

that the owner and I had discussed--and produced the visibility that created accessibility to the fence. As I finished up the 3rd evening I punched out a second entrance. The end effect was more than just a route for the fence person to drive and with tools, t-posts. It was a gorgeous trail, a mosaic of tall trees and brush with lots of opening for excellent wild life habitat.

The owners returned with their friends, trailers and horses and immediately took off into their broad new trail. By the time they came out the second entrance, they had decided to continue the work. The continued work was beyond the focus of the fence trail. I created several more entrances and openings, leaving or reducing large dead fall to benefit wildlife habitat. At the end of the sixth day NT had modified 20 acres.

Work was extended two more weeks to put in 75% more mixed wooded and pasture trails. Riders could now ford or jump creeks, sometimes riding single file, sometimes three abreast, by deer blinds and food plots.

At the end of the trail for fence repair we got to a second, year-round creek. The owner and I discussed a trail with a view of that creek to the pasture, and NT began work on that. This left a big area untouched. We decided on a circle trail connecting two short cut trails, which provided two more entrances. (This added 4 more days.) The end result was that riders now had a smorgasbord of choices of where they would go riding each day!

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This giant cedar tree by the fenceline remains.



Here is a feeder by the creek.



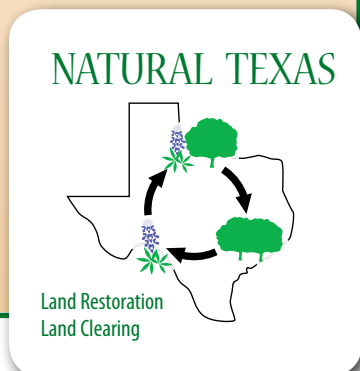
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A 288-acre ranch in Bellville needed to have land cleared so a crew could get to and repair a fence on the property line. I was hired for three days to clear the area adjacent to the fence. When I drove in from Austin the owner, the surveyor, the neighbor (who leases the pasture) and the fence guy were there. I could tell they didn't know what to think about forestry mowing (I heard the fence guy say he was afraid he would get flats; the surveyor was agreeing and the rancher was noncommittal).

I worked from one corner of the fence line (the fence was was mostly lying on the ground) to a corner right in the center of a creek bed while they watched expectantly. In 30-45 minutes I had cleared to the creek. The rancher said "My sons and I couldn't have cleared that much by hand in a month!" I drove my Tacoma over the mulch and said "I've been driving over mulch for ten years in my Tacoma and have never had a flat." That took care of the fence guy's anxieties, and was the beginning of these guys becoming advocates of Natural Texas forestry mowing.

The next two days I cleared as close to the creek as possible (allowing for gullies, washes and the likes) and got to the next property corner on the creek. I worked gradually with my crew--keeping in mind the choices and their implications concerning the land

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This property is in Bellville, Texas. In the center is an overall map of the property showing trails, wildlife management areas, etc. that we created. The pictures to the left and right illustrate the different types of work we did.



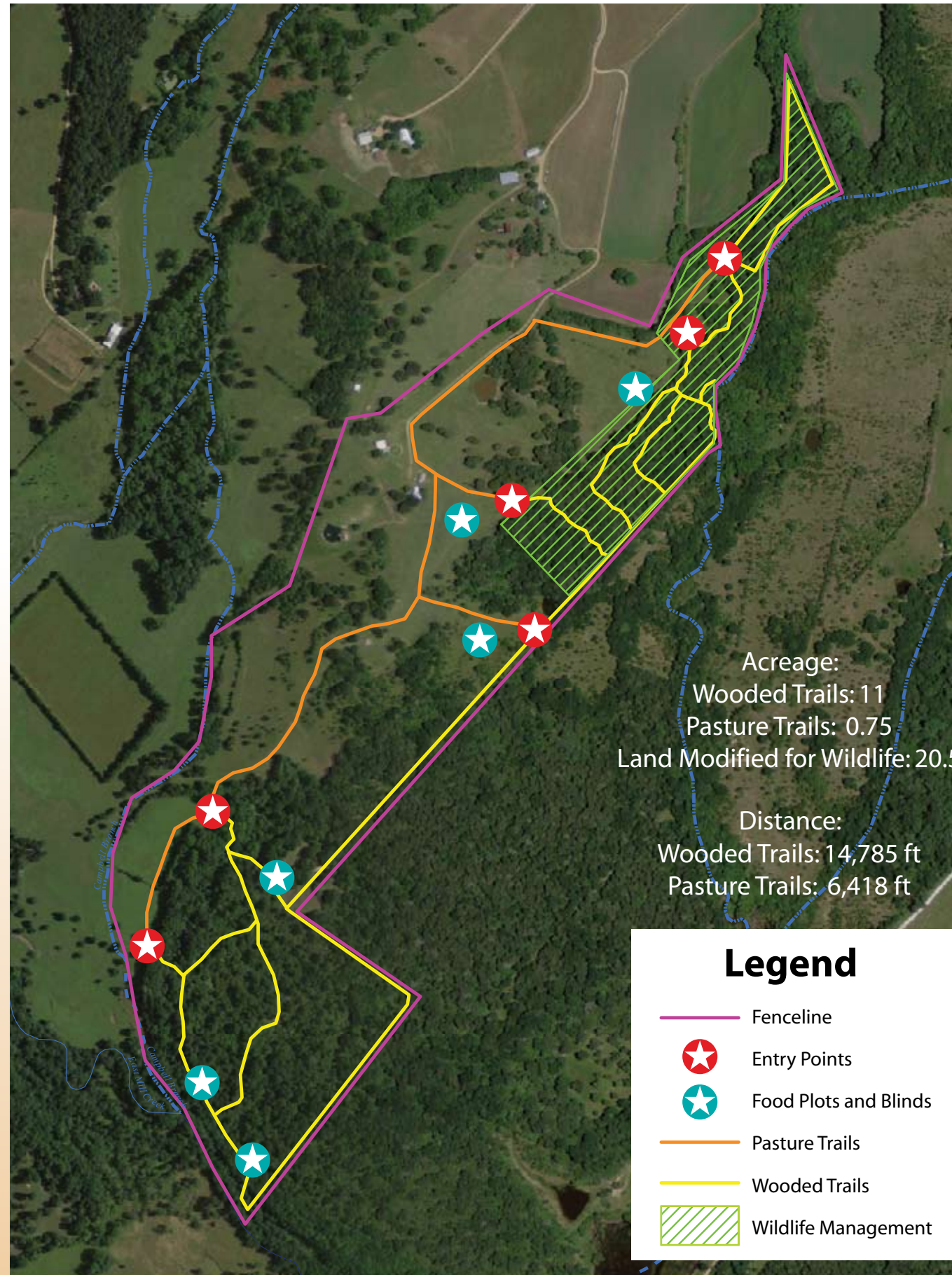
★ This entry point to the trail starts from the house.



— Along the fenceline, we created a fire break.



▨ Here we left some dead trees for wildlife habitat.



— A shady trail in the woods.



— Long evening shadows create drama on this pasture trail.



★ This food plot will be an attraction for wildlife.