

Southern Comfort Hiker Hostel (DBA Caperton Southern Comfort Ranch) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The officers: Randy Anderson, LuAnne Anderson, and M.J. Eberhart. There are no paid employees; therefore, all donations/income accrue to the non-profit for upkeep, improvements, and operational expenses.

Southern Comfort is an active 160-acre cattle ranch owned and operated by Lloyd Caperton of Weogufka, Alabama.

As to the significance of Caperton Ranch? It just so happened that the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail runs contiguous with the ranch eastern north/south property line for a considerable distance beginning at trail-mile 8.6.

And as to the future of the ranch? Mr. Caperton intends to pass his property on to The Nature Conservancy!

Southern Comfort Hiker Hostel is solely donation-based, located on Caperton Ranch. It is accessible by both road and trail. By road, there's easy access to the ranch welcome center parking just off CR-107. By trail (the Caperton Ranch Trail) enters the ranch via a stile off CR-107, from there to traverses the ranch property for two miles before returning to the Pinhoti. This ranch trail is parallel and equidistant to the bypassed segment of the Pinhoti (not a Pinhoti alternate), thus adding no additional trail miles for hikers wishing to stay at Southern Comfort Hostel.

Upcoming plans for Caperton Southern Comfort Ranch include (in addition to upgrades to the hostel facility) a soon-to-be independent living retirement community for old "career" hikers—a "Hiker Trash Old Folks Home!" This retirement center will be fashioned much as are upscale travel parks (with cabins and pads), having a modern bathhouse (showers, toilets, laundry), a pavilion, and a volunteer-staffed welcome center office.