

**ZIP CODE 87501****Torreón****1515 W Alameda**

<b>Loop:</b>	0.31
<b>Difficulty:</b>	grade 1
<b>Trail Surface:</b>	paved
<b>Attractions:</b>	picnic tables, playground; barbeque grills, basketball, bike rack
<b>Cross Streets:</b>	West Alameda near Camino Alire
<b>Santa Fe Trails:</b>	Route 5 West Alameda
<b>Public Facilities:</b>	none
<b>Parking:</b>	on street

**Notes:** Take time to admire the beautiful tower and tile work at the entrance. According to the plaque at the foot of the tower that honors the farming history of the neighborhood, the barrio of El Torreón was named after a defensive tower that stood nearby in the Spanish colonial settlement period 1598 - 1821. During nomadic Indian raids, the barrio inhabitants took refuge in the tower where water, food and weapons were kept for such emergencies. The area was mostly peaceful and the people farmed the fields adjacent to the Santa Fe River and tended their flocks of sheep and goats. They also cut wood, loaded it on to burros and took it to Burro Alley. This park could be combined with Bicentennial Park to create a longer walk.

