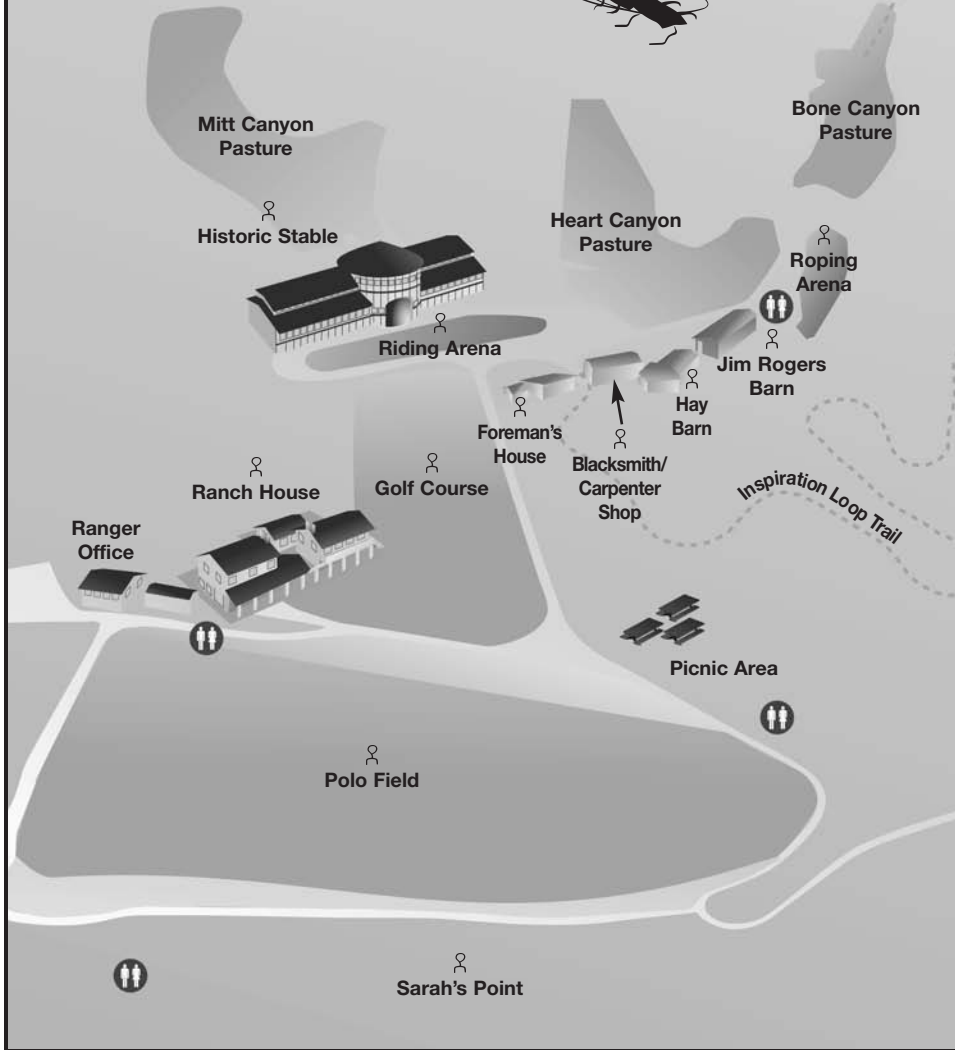


Will Rogers

STATE HISTORIC PARK











Will Rogers State Historic Park Self-Guided Tour

*"It's not really a ranch, but we call it that.
It sounds big and don't really do no harm."*

— Will Rogers

Enjoy a walk around the Park to see the ranch that Will Rogers created . . .

-  **Polo Field:** Work began on the polo field in 1926 and continued for about 2 years. Polo competed with roping as Will Rogers' favorite pastime. He often invited 20 or more friends over on a Sunday for polo and lunch.
-  **Sarah's Point:** Named for the family's pet Brahma calf, Sarah's Point was used to stage polo matches. It now has fenced areas that are used as pastures or for special events.
-  **Golf Course:** Although he didn't play golf himself, in 1929 Will built a two-hole course on the lawn for his best friend, Broadway song & dance man Fred Stone.
-  **Hay Barn, Blacksmith/Carpenter Shop & Foreman's House:** These were the working buildings of the ranch, where the full-time blacksmith and the many carpenters worked. The hay barn was full of feed, hay, and other supplies for Will Rogers' horses. Tex Wheeler, the artist, lived for a time in the Foreman's House.
-  **Jim Rogers Barn:** Named for Jim Rogers, youngest son of Will Rogers, this reconstructed barn was known as Jimmy's Barn by the family. Jim Rogers stabled his polo horses there until the 1940s. The barn was dismantled at the request of Betty Rogers in order to donate the lumber, in short supply due to wartime rationing, to a relative's house building project.
-  **Roping Arena:** Will Rogers' wife, Betty, said that Will liked calf roping best of all the things he did. As soon as he got home from the studios, he would be on horseback, roping with his friends or teaching his children to rope. The small corral built of sticks is a pen for holding goats, which Will also liked to rope.
-  **Historic Stables and Riding Arena:** Referred to as "the barn" by the family, the stable was of the hub of activity at the ranch. Will Rogers brought two stables up from the San Fernando Valley, and joined them with an elegant rotunda. The riding ring was built in front of the stables to practice trick riding.
-  **Ranch House:** The ranch house started as a 6-room cabin, and became a 31-room home with large windows overlooking Will Rogers' favorite views. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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