

TTSBE CLUB DIG AT SOLEDAD RANCH

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Date: February 24th – 25th, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 7:30 pm (Saturday) 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (Sunday)

Location: Soledad Ranch [Please refer to the map (Page 3) and GPS coordinates (Page 4)]

**** Please read, sign and deliver the “Hold Harmless” agreement (Page 6) to Simon by February 17th or earlier**

**** Please provide headcounts to Simon by February 17th**

Reminders

1. You are responsible for bringing all tools necessary to complete the dig. This includes shovels, gloves, pruners, saws, pots, bags, soil, etc.
2. Everyone should sharpen and oil all shovels, picks, shears and equipment to make the experience smooth and all the cuts clean. It makes a huge difference in collecting!
3. You may soil the plant currently growing in to fill the pots. But please fill the holes afterwards to prevent injuries to cattle/cows.
4. Mark all tools with your name and bright fluorescing color strips for easy identification.
5. If you bring pots, make sure your name/mark can be easily and clearly identified.
6. Prepare "marking" mechanism to mark the trees you want to dig up.
 - a. Be creative - Don't all show up with stretchy green gardening tape or silver duct tape.
7. No electricity within the ranch. Any power saws/tools must be battery operated. Take along extra battery packs.
8. Bring lots of water (some for you and some for the plant) and special dietary snacks.
9. Have your pots ready to go, i.e. wire, if needed.
10. Be warned and be careful of snakes, scorpions, cacti and other things that bite and poke.
11. Deet sprays and snake bites kits are highly recommended.
12. Please provide your cell phone number to Joey/Simon.
13. We encourage people to dig in at least pairs for safety and quicker collection.
14. Stay up to date with your tetanus vaccination.
15. Expect the unexpected and enjoy the dig.

Supplies to bring and share

- ❖ Simple plastic garbage bags with a drawstring.
- ❖ Stretch film which can be bought at office supply stores as well as Lowes or Home Depot.
- ❖ Newspaper can be wet and packed among the roots in the plastic to keep them hydrated.

Courtesy

- 1) Please respect the owners' land by filling in all holes dug and not disturbing other infrastructure and nature.
- 2) To keep their property neat, please do not drive on the property other than designated parking areas.

Fun times from previous visit

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Accommodations

You can camp around the Trailer house, starting Friday (February 23rd) evening. You will also need to provide the headcount for campers by February 16th. The camping area is surrounded by a fence and will protect you from over friendly cows/cattle. Bring all required camping equipment. Mosquito repellent is a must. Ticks repellent is also highly recommended. It is a rustic ranch, there are critters, insects and wildlife.

Hotel closet to the ranch is in Hebbbronville, Texas

[Best Western Hebbbronville Inn](#)

Address: 37 E State Highway 359, Hebbbronville TX 78361-4428

Phone number: (361) 527-3600

Directions: Page 5

Food (Provided by Nilda and her sister)

Saturday: Breakfast tacos, lunch and dinner

Sunday: Breakfast tacos and lunch

Snacks and non- alcoholic drinks: Available during the dig


BYOB: Prepare your own beverages (alcohol) for your entertainment and for sharing

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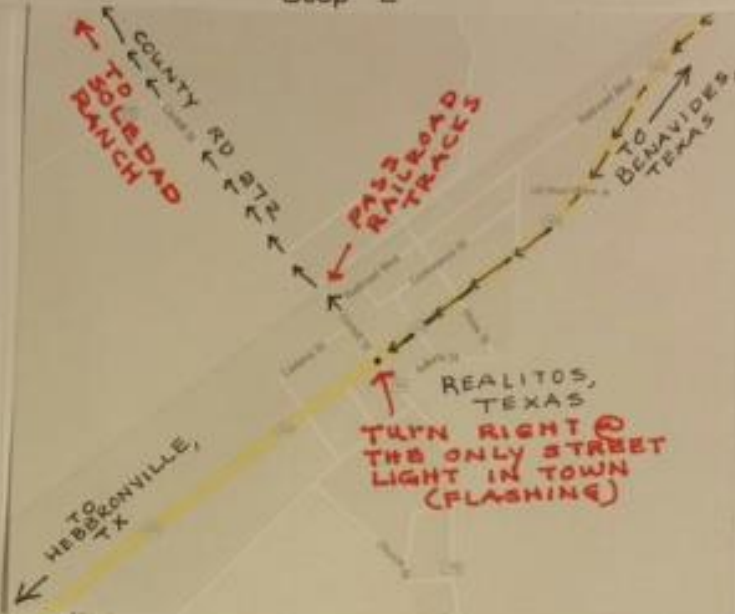
DIRECTIONS TO SOLEDAD RANCH

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Step 1
AUSTIN, TX TO REALITOS, TX
Drive 236 miles, 3 h 37 min




Step 2




Step 3
Drive 1.5 miles, 6 min



Flashing light in Realitos, Tx
(turn right at light) and continue for approx. 1.5 miles to arrive at destination

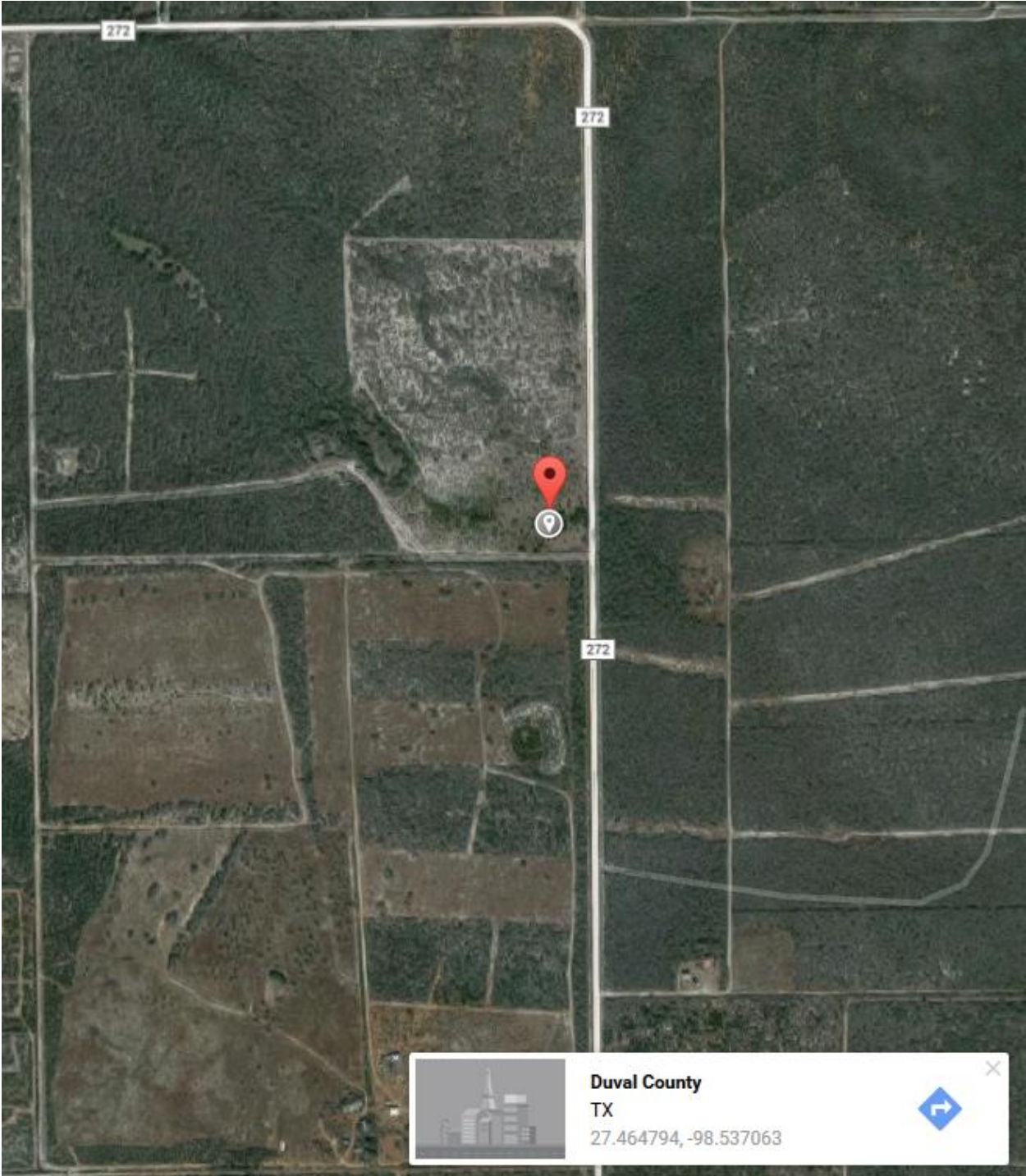


Entrance to Soledad Ranch (on left hand side)



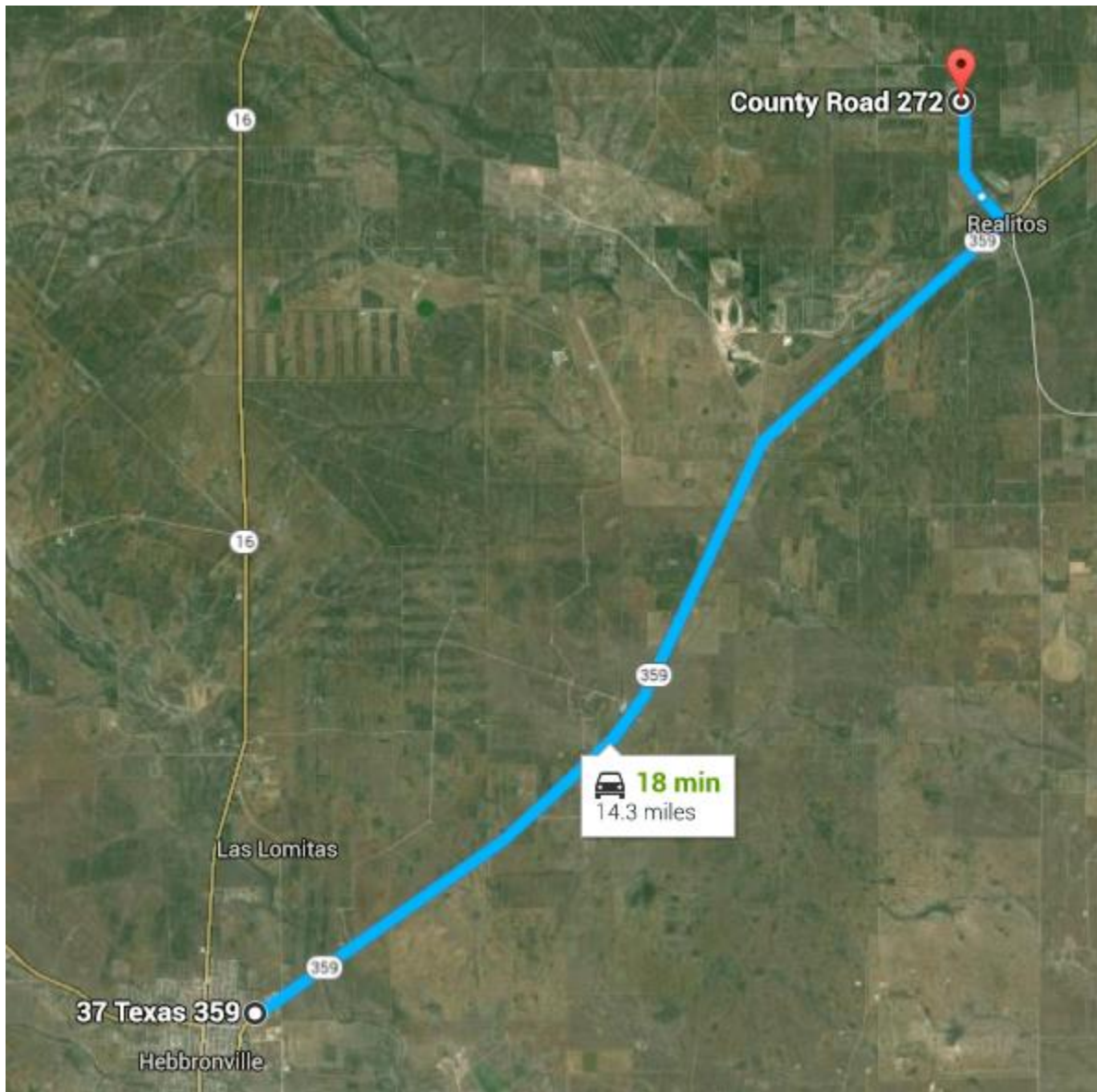
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GPS INFORMATION: 27.464794, -98.537063



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DIRECTIONS FROM SOLEDAD RANCH TO HEBBRONVILLE BEST WESTERN HOTEL



RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Bonsai dig at Soledad Ranch February 25-26, 2024

All participants and observers must present a signed *Release and Hold Harmless Agreement* to be admitted to the Soledad Ranch dig.

Participant (please print) _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate and/or observe in this bonsai dig, I, the undersigned, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release, waive forever discharge and covenant not to sue the Texas State Bonsai Exhibit or the owners of Soledad Ranch, their respective officers, members and employees and the individual instructors and assistants, and all their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and each of them, all for these purposes referred to as the "Releasees", from any and all liability to me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for any and all loss or damage and any and every claim, demand, action or right of action of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, arising or to arise from any damage to or loss of my property or any injury to my person and/or resulting in my death, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise, while I am participating in and/or observing the bonsai collection trip or dig.

I further agree to indemnify the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability or costs Releasees may incur to me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and as well to other legal entities and persons, their heirs, executors, administrator and assigns, due to my presence and/or participation in this bonsai dig, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or not.

I future agree that this release, waiver, indemnity agreement and covenant not to sue is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas; and that in any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I fully recognize the possible risks involved where sharp tools and or power tools and other instruments are in use, including flying debris and other risks in general including specifically the risk of property damage, bodily injury or death due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while I am observing or participating in the bonsai dig. I voluntarily assume responsibility for all those risks.

I have carefully read the foregoing Agreement and know its content and sign this agreement as my own free act.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____