

## Destination Cities: Santa Fe

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*Background, Resources list and Maps*

### About Santa Fe

With a population of 70,000, Santa Fe, which means Holy Faith in Spanish, is New Mexico's fourth largest city. Residents are primarily Hispanic, Anglo and Native American people.

Situated at 7,000 feet in the foothills of the southern Rocky Mountains, Santa Fe is the highest and oldest capital in the U.S. Founded between 1607 and 1610, it's America's second oldest city.

In 1912, New Mexico officially achieved statehood. Today, its unique offerings of art, culture and ancient traditions make it a world-class destination, drawing more than 1 million visitors each year.

In 2005, Santa Fe became the first U.S. city to be chosen by UNESCO as a Creative City, one of only nine cities in the world to hold this designation. This creativity is at the heart of the community and is a core value for most local businesses.

### HISTORY

Over its 400 plus year history, Santa Fe has been a commercial center, a place where goods and services were made and traded. Following sporadic trade with settlements such as French New Orleans and Spanish Texas, the town really opened up in 1821, when the first trading caravans completed the 900 mile journey from Missouri. In 1821 New Spain declared independence from Spain, and the new nation officially sanctioned commerce, exchanging the riches of the Mexican silver mines for cattle and wagon loads of textiles, clothing, buckles, buttons, tools, implements and liquor. The six decades of the Santa Fe Trail cemented Santa Fe's reputation as the commercial capital at Mexico's northern border, and following New Mexico's incorporation as a US State in 1911, Santa Fe became the state capital. Today Santa Fe is the sum of its powerful history, with many families tracing their roots back several generations, a small-town atmosphere and an international reputation for artistic and architectural sophistication. [https://www.santafenm.gov/about\\_santa\\_fe](https://www.santafenm.gov/about_santa_fe)

### Santa Fe Fun Facts

- Oldest Government Seat in the United States
- Oldest Church in the United States
- Oldest House in the United States
- Elevation 7000 ft. above sea level
- "City of Holy Faith" otherwise known as "The City Different"
- 310 days of Sunlight Yearly
- State Question: Red or Green? (Refers to Chile)
- State Nickname: Land of Enchantment
- State Cookie: Biscochito ([recipe](#))
- State Bird: Greater Roadrunner

## Fun Things to Do



### Meow Wolf

Opening in 2016, [Meow Wolf](https://meowwolf.com/) is an immersive, interactive experience to transport audiences of all ages into fantastic realms of story and exploration. The first permanent installation (20,000 sq. ft.) showcases the THEA Award-winning House of Eternal Return, where guests discover a multidimensional mystery house with secret passages, portals to magical worlds, climbing apparatus, and surreal, maximalist and mesmerizing art exhibits along with a children's learning center, top ten U.S. music venue and café area.

<https://meowwolf.com/>



### Santa Fe Plaza

The historic Santa Fe Plaza, serves as the heart of Santa Fe and has been the social and economic center of the city since 1610. On the north side of the Plaza stands the Palace of the Governors, the oldest public building in the United States, which houses the [history museum](#) of the State of New Mexico. Native American artists representing forty-one tribes, pueblos, chapters and villages sell their handmade goods almost every day of the year, rain or shine.



### Historic Canyon Road

Canyon Road—the “Art & Soul” of Santa Fe. This two-mile stretch was once a residential area for Spanish settlers. Artists began to flock to the area from all over the world in the 1920s transforming the residences into shops and galleries. [Passport to the Arts](#) takes place in May each year and is a wonderful weekend event.

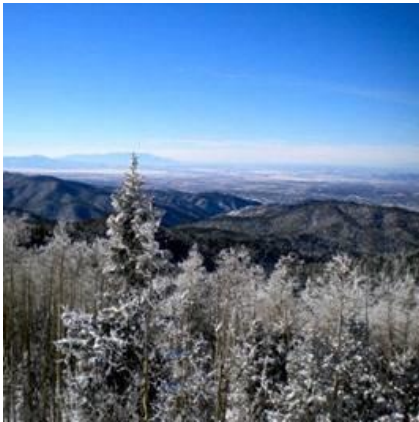
<https://www.canyonroadarts.com/>



### **Santa Fe Opera**

Every July and August since 1957, opera lovers have been drawn to the magnificent northern New Mexico mountains to enjoy productions by one of America's premier summer opera festivals. Here, The Santa Fe Opera's dramatic adobe theater blends harmoniously with the high desert landscape. The Santa Fe Opera has grown to become recognized as one of the world's leading cultural festivals.

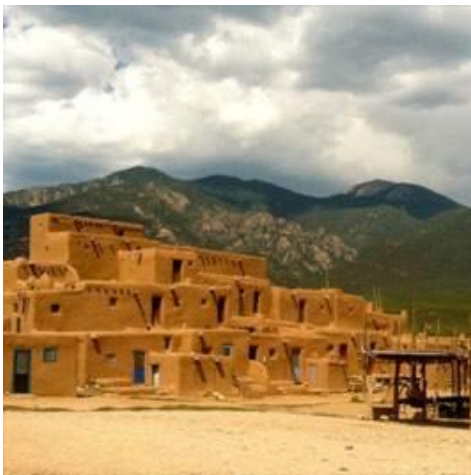
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### **Ski Santa Fe and the Outdoors**

Ski Santa Fe is nestled high in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains just 16 miles from the heart of historic Santa Fe, New Mexico. With a base area elevation of 10,350 feet, Ski Santa Fe is among the highest ski areas in the continental United States. The Millennium Triple Chairlift will take snow sport enthusiasts to a new height of 12,075 feet and some of the southwest's finest skiing. The vistas atop Ski Santa Fe are unsurpassed and act as the gateway for thrills including steep bump runs, powder filled chutes, gladed tree-skiing, and plenty of groomers.

<https://skisantafe.com/>



### **New Mexico Pueblos**

There are nineteen pueblos located in the state of New Mexico. Each one offers a different perspective on the culture and history. Learn about visit etiquette and the feast days to help plan your trip. The pueblo people rooted of the southwest are descendants of an indigenous Native American culture that has established itself over many centuries and should be included in every person's itinerary when visiting Santa Fe.

<https://indianpueblo.org/new-mexicos-19-pueblos/>



### **Palace of the Governors**

Originally constructed in the early 17th century as Spain's seat of government for what is today the American Southwest, the Palace of the Governors chronicles the history of Santa Fe, as well as New Mexico and the region. This adobe structure, now the state's history museum, was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark in 1960 and an American Treasure in 1999. <https://www.nmhistorymuseum.org/>



### **Loretto Chapel**

The Chapel was completed in 1878 and has since seen many additions and renovations such as the introduction of the Stations of the Cross, the Gothic altar and the frescos during the 1890s. The Miraculous Staircase, which legend says was constructed or inspired by St. Joseph the Carpenter, was built sometime between 1877 and 1881.

<https://www.lorettochapel.com/>



### **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is dedicated to the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe, her life, American Modernism, and public engagement. The Museum opened to the public in July 1997, eleven years after the death of the artist from whom it takes its name. Welcoming more than 2,225,000 visitors since that time from all over the world and being the most visited art museum in the state of New Mexico, it is the only American museum in the world dedicated to a woman artist.

<https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/>



### **Museum Hill**

Museum Hill is a Santa Fe destination for viewing outstanding art in four New Mexico museums that reside in the Sangre de Cristo foothills: the [Museum of Spanish Colonial Art](#), the [Museum of Indian Arts & Culture](#), the [Museum of International Folk Art](#), and the [Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian](#). Museum Hill also features Milner Plaza, a one-acre outdoor space centered between the museums with spectacular views, and the [Museum Hill Café](#).

For information on Santa Fe, please visit Santa Fe County Tourism website: <https://santafenmtrue.com/>

To read about Darley Newman's Santa Fe adventures, please visit: <https://darley-newman.com/tag/santa-fe/>

To read more about the history of Santa Fe, please visit: <https://www.santafe.org/visiting-santa-fe/about-santa-fe/history/>

# Santa Fe Reference Guide from Darley Newman

## Must See Museums

- [Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#)
- [New Mexico Museum of Art](#)
- [New Mexico History Museum \(Palace of the Governors\)](#)
- [Museum Hill](#) (multiple museums)
- [El Rancho de las Golondrinas](#)

## Arts Experiences

- [Allan Houser Sculpture Park and Garden](#)
- [Canyon Road](#)
- [Meow Wolf](#)
- [Santa Fe Opera](#)

## Nature Experiences

- [Dale Ball Trails](#)
- [Galisteo Basin](#)
- [Diablo Canyon](#)
- [Santa Fe National Forest](#) (currently has some closures because of fires- call ahead)
- National Parks
  - [Bandelier National Monument](#) & [Pecos National Historical Park](#)

## Wellness / Spas

- [Ten Thousand Waves](#)
- [Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe](#)
- [Ojo Santa Fe](#)

[Santa Fe County Virtual Tours](#) of Diablo Canyon Recreation Area, Allan Houser Sculpture Park and Gallery, Tsankawi at Bandelier National Monument, Village of Cerillos, Santa Fe Rail Trail

[Darley's blogs and short videos about Santa Fe](#)

PBS travel documentary "[Travels with Darley: Santa Fe Nature Escape](#)" episode free online

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# AREA MAP





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## Downtown Santa Fe

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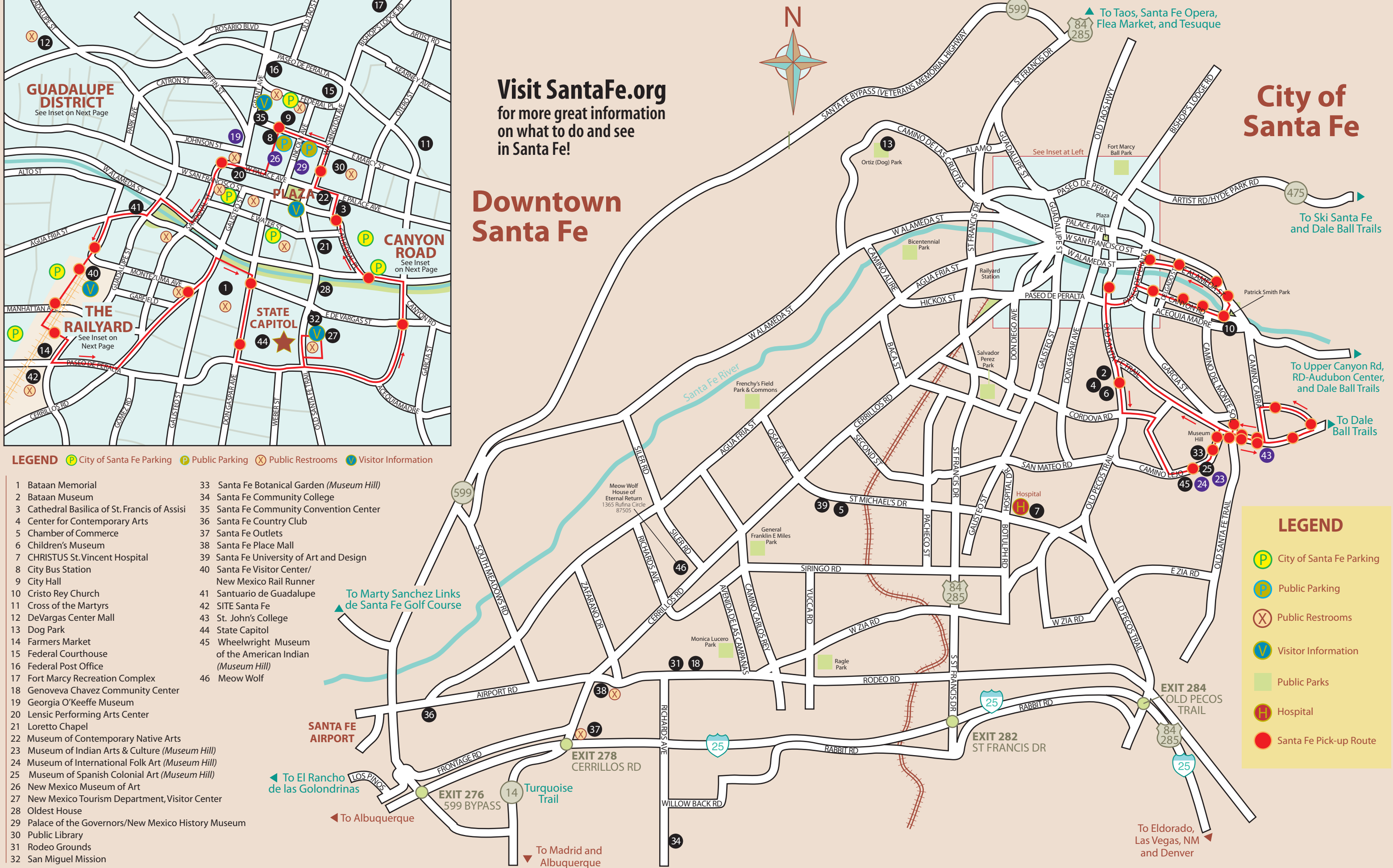
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| 1 Bataan Memorial                                    | 33 Santa Fe Botanical Garden (Museum Hill)                       |
| 2 Bataan Museum                                      | 34 Santa Fe Community College                                    |
| 3 Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi        | 35 Santa Fe Community Convention Center                          |
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| 6 Children's Museum                                  | 38 Santa Fe Place Mall   |
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| 9 City Hall  | 41 Santuario de Guadalupe  |
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| 11 Cross of the Martyrs                              | 43 St. John's College  |
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| 13 Dog Park  | 45 Wheelwright Museum<br>of the American Indian<br>(Museum Hill) |
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| 25 Museum of Spanish Colonial Art (Museum Hill)      |  |
| 26 New Mexico Museum of Art                          |  |
| 27 New Mexico Tourism Department, Visitor Center     |  |
| 28 Oldest House                                      |  |
| 29 Palace of the Governors/New Mexico History Museum |  |
| 30 Public Library                                    |  |
| 31 Rodeo Grounds                                     |  |
| 32 San Miguel Mission                                |  |

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de Santa Fe Golf Course

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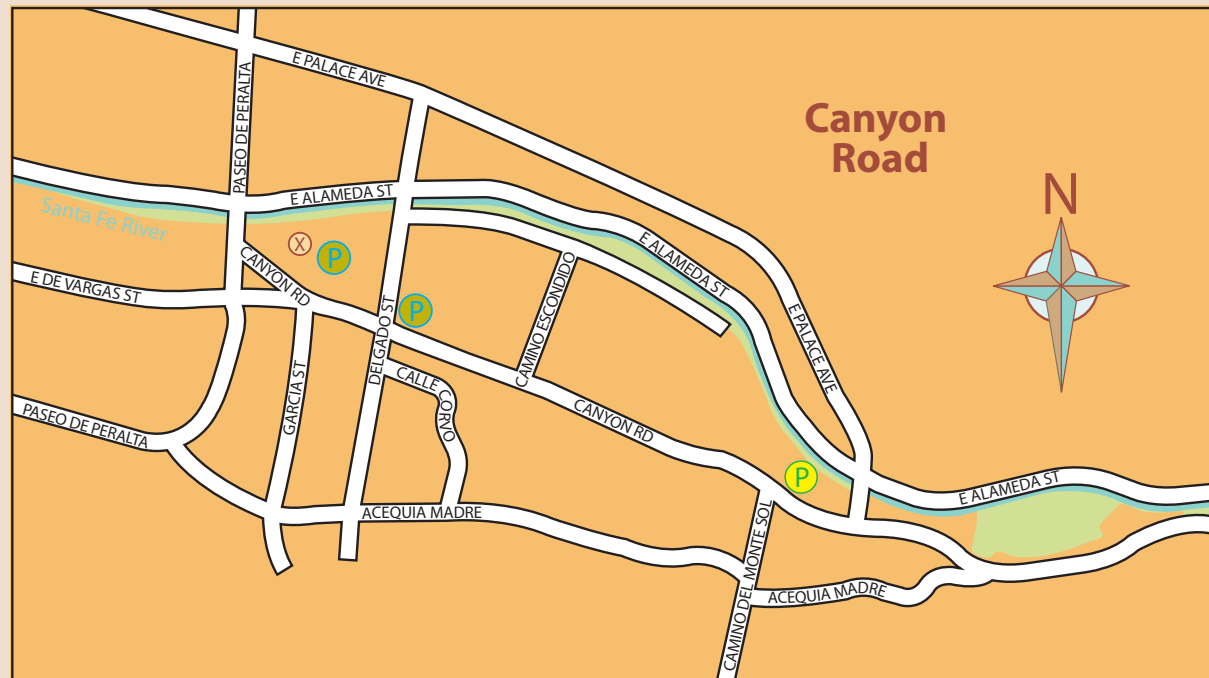
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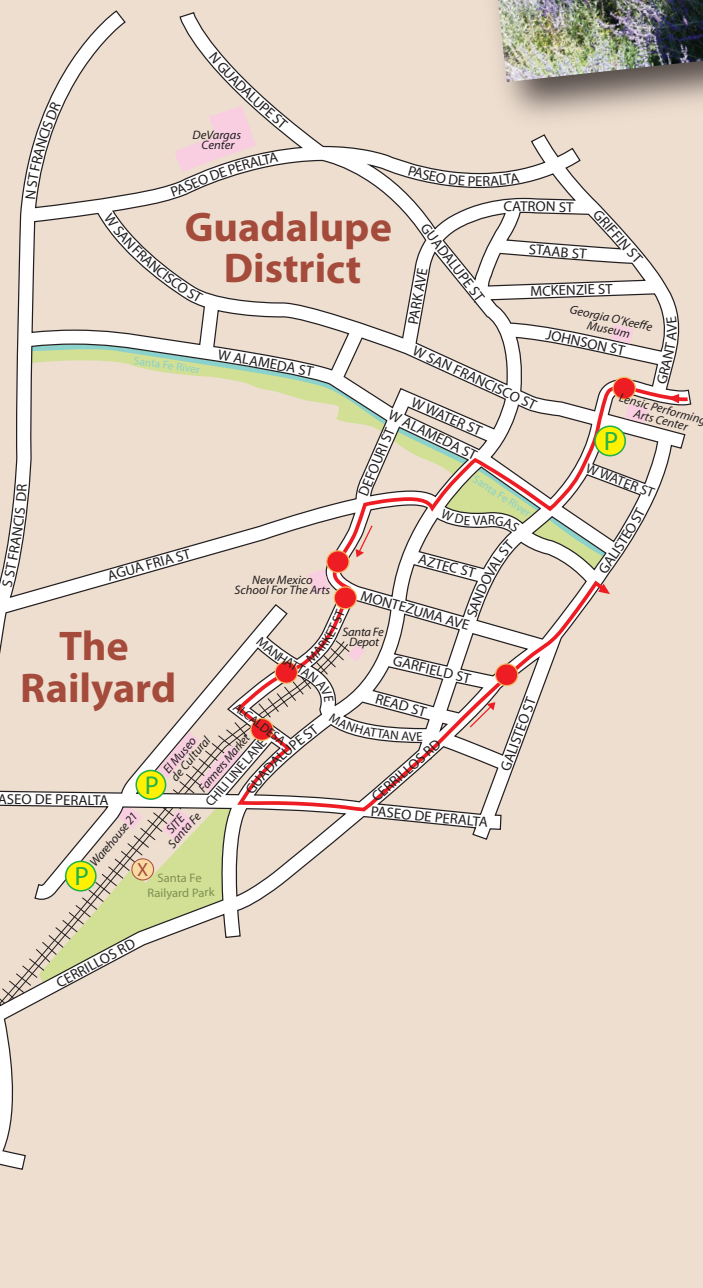
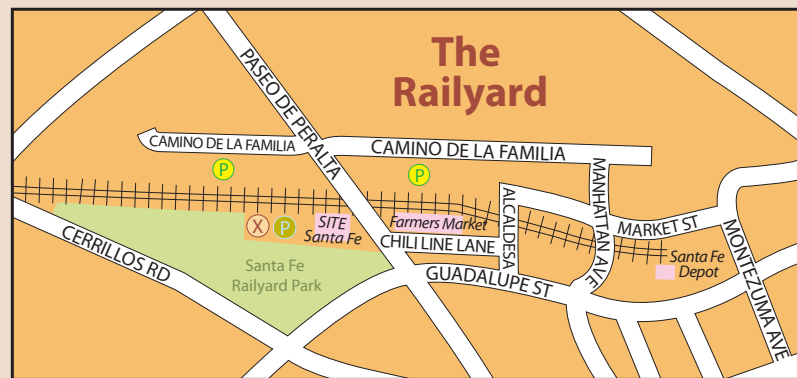
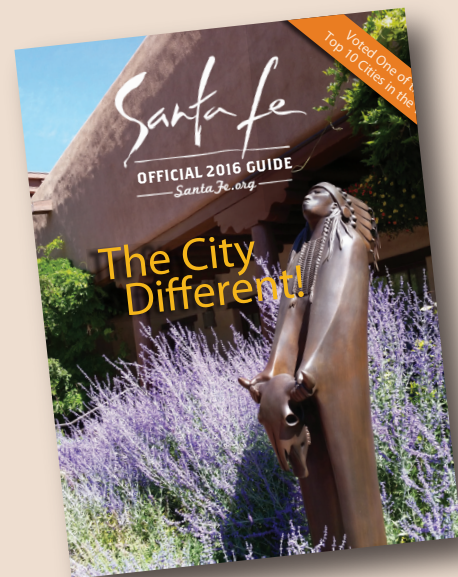
## City of Santa Fe

### LEGEND

- City of Santa Fe Parking
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- Public Restrooms
- Visitor Information
- Public Parks
- Hospital
- Santa Fe Pick-up Route



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**Midtown Innovation District**

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# Northern New Mexico



**DAY TRIP LEGEND**

- Taos and the High Road
- O'Keeffe Country/Abiquiú & Ojo Caliente
- Eight Northern Pueblos
- Bandelier National Monument & Los Alamos
- Turquoise Trail
- Pecos National Historic Park and the Pecos Wilderness

