



Information about the trail

In order to get on base to hike the trail, all adults need a sponsor (one per group), photo ID, and vehicle registration and insurance. For assistance finding a sponsor, please e-mail troop23maxwell@yahoo.com at least 2 weeks before your hike. Sponsors should contact the 42nd Security Forces Squadron at 334-953-7222 several weeks before the scheduled hike to obtain information about specific requirements to enter the base and conduct the hike.

- It is around 5.2 miles long
- There is also an extended version that adds another 7 miles, for a total of 12.2 miles.
- It includes many historic sites, such as the location of the Wright Brothers School.
- Patches are available for purchase by emailing Troop 23.

Boy Scout Troop 23, Maxwell Air Force Base Montgomery Alabama

The Boy Scouts on Maxwell AFB have maintained a historical trail since 1976. It highlights the rich history of the area and of the Air Force.

Troop 23 meets at the Scout Hut (marked on the map) on base every Monday at 6:30 PM.

Contact Information

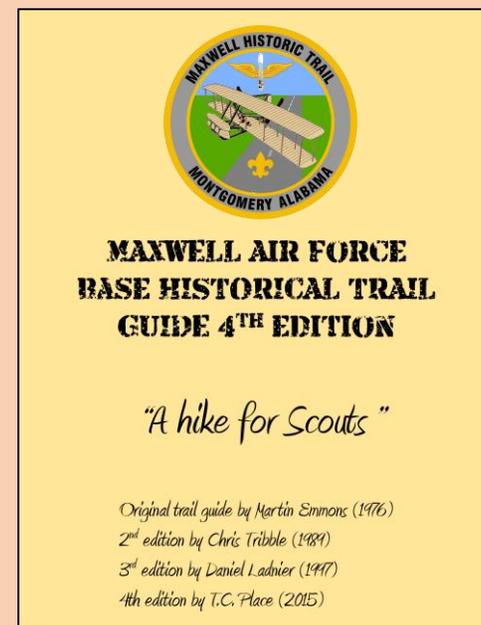
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History of the trail

The Trail was established in 1976 by Boy Scouts of Troop 23, located on Maxwell. Martin Emmons was the first to create the Trail as his Eagle Scout project. The Trail was opened in June of that year, leading walkers past a variety of historic sites.

By 1989 numerous additional historical points of interest on the base had been identified, and 101 base buildings had been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Chris Tribble of Boy Scout Troop 23 undertook the revision of the trail, adding many new commemorated historical sites, refining the trail, and establishing an abbreviated trail for less hearty hikers. He also rewrote the trail brochure. The revisions went into effect in January 1989.

The third revision of the trail was accomplished by Daniel Ladnier also of Troop 23 for his Eagle Scout project. Changes to street names, additional monuments and historical events since the previous revision were added, and the new trail opened in February 1997.

“A hike for Scouts”

The current version of the trail is the fourth revision one, created by Thomas C. (T.C.) Place of Troop 23, also as an Eagle Scout Project. He updated the route, designed a new historical trail patch, and added color pictures to the trail guide.

There is no cost to hike the trail. Adults must have base access or be sponsored by Troop 23 and must accompany Scouts or other minors at all times. A Maxwell Historical Trail patch is available for purchase from Boy Scout Troop 23 to hikers who complete it.



The Maxwell AFB Historic Trail map

The Maxwell Historic Trail is open to everyone. Since Maxwell is a U.S. military installation, certain regulations must be followed for entry to the base, and while walking the trail. Additional details on these requirements are in the online trail guide.

Participation of groups in hiking the Trail in no way obligates the U.S. Government or the U.S. Air Force in case of accidents or injuries. For off base groups hiking the Trail, entrance must be made at the Maxwell Blvd. gate. Vehicles must park at the Visitor's Center; located at the start of the trail.