

Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization (GUSTO)

What is GUSTO?

GUSTO is a community-based effort to work with public and private landowners to plan and implement a unified, sustainable network of natural-surface trails in and around Santa Fe. The goal of GUSTO is to develop an interconnected trail system for local residents as well as visitors on foot, bicycle, or horse, so that trail users will be able to travel between trail systems and connect out to these systems from the places where people live, work, and play.

The GUSTO planning effort is spearheaded by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, through support from the Larsen Fund, with participation by the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, National Parks Service's River Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, the Santa Fe County Horse Coalition, New Mexico Department of Health's Public Health Division, the City and County of Santa Fe, and many other local and regional partners who share an interest in creating local trail connections.

What does this Initiative Offer Residents and Visitors to Santa Fe?

Linking our magnificent trails—from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains down to the Rio Grande and the Galisteo Basin—brings residents and travelers a grand perspective and an exhilarating course through the natural and historic beauty of Northern New Mexico, a comprehensive experience of Santa Fe, the “City Different.” Our area's natural beauty and rich history will become more accessible and enjoyable, including our three national historic trails – the Spanish Trail, the Camino Real, and the Santa Fe Trail – and other historic alignments such as abandoned railroads and old Route 66.

Connecting diverse parts of our city and suburbs to the city center via the trail system will encourage commuters to bike or walk to work. Multiple points of access from more parts of the city will get more people out on the trails, creating a happier and healthier Santa Fe. A more inter-connected system of trails will also be a draw for major events, including those for mountain biking, endurance riding and trail running.



Get Involved!

Whether you are a hiker, stargazer, nature lover, mountain biker or horseback rider, you can help make the GUSTO vision a reality by helping to plan, build, and maintain our local trails. For more information on this initiative and how you can participate, visit www.sfct.org/trails/gusto, call Tim Rogers of SFCT at (505) 989-7019, or e-mail him at tim@sfct.org.

See map on back to explore a general concept of GUSTO's trail vision for Santa Fe