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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.

### YOU MAY DO ANY EVENT ON ANY DAY

#### REGISTRATION / FINISH

You must register and pick up maps and directions for all events at the meeting room (behind the office) at:

**HIGH COUNTRY LODGE**  
859 STATE HWY 48, ALTO, NM.

#### Registration will be open the following hours:

Friday 8:00 – 12:00 pm  
Saturday 7:00 – 9:00 am  
Sunday 7:00 – 9:00 am

#### Finish will be open during these hours:

Friday 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
Saturday 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
Sunday 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**Sunday we will begin sweeping Grindstone Trail, Turkey Canyon & Argentina Canyon at 10:00 am. We will begin sweeping Big Bonito at 8:00. Please note if you start later than the sweeps there will be no ribbons to follow on Sunday.**

**Volunteers:** Please check the registration form if you are available to volunteer and we will email you with more details. We expect to have a volunteer meeting on Wednesday 10/8 at 7:30 pm.

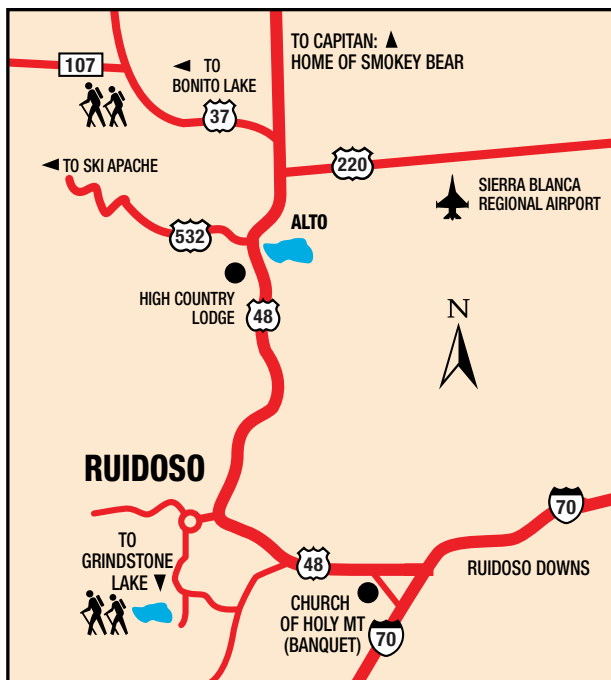
**Eligibility:** All persons and ages are welcome. Children under legal age must be accompanied by an adult. None of these events are suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

**No 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.

**Safety:** PLEASE DO NOT HIKE ALONE. You are in the wilderness so you need to be alert and aware of your surroundings. Cell phone service is spotty. Smoking is banned in the forest due to 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.



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



Check facebook for updates before leaving for your trip.

**2014 Ruidoso Souvenir Patch:** Depicts the fall colors in the Lincoln National Forest along with a symbol representing the sun from the New Mexico state flag. \$6.



## WEST TEXAS TRAIL WALKERS

Celebrating 33 Years

# Ruidoso New Mexico

October 10-12, 2014



### Grindstone Lake

SW14/98802 – 6/12km

### Turkey Canyon

SW14/98811 – 5/10km

### Argentina Canyon

SW14/98813 – 5/8/10km

### Big Bonito

SW14/98814 – 6/10/17km



Eligible for credit toward IVV Achievement Awards



## Grindstone Lake

**Start Point:** Grindstone Trailhead

**Registration/Finish:** High Country Lodge.  
See other page for listed times.

**Distances:** 6km (out & back) or 12km (loop)

**Rated:** 3B (moderate) Elevation Gain: 886’.

**Special Programs:** Lakes & Reservoirs and Watertowers.

**Highlights:** Beautiful views of the lake and surrounding area. If you are lucky you might catch a glimpse of the wildlife that frequents the area.

**Trail Description:** This walk is the nearest and lowest altitude hike. It is a forested loop up and down Grindstone Canyon with beautiful views of the lake and Mountains. The 6k trail is forested and lakeside

**Restrooms:** Port-o-potties at start/finish.

**Worker’s Walk:** 8:00 am on Wednesday 10/8.  
Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**Directions:** From High Country Lodge, head south on Mechem (Hwy 48) to the end of the road. Turn right on Main Road. At the traffic circle, drive counter-clockwise 3/4 around, then exit right to D St. At the next block, veer right to stay on D St. At 5th Street turn on Resort Dr. Drive down Resort Dr. and turn right at the Grindstone Lake sign. Trailhead in upper parking lot. (15 minutes from High Country Lodge.)



## Turkey Canyon

**Start Point:** Turkey Canyon Trailhead

**Registration/Finish:** High Country Lodge.  
See other page for listed times.

**Distances:** 5km or 10km (out-and-back)

**Rated:** 3C (moderate) Elevation Gain: 1,190’.

**Special Programs:** None

**Highlights:** Hike through lush green forests and look for hidden caves.

**Trail Description:** This is a popular hike in the upper Bonito Creek drainage that has multiple creek crossing and beautiful forest scenery. Be prepared for the steep climb as you approach the 10k turn around.

**Restrooms:** Vault toilets at start/finish.

**Worker’s Walk:** 8:00 am on Wednesday 10/8.  
Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**Directions:** From High Country Lodge, take Hwy 48 north approximately 4.3 miles to Highway 37. Turn left on Hwy 37 and go approx 1.3 miles to the intersection with Bonito Lake Road (Forest Road 107). Turn left on Forest Road 107 and follow it approx 8.4 miles to the trailhead located on your right near the end of the road. Park in campground just beyond trailhead. The road is narrow, but paved until the final 4 miles. The last 4 miles are improved dirt but passable by car. (14 miles/40 minutes from High Country Lodge.)



## Argentina Canyon

**Start Point:** Argentina Trailhead

**Registration/Finish:** High Country Lodge.  
See other page for listed times.

**Distances:** 5km (out & back), 8 or 10km (loop)

**Rated:** 3C (moderate) Elevation Gain: 1,300’.

**Special Programs:** None

**Highlights:** Opportunity to see old silver mines. Views of Nogal Peak and the Malpais Lava Flow and the upper Bonito Creek drainage.

**Trail Description:** This is a popular hike featuring gorgeous forest scenery, running streams and alpine meadows. Elk sightings are not uncommon. The 8km loop cuts off the steep climb to the summit.

**Restrooms:** Vault toilets at start/finish.

**Worker’s Walk:** 8:00 am on Thursday 10/9.  
Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**Directions:** From High Country Lodge, take Hwy 48 north approximately 4.3 miles to Highway 37. Turn left on Hwy 37 and go approx 1.3 miles to the intersection with Bonito Lake Road (Forest Road 107). Turn left on Forest Road 107 and follow it approx 8.4 miles to the very end of the road. Park near Big Bonito trailhead and walk on road back to Argentina trailhead. The road is narrow, but paved until the final 4 miles. The last 4 miles are improved dirt but passable by car. (14 miles/40 minutes from High Country Lodge.)



## Big Bonito

**Start Point:** Big Bonito Trailhead

**Registration/Finish:** High Country Lodge.  
See other page for listed times.

**Distances:** 6 or 10km (out & back) or 17km (loop)

**Rated:** 4C (strenuous) Elevation Gain: 2,173'.

**Special Programs:** None

**Highlights:** Views of Nogal Peak and White Horse Hill. Opportunities to see elk and deer.

**Trail Description:** This is a strenuous 8-hour hike in the White Mountain Wilderness, starting along the Bonita Creek and continues along abandoned mines before climbing to the summit at the Crest Trail.

**Restrooms:** Vault toilets at start/finish.

**Worker's Walk:** 8:00 am on Thursday 10/9.  
Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**Directions:** From High Country Lodge, take Hwy 48 north approximately 4.3 miles to Highway 37. Turn left on Hwy 37 and go approx 1.3 miles to the intersection with Bonita Lake Road (Forest Road 107). Turn left on Forest Road 107 and follow it approx 8.4 miles to the very end of the road to the Big Bonito trailhead. The road is narrow, but paved until the final 4 miles. The last 4 miles are improved dirt but passable by car. (14 miles / 40 minutes from High Country Lodge.)

## SOCIAL TIME

### Wine & Cheese Appreciation Social

**MEET & GREET COMPLIMENTARY WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL  
FOR OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND NEW MEMBERS**

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

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

### Annual Dinner & Meeting

**EVERYONE WELCOME!  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY 9/13.**

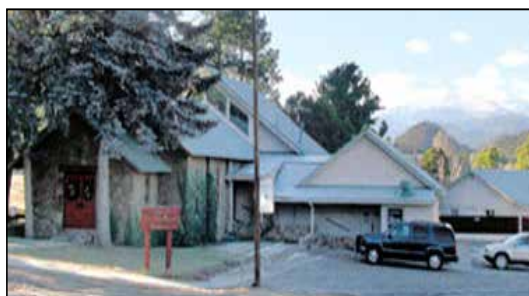
**When:** Saturday, October 11th @ 7:00 pm

**Where:** Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount  
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, NM 87520

**Menu:** Baron of Beef w/ Au Jus, Vegetable Lasagna,  
Mashed Potatoes, Whole Green Beans,  
Garden Salad, Bread & Tea.

**Directions:** Drive south on Hwy 48. Left on Kyle St. Right on Country Club Dr. Slight left on Paradise Canyon Dr. Left onto Sudderth Dr. Right on Mescalero Trail. (7.5 miles/14 minutes from High Country Lodge.)

CHURCH ONLY SEATS 90 SO REGISTER EARLY!



### Hot Dog Social

**When:** Sunday, October 12th, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**Where:** High Country Lodge – meeting room

### Informal Daily Social

**When:** Daily 3:00 - 5:00

**Where:** High Country Lodge – meeting room/deck

## WHERE TO STAY:

### HOST HOTEL

#### High Country Lodge

859 State Highway 48 North  
Alto, New Mexico 88312  
800-845-7265 (toll free)  
or 575-336-4321 or 575-729-0111

**\$79** (2 bedrooms , 1 fold-out couch, full kitchen)  
Members need to mention WTTW upon booking reservation to receive the discounted price. Call to confirm your reservation 1-2 days before arrival. Book before September 8, 2014. Unbooked rooms will be released on that date Cancellations: must be 7 days prior to arrival.

### ALTERNATE LODGING

As always, we try to get a central location for our host hotel at a reasonable price, but you are welcome to stay anywhere you wish. Ruidoso has many choices of lodging to suit your needs.  
<http://www.ruidosonow.com/lodging/>  
<http://www.ruidoso.net/visitors/lodging.htm>

Here are some alternate lodging suggestions:

#### Innsbrook Village Contry Club & Resort

3.3 Miles from Alto (Trip Advisor rated 4) Cost \$\$  
[www.innsbrookcondos.com/](http://www.innsbrookcondos.com/)

#### The Village Lodge

3.3 Miles from Alto (Trip Advisor rated 4+) Cost \$\$  
[www.villagelodge.com](http://www.villagelodge.com)

#### Shadow Mountain Lodge and Cabins

5.7 Miles from Alto (Trip Advisor rated 5) Cost \$  
<http://smlruidoso.com/>

#### Dan Dee Cabins

6 Miles from Alto  
[www.dandeecabins.com](http://www.dandeecabins.com)

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