

**WEST TEXAS
TRAIL WALKERS, INC.**

**18th Club Event
Note Restricted Start Times
October 11, 12, 13 1996**



**Prude Ranch, Fort Davis, Texas
Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch
Fort Davis National Historic Monument
5 Sanctioned Events
10, 20 km Walks & 300 m Swim
SW96-128, 129, 130, 131, 132**

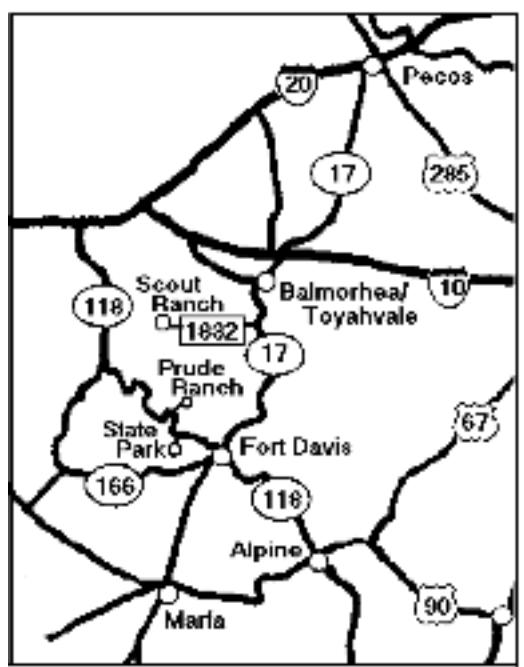


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1996 Award Patches



Vicinity Map



Sponsored by the West Texas Trail Walkers, Inc. (AVA60), a nonprofit sports organization with the aim of promoting outdoor recreation and good health in West Texas.

TRAILS

Event #1 - SW96-128 - 300 m swim - Fri - Sun, Oct 11-13 - Start 0800 hrs - 1300 hrs Finish 1400 hrs

This swim event will be held in the indoor swimming pool at the Prude Ranch.

Event #2 - SW96-129 - 10 km walk - Friday, Oct 11 - Start 1330 - 1430 hrs - Finish 1730 hrs

This event begins in the vicinity of the Hotel Limpia. Winding through historic downtown Fort Davis walkers will pass many buildings on the state register of historic sites. Some of interest are the Jeff Davis County Courthouse, the Neill Doll Museum, the Overland Trail Museum, and the Church in the Mountains. The route traverses the original Overland Trail before entering the Fort Davis National Historic Site established in 1854. **Walkers will be required to check in at the Visitor's Center for payment of the appropriate fee (\$2 w/o national passport).** After inspecting the main fort you will climb 320 feet to the top of the ridge overlooking the historic site. The trail comes down from the ridge and continues a short distance down Hospital Canyon, exits the Historic Site and returns to town. **Walkers must be out of the National Historic Site no later than 1700 hours.** **Trail rating 3+ due to cross-country stretch and elevation change.**

Event #3 - SW96-130 - 10, 20 km walk - Saturday, Oct 12 - Start 0730 - 0800 hrs - Finish 1800 hrs

This event begins at the Buffalo Trails Boy Scout Ranch. **This ranch is a one hour drive from the Prude Ranch so walkers should be prepared to start on time. Absolutely no pets or alcohol are allowed on the Scout Ranch.** The Scouts will have the souvenir shop open and will be serving food upon completion of the trail. No breakfast is available. This is a private ranch owned by the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a non-profit group. This worthy organization requires all the financial assistance possible; therefore **a \$5 fee per walker will be assessed** to help them in support of their operations. Larger donations would be appreciated. **The 10 km walk can be started from 0730 to 0900 hours.** This walk leaves the headquarters area and proceeds upstream along the Little Aguja Creek, passing through the scout campgrounds and traversing a deep canyon with spectacular mountains rising to both sides. The canyon is well wooded and with the right weather good fall color should be apparent. Needle Rock, a locally significant geological landmark is located at the 2.5 km mark. Walkers having trouble with the rocky trail may turn around at this point for 5 km credit. Continuing up canyon, you will come upon several deep, clear pools of water. Further along you will pass the Notch and the Pole Pens. At this point the canyon bottom starts widening, creating a large flat wooded area known as The Park. At the western edge of The Park there is a bend in the creek. This is the 5k turnaround for the 10k walk. This is a 480 foot elevation gain. **Trail rating 4 due to altitude, elevation changes and rocky terrain.** The **20km trail** leaves the headquarters and climbs up Goat Cave Canyon. An elevation change of 1000 feet is enjoyed in the first kilometer. The route levels off with the gently rolling terrain passing by views into Million Dollar Canyon and continuing past Whiskey Bottle Tank to a fork. Taking the right fork, the walker follows the 5800 foot contour around Central Mountain for the next 5 kilometers. Views into Little Aguja Canyon are fantastic with sheer dropoffs of 1400 feet. The trail then drops into Trickey Gap Park in the canyon for a loss in elevation of 1000 feet. There is a nice park like area along the creek where walkers can enjoy a well deserved break. Continuing downstream for 2 kilometers, the trail joins the 10k walk at The Park for the return to scout headquarters. **Trail rating 5 due to altitude, elevation changes and rocky terrain.**

Event #4 - SW96-131 - 10 km walk - Sunday, Oct 13 - Start 0800 - 0900 hrs - Finish 1200 hrs

This event begins at the Headquarters of the Prude Ranch. The trail follows a dirt ranch road up the canyon through a substantial stand of oak trees to a jeep trail cut in the face of one of the mountains visible from the headquarters. Following the jeep trail around the mountain, great views of the entire Prude Ranch unfold below. The route meanders down a ridgeline after departing the jeep trail where it rejoins another ranch road for the return to the finish. **Trail rating 3+ due to cross-country stretch and elevation change.**

Event #5 - SW96-132 - 10 km walk - Sunday, Oct 13 - Start 0930 - 1100 hrs - Finish 1400 hrs

This event begins at the group picnic grounds at Davis Mountains State Park. **Participants are responsible for their own entrance fee to the park.** Support the Parks Department, buy a passport. The trail follows park roads through the campgrounds past the historic Indian Lodge Hotel and back through the campgrounds to the hiking trailhead. The route climbs out of the campgrounds to the top of a ridgeline where views into Hospital Canyon at the National Historic Site and other views to the east and southeast are spectacular. This is an elevation gain of 500 feet. Continuing along the ridgeline the trail joins the old road built to the top shortly after the turn of the century. Walkers will follow the old road back through a cut in the ridgeline where views of Limpia Canyon are predominant. The Cottonwood trees lining the creek should be in there yellow autumn splendor. The old road joins SH 118 at the base of the mountain for a short hike back to the finish in the park. **Trail rating 4 due to the altitude, elevation changes and cross country.**

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

No Refunds: The events will be held regardless of weather and 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 noncompliance with minimum water requirements.

Water: You are required to carry your own water. To receive a start stamp you must have a minimum of one quart per person on short routes (10km) and two quarts per person on trails longer than 10 km. We recommend more water when possible.

Clothing/Gear: The elevation ranges from 5000 to 6000 feet. Weather is Texas weather and your guess is as good as anyone's so plan accordingly. **We recommend hiking boots with lugged soles and reinforced toe box.** Long pants and long sleeved shirts are also recommended. Hats should be worn. Be prepared for changing temperatures.

Entrance Fees: All entrance fees will be handled by the individual except for the Scout Ranch. See the trail descriptions.

Event Fees: See registration blank. **All events are free of charge to those who do not desire IVV credit or an award** except for entrance fees which are required of all. Groups should call number below for information.

Preregistration Dates: All preregistrations must be received postmarked on or before **11 September, 1996**.

Awards: This year's two A-awards feature the ranch gates where we are hiking. Patches are shown actual size on back of flyer. All patches are 100% embroidered. We order only a limited number of awards. Awards will be guaranteed to preregistrants. After awards are depleted, persons desiring the awards will be required to pay any prorated surcharge imposed for a small reorder in addition to the \$1 late registration fee.

Campgrounds: Prude Guest Ranch 1-800-458-6232 Davis Mountains State Park 1-512-389-8900

Motels: We highly recommend the use of the Prude Guest Ranch for your stay in West Texas.

Prude Guest Ranch 1-800-458-6232 The Hotel Limpia 1-800-652-5517

Indian Lodge 1-915-426-3254 Fort Davis Motor Inn 1-800-80-DAVIS

Stone Village Motel 1-800-649-8487 Neill Museum B&B Inn 1-915-426-3838

Saturday evening social, meal and club meeting: The club will hold its annual membership meeting at the evening social and dinner on Saturday the 12th of October at the Banquet Room at the Prude Guest Ranch. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance through preregistration. Awards will be presented after the meal and special recognition given to various club members.

For Additional Information contact Garry Speir at 713-265-3772 evenings.

ons to: 5103 Plantation Colony Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478

For those not preregistering by 11 September 1996 the fees for all A-Awards and Patches will be increased by \$1.00.

Club Members Sign up for Work Friday Walk Saturday Walk Sunday Walk

West Texas Trail Walkers		Fee	Award	Event			
1996 Fort Davis Registration					\$2.00	Credit Only	1 Swim
		\$2.00	Credit Only	2 Ft Davis	Scout	5 State Park	Subtotal
		\$3.00	B-Award	Downtown	Ranch		
1					5		
2					5		
3					5		
<i>Place associated dollar costs in appropriate block as shown by 5's above. Subtotal across</i>							Total

Disclaimer and Acknowledgment: I have read the trail descriptions and the requirements and certify that I (we) am in sufficiently good health to undertake the walk(s) of the nature described. I understand the sponsors, The American Volkssport Association, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the National Park Service and the Prude Ranch Owners and Employees cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen articles, accident or injury of any kind at any time. Every reasonable effort will be made to make the event safe and enjoyable. I also understand I am responsible for carrying the required amounts of water and any snack/refreshments I may need on the trail.