Welcome to the Santa Fe Foothill Trails

The Santa Fe Foothill 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 23.4 miles
- Nature Conservancy Preserve Trail 1.3 miles
- Dorothy Stewart Trail 1.6 miles
- Atalaya Trail 5.4 miles
- La Piedra Trail 1.6 miles
- Little Tesuque Trail 1.7 miles

With an elevation range of approximately 1,800 feet, views from the Santa Fe Foothill Trails include stunning panoramas of the Rio Grande Valley’s mountain ranges and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The trails also connect to an extensive network of trails in the Santa Fe National Forest.

Route suggestions include:

**A Short Hike with Great Views (1.8 miles)**

Park at the Sierra del Norte Trailhead. Start at junction 1. Proceed 1.8 miles to junction 2. Return via 3. Complete the hike at junction 4.

**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 Atalaya and take the spur that goes to the top of Pica Blanca Peak. Return to junction 4 and then down through junctions 5, 6, 7, and 8 where you join the Dorothy Stewart Trail. Take it to the small parking lot on Atalaya, cross the road and take the Cruz Blanco 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 to junctions 3, 4, 6, and 7. Take the left trail to junction 8 and 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, Cerro Pedernal, Ortiz Mountains, and the Arroyo Hondo Ruin Pueblo site and the historic dam can be seen from vista points.