

# The Sun Country Striders SILVER CITY ROUND-UP

April 13 - April 16, 2023

5 Seasonal Hikes - 4 YREs

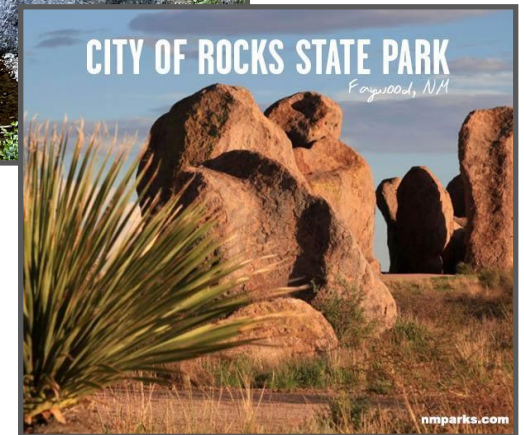
**Silver City - downtown (Grant County):** founded in 1870 after the discovery of silver, the walk will take you through its vibrant historic downtown, with culinary delights, museums, short river walk, murals and over 30 galleries and art studios. Silver City is also the home of Western New Mexico University. Elevation is 6,000 ft.

**Truth of Consequences (Sierra County):** Truth or Consequences sits along the Rio Grande River and the Hot Springs Artesian Basin. Many of the original hotels and spas are still in operation. Visit the historic downtown shopping area on the 5k route. The 10k continues on a nature trail to the Veterans Memorial Park.

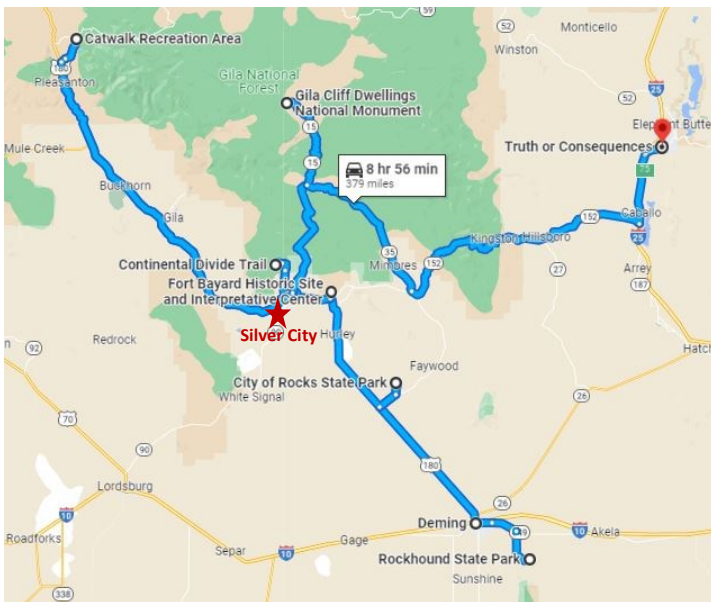
## More 2023 YREs in Southern New Mexico

- Carlsbad Caverns National Park (5K & 10K)
- Las Cruces - Encanto (6K & 11K)
- Las Cruces - Organ Mountains (5K & 10K)
- Lordsburg - Charley Pride Challenge (5K & 10K)\*\*
- Mesilla - Historic Old City (5K & 11K)
- Roswell - Charley Pride Challenge (5K & 10K)\*\*
- San Antonio, NM - Charley Pride Challenge (5K & 10K)\*\*

\*\* There is NO STARTBOX at the start location or OSB. Please go to AVA.org



Four New  
Counties in  
New Mexico



## EVENT HOTEL

Comfort Inn Near Gila National Forest, 1060 Highway 180 E, Silver City, NM 88061. Phone (575) 534-1883 and [enter Option 2](#). Blocked rooms for this event are \$95 King, \$100 2 Queen. Breakfast included. Please mention Sun Country Striders for your reduced rate.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Silver City is approximately 2.5 hours northwest from El Paso. Take I-10 west to Deming, NM. Go north on Highway 180 to Silver City. If you fly into Albuquerque, it is about 4 hours drive southwest. Silver City is in southwest NM near the Gila National Forest.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for walks will be in the lobby of the Comfort Inn April 12 - April 16 (registration starts a day early for those who want to start early). Please register for your walks, pay, and stamp your books then. All walks are available everyday. Registration and stamps will also be available for YREs in New Mexico. Registration fee is \$3.00 for each walk. NOTE: There are no checkpoints.

## ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT

These are non-competitive events, walk, jog or run at your own pace. It is open to all. CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

## DINNERS

**April 13:** Meet and greet at hotel breakfast room. Snacks will be provided but BYOB (check with POC)

**April 14 or 15:** Group Dinner at local restaurant (pay on your own). Reservations required by April 1st. More information to follow.

## POCS

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## THE HIKES/WALKS

**Carry water on all walks and hikes. Hiking boots and sticks recommended on all hikes.**

**Rockhound State Park:** 66 miles from Silver City (15 miles southeast from Deming), the park is set in the Little Florida Mountains, and is filled with unique geology, wildflowers, birding, and great trails. The park allows you to rock hunt and take home souvenirs. Trails are at an elevation of 4500 - 5400 ft.

**City of Rocks State Park:** Located 33 miles southeast of Silver City, the "city" is a geologic formation made up of large, sculptured rock rising as high as 40 feet, creating a stunning, other-worldly landscape. Altitude is 5200 ft.

**Continental Divide Trail:** 10 miles north from Silver City, this is a quiet hike in the forest with minor changes in elevation, in the Gila Wilderness, the world's first designated wilderness area. The Trail is part of the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, with continuous trails from southern New Mexico to the Canadian border.

**Dragonfly Trail and Historic Fort Bayard:** 5 miles east from Silver City, Dragonfly leads to several 1,000 year-old petroglyphs, while Fort Bayard showcases the old fort from 1866, along with the Fort Bayard National Cemetery. The fort was garrisoned by the Buffalo Soldiers, and later served as the army's first tuberculous sanitation.

**Catwalk Recreation Area:** near Glenwood (Catron County) about 65 miles northwest of Silver City. The hike features the steel catwalks installed along canyon walls above the river during the gold rush era, and connects to a trail up the bluff overlooking the river. Elevation 5,200 feet.

## YREs & SEASONALS IN THE AREA

**Stamps & Directions Available at Silver City Comfort Inn April 12-16**

**Deming (Luna County), 5K & 10K:** Deming was part of the 1853 Gadsden Purchase which was to provide railroad access across the southern part of the US to California. A Golden Spike was driven here in 1881 with the meeting of the Southern Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad. Walk among historic buildings.

**Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument 2K, 8K, 10k:** Hike explores the Mogollon culture cliff dwellings on a 2k loop trail, then continues to the West Fork bluffs trail for a total of 8k at Gila Cliffs. Leave plenty of time for the long drive through the Gila Forest to get there.