

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM


BIG SLOUGH WILDERNESS

DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Big Slough Wilderness on the Davy Crockett National Forest as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by Public Law 98-574, October 30, 1984.

Signed

5/6/91
Date


JOHN E. ALCOCK
Regional Forester

BIG SLOUGH WILDERNESS BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Big Slough Wilderness is located on the Davy Crockett National Forest in Houston County, Texas, and part of U.S. Tract # K-1b-I, bounded generally on the east by the Neches River, on the south by U.S. Tract # K-39 and U.S. Tract #K-1b-I, on the west and north by Forest Development Road (FDR) #517 and private land.

The Wilderness Boundary is delineated on U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale 7 1/2 minute topographic quadrangles Forest, Kennard NE and Ratcliff (Modified for USDA Forest Service use). Where actual field survey bearings and distances were not available, courses were digitized from the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, using the above named quads, and therefore should be considered approximate. Survey bearings are based on True North and digitized bearings are based on Grid North.

THE POINT OF BEGINNING and POINT #1, a point which is Corner 9 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I on the right or west bank of the Neches River and is the most northern corner of this tract which is the Antonio Barrazo Survey, Abstract No. 5 common to the most eastern corner of the Jean Batiste Boden Survey, Abstract No. 12, marked by an iron pipe with an aluminum cap;

Thence in a southerly direction, along tract boundary down stream and with the meanders of the right or west bank of the Neches River 34,386 feet to Point #2, a point which is Corner 10 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I and also Corner 4 of the G.I. Mason Survey, dated November 16, 1922, and now U.S.A. Tract #K-39;

Thence S44°50'W, 2,600 feet along the tract boundary to Point #3, a point which is Corner #11 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I (Forest Service standard concrete post marked K-18), and also Corner 1 of the G.I. Mason Survey (U.S.A. Tract #K-39);

Thence S45°20'E, 1,663 feet along the tract boundary to Point #4, a point which is Corner 12 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I and also Corner 2 of the G.I. Mason Survey (U.S.A. Tract #K-39);

Thence N44°40'E, 1,109 feet along the tract boundary to Point #5, a point on the right or southerly bank of the Neches River which is Corner 13 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I and also Corner 3 of the G.I. Mason Survey (U.S.A. Tract #K-39);

Thence in an easterly direction along tract boundary down stream and with the meanders of the right or southerly bank of the Neches River 1,419 feet to Point #6, a point on the southerly bank of the Neches River which is Corner 14 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence east, leaving the river and following tract boundary along a line of private land 653 feet to Point #7, a point on the right or west bank of the Neches River which is Corner 15 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence in a southeasterly direction along tract boundary down stream with the meanders of the right or west bank of the Neches River 502 feet to Point #8, a point on the right or west bank of the Neches River which is Corner 16 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence leaving the river and following tract boundary S85°00'W, 277 feet to Point #9, a point which is Corner 17 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence with tract boundary S05°30'E, 1,729 feet to Point #10, a point which is Corner 3 of the Benj. Easley Survey, dated June 27, 1861, an Iron Stake near a fence corner and also Corner 18 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence with tract boundary N70°10'W, 3,122 feet to Point #11, a point which is Corner 19 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence leaving tract boundary and continuing the same course of N70°10'W, 314 feet(digitized) to Point #12, a point that is on a line 33 feet north of and perpendicular to the centerline of (FDR) #519;

Thence in a southwesterly and westerly direction along a line 33 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) #519 with a digitized distance of approximately 8,772 feet to Point #13, a point 33 feet north of the centerline of (FDR) #519 and 33 feet east of the centerline of (FDR) #511;

Thence in a northwesterly direction along a line 33 feet easterly of and parallel to the centerline (FDR) #511 with a digitized distance of approximately 2,719 feet to Point #14, a point 33 feet easterly of the centerline of (FDR) #511 and 33 feet southeasterly of the centerline of (FDR) #517;

Thence in a northerly and northeasterly direction along a line 33 feet easterly and southeasterly of the centerline of (FDR) #517 with a digitized distance of approximately 19,040 feet to Point #15, a point 33 feet southeasterly of the centerline of (FDR) #517 at its terminus;

Thence leaving the 33 feet offset line of (FDR) #517 and following a digitized line N35°26'W, 1,933 feet to Point #16, a point in line between Corners 8 and 9 of U.S.A. Tract #K-1b-I;

Thence along the tract boundary N45°10'E, a digitized distance of 3,666 feet to Point #1 and THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Big Slough Wilderness containing in aggregate 3,032 Acres more or less, as digitized from the above named quadrangle maps.

Certified by John W. Beasley
John W. Beasley
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