

Directions and Mileage



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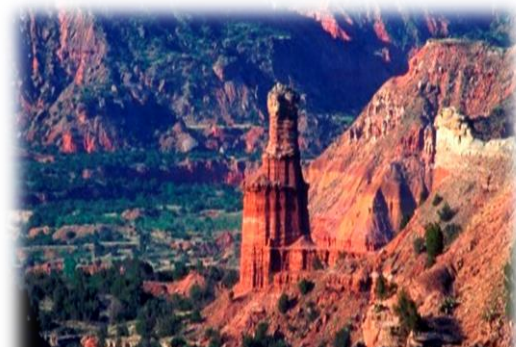
Abilene, TX	274	Fort Worth, TX	354
Amarillo, TX	25	Houston, TX	631
Austin, TX	484	Lubbock, TX	112
Dallas, TX	382	Oklahoma City, OK	280
El Paso, TX	409	San Antonio, TX	499



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www.westtexastrailwalkers.org

The West Texas Trail Walkers invite you to **Palo Duro Canyon State Park Canyon, Texas**

October 9-11, 2015



The Grand Canyon of Texas

**Wildcat Bluff Nature
 Center Trail**
 SW15/XXXX 5/10km

Comanche Trail
 SW15/XXXX 5/6/10/20km

Lighthouse Trail
 SW15/XXXX 5/10km



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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

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

Volunteers: Please check the registration form to indicate the days you are available to volunteer. We will email you with more details in late September.

Fees: Event fee is \$6 per walk. This includes the \$3 entrance fee to the state park or nature center. Please tell the gate attendant that you are with the WTTW and that entrance fees are pre-paid by the Club. There will be no refunds for no shows and no transferring of fees between events.

Safety: PLEASE DO NOT HIKE ALONE. Always carry water. Hiking boots & sticks recommended. Dress in layers as weather can change quickly. Rattlesnakes have been observed on the trails.

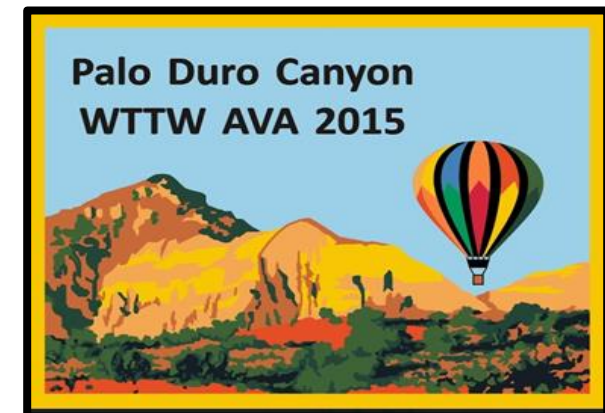
Share the Trail: There will be bicyclists and horse riders on some trails. Please yield to them, especially bicyclists as it is easier for you to stop and move aside than it is for them.

Pets: Dogs are allowed on a 6' leash in the state park, but be aware the climate is very dry and there is no water on the trail. You must carry enough water for you and your dog. Please clean up after your pets. No pets are allowed at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center.

PLACES TO STAY	
Host Hotel: Best Western, 2801 4 th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015. To secure the WTTW rate of \$86.69/night (plus taxes) for October 8 – 11, contact the hotel by October 1. Mention you are with the WTTW.	806-655-1818
Hudspeth House B&B, Canyon	806-655-9800
Holiday Inn Express, Canyon	806-655-4445
Buffalo Inn, Canyon	806-655-2124
Palo Duro Canyon State Park cabins and campsites	512-389-8900 Call 9am-6pm, M-F

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Souvenir Patch





Wildcat Bluff Nature Center Trails

Date: Friday, October 9, 2015

Start Point: Gilvin Natural Science Center, Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, 2301 N. Soncy Rd., Amarillo, TX 79124

Start Time: 8:00 -12:00 noon. **Finish:** 3:00 pm

Distances: 5K or 10K

Rated: 2C

Trail Description: Walk through rolling grassland, by huge cottonwoods and a magnificent bluff. The 5K walk is a loop. The 10K walk links to additional trails, all in the nature center.

Workers' Walk is on Wednesday, October 7@ 8:30 pm. Meet at the Gilvin Natural Science Center.

Directions: From Canyon, head east on 4th Ave. Go North on I-27/US 87 for six miles. Take Exit 116, Loop 335/Hollywood Rd. Turn left on TX 335 Loop for 10 miles. Turn left on Soncy Rd. to the Nature Center. Restrooms are available at the start point.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY IN APPRECIATION OF OUR VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND NEW MEMBERS

Meet and greet at our complimentary wine & cheese social. **When:** Friday, October 9 at 6:00 pm. **Where:** Best Western, Canyon, TX. Tel. 806-655-1818.



Comanche Trail

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015

Start Point: Chinaberry Day Use Area, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Rd 5, Canyon, TX 79015. Expect long lines at the entrance gate.

Start Time: 8:30-9:30 am. **Finish:** 4:00 pm.

Distances: Easy 5K, 6K, 10K or 20K

Rated: Easy 5K is a 1, other distances are 3C

Trail Description: Broad, sweeping views of the canyon. Many beautiful photo opportunities. Walk through fields of gigantic boulders. Easy 5K is an out and back along the river. The harder 6K is out and back on the Comanche trail. The 10K/20K trails are out on the Comanche trail and return along the river trails. The more difficult 20K includes the Rock Garden Trail up to the rim and along the Rylander Fortress Cliff trail.

Workers' Walk: Thursday, October 8 @ 8:30 am at the Chinaberry Day Use Area.

Directions: From Canyon, head east on 4th Ave/TX-217. Follow TX-217 to Palo Duro Canyon State park. Enter park and follow park road to Chinaberry Day Use Area on your right. Restrooms are at the start point.



Lighthouse Trail

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2015

Start Point: Chinaberry Day Use Area, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Road 5, Canyon, TX 79015. Expect long lines at the entrance gate.

Start: 8:30-9:30 am. **Finish:** 3:00 pm.

Distance: 5K and 10K

Rated: 2B

Trail Description: Great views, a lighthouse formation, Spanish Skirts. The 5K/10K are out and back. The 5K turnaround is just beyond a stunning viewpoint while the 10K turnaround ends at the base of the lighthouse.

Workers' Walk: Wednesday, October 7@ 8:30 am. Chinaberry Day Use Area.

Directions: From Canyon, head east on 4th Ave/TX-217. Follow TX-217 to Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Follow park road to the Chinaberry Day Use Area on your right. Restrooms are at the start point.

“The Grand Canyon of Texas”

Palo Duro Canyon State park opened on July 4, 1934 and contains 26,275 acres of the scenic northern most portion of the Palo Duro Canyon. The Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) of the 1930s constructed most of the buildings and roads still in use by park staff and visitors. Early Spanish Explorers are believed to have discovered the area and dubbed the canyon “Palo Duro” which is Spanish for “hard wood” in reference to the abundant mesquite and juniper trees.

Palo Duro Canyon is one of the largest canyons in the United States, second only to the Grand Canyon. The canyon is 120 miles long, as much as 20 miles wide, and has a maximum depth of more than 800 feet. Its elevation at the rim is 3500 feet above sea level.

Dinner and Meeting

Pre-registration is required to guarantee you a seat for dinner.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015 @ 7:00 pm.

Where: Alumni Hall, West Texas A&M University, 26th St. & Russell Long Blvd., Canyon, TX.

Menu: “A Trip to Italy.” Two pastas, two sauces, two meats, salad, key lime pie. Vegetarian options. BYOB

Directions: From Best Western, turn left on 4th Ave. Left on Hospital Drive (between Best Western & Holiday Inn Express). Left on Russell Long Blvd. Left into parking lot on the left marked Zone 13. Stay right in the parking lot and look for Alumni Banquet Facility sign. You will have to take the sidewalk around to the front of the building. (Campus is closed to cars so you will not be able to park in front.) Allow 10-15 minutes.