

NDBMC Hike Report
ABQ Art, History, Architecture: Downtown-Old Town - Albuquerque
Friday, 02/28/20

Rating B
Hike Miles 5.1
Elevation Gain 10
Hike Time 3:00

Report Fifteen urbanites walked through western downtown on an experimental route that was related to, but not exactly like, previous journeys encompassing art, architecture, and social history. We started early at the dramatic sculptural corner of the Albuquerque Museum, continued north to the new Hotel Chaco and Sawmill district, southeast to the historic homes around Luna and 11th streets near Lomas, past Central to Washington Middle School, and returned via the Country Club neighborhood.

We observed the many architectural styles, various pieces of public art, the contrasts of residential areas ranging from modest to lavish, and a few cats that counted as our wildlife views. The only disappointment expressed was that we did not stop at any of the numerous coffee shops we passed and smelled.

We drove the slow way home all along Rio Grande Blvd., which led us to wonder which was more luxurious: the Country Club or Los Ranchos. We were treated to a great view of a red tailed hawk in a cottonwood. Thanks to Carl for driving, Connie for sweeping, which is especially difficult with 15 people in the city, and Carl and Garald for photos.

Hike Leader Joan Weissman

Photo Album 1 [Carl](#)

Photo Album 2 [Garald](#)