

Hahn Arroyo In Brief

As always, we begin our tour with a description of its location and how to reach it by bicycle, bus and car.

**0.0 /3.1
Miles**

Junction of Hahn Arroyo and Pennsylvania Street.

The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, (AMAFCA), built the channel and we review AMAFCA's work and political structure. We also examine the now-vanished location of Hahn and discuss its founder, William H. Hahn.

**0.5/2.6
Miles**

Just east of Louisiana Boulevard.

We pass a flow gage installed by the United States Geological Survey, (USGS), and take the opportunity to explore the agency's role in monitoring water flow in the city's arroyos.

**1.0/2.1
Miles**

California Street.

California Street is the start of a remarkable arroyo rehabilitation project, one that included not only essential repairs to the concrete-lined channel but also the addition of new amenities such as public art, vegetation, a walking trail, and more.

Here at California Street we offer a brief side trip to view home-grown art.

**1.1/2.0
Miles**

San Pedro Drive.

Flood control is the principle mission of AMAFCA. At San Pedro Drive, we look at photos from the year 2013, when flood waters filled Hahn Arroyo after a June thunderstorm. We briefly examine the science of hydrology and discuss how its application is used to reduce flood damage.

**1.4/1.7
Miles**

Comanche Road.

At Comanche Road, we enter Montgomery Park, a spacious public facility named after a family who settled this area.

1.7/1.4
Miles

San Mateo Boulevard.

We ride by the Erna Fergusson branch of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library and we talk about Erna's extraordinary life. The building is also the site of some lively public art.

2.2/0.9
Miles

Washington Street.

The "President Streets" were once scattered across our city and we briefly cover the history of how they were brought together.

2.7/0.4
Miles

Carlisle Boulevard.

In order to minimize damage from flood waters, AMAFCA has installed several engineering features near here.

3.1/0.0
Miles

Junction with the North Diversion Channel.

The North Diversion Channel plays a critical role in protecting our city from floods and we examine some of its features. The trail ends here.