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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.

Pole Canyon Ranch 2600 FM 689, Quitaque, TX 79255
N °34 '17 56" W °101 '7 49"

Caprock Canyon State Park, Quitaque, TX 79255
N °34 '24 48.31" W °101 '03 32.54"

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.

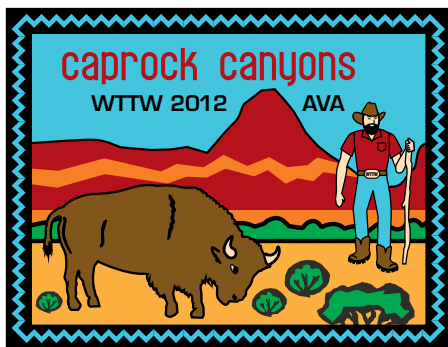
No Refunds: There will be no refunds for no shows and no transferring of fees between events. There will also be no refunds for those refused a start stamp due to non-compliance with minimum water requirements.

Event Fees: \$3.00 per walk with AVA credit.

Park Fees: Caprock Canyon State Park entrance fee is \$4 per person or Texas State Park pass. Please self pay at visitor's center if park not yet open. Pole Canyon Ranch entrance fee is \$5 per person.

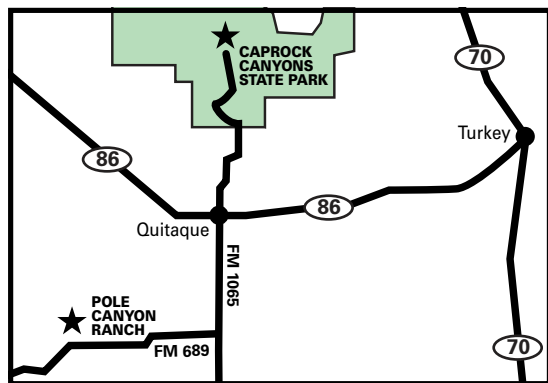
Pets: Not recommended due to wildlife, snakes, cactus and the probability of hot and dry conditions.

2012 Caprock Canyons Souvenir Patch: depicts the magnificent bison against the backdrop of the scenic red rock formations. Cost: \$6. Only 50 will be ordered.



Turkey, TX: Turkey is best known as the home of Bob Wills, the King of Western Swing. Wills was a barber in Turkey during the 1920's. Wills formed The Texas Playboys and their music introduced a new offshoot of county-western music known as "Western Swing."

Caprock Canyon State Park: Located 3.5 miles north of Quitaque (pronounced Kitty-Quay). It covers 13,906 acres and is located in on of Texas' most scenic regions. Erosion has carved the spectacular landscape at the edge of the caprock escarpment.



Pole Canyon Ranch: (2600 FM 689, Quitaque, TX 79255)
From SH 86 in Quitaque, drive 4 miles south on FM 1065. West (right) on FM 689 for 4 miles. Pole Canyon Ranch is on your right. Look for cattle guard and Pole Canyon sign. Enter and drive .25 miles to parking area. Start will be in the covered shelter behind ranch house.

Caprock Canyons State Park: (Quitaque, TX 79255) The park is 3.5 miles north of State Highway 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065.

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WEST TEXAS TRAIL WALKERS

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS

3 DAYS / 4 EVENTS

Caprock Canyons

October 5-7, 2012



Pole Canyon Ranch

October 5th – SW12/93125 – 5/11K

Haynes Ridge/Upper Canyon

October 6th – SW12/93126 – 5/12K

Lower Canyon

October 6th – SW12/93127 – 5/11K

Canyon Rim

October 7th – SW12/93128 – 5/11K

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Eligible for credit toward IVV Achievement Awards



Pole Canyon Ranch

Dates: Friday, October 5, 2012

Start Point: Pole Canyon Ranch

Walk Director: Linda Fields

Registration Open: 12:00 pm - 1:00

Finish Time: 5:00 pm

Distances: 5km (loop) or 11km (loop)

Rated: 2C (some sand, some hills)

Highlights: Red rock canyons and bluffs.

Trail Description: This ranch sits on 6,000 beautiful acres in the rugged caprock canyonlands. Enjoy beautiful red rock cliffs along two branches of Pole Canyon, from which the ranch was named. County marker on trail indicates trail is in both Briscoe & Floyd counties.

Restrooms: Only one restroom available at the start.

Worker's Walk: 8:30 am Thursday 10/4.

Directions: From SH 86 in Quitaque, drive 4 miles south on FM 1065. West (right) on FM 689 for 4 miles. Pole Canyon Ranch is on your right. Look for cattle guard and Pole Canyon sign. Enter and drive .25 miles to parking area. Start area will be in the covered shelter behind ranch house.



Haynes Ridge/Upper Canyon

Dates: Saturday, October 6, 2012

Start Point: North Prong Primitive Camping Parking Lot, Caprock Canyon State Park

Walk Director: Gary Silkworth

Start Time: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Distances: 5 km (out & back) or 12 km (loop)
May combine with Lower Canyon for 23 km.

Rated: 3D (extremely steep and rugged.)

Highlights: Fern Cave and fantastic views from Haynes Ridge Overlook.

Trail Description: Some portions of the trail are extremely steep and rugged. This trail may be combined with the Lower Canyon Trail for 23km, but Haynes Ridge must be done first.

Restrooms: No restrooms at the start. Stop at the visitors center or Honea Flat Camping area. Chemical toilet about 1 mile in on the trail.

Worker's Walk: 8:00 am Wednesday 10/3.

Directions: The park is 3.5 miles north of SH 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065. Turn left at park entrance. Pick up park map for directions to North Prong Parking.



Lower Canyon

Dates: Saturday, October 6, 2012

Start Point: North Prong Primitive Camping Parking Lot, Caprock Canyon State Park

Walk Director: Dianne Duke

Start Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Distances: 5 km (out & back) or 11 km (loop)
May combine with Haynes Ridge for 23 km.

Rated: 2C (sand, water crossings & some hills)

Highlights: Red canyon walls and great views of the caprock escarpment. Beautiful finale.

Trail Description: This is the easier alternative for Saturday. The trail walks along the canyon bottoms following the creek and crossing it many times. May be combined with Haynes Ridge for 23km, but Haynes Ridge must be done first.

Restrooms: No restrooms at the start. Stop at the visitors center or Honea Flat Camping area. Chemical toilet near the end of the trail.

Worker's Walk: 8:00 am Wednesday 10/3.

Directions: The park is 3.5 miles north of SH 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065. Turn left at park entrance. Pick up park map for directions to North Prong Parking.

Wine & Cheese Party

(FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS & NEW MEMBERS)

Meet & greet at our complimentary wine & cheese social.

When: Friday, October 5, 2012 @ 6:30 pm

Where: Hotel Turkey B & B, (outside back patio)
3rd & Alexander Avenue, Turkey, TX 79261

Annual Dinner & Meeting

Everyone welcome. Pre-registration is required to guarantee you a seat for dinner. **Pre-registrations must be in by September 10th.**

When: Saturday, October 6, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Tri-County Meals, 220 E. Main Street, Quitaque

Menu: BBQ brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, relish tray, bread, tea, coffee and Boston Cream Cake.





Canyon Rim

- Dates:** Sunday, October 7, 2012
- Start Point:** Covered Pavilion at Wild Horse Equestrian Camping Area, Caprock Canyon State Park
- Walk Director:** Frank Forestier
- Start Time:** 8:00 am - 9:00 am
- Finish Time:** 3:00 pm
- Distances:** 5 km (out & back) or 11 km (loop)
- Rated:** 2C (850' elevation gain)
- Highlights:** Nice views from the top.
- Trail Description:** One fairly steep uphill on the road between trail heads. Occasional views of the beautiful Canyons. Nice bench at the top to enjoy the view before heading down.
- Restrooms:** No restrooms at the start. Stop at the visitors center or Honea Flat Camping area.
- Worker's Walk:** 8:30 am Thursday 10/4.
- Directions:** The park is 3.5 miles north of SH 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065. Turn left at park entrance. Stop at Visitor's Center to pay and pick up park map for directions to Wild Horse Equestrian Camping Area.

Rules of the Trail

- » West Texas is extremely dry and can be very hot.
- » Come prepared for quick changes in temperature.
- » State Park requests one gallon of water per person.
- » Pack out what you pack in.
- » Please stay on the trail.



Official Texas State Bison Herd

Eighty descendants of the great Southern Plains bison herd that numbered in the tens of millions in the mid-19th century once again roam the range of their ancestors at **Caprock Canyons State Park**.

That means that for the first time since remnants of legendary Panhandle pioneer rancher Charles Goodnight's historic herd were introduced to the park in 1998, visitors will be able to have an up-close, Yellowstone-type encounter with the shaggy beasts.

Park superintendent Donald Beard says "This is first and foremost a restoration project, not an exhibit. We're not just showing the bison, but are restoring an indigenous animal to its native habitat. For park visitors, it will be like experiencing deer, roadrunners or any other wildlife in the wild. But it's important to remember that the bison have the right-of-way and need to be given a large buffer zone."

Did you know...

- » Bison are the largest land mammal in North America.
- » Bison can weigh up to 2,000 pounds.
- » They can sprint at 30 mph.
- » When bison become disturbed or agitated they tend to hold their tails upward in a "question mark" shape. Ever heard someone say "high-tailing it"? Early settlers knew that if they saw a bison in an agitated state with the tail raised, it was time to GET OUT OF THERE.

Please enjoy these magnificent creatures but do it from a safe distance.

Bison are not on the trails or in the campground.

Photo courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Places to Stay

CAPROCK CANYON STATE PARK

Camping & RV 512-389-8900

POLE CANYON RANCH (8 miles*)

Camping & RV 806-455-1446

TURKEY (9.5 miles*)

Hotel Turkey B&B 806.423.1151
Breakfast 6:00-9:00.

SILVERTON (17 miles*)

Silver Wind RV Park & Cabins 806.823.2166

MATADOR (38 miles*)

Hotel Matador B&B 806.347.2939
Newly remodeled
<http://www.hotelmator.com/>

TULIA (43 miles*)

Executive Inn 806.995.3248
Lasso Motel 806.995.3007
Liberty Suites 806.995.4300
Singletree B&B 806.995.4569

MEMPHIS (55 miles*)

Travellodge Memphis 806.259.3584

CHILDRESS (56 miles*)

Holiday Inn Express 940.937.0900
Hampton Inn & Suites 940.937.6515
Best Western 940.937.6353
Super 8 940.937.8443
Days Inn 940.934.0622
Comfort Inn 940.937.6363
American Inn & Suites 940.937.2506
Quality Inn 940.937.3434
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