

HSC Hike Report
Nature Center North Bosque and Ditch Bank - Albuquerque
Tuesday, 01/14/20

Rating C
Hike Miles 7.8
Elevation Gain 58
Hike Time 3:00

Report 7 of us, 5 in the van and 2 that met us at the trail-head, had a chilly start but a nice warm-up as the day progressed. We saw quite a contrast in our hike from the Bosque to the multi-million dollar estates near Rio Grande Blvd. with all their animals and decorations. In the Bosque, we saw many tree branches damaged by porcupines and a homeless person sleeping next to their grocery cart. A couple of my pictures show an encounter between two llamas which Paul's friend Randy nicknamed "como-se-llama action". Upon further examination I figured it was an encounter between a mother and her daughter. There were many tree houses with slides for exits which were much more extensive than the tree house I built for myself as a kid. There was a man on a dirt road either using a rake or metal detector along that dirt road. On our way back, we had a conversatin with a man fishing for trout in the canal. As usual for this time of year, we saw many Canadian geese, mallard duchs. sandhill cranes, etc. but no porcupines. One picture shows the tunnel entrance to the nature center.

After our 7.8 mile hike, 5 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Mariscos Altamar Restaurant and a lecture by Don.

Thanks to Don for driving and to Paul for his usual enjoyable pictures.

Hike Leader Frank Ernst

Photo Album 1 [Frank](#)

Photo Album 2 [Paul](#)