

WEST TEXAS TRAIL WALKERS, INC.
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15th Club Event
10 and 20+ km Walks

October 7, 8, 9, 1994

**GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS, LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST
NEW MEXICO**



Field Headquarters - Queen RV Park

Hwy. 137 Eddy County, New Mexico

3 Sanctioned Events

SW 94 -305, SW 94 -306, SW 94 -307

Note: Restricted Start Times

This event sanctioned by the AVA in the IVV.



Eligible for credit toward IVV Achievement Awards.

Sponsor: West Texas Trail Walkers, Inc., is a nonprofit sports organization with the aim of promoting outdoor recreation and good health in West Texas.

Sanctioned: By the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). Participation counts for credit toward IVV achievement awards.

Location and Start: Guadalupe Mountains, Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico. Club field headquarters located at Queen RV Park, Queen, New Mexico on NM State Hwy 137

Event #1, Fri., Oct. 7 8 miles south of NM State Hwy 137 on Forest Road 540

Event #2, Sat., Oct. 8 12 miles south of NM State Hwy 137 on Forest Road 540

Event #3, Sun., Oct. 9 Sitting Bull Falls parking lot, end of Forest Road 276, north off NM State Hwy 137.

Finish: Same as start point.

Events: There will be three separate events all sanctioned and all with a different IVV stamp.

Start & Finish Times: Restricted start times are in effect due to safety requirements and potential trail support problems. There will be no exceptions!

			Start	Finish
Event #1	10 km walk	Fri., Oct. 7	1600-1715 hrs	1930 hrs
Event #2	10 km walk	Sat., Oct. 8	0800-1000 hrs	1400 hrs
Event #2	23 km walk	Sat., Oct. 8	0800-0830 hrs	1530 hrs
Event #3	10 km walk	Sun., Oct. 9	0800-0930 hrs	1400 hrs
Event #3	22 km walk	Sun., Oct. 9	0800-0830 hrs	1300 hrs

Eligibility: All persons and ages are welcome. Children under legal age must be accompanied by an adult. NO PETS allowed on trails.

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.

Requirements: Walk, or hike at your own pace. The trails are not suited for strollers, etc., or for running or jogging. The trails are in some instances cross-country (no trail). Generally the trails are flat with moderate climbing, however sections of the trail are rocky.

Water: You are required to carry your own water. You must have a minimum of one quart per person on short routes (10 km) and two quarts per person on medium routes (20 - 25 km) to receive a start stamp. *Water must be brought to start point.* There will be no water available at the start points for filling canteens.

Event fees: See registration blank. All events are free of charge to those who do not desire IVV credit or an award.

Preregistration: All preregistrations must be received postmarked on or before 15 September 1994. We order only a limited amount of awards. Awards will be reserved in the order preregistrations are received until the supply is depleted. Due to problems in reordering small quantities, it has become financially difficult to do so. We ask all who want awards to preregister. Any surcharge imposed by the manufacturer on small reorders will be passed on to the participants if not preregistered. This surcharge will be in addition to the \$1 late fee.

Facilities: Campgrounds available at Dog Canyon - west end Hwy 137 and at Queen RV Park. Queen RV Park has water and electrical hookups for RVs, a small but well stocked store and a cafe. Air travel/rental car through El Paso or Midland in addition to Carlsbad. Reservations at Queen RV Park (Field HQs for club) (505) 981-2439.

Motels: Carlsbad, New Mexico—All on Hwy 180/62 South and West

Motel 6 505/885-0011

Quality Inn 505/887-2861

Continental Inn 505/887-0341, Club admin. HQs in town

Stevens Best Western 505/887-2851, Site of Sat. evening banquet

Restaurants:

Jerry's, 24 hours, near Motel 6, Continental and Quality Inns.

Stevens Best Western, Dining room, Cocktail lounge.

Special park/club rules: No smoking on trails—No pets on the trails—Leave all gates as you find them—Do not disturb anything (plants, animals, rocks, etc.)—Take nothing—Leave only footprints—Pack out your own and any other trash found on the trail.

Awards: See sketches

Event #1 a few "B" awards and IVV certification and credit

Event #2 Patch #1 and IVV credit

Event #3 Patch #3 and IVV credit

Special Award Patch #2 - plain, 30 km and 55 km

Clothing/gear: The elevation is 4,680 to 7,400 feet. The mountains are noted for rapidly changing weather and strong winds. Dress accordingly. We recommend long pants—a hat is a must. Hiking Boots—The trails are rugged, some cross country, some hills and rocky footing. A hiking boot provides ankle support, traction and a higher degree of safety. A sole with a good tread is desirable. Give yourself a break and wear proper gear. No water or food available on trail; carry your own water and lunch snacks. Take a camera! The views from the ridges are fantastic. Small binoculars are also a good item to have. For more details call Leslie Forestier, 713/497-0764; Jay Spradling, 210/658-8576 or Garry Speir, 713/265-3772.

Saturday evening social, meal and club meeting: The club will hold its annual membership meeting at the evening social and dinner on Saturday the 8th of October at the Stevens Best Western Motel, 1829 S. Canal Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the club's secretary/treasurer through preregistration. A limited number of tickets will be available on Friday and Saturday morning at the walk start points until sold out. Awards will be presented after the meal and special recognition given to various club members. Menu: Full Mexican buffet including salads, dessert and beverages.

Local attractions: Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe National Park, McKittrick Canyon fall colors (10 km hike), Living Desert State Park (wonderful wildlife and plant exhibit), Local Historical and Art Museum (worth a visit). Come, stay a few extra days and make a vacation out of it.

Trails

Event #1: Fri., 7 Oct. 10 km Sunset Walk This is the easiest walk of all. It begins at a large overlook on the Rim Road (Forest Road 540), elevation of 6,692 feet. It follows the Rim Road south from the start to the 5 Points Vista (7,111 feet) for a total elevation gain of just over 400 feet. Spectacular views to the east over the canyons and Guadalupe Ridge and to the west across Dog Canyon and the mountains to the west. The area along the road is well forested to the east and open to the desert to the west. The road is well maintained. Trail rated 2 due to altitude and slight uphill. From 5 Points Vista the trail retraces itself back to the start. The sunset views (given good weather) should be outstanding.

Event #2: Sat., 8 Oct. 10 km Begins at the south terminus of Forest Road 540, elevation 7,217 feet, a well wooded forest area. No restrooms at start (plenty of trees). The route begins north on Forest Road 540 until it intersects a Forest Service pack trail approximately 1.6 miles north, at which time it turns east and heads down a ridge. While along FR 540, the views to the east and west are spectacular. On the pack trail, excellent views of the upper reaches of Dark Canyon. The trail descends into the canyon near Soldier Springs, a very nice canyon, well wooded with scenic canyon walls. At Soldier Springs the route intersects Forest Jeep Trail 307 and turns south on it and gradually climbs up Dark Canyon. Elevation at the Springs is 6,692 feet, a drop of 525 feet over

Trails (Cont'd)

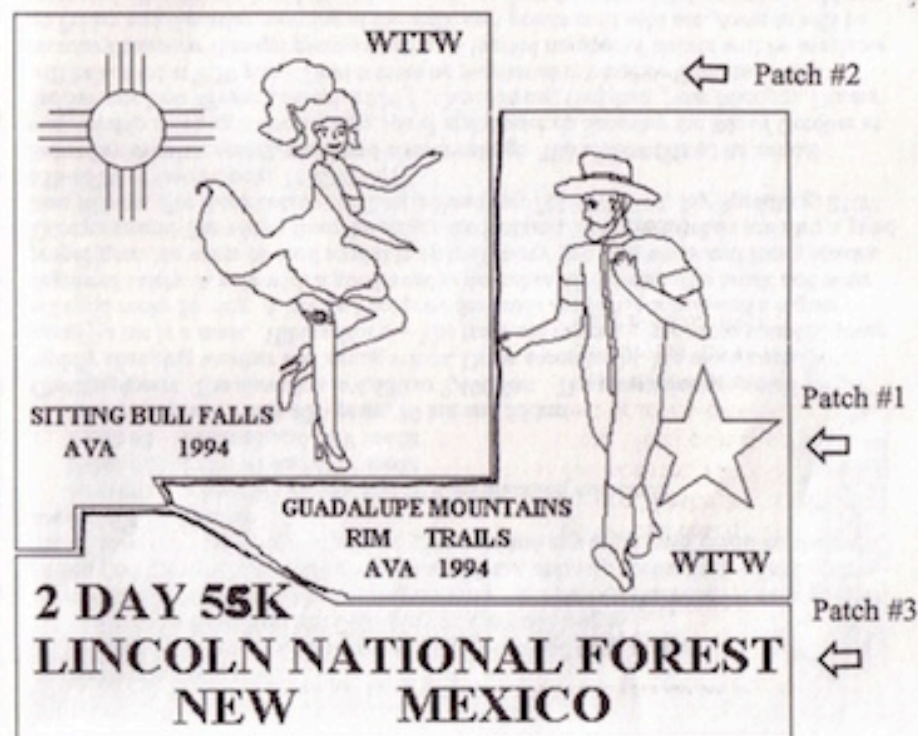
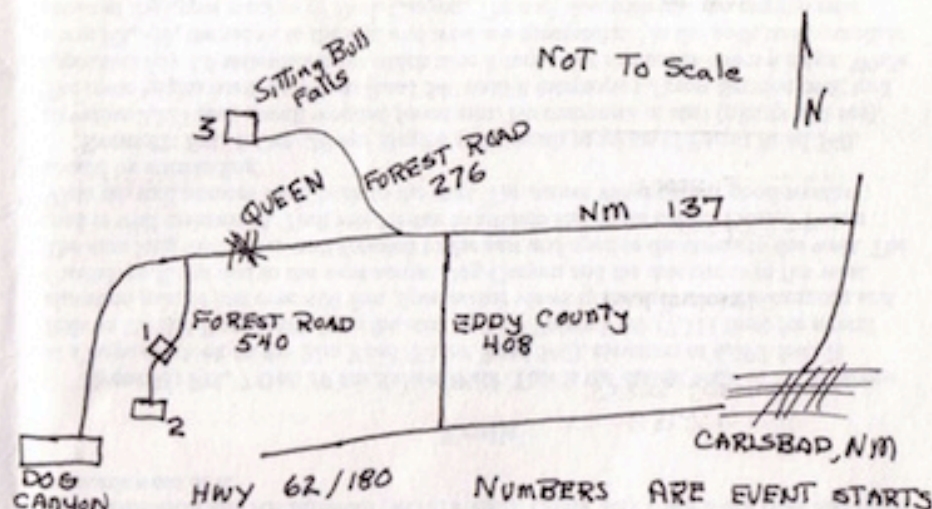
approximately 1.6 miles. After a short distance up the canyon, the route turns up a wooded slope onto a ridge regaining the lost 525 feet. The route intersects with Forest Road 201, the primary east/west ridge Jeep trail of Guadalupe Ridge (another 1.6 miles.) The trail then continues south onto Big Canyon Ridge, a well wooded and nice trail for the final 1.4 miles to a point with a beautiful view to the south before returning to the start. The last 1.4 miles is essentially at the same elevation. Trail rating 3+ due to altitude (mile, 3/8 high), elevation change—and rather rough trail surface in some sections.

Event #2: Sat., 8 Oct. 23 km Starts at same location as 10 km route but heads NE on Forest Road 201 and then turns north following Jeep Trail 307 down a ridge into Dark Canyon. 525 feet is lost in the first 1.6 miles to Soldier Springs. The trail is well wooded and after entering the canyon, excellent views of the canyon walls are obtained. The trail continues to follow the beautiful stream bed down Dark Canyon, a continual gradual descent as the route crosses and recrosses the stream. The next 5 miles the route loses approximately 459 feet of elevation before it intersects with Hooper Canyon Stream and enters the Widerer Valley portion of Dark Canyon with abundant large pines and other trees. The route then joins Forest Road 69 and turns east (losing another 131 feet from Hooper Canyon intersection). The route then intersects with Pack Trail 607 and turns south gaining 787 feet in one mile as it works its way up onto the ridge between Hog Springs and Fir Canyons. The ridge is wooded and gains increased vegetation with elevation. Once on the ridge, the route works its way south 1.2 miles until it intersects Jeep Trail 201 (the main Guadalupe ridge road) near Black River Springs. The trail to this point is in a nice forest with views primarily to the north, east and west. After reaching Forest Road 201, the route turns southwest and follows the Guadalupe Ridge. Excellent views to the south, west and north. A rocky trail in spots but one with a gradual climb gaining 328 feet over the next 4 miles. The woods are beautiful. Wildlife is plentiful. The Guadalupe Ridge leads back to the start/finish. Trail rating 4+ due to elevation—rough trail surface and one rather steep climb. Overall elevation loss/regain is 1,115 feet.

Event #3: Sun., 9 Oct. 10 km Starts at the parking lot of the Sitting Bull Falls Recreation Area at the terminus of Forest Road 276 off NM 137. Elevation 4,660 feet. Restroom and picnic tables available. The trail begins with a short walk to the base of Sitting Bull Falls, then retraces back past the start and begins a climb up Forest Trail 68 to the top of the falls. A checkpoint located at the top allows for a great view of the falls from on high. The trail then follows the stream bed past several pristine pools set in a wooded surrounding and on up the canyon to Sitting Bull Springs another quite pretty area awaits. Just past the pools, the 22 km trail splits off at elevation 4,960 feet, a gain of 300 feet to the pools. The 10 km trail continues up the canyon past the springs allowing for views of the intermediate vegetation between the creek bottom and the plateau. The trail breaks out of the canyon onto a rather flat plateau wooded with juniper, cedar and pines and continues on the plateau for a distance of 1.6 miles from the spring and an elevation of 5,600 feet (an additional gain of 640 feet from the pools area). A checkpoint here where the 22 km route rejoins and the trail loops around reentering the canyon above the springs and retraces to the start. Total elevation gain/loss is 940 feet. Rated 2+ due to altitude and elevation gain and some rough trail surface.

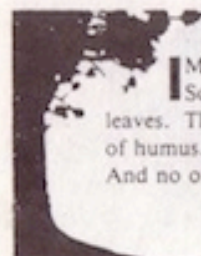
Event #3: Sun. 9 Oct. 22 km Follows 10 km trail (description above) to split just past pools. Trail then turns west following Pack Trail 215 and climbs out of the stream bed onto the west ridge line (a climb of 560 feet in .7 miles). After reaching the ridge the pack trail intersects Forest Road 525 and follows it through the varying vegetation/forest areas to the southwest. Excellent view to the north into Last Chance Canyon and beyond

Map to Lincoln National Forest



and back onto Sitting Bull Canyon and the area to the north. Good views to the south and west also. The area is used for cattle grazing, but deer were in abundance during the recon walks. The trail maintains essentially the same elevation until it rejoins the 10 km trail. Depending on local approval (not yet obtained), the trail's loop will either return to Forest Trail 68 along Hwy 137 or cross country between Forest Road 525 and Forest Trail 68. After rejoining Trail 68 at the 10 km checkpoint, it follows the 10 km trail past Sitting Bull Springs back to the start. Trail rating 3+ due to elevation, some cross country, rough surface trail in spots and elevation change of approximately 1,000 foot gain and loss.

Notice: The AVA president will be working a concession selling hot, cooked sausages at the start/finish on Sunday. Be sure and buy some and use the opportunity to tell her what you like/dislike, want changed, etc., in the AVA. A good chance for a light meal before the long drive home!



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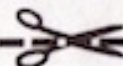
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☐ Family \$35 ☐ Foreign \$35
☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Student \$15
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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____



REGISTRATION FORM

(one person per registration form please)

Disclaimer and Acknowledgment: I have read the trail descriptions and the requirements and certify that I am in sufficiently good health to undertake the walk(s) of the nature described. I understand the sponsors, The U.S. Forestry Service, Queen RV Park and Stevens Best Western Motel 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. *Water not available at start points.*

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| A. Event #1 - 10 km walk - B Award (incl. IVV credit) | \$3.00 _____ |
| B. Event #1 - 10 km walk - IVV Credit only | \$1.50 _____ |
| C. Event #2 - 10/23 km walk - Patch (Incl. IVV credit) | \$5.00 _____ |
| D. Event #2 - 10/23 km walk - IVV Credit only | \$1.50 _____ |
| E. Event #3 - 10/22 km walk - Patch (Incl. IVV credit) | \$5.00 _____ |
| F. Event #3 - 10/22 km walk - IVV Credit only | \$1.50 _____ |
| G. Special Event Patch - Plain | \$5.00 _____ |
| 30 km | \$5.00 _____ |
| 55 km | \$5.00 _____ |
| I. Saturday Evening meal | \$10.00 _____ |

For those not registering by 15 September 1994, add \$1.00 to items C, E and G. Make checks payable to West Texas Trail Walkers. Send to Leslie Lorestier at address on reverse.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Signature _____

Note Club Members: Please sign up for work.

Fri. Walk _____ Sat. Walk _____ Sun. Walk _____

Workers Social Event Friday evening, free _____