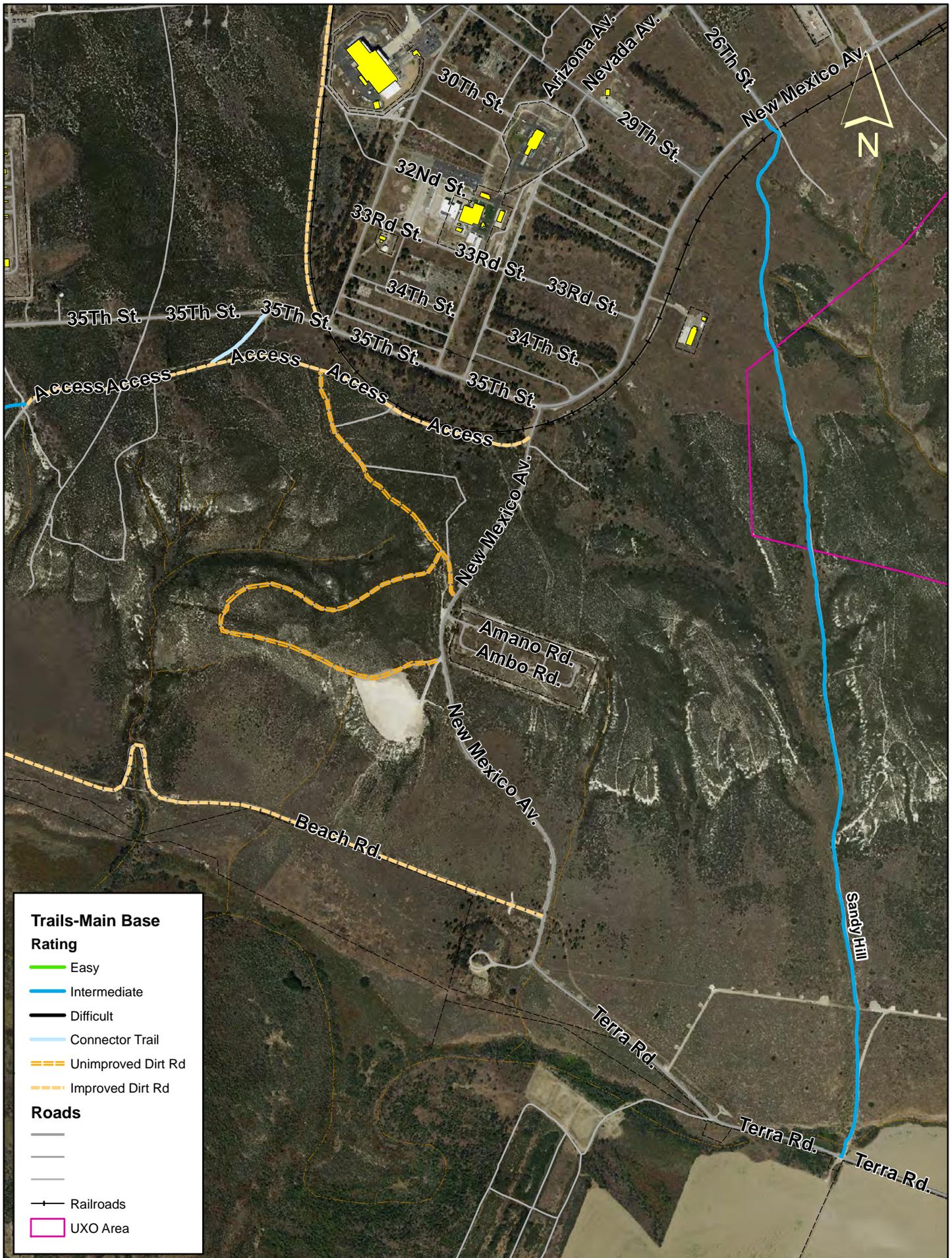


# Sandy Hill



**Trails-Main Base**

**Rating**

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Difficult
- Connector Trail
- Unimproved Dirt Rd
- Improved Dirt Rd

**Roads**

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- +— Railroads
- UXO Area

## Sandy Hill

Wide and straight-forward, Sandy Hill is a 1.7 mile long connecting trail from New Mexico Avenue to Terra Rd, with a beautifully cared for Prickly Pear cactus forest down by Terra Road. You will enter known Unexploded Ordnance (UXO, or undetonated bomb) area, so please stay on the trail. To alert you of the UXO area, you will pass a DANGER-AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY sign (see photo). You are allowed to continue if you stay on the designated trail and roads.

Keep an eye out for crystalized rocks and an ear out for migrating or predator birds as you explore this beautiful landscape!

Distance: 1.7 miles one way, or 3.4 miles round trip

Elevation: 384 feet

Directions:

- To start on the North end and travel downhill,
  - Take California Avenue from the Santa Maria gate, and turn Left at either Washington or 13<sup>th</sup> St. Turn Right onto Utah/New Mexico Avenue. Turn Left onto the dirt road across the street from 26<sup>th</sup> street, and park in a way that you don't block the trail. The official trail is the one that branches to the Right if standing along New Mexico facing South
- To start on the South end and travel uphill
  - Take California Avenue from the Santa Maria gate, and turn Left at 13<sup>th</sup> St. At the end of the large downhill (with the grooves cut into the hillside for the Shuttle launches), turn Right onto Terra Rd. Drive 0.5 miles and park on the Right along a gravel road. There will be the large Prickly Pear cacti forest on your Left. The trail continues up the gravel road, then branches Left at the split to follow the dirt/sand path rather than the maintenance road.



Improved/Unimproved Dirt Roads (labeled on map as **“Beach Rd”, “Access Rd” etc.**): Explore with caution, following all posted warnings, and never venture off-trail (on any trail or road on base). You will discover many hidden gems on base, and a very wide degree of road maintenance, often with little or no cell service. Keep your eyes (and cameras) scanning for big cats!

**Please keep in mind:** Always stay on trail/road due to UXOs, restricted access areas, wildlife, and fragile biomes. Please keep your dogs on leash for these reasons as well. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife, especially predators- bobcats and coyotes are very common; mountain lions are more elusive but have been spotted. Never approach or attempt to interact with any wildlife, especially if it approaches you. Please follow all posted signs. Practice all 7 principles of Leave No Trace.