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About the Route

The pathway parallels the Santa Fe Southern Railway, an active tourism line, in a configuration known as rail-with-trail.

Beyond the capital city, the trail makes its way through El Dorado and runs through hilly, red-dirt terrain among a beautiful landscape of yucca, junipers, and piñon trees. A traditional rail-trail on its northern end, it's paved for nearly 4 miles between the Railyard and Rabbit Road.

Beyond that, the surface is hard-packed crushed stone and gravel and significant elevation change, best suited for gravel, hybrid, or mountain bikes. Be especially cautious after a rainfall, as the trail conditions can become muddy.

The Cerro Alto Trailhead on Route 285 offers seating, ADA-accessible parking, and space for horse trailers. Heading north from the Cerro Alto Trailhead for 1.78 miles, the trail is ADA-accessible with a maximum five percent grade despite about 400 feet of elevation gain.

The connection to Lamy is still in the planning phase and currently requires riding on paved rural roads for about 2.5 miles. In Lamy, history buffs may want to check out the century-old depot in town. The station (at 152 Old Lamy Trail) serves Amtrak's Southwest Chief route between Chicago and Los Angeles. Learn more about the region's past at the nearby Lamy Railroad and History Museum.

Connections

Just south of the Santa Fe Railyard Park, the Santa Fe Rail Trail connects to the [Acequia Trail](#). At Siringo Road near the southern end of the trail, it connects to the [Arroyo De Los Chamisos Trail](#).



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States: New Mexico

Counties: Santa Fe

Length: 16.8miles

Trail end points: Montezuma Ave (Santa Fe) to
US Highway 285 (Lamy)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding,Mountain
Biking,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Santa Fe Rail-Trail runs between Montezuma Ave (Santa Fe) and US Highway 285 (Lamy), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

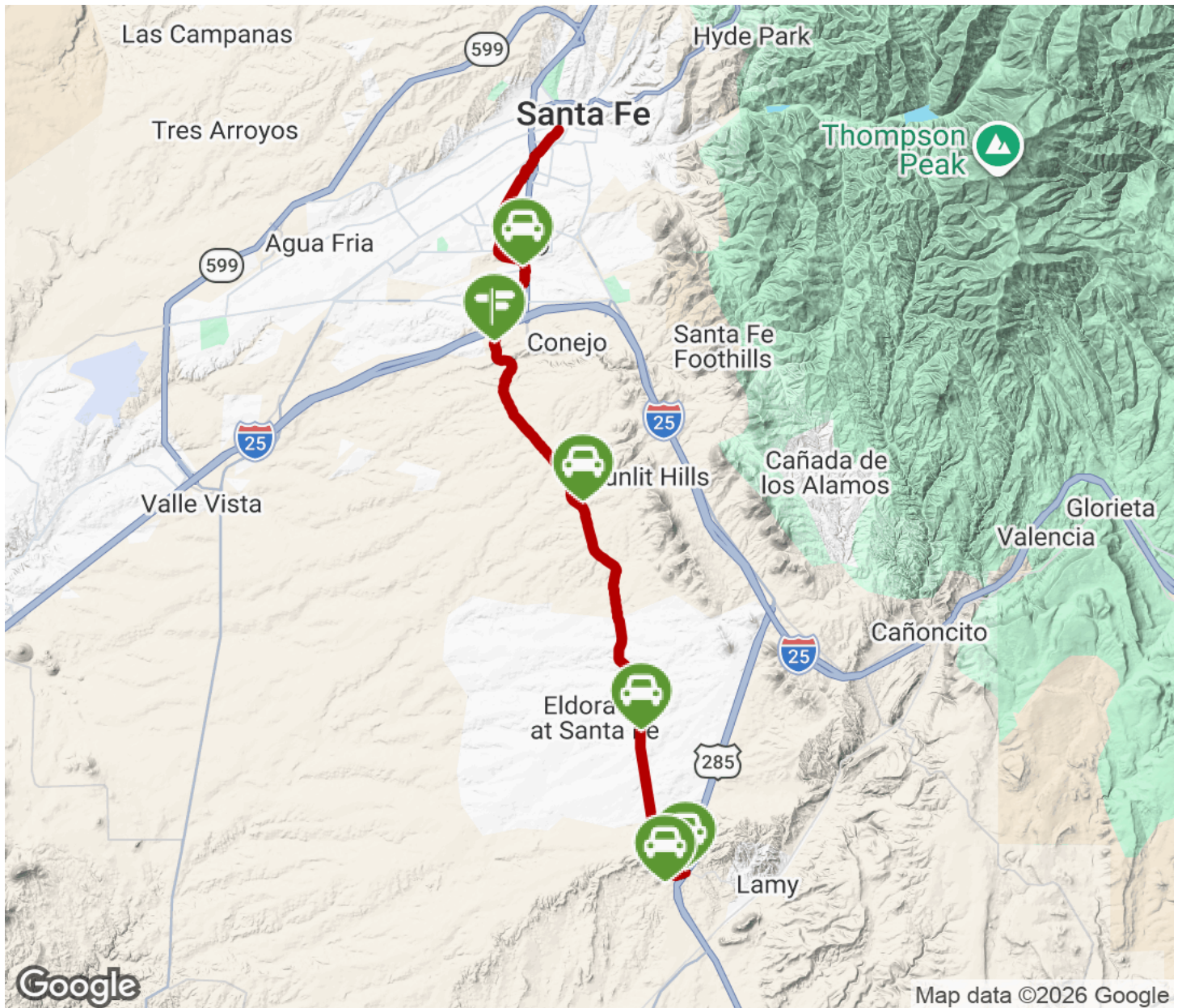
- Rabbit Rd (Santa Fe)
- Ave Eldorado (Santa Fe)
- US Highway 285 (Lamy)

These are not official addresses, please visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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