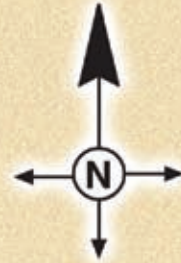


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# HIKING TRAIL MAP



-  East Canyon Trail 3 mi.
-  Silver Creek Trail 3 mi.
-  Circle Bluff Trail 1 mi.
-  Turkey Creek Trail 1 mi.
-  Windmill Ridge Trail 2 mi.
-  Blue Hole Trail 1/2 mi.
-  Roads
-  Windmill

PLEASE REMEMBER: When hiking, take plenty of water and at least one other person with you for safety. Sturdy footwear is very important. Always tell someone in your group where you are going, who is going, and when you expect to return. Respect the privacy of other camps and property boundaries. Please help us by picking up trash along the trails.

Trail descriptions are provided on back.

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**HIKING TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

### **East Canyon Trail**

This trail roughly follows the boundaries of the camp property on the east side of the river. Almost 3 miles in length, East Canyon Trail will take you to our northernmost Family Camp, or our southernmost camp, Echo Valley. It also has access trails that lead to and from the Singing Hills play field and Box Canyon which is located across the river from Laity Lodge. The trail basically skirts the many draws and headers that drop down to the river. Long distance views are sparse from this trail since the trees and undergrowth are dense. Be careful and watch your footing around Box Canyon. This section of the trail requires some technical skill.

### **Silver Creek Trail**

Traveling through the interior of the property, this trail is named after Silver Creek, a tributary watershed that flows year round into the Frio River. The starting point for this trail is our smallest campsite, Wind Song. The trail begins as a road which quickly turns into a jeep trail. The terrain is gently rolling as you spend the first half of your hike in the bottom of Silver Creek Canyon. You will be required to cross this shallow creek a couple of times along the way, but the water is never more than a few inches deep. At the upper end of Silver Creek Canyon, the trail loops up and back to Windmill Ridge. From the windmill, the trail descends down Heartbreak Hill road where it rejoins the main trail. Most of the terrain along this trail has been recently cleared, providing hikers with many views. The total length of Silver Creek Trail is 3 miles. No technical climbing skill is required.

### **Circle Bluff Trail**

This well-marked, one-mile trail follows the upper ridge of the western side of the Frio Canyon. The trail provides hikers with a variety of rolling terrain and includes glimpses into Silver Creek Canyon as well as exceptional views of the Frio River. The terminal point of this trail is Circle Bluff which rises 400 feet from the river. From this vantage point, you can see downriver all the way to Black Bluff at Laity Lodge which is your starting point. You will also be looking down on the future site of Laity Lodge Family Camp and Linnet's Wings campsite. This trail requires no technical climbing skill, and it provides hikers with a couple of benches along the way for you to rest and enjoy God's handiwork!

### **Turkey Creek Trail**

Beginning on the main road into the foundation property about 1/4 of a mile from the highway entrance, this trail works its way down to Turkey Creek. It then follows this tributary to its junction with Silver Creek. The upper portion of this trail has a couple of "switchbacks" and travels through dense growth of hardwoods and cedar until it opens up at the creek bottom. No technical climbing skill is required. However, hikers need to be careful as always about loose rocks and unstable footing. The trail is approximately 1 mile.

### **Windmill Ridge Trail**

This trail begins and ends at Circle Bluff and traverses the area commonly referred to as "backside campground." The upper portion of the trail follows a rough road to Windmill Ridge where it drops down into a camping area used by Laity Lodge Youth Camp. The trail then loops around to the northernmost boundary of the property and eventually climbs a long ridge where it reconnects with Circle Bluff. Portions of this trail are actually roads, and hikers should watch for trail markers which will indicate when the trail departs a road. This trail is approximately 2 miles long and requires no technical climbing skill.

### **Blue Hole Trail**

This short trail rises sharply from Blue Hole up to Circle Bluff. The elevation of this trail changes 400 feet in only 1/2 mile and requires some technical climbing skill. After crossing the river at the headwaters of the Frio River along the Eastern fence line of the property, the trail doubles back downriver about 50 yards where it begins its ascent along the ridge leading up to Circle Bluff.