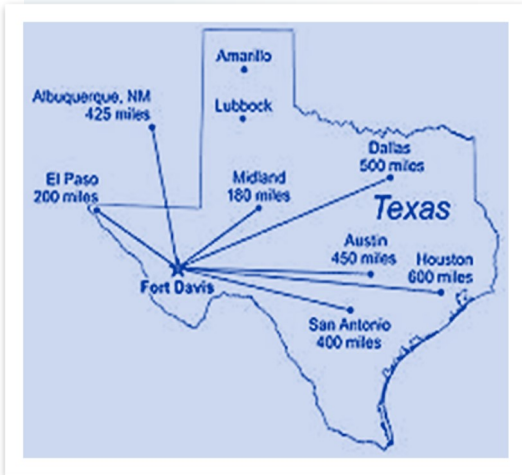


DIRECTIONS

Fort Davis is located on Hwy. TX-17 S about 40 miles south of Interstate 10, Balmohrea exit 209. Prude Ranch is 6 miles west of Fort Davis on Hwy. TX-118 N.



Fort Davis, Texas

At 5,050 feet elevation, Fort Davis is the highest town in Texas. With the seasonal late summer rains and the cooler temperatures associated with a higher elevation, the Davis Mountains are at their peak of beauty in October. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound: hiking, biking, horse-back riding, stargazing and bird viewing to name a few. Experience West Texas at its best!



West Texas Trail Walkers
celebrating 37 years

Davis Mountains

Fort Davis, TX

October 5-7, 2018



Mt. Livermore

The Nature Conservancy,
October 5, 2018–
SW18/111017 5k, 8k, 10k, 12k

Fort Davis National Historic
Site, Oct. 6, 2018 –
SW18/111018 - 5k, 10k, 20k

The Prude Ranch, October 7,
2018 -SW18/111019- 5k, 10k



"Hike with an altitude"

AVA 60, TX 19
www.westtexastrailwalkers.org

West Texas Trail Walkers (WTTW) is a club dedicated to holding a yearly event in the scenic areas of West Texas which are off-road and challenging.

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.

Volunteer: Please check the registration form to indicate the days you are available. We always need volunteers!

Fees: Event Fee is \$3 per walk. To cover Ft. Davis fees, state park fees and The Nature Conservancy fees, we are charging a \$20 permit fee.

Safety: PLEASE DO NOT HIKE ALONE. Hiking boots and sticks are recommended. We require carrying 2 quarts of water for 20k and 1 quart for 10k. One gallon is recommended.

Pets: Dogs are allowed on a 6 foot leash in Ft. Davis and the state park. No pets are allowed at The Nature Conservancy. You must carry enough water for yourself and your dog.

Restrooms: Bathrooms are located at the start and finish points.

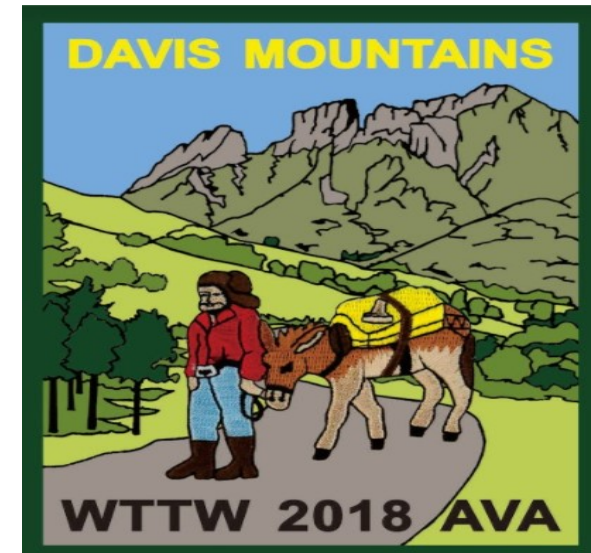
Please carpool whenever possible. There is limited parking at the trailheads.

Be sure to check out the three Year Round Events in the Fort Davis area.

PLACES TO STAY

Host Lodging	432-426-3201
The Prude Ranch, 201 Prude Guest Ranch Rd. Fort Davis, TX 79734. To secure the WTTW rate of \$94 per night, please call by September 1. Mention you are with the WTTW. A full buffet breakfast is available Friday – Sunday for \$7.50 from 6:00 – 8:00 am.	
Davis Mountains State Park Camping	800-792-1112
Davis Mountain Inn	432-426-3939
Fort Davis Inn & RV Park	432-426-2112
Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce	800-524-3015

2018 Souvenir Patch



Thursday, October 4, 2018
Prude Ranch Lodge

5:30-7:00 pm Badge pick-up and late registration. Orientation for Davis Mountain Preserve walks (maps & waivers). Meet & Greet!

Friday, October 5, 2018
Davis Mountains Preserve
The Nature Conservancy

Start Point: McIvor Center at Davis Mountains Preserve. From Prude Ranch, turn right on TX-118N for 19 miles. Turn left onto Madera Canyon Rd., just past the Lawrence E Wood Picnic Area. The center is 1/3 mile in on a rugged road.

Start Time: 8:00-9:30 am. 8:00 -8:30 am for Mt. Livermore hikers. Mt. Livermore hikers need to car pool in high clearance vehicles from Prude Ranch at 7:15-7:30 am to arrive by the 8:00 am Conservancy gate opening. Please indicate on the registration form if you are willing to carpool 2-4 people in your high clearance vehicle.

Finish: No later than 4:00 pm

Walk Directors: Dianne Duke, Helen Hull

Easy Option Description: 5k or 10k, 2C, 3-4 hours, 200-300 ft elevation gain, McIvor Center Overlook trails. Combination of the Livermore Vista, Jones Tank and Madera Overlooks trails. These trails are in woodland of pinon pine, alligator juniper, grey and Emory oaks and a few Ponderosa pines. You may see wild turkey, whitetail deer, foxes and feral hogs. If lucky, you may also see coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats and elk. And, of course, great views of Mt. Livermore and Madera Canyon.

Moderate Option Description: 8k, 3C, 4-6 hours, 1,500 ft. elevation gain, Tobe Canyon Trail. Hikers will take high clearance vehicles 5 miles up Madera Canyon Rd. and park by gate at Tobe Gap Rd. Hike Tobe Gap Rd. and the Madera Tank Trail side trail into a box canyon to Madera Spring. Tobe Gap Rd. is open habitat, the Tank and Spring trails are in pine forest adapted to moderate amounts of rain.



Difficult Option: Up to 12k, 5D, 6-8 hours, 1800 ft. elevation gain, Livermore Summit & Limpia Chute. High clearance vehicles will drive 5 miles up Madera Canyon Rd. The Livermore Summit Trail is a very steep climb on an old jeep road with loose small rocks that requires sure footing and adequate footwear and water supplies. At 3k (800 ft. elevation gain,) you will reach Bride Gap. Here you have a choice to continue on the Summit Trail or take Limpia Chute which has a better but longer trail to the top. You will travel another 1,000 ft up to Baldy Peak. A quick but rocky scramble up Baldy Peak to 8,378 ft. elevation will reward you with a 360 degree view of the Davis Mountains. We recommend that you return by Limpia Chute.

No workers walk for this event.

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Fort Davis & Davis Mountains State Park

Start Point: Fort Davis National Historic Site Visitor Center, 101 Lt. Flipper Dr., Fort Davis, TX 79734. From Prude Ranch turn left onto TX-118 S. In five miles, Fort Davis will be on your right.

Start Time: 8:00 –10:00 am. 8:00—9:00 am for 20k walkers.

Finish: 4:00 pm.

Walk Directors: Linda Fields, Gary Silkworth, Joe Noonan. **Workers' walk:** Thursday, October 4. 8:00 am., Ft. Davis Visitor Center

Distances: 5k is 1C rated. 10k is 3C. 20k is 3C.

Description: The start/finish for all routes is near the Visitor Center at Fort Davis National Historic Site, established in 1854. The 5k route is entirely on level ground, first on the historic San Antonio-El Paso Road to the historic pump house and water well, and then returning past the cemetery and officers' quarters and around the parade ground to the finish. The 10k route follows pathways past the shaded picnic area and post hospital, through Hospital Canyon and ascending to the top of North Ridge. Turning right along the ridge, pass a scenic overlook and viewpoints overlooking the fort grounds before descending to the Cemetery Trail and following the 5k route to return to the finish. The 20k route follows the 10k route to the top of North Ridge, and then turns left to enter Davis Mountains State Park for a loop following the old CCC Trail, (dating to the 1930s) and Skyline Drive back onto the fort property. Following the North Ridge Trail, the route returns to finish on the 10k route.

REGISTRATION FEES CANNOT BE COLLECTED IN THE NATIONAL OR STATE PARKS. PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15. Registration is also available Thursday night, October 4, from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Prude Lodge. Pre-registration forms are available on our website, www.westtexastrailwalkers.org. Contact Susan Noonan, Secretary/Treasurer if you have questions. (susan.noonan@gmail.com)

Annual Meeting & Dinner

When: Saturday, October 6, 2018, 7:00 pm
Where: Prude Ranch, 201 Prude Guest Ranch Rd.
Cost: \$25 per person
Menu: Full buffet dinner featuring roast beef
BYOB

Sunday, October 7, 2018
Prude Ranch

Start Point: Prude Ranch Lodge, 201 Prude Guest Ranch Rd., Fort Davis, TX

Start Time: 7:30 -9:00 am. **Finish:** 1:00 pm.

Walk Directors: Randy Baker, Margie Kent. **Workers' walk:** Wednesday, October 3, 8:00 am, Prude Ranch Lodge.

Distances: 5k is rated 2C. 10k is 3C with 650 feet elevation gain.

Description: The Prude Ranch walk starts at the lodge, goes across the creek, then follows a jeep road through the hills on the north part of the ranch. The route then follows the road into the hills and loops around a valley, then returns along the road, heads towards the ranch entrance, and back to the start. The 5k option skips the loop, and just heads out and back. The 5k portion of the route takes you through a field where the Prude Ranch horses are allowed to roam freely. The horses are not aggressive, but please enjoy them from a distance.

