



Day Hikes

Santa Fe Conservation Trust

Stewards and Advocates for the Dale Ball Trail System. The **Dale Ball Trail system is a 22-mile network of trails** in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Located a short distance from downtown Santa Fe, it is the quickest way to get from the city into the mountains. It offers great opportunities for beginners and advanced hikers alike, along with amazing views of both the surrounding wilderness and back towards the city. The trail features a unique numbered sign system at each trail junction to provide easy navigation, as well as connecting to other local trails, including the Nature Conservancy, Dorothy Stewart and Atalaya Trails. sfct.org.

Two parking lots serve Dale Ball Trail hikers: one off of Hyde Park Road and Sierra del Norte, another at Upper Canyon Road and Cerro Gordo. There is additional parking at St. John's College and Camino Cruz Blanca for access to Atalaya Trail. sfct.org/dale-ball-trails/.



KASHA-KATUWE TENT ROCKS National Monument. There are two segments for hiking, birdwatching, geologic observation and plant identification. The cone-shaped tent rock formations are products of volcanic eruptions that occurred 6-7 million years ago and left pumice, ash, and tuff deposits. Tremendous explosions from the Jemez volcanic field spewed pyroclasts while searing hot gases blasted down slopes in an incandescent avalanche. Precariously perched on many of the tapering hoodoos are boulder caps that protect the softer pumice and tuff below. blm.gov/publish/content/nm/en/prog/NLCS/KKTR_NM.html Take I-25 south to ABQ, turn off at Cochiti Pueblo. 505.331.6259



La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs. Nestled into the side of a mesa 20 min

southwest of town are some of the most stunning ancient Native American petroglyphs in Northern New Mexico. Take a walk through history at your leisure and discover more than 4,400 images carved in rocks by the Pueblo people of the 13th to 17th centuries. No services and hiking boots recommended. alltrails.com. La Cienega south of Santa Fe.



Valles Caldera National Preserve. About 1.25 million years

ago, a spectacular volcanic eruption created the 13-mile wide circular depression now known as Valles Caldera. The preserve is known for its huge mountain meadows, abundant wildlife and meandering streams. The area also preserves the homeland of ancestral native peoples and embraces a rich ranching history. There is fishing, hunting, hiking and sleigh rides in the winter. Nps.gov/vall/ Santa Fe north on Hwy 285 to Los Alamos and beyond.