



# Santa Fe National Historic Trail

## Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

### Visit Three Trails Sites and Routes in Santa Fe

The All Trails Lead to Santa Fe conference has spurred efforts in the local area to make the trails more visible to residents and visitors. Here are a few examples:

- **Road signs** for Santa Fe, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, and Old Spanish national historic trails (NHTs).
- **Media tour** stops that relate to multiple trails—right outside your door!
- **Retrace the Santa Fe Trail** along Old Santa Fe Trail (road). Not only do you follow the trail, it also takes you to Museum Hill.
- **Retrace El Camino Real** along the Santa Fe Greenway. You can follow it south by car on Agua Fria Street or hike it along the Santa Fe River.
- **Retrace the Old Spanish Trail** as it leaves the plaza and heads north towards Tesuque or towards Abiquiu.

### Santa Fe National Historic Trail Media Tour—Ready for Action! [safe.toursphere.com](http://safe.toursphere.com)

The media tour is ready for you to use! Just step outside in Santa Fe to get started or visit sites on your way home. Keep an eye out for the upcoming rack cards, signs at sites, and links on the website, or visit the tour home page to get started on your own. Access it on the internet via your phone, tablet, or computer—no app needed. Take the tour; we'll see you on the trail!



Short films

Diverse sites

Five trails

### Media Tour Facts and Figures

Stops are numbered from 0001 to 2010, but there's plenty of space available for your site or chapter to be included. Contact Carol Clark, 505-988-6842, or [carol\\_s\\_clark@nps.gov](mailto:carol_s_clark@nps.gov)

To do list:

- Kansas City Area
- Bent's Old Fort NHS
- More chapter tours
- Two short films about how to see the trail in the landscape and how the trail and parks are connected

Want more trail to follow? See the Utah trails tour at: [ntir.toursphere.com](http://ntir.toursphere.com)

### Media Tour and Five Trails

Content in the media tour includes stops along these five national historic trails:

- Santa Fe NHT
- Oregon NHT
- California NHT
- Old Spanish NHT
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT

Use the tour to highlight stories and places on the Santa Fe NHT. Learn about the development of the American West.

### Media Intern Noah Schlager



Noah is a Student Conservation Association intern hired to create tours and films for the national parks on the trail. He is now working on short films to introduce visitors to the larger trail story. Noah is very interested in the trail and your work. Tell him your story!

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## Historic Building Records Research

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Buildings included in the study in Kansas.

Clockwise from upper left: Building 100 (Fort Leavenworth); Rogers House (Overland Park) Infantry Barracks (Fort Larned); Last Chance Store (Council Grove)

The Kansas Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) partnered with the National Trails Intermountain Region to create an inventory of previously recorded buildings and structures associated with the trail in Kansas.

The purpose of this inventory is to create a current record of the existing structures of the trail. The last comprehensive survey of the entire NHT was in the late 1980s. Since then, known buildings have deteriorated or disappeared, but other buildings and structures have been discovered.

Tasks included gathering lists of all sites and structures currently inventoried by

state, verifying Kansas sites and the Kansas Historic Resources Inventory, and reaching out to partners to gather local knowledge of resources.

Each structure was reviewed in three ways: direct association with the trail; indirect association with the trail; and direct association with a person associated with the trail. Between all five states through which the Santa Fe Trail passed, over 168 potential buildings and structures were identified through this records search, with 110 in Kansas and more than 100 in New Mexico. Work on the inventory is ongoing.

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## Mapping Updates

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DAR markers map

A volunteer from the University of New Mexico is working with NTIR and SFTA to create a two-map series that locates Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) markers along the trail. All markers except those in Colorado were mapped.

Another new project with the University of Utah DIGIT Lab is creation of dynamic Story Map applications. Story Maps are an innovative way to tell the stories of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail in a web-based map application.

For questions on the use of the maps, contact: [ntir\\_rim\\_team@nps.gov](mailto:ntir_rim_team@nps.gov)

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## Signs, Certification, and Santa Fe Trail News Releases

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Douglas County and Baldwin City, Kansas, will soon have 48 new signs between the two jurisdictions, allowing the public to follow the trail across the entire county, past various historic sites and trail crossings, and along several segments of original route.

Cave Springs Interpretive Center in Kansas City is certified! Kudos to Larry Short, the Missouri River Outfitters chapter president.

Want more news? Check out the “News” link on the NTIR website: [www.nps.gov/ntir](http://www.nps.gov/ntir)

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## New Staff! New Positions!

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NTIR has several new employees to both our Santa Fe and Salt Lake City offices!

Kelly Shea, *Administrative Officer*  
Jill Jensen, *Cultural Resources Specialist*  
Mike Elliott, *Planner*  
John Cannella, *Deputy Superintendent/Program Manager*



### 100 Years in 2016

The NPS is celebrating its 100th birthday! What's your favorite park? (We think it may be a national historic trail...)

### More Anniversaries

2016 NPS Centennial  
2016 SFTA's 30th Anniversary  
2018 50 years National Trails System  
2021 200th year of the SFT  
2023 SFTA strategic plan expires

### Comments? Write to:

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