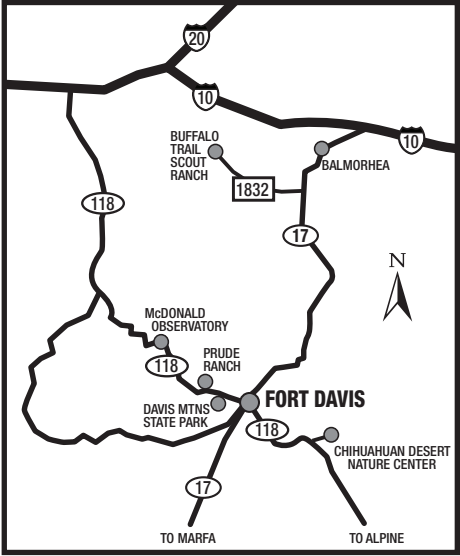


WHERE TO STAY:	
Host Hotel*	
Historic Prude Ranch	800-458-6232
Mention West Texas Trail Walkers for \$84.96 rate (+ tax) BOOK NOW — Our block of rooms will only be held until August 4th.	
Indian Lodge	512-389-8982
Davis Mountains State Park (camping)	432-426-3337
Limpia Hotel	80-662-5517

*Includes bunkhouses, family cabins, guest lodge, RV spaces, swimming pool, horseback riding and dining hall and is where our 30th anniversary dinner/banquet and swim event will be held.
Directions: Take Hwy 17 South to Fort Davis. Turn right on Hwy 118 until you reach Prude Ranch.



Fort Davis is located within easy access to I-10 and I-20. El Paso is about 220 miles west, and Midland is 175 miles northeast.



AVA 60, TX 19
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 West Texas Trail Walkers is an incorporated non-profit sports organization dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation and good health in West Texas.

WEST TEXAS TRAIL WALKERS

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS

3 DAYS / 5 EVENTS

Fort Davis, Texas

October 7-9, 2011

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center
 October 7th – **SWXX/XXXXX** – 5/10K

Davis Mountains State Park
 October 8th – **SWXX/XXXXX** – 5/10K

Fort Davis National Historic Site
 October 8th – **SWXX/XXXXX** – 5/10K

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch
 October 9h – **SWXX/XXXXX** – 5/10K

Prude Ranch
 October 7/8/9th – **SWXX/XXXXX** – 300 Meter Swim



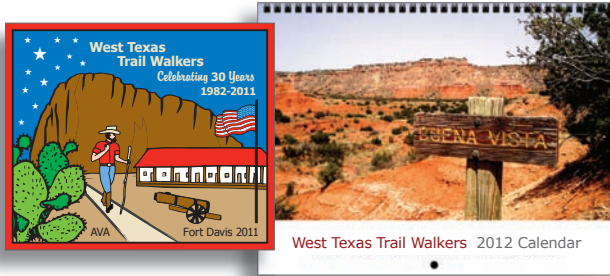
Additional Information

Eligibility: All persons and ages are welcome. Children under legal age must be accompanied by an adult. None of these events are suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. No smoking on the trails.

No Refunds: There will be no refunds for no shows and no transferring of fees between events.

Event Fees: \$3.00 per walk (includes AVA credit).

Park Fees: Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center \$5 per person. Davis Mountains State Park fee is \$5 per person. Fort Davis National Historic Site is \$3 per person (no passes accepted) and the Scout Ranch is \$5 per person.



2011 Fort Davis Souvenir Patch: depicts Fort Davis National Historic Site, centerpiece of the Davis Mountains and commerates of our first event in 1981.

30th Anniversary Souvenir 2012 Calendar depicts beautiful photographs from our favorite places to hike in West Texas. Sample photos can be viewed on our website.
Must be pre-registered by August 15th .

Pets: Dogs are not allowed in the Fort Davis National Historic Site or the Boy Scout Ranch.

Be Prepared: This is desert environment and we strongly advise you carry a minimum of two quarts of water. Gatorade or something to replace your electrolytes is also advisable. No water available on trail. We recommend hiking boots with lugged soles and hiking stick. Dress in layers as weather can change quickly in the mountains.

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Area Attractions

McDonald Observatory—a research unit of The University of Texas at Austin, is one of the world’s leading centers for astronomical research, teaching, and public education and outreach. Observatory facilities are located atop Mount Locke and Mount Fowlkes in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, which offer some of the darkest night skies in the continental United States. Evening Star Parties should not be missed.

Fort Davis National Historic Site—along Texas Highways 17/118 at the foot of Sleeping Lion Mountain and Hospital Canyon, is considered perhaps the best preserved of all the 19th Century frontier forts and one of the best preserved “Buffalo Soldier” forts in the west.

Marfa—Tourist attractions include the historical architecture and classic Texas town square, modern art at the Chinati Foundation and the Marfa lights. Two academy award wining movies were filmed here: *Giant* and *No Country for Old Men*. Texas County Walkers plan to have a YRE in Marfa during our October events.

Marfa Lights—Less than 25 miles from Fort Davis you may view one of the few “Unsolved Mysteries” of our west Texas skies. National Geographic couldn’t explain them, The University of Texas can’t explain them, The TV series “Unsolved Mysteries” could not explain them. Are they UFO’s? Mirages? Secret military tests? Magnetic energy? Static electricity? Who Knows? Come see ‘em and see if you can explain them!

Balmorhea State Park—The park’s main attraction is a large (77,053 sq. ft.) artesian spring pool that is open daily and fed by San Solomon Springs.

Loop—The highest public highway in Texas, this 75 mile loop features Limpia Canyon, McDonald Observatory, Madera Canyon, Mount Livermore and Sawtooth Mountain.



Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center

Dates: Friday, October 7, 2011
Start Point: Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center, 43869 SH 118, Fort Davis, Texas 79734
Walk Director: Lesley Bowen
Start Times: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Finish Time: 4:00 pm
Distances: 5K or 10K
Rated: 5K rated 2+ and 10K rated 3+
Admission: \$5 per person
Highlights: Botanical gardens, wooded canyons and grand vistas from Clayton’s Overlook.
Trail Description: The 5/10K follows the grasslands of the institute and encompasses the botanical gardens as well as the Hummingbird and Butterfly Trail. The 10K continues on the Modesta Canyon Trail to a series of hidden springs in the mouth of a wooded canyon, then follows a series of steep cliffs overlooking Musquiz Canyon to Clayton’s Overlook with its grand vistas.
Worker’s Walk: Friday, Oct. 7th @ 7:30 am. No bathrooms as CDRI opens at 9:00 am.

Directions: Four miles south of Fort Davis on SH 118.
Gate closes at 5:00 pm. *CDRI has one of the finest collections of cacti and succulents from the Chihuahuan Desert region in the world. The mission of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute is to promote public awareness, appreciation, and concern for the natural diversity of the Chihuahuan Desert region through research and education.*

Wine & Cheese Party
(FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS & NEW MEMBERS)
Meet & greet at our complimentary wine & cheese social.
When: Friday, October 7 @ 6:00 pm
Where: Prude Ranch — Lodge Room .



Davis Mountains State Park

Dates: Saturay, October 8, 2011
Start Point: Davis Mountains State Park — Group Picnic Area
Walk Director: Frank Forestier
Start Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon for 5K/10K . 20K must be started by 8:30.
Finish Time: 4:00 pm
Distances: 5K or 10K or combine with Fort Davis National Historic Site event for a 20K.
Rated: 3+
Admission: \$5 per person or state park pass, plus \$3 per person for Fort Davis National Historic Site. No passes accepted to Fort Davis NHS.
Highlights: Indian Lodge, views of Hospital Canyon, McDonald Observatory and other fantastic vistas.
Trail Description: Trail climbs the west mountainside of the park to Indian Lodge, through the campground to the top of the ridgeline with views of Hospital Canyon at the National Historic Site and other spectacular views. Pick up the Fort walk here for a 20K or continue back to the finish on the hike/bike trail for a 10K.
Worker’s Walk: Wednesday, October 5th @ 1:00.
Directions: Four miles north of Fort Davis on SH 118.

Annual Dinner & Meeting
Pre-registration is required to guarantee you a seat for dinner.
When: Saturday, October 8 @ 7:00 pm
Where Historic Prude Ranch
209 W. State Street/Hwy 118, Fort Davis
Menu: Mexican Buffet of red cheese & green chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, frijoles, chile con queso with tostadas, full salad bar, dessert and drink.



Fort Davis National Historic Site

Dates: Saturay, October 8, 2011
Start Point: Davis Mountains State Park — Group Picnic Area After checking in, 5K & 10K hikers will be directed to drive to another start point.
This can be walked may be combined with the Davis Mountains State Park walk for a 20K loop.
Walk Director: Gary Silkworth
Start Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon for 5K/10K. 20K must be started by 8:30.
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Highlights: Explore Fort Davis National Historic Site.
Trail Description: The rail follows the NHS trails out of the State Park to an Overlook of the Fort Davis National Historic Site established in 1854, one of the primary forts of the Buffalo soldiers. Following the ridgeline, the trail drops down to the Fort Grounds where you can explore the main fort. Then climb 320' out of Hospital Canyon to rejoin the trail you came in on.
Worker’s Walk: Wednesday, October 5th @ 8:00.
Directions: Four miles north of Fort Davis on SH 118.

300 Meter Swim
Dates: Friday, Saturday or Sunday, October 7-9
Location: Indoor Swimming Pool @ Prude Ranch,
Pool Hours: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Description: Swim 12 laps (not manned). We will stamp your books at one of our walk events finish table.



Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch

Dates: Sunday, October 9, 2011
Start Point: Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, 16400 FM 1832, Fort Davis 79734
Walk Director: Linda Fields
Start Times: 7:30 – 830 am
Limited breakfast will be available for sale.
Finish Time: 4:00 pm
Distances: 5K, 10K out-and-back or 20K loop
Rated: 5K / 10K rated 4 and 20K rated 5.
WALKING STICK & HIGH TOP BOOTS STRONGLY ADVISED.
Admission: \$5 per person.
Highlights: Needle Rock, the Notch and great vistas.
Trail Description: The 10K proceeds up a very rocky canyon with spectacular mountains rising on both sides. The canyon is well wooded and should have nice fall color. 5K turns around at Needle Rock and 10K proceeds past the Notch (swimming hole) to a open picnic area for a 480' elevation gain. The 20K leaves the headquarters and climbs up Goat Cave Canyon. An elevation gain of 1,000' is enjoyed in the first kilometer. The route then levels off with gently rolling terrain passing by views into Million Dollar Canyon. Then the trail drops down into Trickey Gap Park (-1,000') and joins the 10K as they head back to the headquarters.
Worker’s Walk: Friday, Oct. 7th @ 7:30 am.

Directions: Take TX-17 north out of Fort Davis for approximately 30 miles. Turn left on FM 1382 (Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch sign) for approximately 10 miles.

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One per person

- MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPT. 10, 2011 -

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