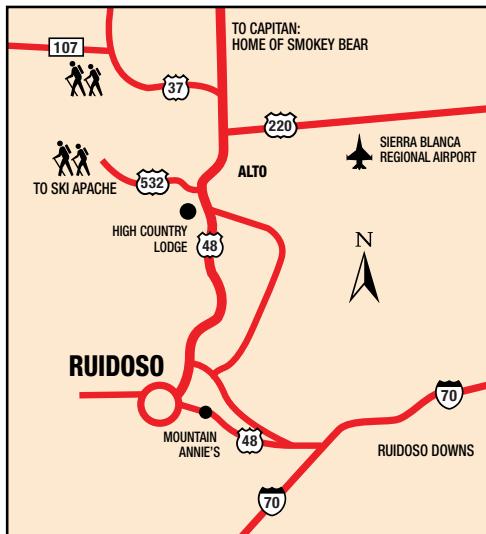


PLACES TO STAY:	
High Country Lodge	800-845-7265
Swiss Chalet Inn	800-47-SWISS
The Lodge at Sierra Blanca	866-211-1127
Elk Run Cabins & RV Resort	866-408-6765
Sundance RV Park	575-336-4444
For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.ruidoso.net">www.ruidoso.net</a>	

#### MILEAGE TO RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO:

Abilene, TX	397	Fort Worth	529
Amarillo, TX	288	Houston, TX	750
Austin, TX	600	Lubbock, TX	220
Dallas, TX	558	Oklahoma City, OK	548
El Paso, TX	124	San Antonio, TX	551

New Mexico Airlines offers flights to Ruidoso from Midland/Odessa, El Paso and Albuquerque.



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[www.ava.org/clubs/wttw](http://www.ava.org/clubs/wttw)

The West Texas Trail Walkers is an incorporated non-profit sports organization dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation and good health in West Texas...and the part of New Mexico that used to be part of Texas.

**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. There will also be no refunds for those refused a start stamp due to non-compliance with minimum water requirements.

**Event Fees:** \$3.00 per walk.

**2008 Ruidoso Events Patch:** Shown 63% of actual size. Only 75 patches have been ordered. No re-orders.

**Safety:** It's hunting season, and it's important to be visible in the woods. There's no better way than by wearing blaze orange — the color worn by virtually all hunters. And don't forget your four legged pals. Pet stores carry blaze-orange collars and mesh vests for Fido's safety, too. Avoid wearing white and stay on established trails. Caution is certainly advisable, but fear isn't necessary. SMOKING IS BANNED in the forest due to the threat of forest fires.

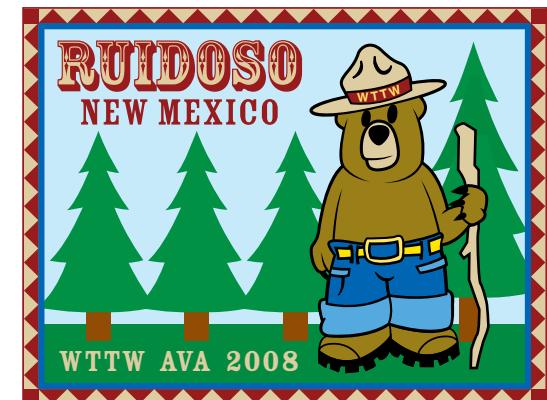
Because of the high altitudes, we recommend arriving a day or two early to get yourself acclimated. Be sure to stay hydrated. If feeling extreme symptoms of altitude sickness, descend immediately.

**Weather:** Average temperature for October – lows in the 30's and highs in the 60's.

**Please check our website for updates or changes before leaving for your trip:** [ava.org/clubs/wttw](http://www.ava.org/clubs/wttw)

**West Texas Trail Walkers**  
**invite you to hike with us in**  
**Smokey the Bear country**

# RUIDOSO NEW MEXICO



The West Texas Trail Walkers offer three hiking events over 7,000'

#### SOUTH FORK / BLUEFRONT TRAIL

October 10th – SW08/81101 – 5, 10 km

#### CREST TRAIL / MONJEAU LOOKOUT

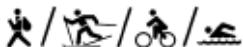
October 11th – SW08/81103 – 5, 10, 20 km

#### MILLS TRAIL

October 12th – SW08/81105 – 5, 10 km



**SANCTIONED EVENT**



Eligible for credit toward IVV Achievement Awards



## **SOUTH FORK / BLUEFRONT TRAIL**

**Dates:** Friday, October 10, 2008

**Start Point:** South Fork Campground

**Start Times:** 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm

**Finish Time:** 5:00 pm

**Distances:** 5, 10 km

**Rated:** 3, due to elevation.

**Trailhead Elevation:** 7,500' **Elev Gain:** 250'

**Highlights:** Gorgeous forest scenery, running streams and alpine meadows.

**Trail Description:** Accesses the south-central portion of the White Mountain Wilderness. The trail winds its way through small meadows and aspen groves following the creek valley and easily crosses Bonito Creek a few times.

**Worker's Walk:** Wednesday, Oct. 8th @ 8:00 am. South Fork Campground.

**Directions:** Take U.S. Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso approximately 10 miles. Turn left on Hwy. 37 and go approximately 2 miles. Turn left on USFS Road 107 and go about 5 miles to USFS Road 107C (South Fork Campground turn off). Pass Westlake Campground to South Fork Campground at the end of the road. You do not need to stop at the host site as posted.

## **WINE AND CHEESE PARTY**

IN APPRECIATION FOR OUR VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND NEW MEMBERS

**When:** Friday, October 10, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

**Where:** High Country Lodge - meeting room  
859 Hwy 48, Alto • 800-845-7265



## **CREST TRAIL / MONJEAU LOOKOUT**

**Dates:** Saturday, October 11, 2008

**Start Point:** Ski Apache Ski Resort

Owned and operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

**Start Times:** 8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Finish Time:** 4:00 pm

**Distances:** 5, 10 and 20 km

**Rated:** 5, due to high elevation and elevation gain.

**Trailhead Elevation:** 9,750' **Elev Gain:** 710'

**Highlights:** Excellent views of the White Mountain Wilderness, Aspens and Monjeau Fire Tower Lookout.

**Trail Description:** Accesses the extreme southern portion of the White Mountain Wilderness Area. This hike follows a section of the Crest Trail from the ski area along a long scenic ridge to the fire lookout on Monjeau Peak. The enormous stands of aspen along the hike turn the hillsides gold in October.

**Worker's Walk:** Thursday, Oct. 9th @ 8:00 am at Ski Apache Ski Resort.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso approximately 7 miles to the junction with Hwy 532 in Alto. Turn left onto Hwy 532 and go approximately 12 miles to Ski Apache. The road is very narrow and winds considerably, but is paved the entire way.

## **DINNER / MEETING / SHOW**

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

**When:** Saturday, October 11, 2008 @ 6:45 pm

**Where:** Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater,  
2710 Sudderth, Ruidoso • 505-257-7982

**Menu:** Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert and Tea. (Cash Bar)



## **MILLS TRAIL #22**

**Dates:** Sunday, October 12, 2008

**Start Point:** Mills Canyon Trailhead #22

**Start Times:** 8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Finish Time:** 2:00 pm

**Distances:** 5, 10 km

**Rated:** 5, due to elevation and elevation gain. 5K is rated 3+ due to elevation and elevation gain.

**Trailhead Elevation :** 7,080' **Elev Gain:** 840'

**Highlights:** Excellent forest scenery, running streams and opportunities to see deer.

**Trail Description:** Mills Trailhead accesses the eastern portion of the White Mountain Wilderness Area. The trail runs along the banks of the Rio Bonito to the mouth of Mills Canyon, then gently climbs to Mills Springs, a small pond below the main seep.

**Worker's Walk:** Wednesday, Oct. 8th @ 8:00 am. Mills Trailhead #22.

**Directions:** Take U.S. Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso approximately 10 miles. Turn left on Hwy. 37 and go approximately 2 miles. Turn left on USFS Road 107 and go about 1/2 mile to the trailhead on the left.

## **HIKING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. You must carry prescribed amounts of your own water. Minimum of 2 quarts for 20 km and 1 quart for 10 km. We recommend more.
2. We recommend hiking boots with lugged soles and reinforced toe box and orange hunting vest.
3. Dress in layers as weather can change quickly.