



Angostura Dart point (8000 years B.P.)



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YMCA Roberts Ranch Education. Nature Preserve. Research Center

Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023

Purpose: Provide a sustainable natural Hill Country area for the education and enjoyment for all.

Environmental Education

Summer Youth day field trips and week and residential camp

Texas Youth Hunting Program

Hunters Safety Certification

Archery Program

Junior Master Naturalist of the Hill Country

Texas Brigades

Angler Program*

ISD Educator Workshops* - education & in-service credits

Hill Country Homeschool

Higher Education Partnerships* - connect w research programs

Adult and Senior Workshops and Hikes

Disabled Adults

Family Hikes - Weekends and Holidays



Nature Preserve

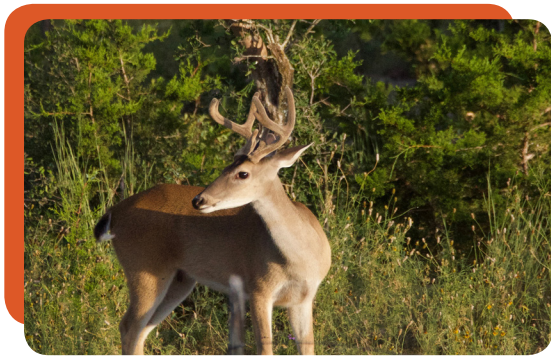
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| Camping | TYHP camping; Boy Scouts |
| Hiking Trails | Roberts Ridge • Warbler Walk • Casa Blanca Springs • Apple Valley • Robins Ridge |
| Guided Docent Led Tours | Interpretive hikes • Hill country during the Civil War • Archeology Cultural Resources • Geology tour • Managing the land for water |
| Hunting | TYHP • Hunting lease |
| Special Events | Picnics • 5/10k trail races • New Years Day hike • Dark Sky • Y branch events |
| Fishing | Pond and dam in need of repair. Angler activities not recommended. |
| Hunting | Important for land management initiatives |
| Special Events | Limited by indoor classroom space that needs HVAC |

Research

Property Density

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| Vegetation | Native plants • Non-native • Cedar • Oak Wilt |
| Domestic Animals | Cattle • Goats for lease • Sheep • Horses not recommended |
| Native Wildlife Assessment | White tail deer • Exotic surveys w/ Texas Parks & Wildlife • Monthly bird census |
| Non-native Invasive Animals | Assessed: Feral Swine • Aoudad • Sika |
| Watershed | 2019 with Stream Team partnership |

| Initiative | Action |
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| Vegetation | BioBlitz • Plant surveys • Invasive plants • Exclusion Fences for research |
| Grazing | Grazing Lease • Rotational Grazing Lease • EQIP Grant* |
| Water Resources | Stream survey* • Educational program development |
| Cultural Resources | Sites recorded with Historical Commission • Sites needing further investigation |
| Wildlife Hunting | Monitorin • Managed Lands Deer Program • Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP) Feral Swine Management • Lease Hunts* • Aoudad • Bow hunting |
| Wildlife Birds | Monthly census • Golden-cheeked Warbler Survey • Habitat recovery |
| Wildlife Herpetology | Surveys |
| Wildlife Butterflies | Monarch and Butterfly Surveys |
| Prairie Restoration | Controlled burns |
| Partnerships | Wildlife COOP • Texas Stream Team (TSU) • Trail Tamers of Austin • Hill Country Alliance • TWA • TYHP • NRCS • Texas Master Naturalists |



Property/Facility

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| Entrance | Install composting toilets • Designate shuttle parking • New fence • Branded sign |
| Roads | Annual maintenance of entrance to pavilion, pavilion to ranch house and Upper Ranch Rd. |
| Casa Blanca | Remodel for overnight use. Electrical, porch, and fence repairs needed. Interior needs plumbing upgrade, a bathroom, new flooring, paint, and furniture. |
| Pavillion | HVAC of enclosed classrom space • Commerical refrigerator • Freezer • Triple sink • Picnic tables • WiFi |
| Ranch House | Upgrade HVAC • Replace washer and dryer • Repair fence • Rebuild pumphouse |
| Bunkhouse | Evaluate space for mold • Repair roof • Install hot water heater • Install bathroom • Install kitchen • Add climate controlled storage |
| Cleaning Shed | Workroom for gear related to Abattoir • Storage for landscaping tools and fuel cabinet • Electrical repairs needed • New windows |
| Barn | Upgrade electrical outlets and lighting • Create an indoor workplace • Parking for vehicles |
| Fencing | Existing • New pastures • Water restricted |

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YMCA Mission: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.