

Johnie Haught Memorial Nature Trail

This trail was originally established in 1997 at Leonard Scout Reservation in Granbury. LSR served as a Longhorn Council Camp from the early 1960s through 1999. When LSR closed the trail was moved upstream to Worth Ranch. The terrain and wildlife here is very similar to that found along the original trail at LSR. The trail loops along the North side of Worth Ranch and can be used to get to the boat docks and the trail to the Island. It can also be used to go to the top of Kyle Mountain. Notice the 5 points of interest along the trail.

1. The Trailhead- this monument served as the trailhead at the original trail. It sat just below the dining hall. Johnie Haught was a great proponent for understanding the natural world. He once said it was a shame that Scouts can get on a bus to go camping and could identify every car along the way, but when they arrive at camp they have no knowledge of the trees around them.

2. The Horseshoe Falls- this waterfall is a product of many years of water runoff eroding the limestone bedrock. Similar waterfalls were found along the original trail. Be careful not to get too close to the edge because the stone along the edge is thin and could collapse at any time.

3. The Bottoms- before the Possum Kingdom Dam was built the Brazos River would periodically flood, bringing silt to the river bottoms area. This fertile soil nourishes the trees and other plants in the bottoms, creating a very different habitat from the one along most of trail. Notice the variety and size of trees found in the bottoms.

4. The fence line- the fence is the legal boundary of Worth Ranch. It is periodically cleared by the Order of The Arrow and serves as a firebreak. In the early days of Worth

Ranch, Scouts could cross the fence and hike to far off destinations such as Split Rock, Nelson Spring, and Schoolhouse Mountain. Because some Scouts didn't follow their Oath and Law, we must enjoy the surrounding areas only by sight. Do not cross any fence at Worth Ranch without explicit permission from the Camp Ranger.

5. Haught's Lookout- for most of the camp's history Scouts could only get to the top of Kyle Mountain by climbing to Hugo's Crack on the south side. Now hikers can go up to the top of the Mountain on the West side via Haught's Lookout and hike over to Hugo's crack or the banana tree (a tree that was split by lightning and survived). Look out and see the parade ground, Todd campsite, the river, and surrounding mesas.

Curry Nature Trail

This trail was designed and built to replace the old Kyle Mountain trail. This trail starts at the Kyle Mountain trailhead and ends at Hugo's Crack. It also connects the Two Coyotes Trail and the JHMNT.

Two Coyotes Trail

This trail connects the main part of camp with the newer McClure property which was added in 1998. Henry McClure ranched his property from the earliest days of the camp and even used his horse drawn wagon to transport the stones used in the original camp buildings. The two coyotes are two large boulders that seem to overlook the McClure property along this trail.

Pee Wee Walker Trail

This trail was built to connect the parade ground and New Dining Hall with the river bottoms. Take it to avoid going through someone else's campsite and to avoid the "dreaded" stairs of "Hernia Hill."

Worth Ranch Trails

The Kyle Mountain Trail System



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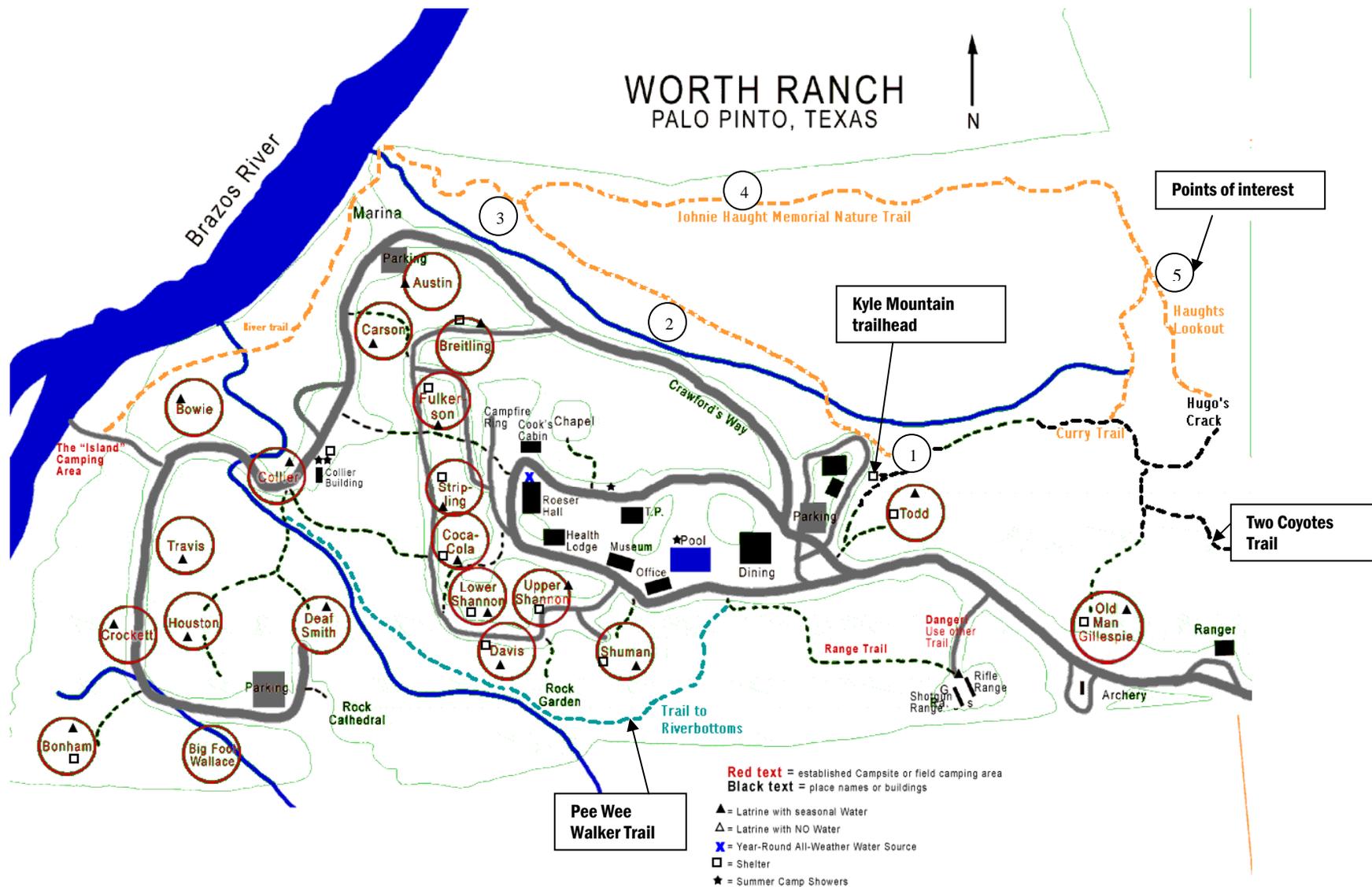
The Kyle Mountain trail system was developed to help Scouts and other visitors get from place to place at Worth Ranch - The Big Adventure. These trails serve as routes to remote locations at Worth Ranch and allow hikers to experience the natural surroundings of the Palo Pinto area.

An approved Longhorn Council camp reservation is required for any use of Worth Ranch and the Kyle Mountain trails. Contact the Camping Registrar, camping@longhorn.org, or use the reservation system at www.longhorncouncil.org.

Kyle Mountain Trail System- The trails are demarked as dotted lines, while solid lines are roads and creek beds.

Safe hiking includes the buddy system, water, and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.

NOTE: Hiking at Worth Ranch **REQUIRES** an approved camp reservation from the Longhorn Council Camping Registrar (except for summer camp participants).



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NOTE: Possession of this document does NOT convey permission to use Worth Ranch or the trail system

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