

Stops on the Rail History Walk

Start/Finish: New Mexico Railroad History Celebration at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, 555 Camino de la Familia, Santa Fe NM. Formerly Southwest Distributing, a beer warehouse.

Romero St. "Wye" constructed circa 1882 to turn equipment without use of a turntable, with a spur that extended nearly to Agua Fria St.

Site of **original Santa Fe Depot** built by Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (AT&SF) in 1880, 24' x 96', which became the freight depot when the new 'passenger' depot was completed.

Site of old **Water Tower** and view of **Santa Fe Builders Supply Company** building, built c. 1887, a/k/a SanBusco Center, now NM School for the Arts.

State Archives Building, constructed as the Charles Ilfeld building, a wholesale grocery warehouse that opened in 1936. Loading dock served Denver & Rio Grande Western (D&RG) (a/k/a the "Chili Line") and AT&SF railroads.

Santa Fe Depot, built in 1909 in California Mission style with pebbledash finish, with separate ladies' and men's waiting rooms, ticket office, and baggage room. Now offers "Rail History Quiz" plaque, Model Railroad by Eric Brock, tourism info. office, and Ecomotive Electric Bike Rentals.

Tomasita's Restaurant: Site of "Union Station," built in 1903 for Santa Fe Central and D&RGW railroads, 100' x 22', with separate mens' and ladies' waiting rooms, ticket office and baggage room. To the south were a freight depot and a 60-ton Fairbanks Morse track scale.

Gross-Kelly Warehouse, built in 1913 as a wholesale grocery warehouse, the first building in New Mexico to be constructed in the "Pueblo revival" style; historic rails still in place.

Site of a 70' **turntable** built in 1903 by the King Bridge Co. of Cleveland OH, with the foundation for a roundhouse. The NM Central (NMCRR), successor to the Santa Fe Central, was unable to gain City support to build the roundhouse and bring its shops to Santa Fe from Estancia.

The 13-acre **Railyard Park**, completed by the City and Trust for Public Land in 2008, is cared for by the Railyard Park Conservancy and protected under a conservation easement held by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. The "Railway Gardens" area, with historic interpretation along a trail approximating the NMCRR's main line, has served various industries with rail spurs including oil distributors, an ice house, a stock yard, and a transfer track between NMCRR and AT&SF.



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Caboose 1440, accessible via the Acequia Trail, was built by D&RG in its Denver "Burnham" shops in 1944. It saw duty on the rear of D&RG freight trains across Colorado and Utah and was preserved thanks to Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, the Texas Historical Foundation and many other donors.

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Acequia Trail Underpass, completed in 2018, is located near the location where the NMCRR mainline crossed over the AT&SF tracks and headed west, along today's Acequia Trail, toward joint NMCRR / D&RG stock yards (near Baca St.), constructed in 1904 with 16 pens, primarily for sheep. Santa Fe Rail Trail is a rail-with-trail built as part of the Railyard Park along the original main line for the AT&SF Railroad, now used by the NM Rail Runner Express commuter train. To the south, the Rail Trail links 12 miles to US285, just short of Lamy junction with the main rail line.





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Walking Route Map Sat., Aug. 31 & Sun., Sept. 1, 2019



