RIVERWALK ROUTES

Town Park to Wetlands
(0.75 miles):
A good starting point for this portion of the riverwalk path is Town Park. From Hot Springs Blvd., turn onto Hermosa Street and park on the right. Follow the paved riverwalk towards the Hot Springs Boulevard bridge (west). To your left, across the San Juan River, you’ll see the Visitor Center followed by several geothermal soaking pools at the Springs Resort and Spa. Continuing along the river, you pass Centennial Park and the new Geothermal Greenhouse Project and Community Garden on your right, cross over the 6th Street Pedestrian bridge and follow the walk through the conservation wetlands and San Juan River until you reach the Community Center and Town Hall.

Wetlands to Yamaguchi Park
(0.65 miles): This walk is a nice short extension to the above route and offers additional access to the San Juan River. From the wetlands, follow Apache Street west, over the bridge, and turn left on Yamaguchi Way or 5th Street and enjoy the 1/2 mile walk around the park. You’ll pass a playground, sports complex, picnic areas and a skate park.

Walk along Hermosa Street and turn left on 2nd street. Cross Hwy 160 at the crosswalk and turn right (east, towards Wolf Creek Pass). Travel one block to the History Museum. Continue east along the sidewalk, crossing the Hot Springs Blvd. For a brief detour, turn left after Bank of the San Juans and after short walk, the Mother Spring is on the right. The Mother Spring sources all of Pagosa’s hot springs and heats multiple downtown buildings and sidewalks. This is also where Guinness measured the World’s Deepest Hot Springs Aquifer, at least 1,002 feet deep. Continue along the sidewalk along Hot Springs Blvd., turning right on San Juan Street. Options to hike on Reservoir Hill trail system or loop back to parking by crossing pedestrian bridge to the left. Adding the extension from the Wetlands to Yamaguchi Park makes the entire loop 2.35 miles.

Riverwalk Loop
1.7 miles):
Begin with the Town Park to Wetlands route. Walk across the parking lot at the Community Center / Town Hall and follow the sidewalk left (north) along the San Juan River, follow the riverwalk behind the River Center. There you will find fishing ponds (great for kids) and additional river access.

Dakota Springs Trail System
(2 miles):
The best starting point is the connector trail off South Street in Yamaguchi Park. Take the connector trail to the baseball field and then follow this amazing multi-loop trail counterclockwise as it winds behind the high school with two interconnecting trails. Future phases will continue to enhance this trail system.

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY
The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is a nonprofit whose mission is “growing food and community with local energy.” Their goal is to teach sustainable agriculture practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy from Pagosa Springs’ hot spring aquifer. You can visit them at Centennial Park in downtown Pagosa Springs along the San Juan River Walk.

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