Welcome to the Santa Fe Foothills Trails

The Santa Fe Foothills Trails system includes 34 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails that extend across land owned by the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, the National Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, and private land. Trails start just two miles from the Santa Fe Plaza and include the following trails:

- Dale Ball Trail system: 23.37 miles
- Nature Conservancy Preserve Trail: 1.27 miles
- Dorothy Stewart Trail: 1.64 miles
- Atalaya Trail: 5.41 miles
- La Peceda Trail: 1.60 miles
- Little Tesuque Trail: 0.71 miles

With an elevation range of approximately 1,800 feet, views from the Santa Fe Foothills Trails include stunning panoramas of the Rio Grande Valley’s mountain ranges and the Sandia Crest

Route suggestions include:

**A Short Hike with Great Views (1.8 miles)**
Park at the Sierra del Norte Trailhead. Start at junction 2. Proceed 0.1 miles to 3. Return via 4. Complete the hike at junction 5.

**A Long, Strenuous Hike with Great Views (9.1 miles)**
Park at St. John’s College parking lot. Take St John’s Trail to Atalaya Trail, and on to the peak of Atalaya. Proceed north along the ridge to 6 and take the spur that goes to the top of Picacho Peak. Return 6 and then down 7 where you join the Dorothy Stewart Trail. Take it to the small parking lot on Cruz Blanca, cross the road and take the Cruz Blanca Trail west to the St. John’s College parking lot.

**A Good Mountain Bike Ride (9.5 miles)**
Park at the Sierra del Norte Trailhead. Start on the outer loop 8 and take the single track trail back to the parking lot.

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**ARROYO HONDO OPEN SPACE**

The Arroyo Hondo Trail System includes approximately 3 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails (elevation range of 260 ft) that provide access to panoramic views of the Galisteo Basin, Cerrositos Hills, Ortiz Mountains, and the Arroyo Hondo. The Arroyo Hondo Pueblo site and the historic dam can be seen from vista points.