

Suggestions (Update 1; 27 Mar 2013)

[Note: Please visit this page for updates].

Refreshments:

Please provide your own refreshments (if any) in a cooler or bag. Drinking water is especially important to bring; there is no source of drinking water at the cemetery.

Bathrooms

There are no bathrooms or similar facilities at the cemetery. There are distant trees that can be used in an emergency. Please bring toilet tissue, wet wipes, etc. as you wish and may need. The travel time by shuttle from the cemetery to the parking area is about 10 minutes. The travel time from the parking area to the nearest public facility (in Yoakum) is about 15 minutes for a total time from the cemetery to the nearest public facility of about 25 minutes.

What to Wear

The current forecast (expect changes between now and then) is for a low about 60 (early in the morning) and a high about 70 (by mid-afternoon). Long pants (jean weight; briar resistant), jackets, long-sleeved shirts (consider layers), hats, and leather gloves are advised for those who will be tending the cemetery. All the same except perhaps the gloves are advised for those who will just be attending the short, afternoon visitation. Even then, gloves are advised if there will be any reaching near gravestones to prevent briar pricks or the unlikely but possible strike from a bee, wasp, spider or snake. We don't believe there is any active poison ivy remaining, but that possibility is another reason to have long pants, boots, long sleeves and gloves.

Another reason sturdy boots are important is that the ground is very uneven and is a tripping hazard, partly due to feral hogs rooting for wild onions and digging up the ground in all directions.

What to Bring (tools)

The heavy work is done except for a few more stumps that need to be removed. For those who will be tending the cemetery in the morning and/or the afternoon, the most important tools to bring include (examples illustrated in the photo):

- Strong rake with sturdy teeth for scratching and leveling and snaring small vines and roots

- Lawn rake for collecting vines and other light debris

- Hand shears/clippers for clipping vines and roots

- Long-handled shears for clipping larger vines and roots

- Gardening tools (hand rake, trowel, etc.) for leveling around gravestones

- Knee pads or gardening pad for kneeling

Brush or brushes

What to Bring (other)

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Camera. Although we will be taking and posting photos, transcriptions, maps, GPS coordinates, maps, diagrams, etc, you may want a personal documentation of the trip; for example a photo of you standing next to the gravestone of your ancestor. Remember to share your photos with us.