Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

Visit Three Trails Sites and Routes in Santa Fe

The All Trails Lead to Santa Fe conference has spurred efforts in the local area to make the trails more visible to residents and visitors. Here are a few examples:

- **Road signs** for Santa Fe, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, and Old Spanish national historic trails (NHTs).
- **Media tour** stops that relate to multiple trails—right outside your door!
- **Retrace** the Santa Fe Trail along Old Santa Fe Trail (road). Not only do you follow the trail, it also takes you to Museum Hill. 
- **Retrace** El Camino Real along the Santa Fe Greenway. You can follow it south by car on Agua Fria Street or hike it along the Santa Fe River.
- **Retrace** the Old Spanish Trail as it leaves the plaza and heads north towards Tesuque or towards Abiquiu.

Santa Fe National Historic Trail Media Tour—Ready for Action!  
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The media tour is ready for you to use! Just step outside in Santa Fe to get started or visit sites on your way home. Keep an eye out for the upcoming rack cards, signs at sites, and links on the website, or visit the tour home page to get started on your own. Access it on the internet via your phone, tablet, or computer—no app needed. Take the tour; we’ll see you on the trail!

Media Intern Noah Schlager

Noah is a Student Conservation Association intern hired to create tours and films for the national parks on the trail. He is now working on short films to introduce visitors to the larger trail story. Noah is very interested in the trail and your work. Tell him your story!

Media Tour Facts and Figures

Stops are numbered from 0001 to 2010, but there’s plenty of space available for your site or chapter to be included. Contact Carol Clark, 505-988-6842, or carol_s_clark@nps.gov

To do list:
- Kansas City Area
- Bent’s Old Fort NHS
- More chapter tours
- Two short films about how to see the trail in the landscape and how the trail and parks are connected

Use the tour to highlight stories and places on the Santa Fe NHT. Learn about the development of the American West.

Want more trail to follow? See the Utah trails tour at: ntir.toursphere.com

National Trails Intermountain Region – Working with you to protect, develop, and promote national historic trails.
The Kansas Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) partnered with the National Trails Intermountain Region to create an inventory of previously recorded buildings and structures associated with the trail in Kansas.

The purpose of this inventory is to create a current record of the existing structures of the trail. The last comprehensive survey of the entire NHT was in the late 1980s. Since then, known buildings have deteriorated or disappeared, but other buildings and structures have been discovered.

Tasks included gathering lists of all sites and structures currently inventoried by state, verifying Kansas sites and the Kansas Historic Resources Inventory, and reaching out to partners to gather local knowledge of resources.

Each structure was reviewed in three ways: direct association with the trail; indirect association with the trail; and direct association with a person associated with the trail. Between all five states through which the Santa Fe Trail passed, over 168 potential buildings and structures were identified though this records search, with 110 in Kansas and more than 100 in New Mexico. Work on the inventory is ongoing.