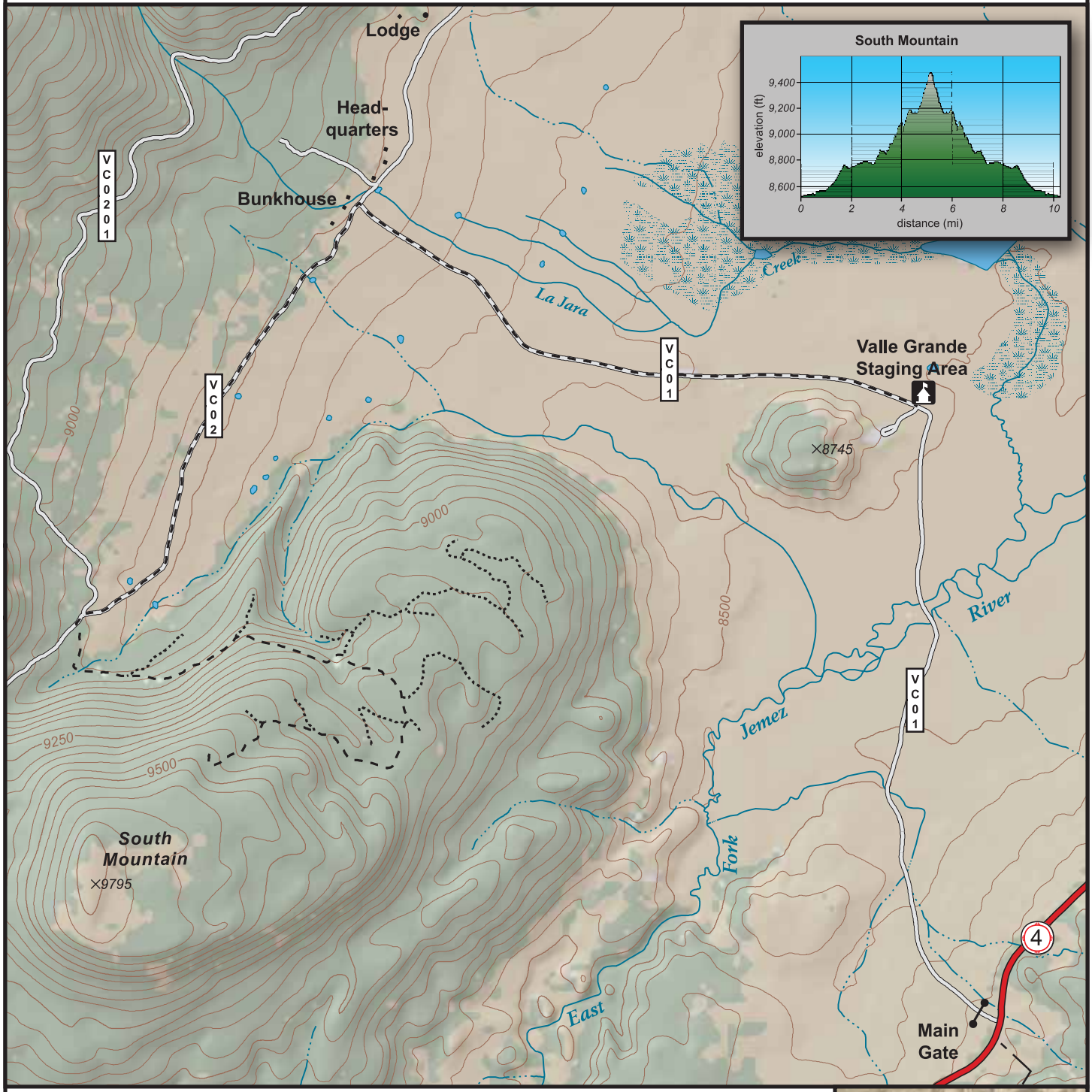
Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico

South Mountain Hiking Trail Non-Shuttle Option



- •• Building (no public access)
- - - - Primary Trail Route
- ····· Secondary Trail Route
- Open Road
- State Highway 4

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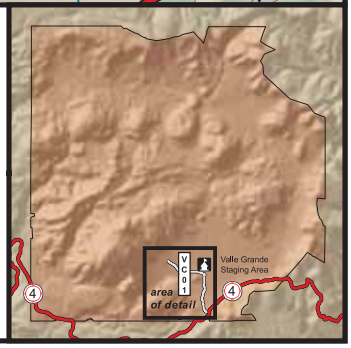

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Hiking Guidelines

- Hike on designated trails only and respect trail closures.
- Hike quietly and keep talk to a conversational level. Cell phone courtesy is leaving it off.
- Hike in small groups and stay on the trail. Large groups of people make a greater impact no matter how well-intentioned they are. This impact can take the form of physical damage to the resource or damage to another hiker's experience of solitude. Trails are built not only to make your travel into the backcountry easier, but also to confine the impact of foot travel to a limited corridor. Cutting switchbacks and hiking off trails increases soil erosion and compaction, as well as, creating scars in once beautiful areas.
- When hiking on a trail, the larger group yields to the smaller group and moves off the trail until they pass.
- When hiking downhill, yield to any hiker(s) coming uphill.
- Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.
- Trail monitors may be hiking the trails to ensure the safety and adherence of rules by everyone.
- Please practice "leave no trace" ethics and pack out all trash
- If no facilities are nearby, all human solid waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from water or trails. Solid waste must be deposited in cat holes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, covered, and disguised. Toilet paper and other hygiene products must be packed out. This is a good use for waterproof zipper bags.
- Please leave artifacts of the Preserve undisturbed for future riders/visitors to enjoy. This includes antler sheds and obsidian (antler sheds are sold at our gift shop, and like the other merchandise, all proceeds go to help the Trust's programs).
- Pets may not accompany hikers. Only service animals are allowed on the Preserve's trails. Please do not leave unattended animals in your vehicle or trailer.
- Never approach wildlife. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense.
- No camping or fires will be permitted.
- No smoking on the Preserve except inside your own personal vehicle.
- Please come prepared for various weather conditions; rain gear, sun screen, bug spray etc. (If you have an allergy to bees, please be prepared, bring your EPI-pen and notify someone of where it is located.)
- The Valles Caldera Trust reserves the right to refuse access to any person for any reason at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation! Have a safe and enjoyable hike!
For information on our many other programs that the Valles Caldera National Preserve offers, please visit our website at www.vallescaldera.gov or call toll free 1-866-382-5537.

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