

Length: less than one mile
Difficulty: mostly easy, but moderately strenuous going up the hill

TURTLEBACK MOUNTAIN HIKE

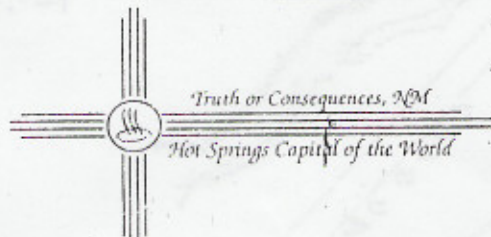
This very strenuous hike is the premier hike in the immediate T or C area. Because it is totally exposed to the sun, often is windy, and rises 1800 feet over the city (to 6,091 feet), it is strongly advised that hikers take plenty of water, wear good hiking shoes, and have layers of clothing to add or take off according to changing weather conditions. Also, do not hike this mountain alone, and be sure to tell someone of your plans.

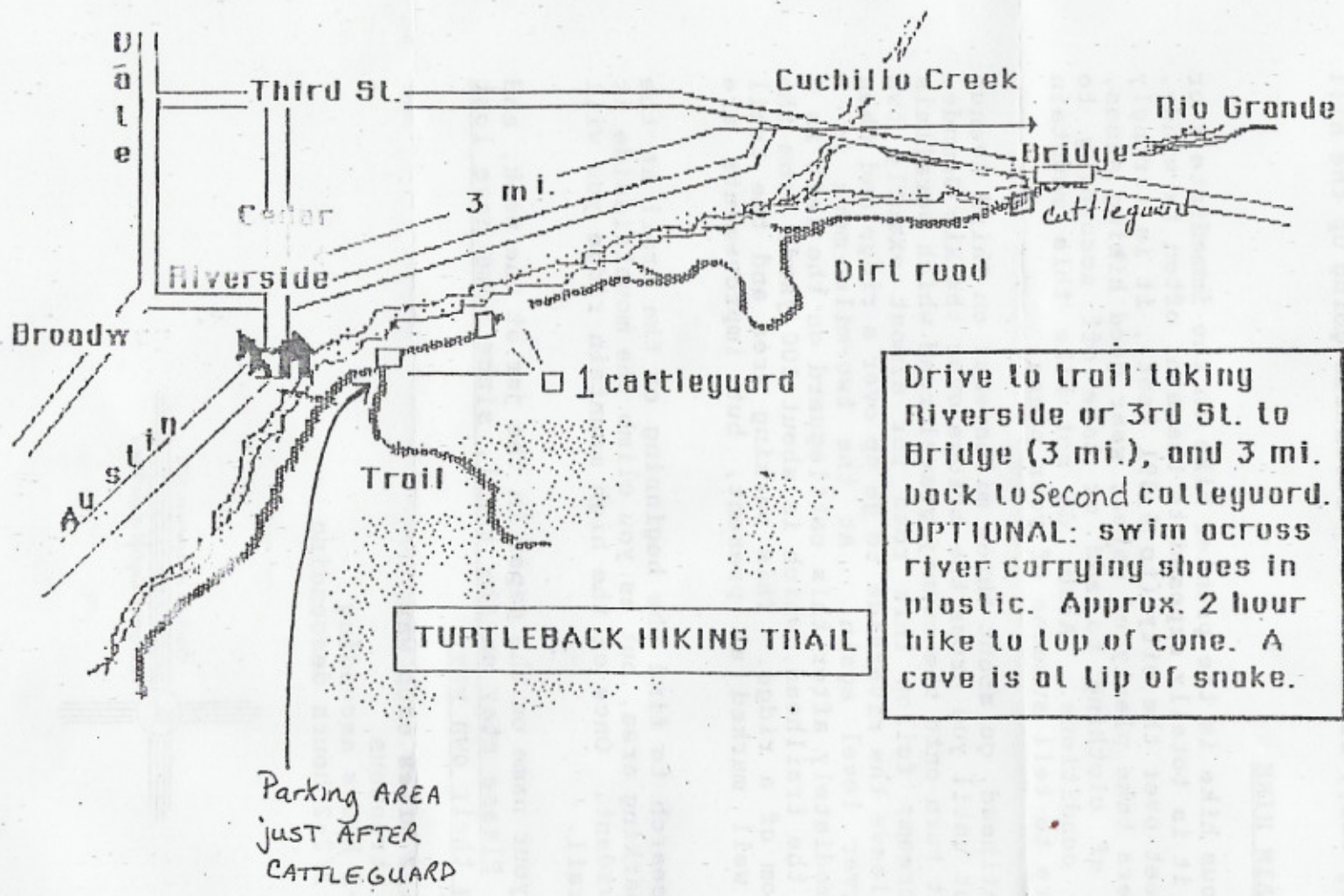
To get to the trailhead, go about three miles east on Third Avenue from the stoplight until you cross the bridge over the Rio Grande. Take a sharp right turn onto the county gravel road which parallels the river downstream; follow this road for almost exactly two miles. You will leave the riverside to go up over a ridge and then come down to river level again. At the two-mile mark is a cattleguard. Immediately after this cattleguard on the left is a parking area for the trailhead, which is about 100 yards from the road at the bottom of a ridge. This parking area and the trail itself are not well marked at present, but improvements are planned.

You may have to search to find the beginning of the trail at the far edge of the parking area, but as you climb the mountainside it should be more evident. Once on the high mountain ridge you will easily see the trail.

Be sure to leave your name on the paper in the jar at the peak, and enjoy the view! Please stay on the trail, since some have lost their lives going their own way.

Length: about 3-1/2 miles each way
Difficulty: very strenuous
Time required: 2-3 hours ascending
1 1/2-2 hours descending





Drive to trail taking Riverside or 3rd St. to Bridge (3 mi.), and 3 mi. back to second cattleguard. OPTIONAL: swim across river carrying shoes in plastic. Approx. 2 hour hike to top of cone. A cave is at tip of snake.

TURTLEBACK HIKING TRAIL

Parking AREA
JUST AFTER
CATTLEGUARD

EXHIBIT B.