

DOW WOODS REPORT

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After a two-month hiatus, the Dow Woods project is moving again. Following is a status report as of Friday, August 6, 2010.

Restroom/Storage Building. Construction of this building has been contracted to Ballard Builders of Angleton. The underground sanitary vaults are now in place, and Ballard's crew is currently getting to have the slab poured.

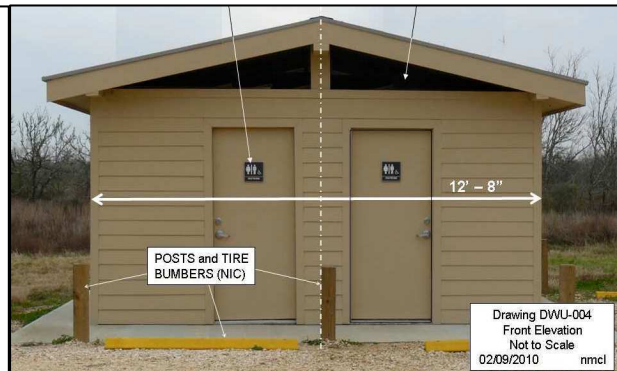


Photo: Marty Cornell

Restroom Building Foundation Preparation, 08/06/2010. Workers are shown placing a base layer of sand. A concrete foundation slab will be poured within the next few days. Two buried sanitary vaults are visible in the foreground.

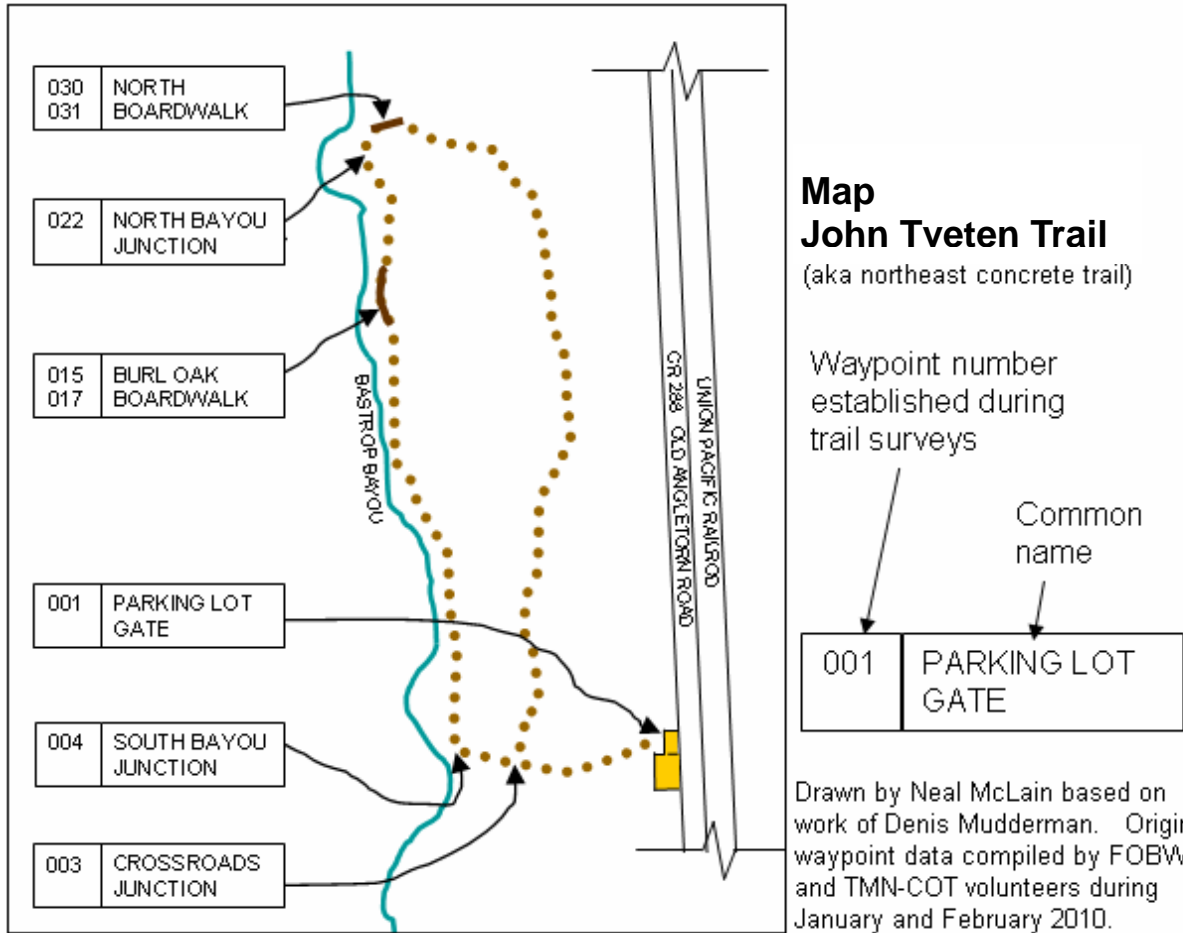
Restroom Building at Bobcat Woods Trail, San Bernard NWR. The Dow Woods restroom building will be similar in appearance. It will include two restrooms and a storage room for mowing equipment and supplies.

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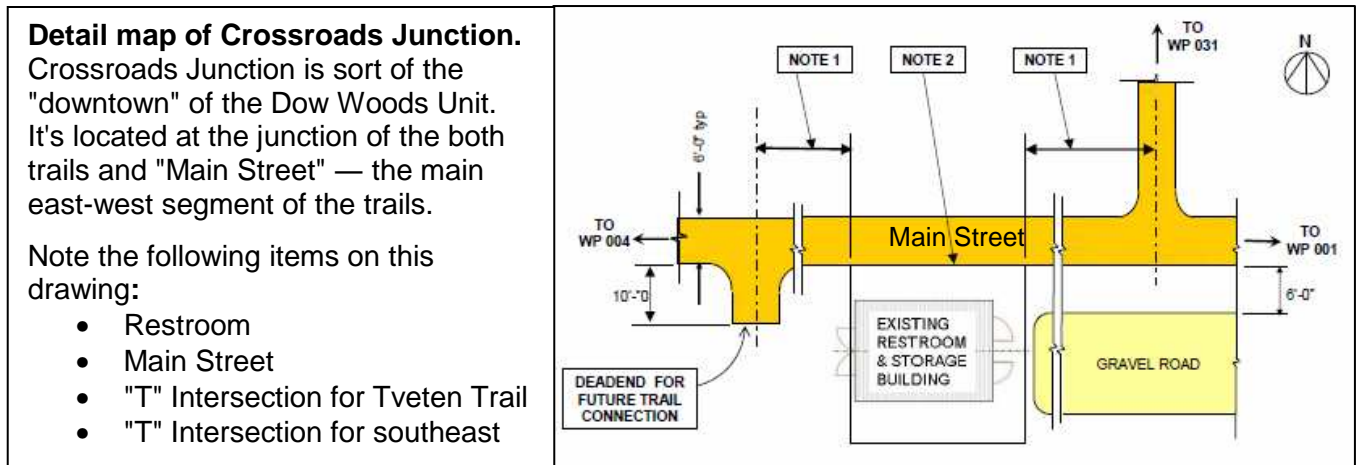
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John Tveten Trail The John Tveten Trail (also called the northeast trail) consists of several concrete segments connected with boardwalks. The following map indicates key reference points along the trail:



- Note that each reference point is identified by two names:
- o A GPS waypoint number assigned during initial route surveys.
 - o A common name so we don't have to remember the waypoint numbers.

There's also a southeast trail although it's not shown on the map above.



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The Tveten Trail is under now construction. Concrete segments have been contracted to Five J's Concrete Company of Freeport. Volunteers will construct the two boardwalk segments.

Five J's has already started construction. Here are some photos.



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Removing Topsoil.



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John from Five J's Concrete Company.

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Three views of the first segment of the trail, looking northeast from Crossroads Junction toward the parking lot.



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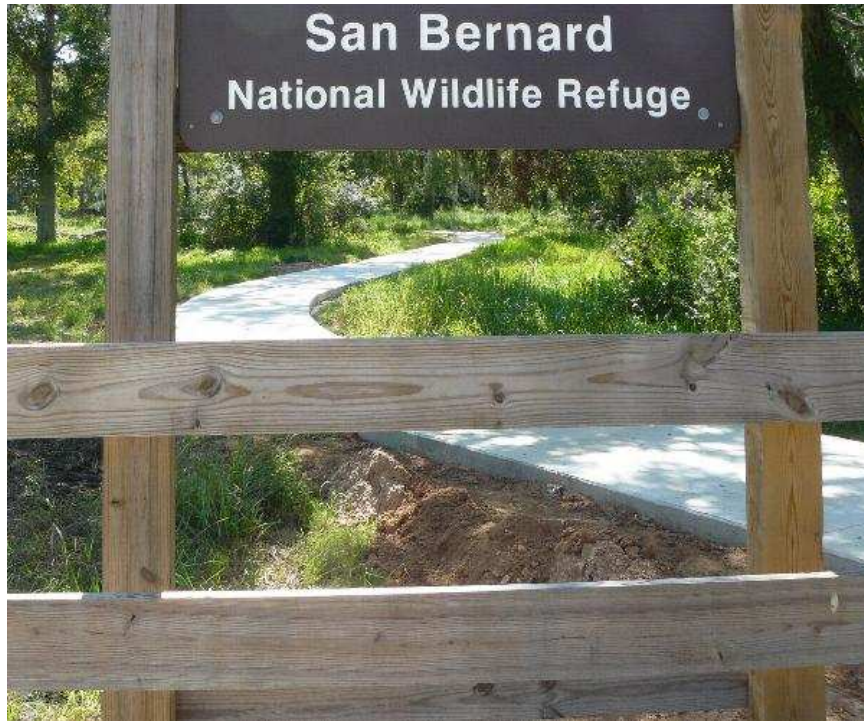


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Looking southwest from the parking lot



"Footprint" impressed into the concrete