Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

Workshops

Mapping Workshop—April
The Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA) will host a Santa Fe National Historic Trail mapping workshop on April 25 & 26, 2013, at the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned, Kansas. Participants will learn mapping methodology, gather project ideas, and be ready for the field.

Interpretation—December
Participants will learn about the field of interpretation and the planning process, including choosing the appropriate media for the audience and resource. More details to come.

New Mexico Heritage Preservation Month

On May 29, join the National Park Service and Philmont Scout Ranch for the unveiling of a four-mile hiking trail that follows a section of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. The ranch is hosting the event and there will be a short program followed by a chance to hike the trail into the Village of Cimarron.

On June 1, take advantage of a rare opportunity for a guided, two-mile hike along the Santa Fe Trail at Fort Union National Monument. Led by park rangers and archaeologists, reservations are required. Call Fort Union at 505-425-8025 x0.

What’s New? Spring 2013

Philmont Scout Ranch
Pedestrian trail signs have shipped to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. The signs will mark the new four-mile trail from the ranch to the Village of Cimarron as a retracement trail. The trail is already in use by Philmont staff and visitors as well as the local community. The signs should be in place by the end of April 2013.

Interactive Tabletop Exhibit
The Santa Fe Trail will be included in a New Mexico parks and trails video project being sponsored by Petroglyph National Monument. A touch screen tabletop display covering national trails, national parks, and state parks will travel to visitor and welcome centers in the state.

Slide Scanning Project
A volunteer couple is labeling scanned digital versions of Santa Fe Trail slides taken during the 1980s-90s. The slides will be made available to partners as part of a larger National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) photo database.

Call for Sign Plans
Please send ideas for sign plans. At this time of year, ideal projects involve local right-of-ways, such as cities and counties, which can be completed in the next four months.

Accessibility
A large print version of the Official Santa Fe Trail Map and Guide is now available online.

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