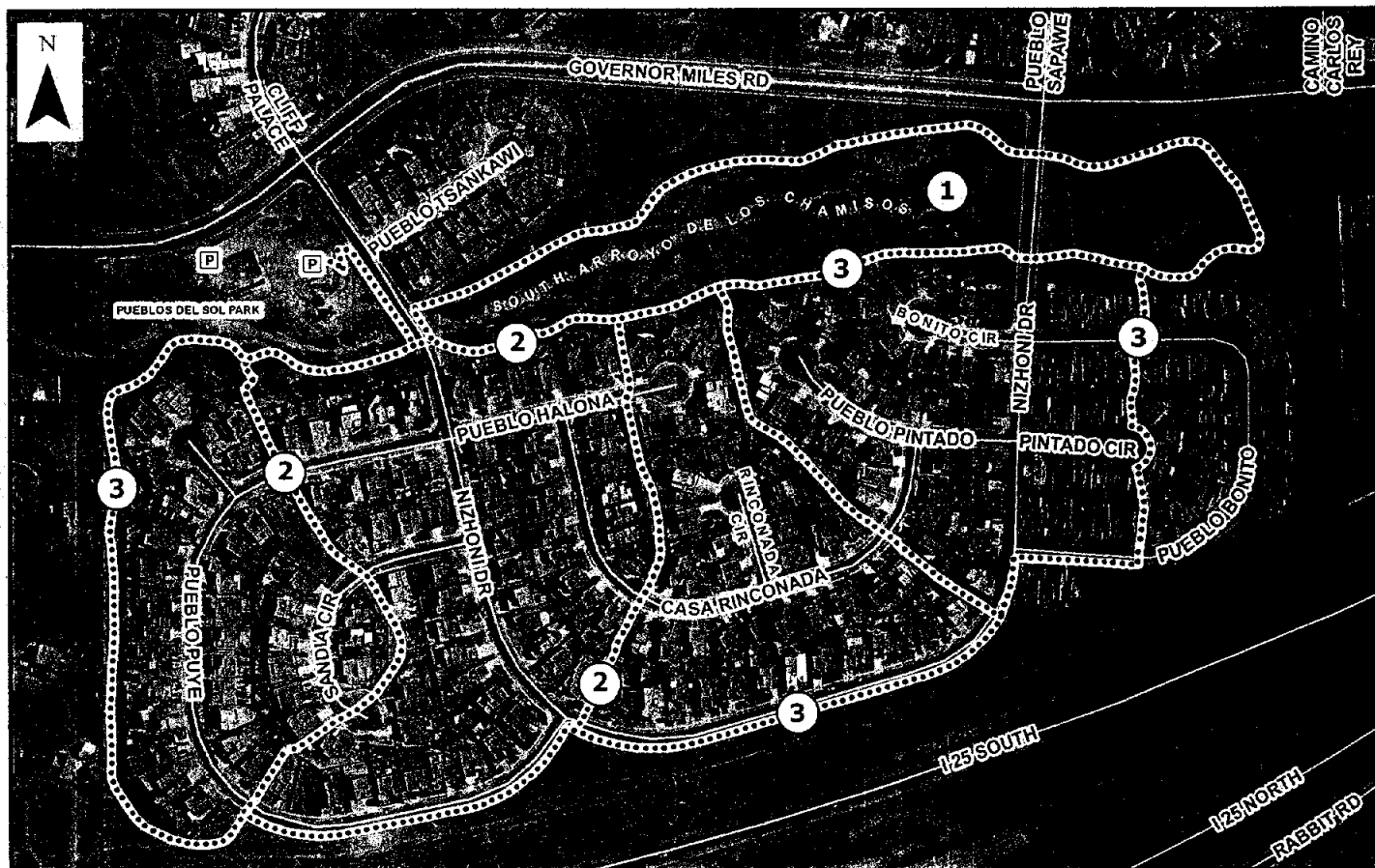
Cross Streets: Governor Miles, Nizhoni Drive, Cliff Palace

Santa Fe Trails: Route 21 Pueblos del Sol

Public Facilities: yes

Parking: dirt parking lot at Pueblos Del Sol Park

Notes: A lovely winding loop along the arroyo with good visibility. Constant variations in grade would make it challenging to wheelchairs, less mobile and new walkers. Trail becomes marginally improved (loose dirt) at the intersection of Governor Miles and Cliff Palace.



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Walking Log

Tracking your progress helps you stay motivated. Use this walking log to keep track of the date, distance and time it took for your walk. You can copy this blank page for future use.

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Cornell Rose Park Fountain



Cornell Rose Garden



Las Estancias Park

