



In the fall of 2015 the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club (WMBC) was granted permission to develop multi-use nature trails at a city owned 100-acre tract overlooking Lake Weatherford. The property features a diverse mix of soils, trees and grasses typical of the region bisected by several utility rights-of-way, a gas well site, several electric infrastructure sites and gravel roads. The great asset of the tract (in the eyes of the mountain bike community) is the 140+ vertical feet of undulating hills meandering from the southwest to the northeastern limits of the land. Many of the hillside peaks are highlighted by numerous scenic views of the lake and eastern Parker County. The WMBC could not be more thrilled to have this opportunity to develop trails on this property for benefit of the citizens of Weatherford.

Throughout the fall of 2015 the WMBC made many site visits to study the hills of this tract. The goal was to find the best trail route; a route that would reward the trail user with the best the land had to offer. All ideas were accepted by members of the WMBC as to where the trail should be built. In late October all designs were consolidated into a single concept trail alignment combining all of the best ideas into one vision. In November 2015 the parks and recreation department approved the submitted concept trail alignment map. In January 2016 the WMBC began trail construction with the ultimate goal of creating over 8 miles of soft surface, multi-use nature trails on the site.

With a clear direction of where the WMBC desires to build the trail the discussion of what to name the trail commenced. At subsequent WMBC club meetings we began accepting names for the trail. The Club set a deadline for naming the trail accepting over 20 unique titles. It was agreed that the trail name should be representative of not only the land, but the heritage of the community. After much deliberation we all agreed on the name, Quanah Hill.

The WMBC feels the name, Quanah Hill, symbolizes not only the heritage of our community, but also describes the land on which these trails will traverse. Quanah Parker was a great Comanche leader with ties to Parker County. The hills throughout this 100-acre tract are ones that Quanah would have admired. It is with respect that the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club request that this land forever be known as Quanah Hill.