



Carlsbad Town Shorties
AVA-0060
AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event
Oct 7-12, 2026



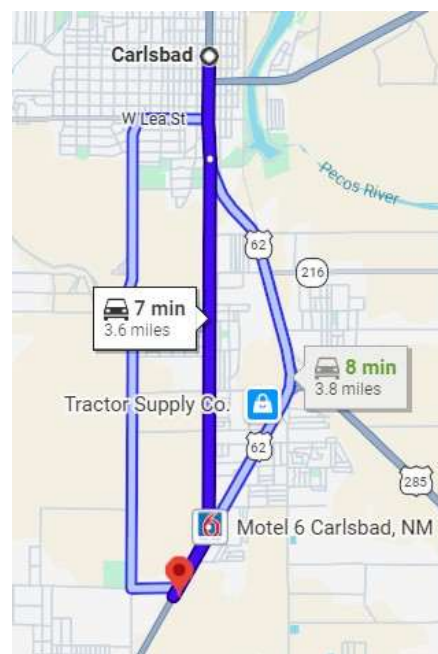
This event features 4 short routes of 3-5k each which can be combined for a total of 15k. The Living Desert Zoo located at 1504 Skyline Dr is open from 9AM-5PM with the last admission at 3:30. This route is 3k and is on paved walkways featuring the flora and fauna of various New Mexico ecosystems. There is a \$10 fee for adults and \$5 fee for children 7 to 12. Close to the Living Desert is the Ocotillo Trail at 1500 University Dr on the back side of the Southeast New Mexico State University. These 2 walks are on the west side of town. The other 2 walks are in the downtown Carlsbad area and consists of a 5k Riverwalk along the Pecos River and a 3k town walk around historic buildings, murals, and artwork. The Pecos River Walk starts at a city park at 419 Riverwalk Dr on the east side of the river while the town walk starts at the Eddy Co Administration Bldg at 101 W Greene St on the west side of the Pecos. These 2 trails can easily be combined for an 8k walk.

Walk Registration:

These seasonal walks will be available from Oct 7-12 as part of the WTTW Columbus Day weekend events in Carlsbad, NM. Directions and stamp will be available at the Quality Inn at 4200 National Parks Hwy in Carlsbad during the weekend.

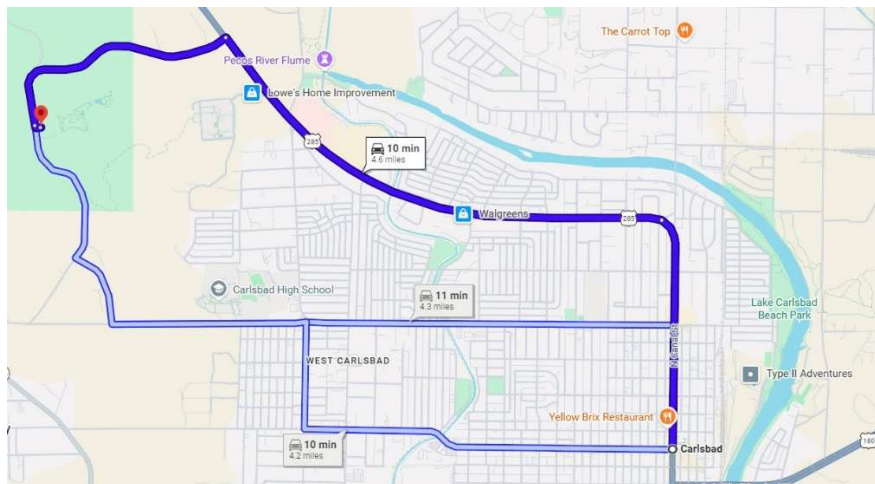
Driving Directions to Start Point:

Directions will be available at the Quality Inn at 4200 National Parks Hwy in Carlsbad, NM. From the east, take US-62 to Carlsbad, cross the Pecos River, then south on Canal St to the Quality Inn on the left. Restroom available at the hotel. Directions to the 4 shorties will be included with the walk directions.



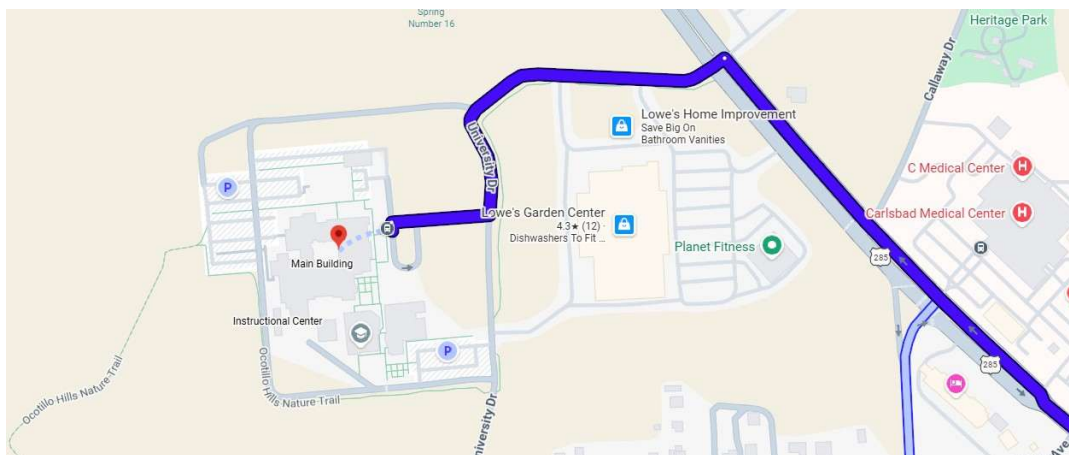
Living Desert Zoo State Park – 3k

The Living Desert Zoo State Park is located at 1504 Skyline Dr. From downtown Carlsbad, take Canal St (US-285) north and west and follow signs to the park. There is a \$10 entry fee for adults and \$5 fee for children 7-12. After paying your fee, pick up a map of the park and follow the trails around the park enjoying the different ecozones and their flora and fauna.



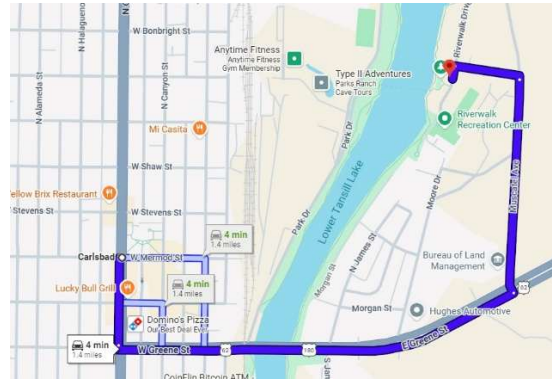
Ocotillo Trail

The Ocotillo Trail is located behind the Southeast New Mexico University campus at 1500 University Dr. From downtown Carlsbad, take Canal St (US-285) north and west and follow signs to the university. Follow the campus streets around to the back of the university and the covered parking lot. Trail starts at the rear of the parking lot. This is an in/out trail that follows a wide path (old road) uphill for a mile with a 240' gain in elevation. Once at the top (another parking lot), look across the valley to the Living Desert Zoo State Park.



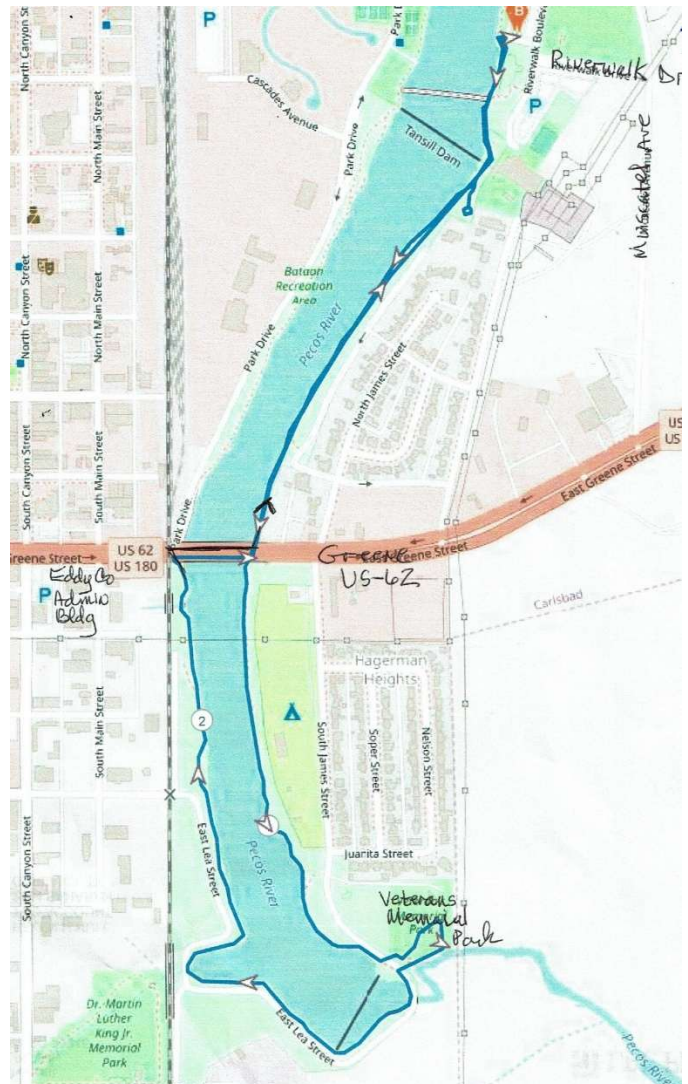
Carlsbad Pecos River Walk - 5K

The Pecos River walk starts at the Playground on the Pecos Park at 419 RiverWALK Dr (not Riverside) on the east side of the Pecos River. From downtown Carlsbad, take Greene St (US-62) east across the river, and turn left on Muscatel Ave (third street on the left). Continue to the second road on the left (Riverwalk) and follow it to the park. Restrooms available at the parking lot.



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1. **FROM** the parking lot, walk to the river and turn **LEFT** on paved trail keeping the river on your right.
2. **CONTINUE** on the path, under the bridge and to the end at the Bataan Recreation Area and Veterans Memorial Park.
3. **CIRCLE** the park around the memorials and return to the river.
4. **LEFT** to the dam, cross it and **RIGHT** on the other side of the river.
5. **CONTINUE** on the path back to the bridge.
6. **LEFT** up the embankment to the street.
7. If wanting to combine the Riverwalk with the town walk, turn **LEFT** on Greene St and walk 1 block to the Eddy County Administration Bldg on the left. Continue with the city walk. Upon completing the city walk, cross to the north side of Greene St (opposite the Admin Bldg) and cross the river. Go to **STEP 9**.
8. **CROSS and RIGHT** on Greene St to the other side of the river.
9. **LEFT** down the embankment to rejoin the riverside trail.
10. **RIGHT** on the trail returning to your car.



Event related assistance:
Helen Hull – 972-530-1026

Carlsbad town walk - 3K

The Carlsbad town walk starts at the Eddy County Administration Building at 101 W Greene St (US-62) on the west side of the Pecos River and on the south side of Greene St.

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1. **FROM** the Eddy County Admin Bldg, walk to Greene St, then **LEFT** on Greene St to the light at Canyon.
2. **RIGHT** on Canyon 2 blocks to Mermod. **CROSS** to the Eddy County Courthouse, angling to the left to the front of the courthouse. Continue around the left side along Canal St to Stevens St.
3. **LEFT** on Stevens 1 block to Halagueno, then **RIGHT** on Halagueno 1 block to Shaw.
4. **LEFT** on Shaw 2 blocks to Guadalupe.
5. **LEFT** on Guadalupe 2 blocks to Mermod.
6. **LEFT** on Mermod 1 block to Alameda.
7. **LEFT** on Alameda 1 block to Stevens.
8. **RIGHT** on Stevens 1 block to Halagueno
9. **LEFT** on Halagueno 1 block to Mermod.
10. **CROSS** Mermod and enter the Arts Park. Continue south to Fox St (Carlsbad Municipal Court across street).
11. **CROSS & LEFT** on Halagueno returning to Mermod St.
12. **RIGHT** on Mermod 1 block to Canal, the **LEFT** on Canal 4 blocks to Tansill.
13. **LEFT** on Tansill 1 ½ blocks to the Eddy County Clerk's Office.

14. **LEFT** thru the parking lot and return to your car.
End of the 3k town walk.

15. To resume the Riverwalk, **CROSS & RIGHT** on Greene St to the far side of the river.

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