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Listed at \$2,700,000



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Description:

Set in the hills of Bosque County just outside of Walnut Springs, Steele Creek Ranch is a recreational retreat that delivers on every front. A spring-fed creek, a stocked bass lake, strong wildlife habitat, and a 4,200-square-foot home that sleeps ten. The infrastructure is in place, the land is productive, and the property is ready to be enjoyed without reservation.

The ranch is anchored by a 4,200-square-foot home at the highest point of the property, with views across the pool, rolling pasture, and creek bottom below. A soundproofed bar room, resort-style pool with jetted hot tub, and a fully equipped grill house deliver an entertainment package that few recreational properties at this price point can match. A detached shop with a complete second living unit handles overflow guests or a caretaker. Steele Creek winds through more than 2,000 feet of the property — spring-fed, clear, and shaded by mature oaks — with a stocked bass lake steps from the back door and deer, turkey, and dove throughout. All of it within 90 miles of Dallas.



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Improvements:

The 4,200-square-foot home sits at the highest point of the ranch, finished throughout and designed to sleep up to ten. The master suite occupies its own private wing with tall ceilings, expansive windows, a double-vanity bath, and a walk-in closet. Three guest rooms round out the sleeping quarters, highlighted by the Navy Room — outfitted with authentic bunks salvaged from a naval vessel and a functioning ship door with a wheel lock. The open main floor is anchored by a two-sided fireplace, with a soundproofed bar room just off the living area and a mud room with carport access.

Outside, a heated pool nearly seven feet deep is fed by a waterfall from an elevated jetted hot tub, with a natural diving rock adding a resort-like finish. The grill house opens on three sides with glass garage doors, a full outdoor kitchen, and a stone fireplace. A detached shop includes two drive-through bays and a complete second living unit with a full kitchen, bunk beds, a master bedroom, and a bath. An 800-foot Trinity Aquifer well at 150 gallons per minute, Atmos gas, and private septic complete the package.



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Location:

Steele Creek Ranch sits just a mile southeast of Walnut Springs, at the edge of a stretch of Central Texas that most people from Dallas and Fort Worth haven't yet discovered. Glen Rose is 14 miles to the East, Fort Worth is 65 miles North, and Dallas is 90 miles from the front gate.

Glen Rose punches well above its size. Known as the Dinosaur Capital of Texas, the town draws visitors to its well-preserved dinosaur tracks along the Paluxy River and the 1,500-acre Dinosaur Valley State Park. Beyond those tracks, the park offers 20 miles of scenic trails, camping, fishing, swimming, and paddling on the river.



What's nearby:

Twenty miles to the southeast, the town of Hico holds its own as a genuine destination. Along its historic main street you'll find custom ranch wear, handmade chocolates, local art, and antiques worth browsing at an unhurried pace. The Chop House — a scratch kitchen and Texas steakhouse inside the beautifully restored Midland Hotel — is a standout stop with excellent food and handcrafted cocktails that punch well above what you'd expect from a town this size. The Billy the Kid Museum adds a layer of local legend, and the surrounding blocks are lined with murals, galleries, and outfitters that make the trip worth the drive. For a small Texas town, Hico carries an outsized personality.



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Water:

The ranch's water features form its defining characteristic, with Steele Creek serving as the property's crown jewel through over 2,000 feet of frontage flowing year-round across both banks. Spring-fed and crystal clear, the creek maintains consistent flow even during dry spells – a rarity in this part of the Hill Country – with rocky bottoms, shallow runs, and deeper pools reaching three feet or more. A mature oak canopy shades much of the waterway and keeps temperatures cool through summer, while established crossings provide easy access to both sides of the property without disrupting its natural character.

A separate 1.5-acre stocked bass lake sits within walking distance of the main house, offering convenient fishing and recreation right out the back door. The combination of moving and still water on a single property is uncommon at this acreage – the creek drawing wildlife and delivering the experience of running water, the lake offering a quieter place to wet a line or watch the evening settle in. Together, they elevate the ranch's recreational profile and broaden its appeal considerably.



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Hunting & Wildlife:

Chapel Lake Ranch sits within the game-rich Sabine River corridor, and the wildlife program reflects years of intentional management at every level. The high-fenced sanctuary supports a managed whitetail herd with strong genetics, an active MLD program, and a full wildlife exemption, with bucks exceeding 200" B&C routinely harvested and continuing to contribute to the herd's future. The ranch also carries approximately 50± fallow deer alongside remnant populations of blackbuck antelope and axis deer, providing a diverse hunting experience rarely found this close to the Metroplex.

Six tower blinds are strategically distributed across the ranch, each equipped with corn and protein feeders and a tree stand for bow hunters, with all feeders remotely operated via cell phone. Predator wire installed along the game fence approximately three years ago has significantly reduced predator pressure on the herd. An additional 125± acres along the Sabine have been intentionally left low-fenced and wild, supporting free-range populations of whitetail, feral hogs, and waterfowl. The natural slough and oxbow structure already in place along this stretch presents a genuine opportunity to build something reminiscent of Arkansas flooded timber, just miles from the Metroplex.



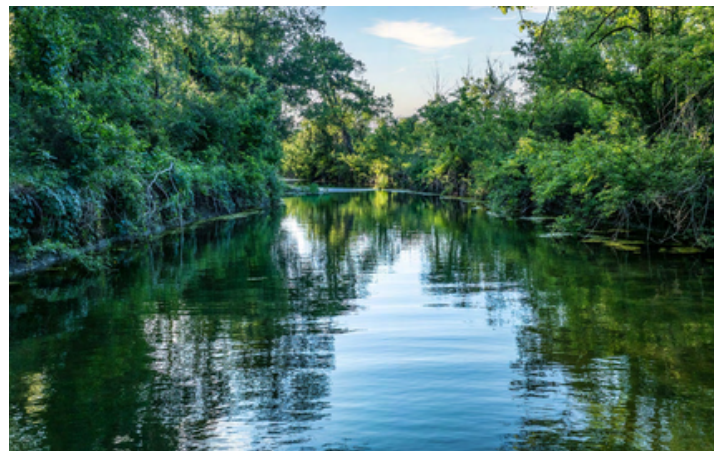
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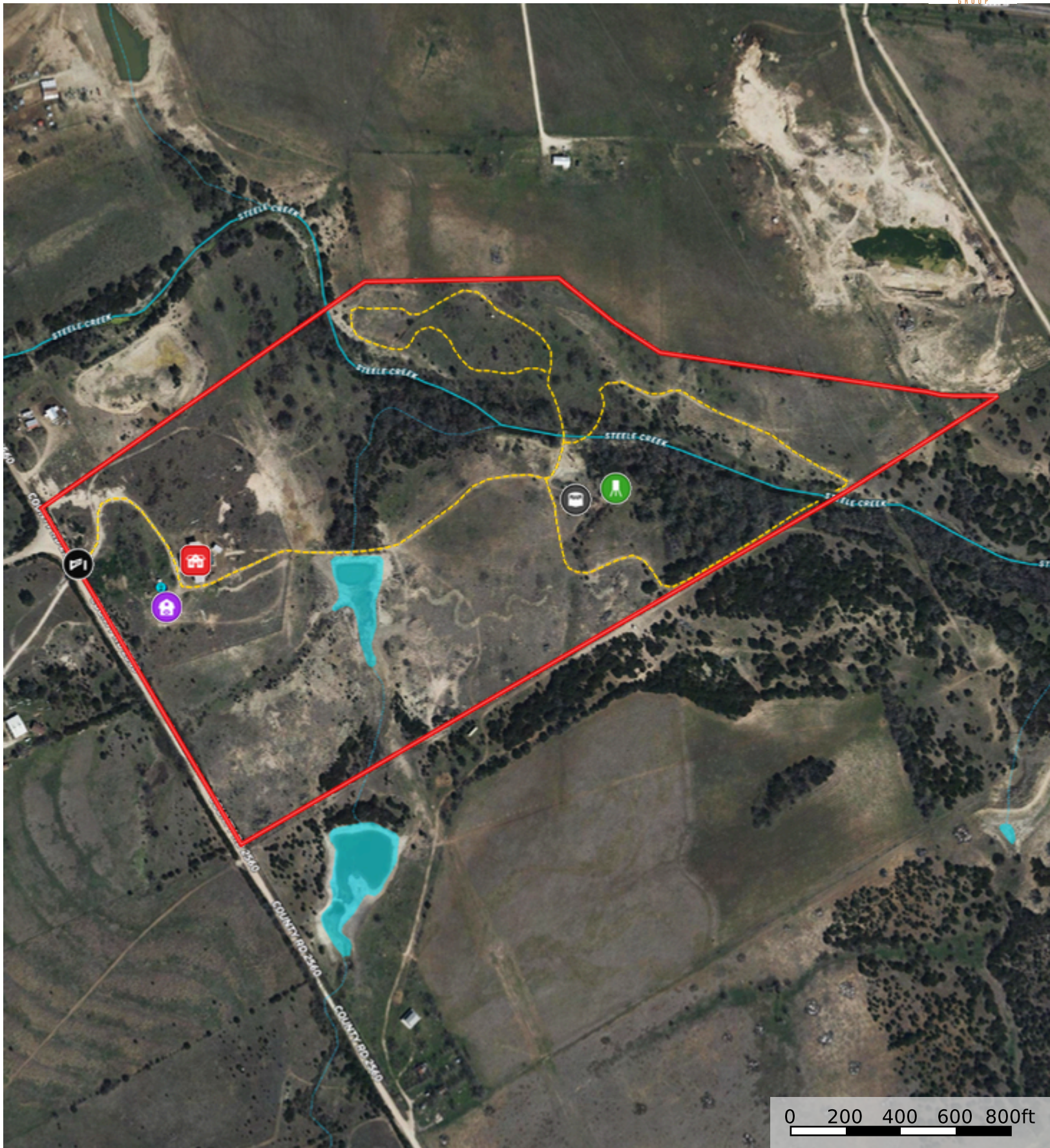
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Land & topography:

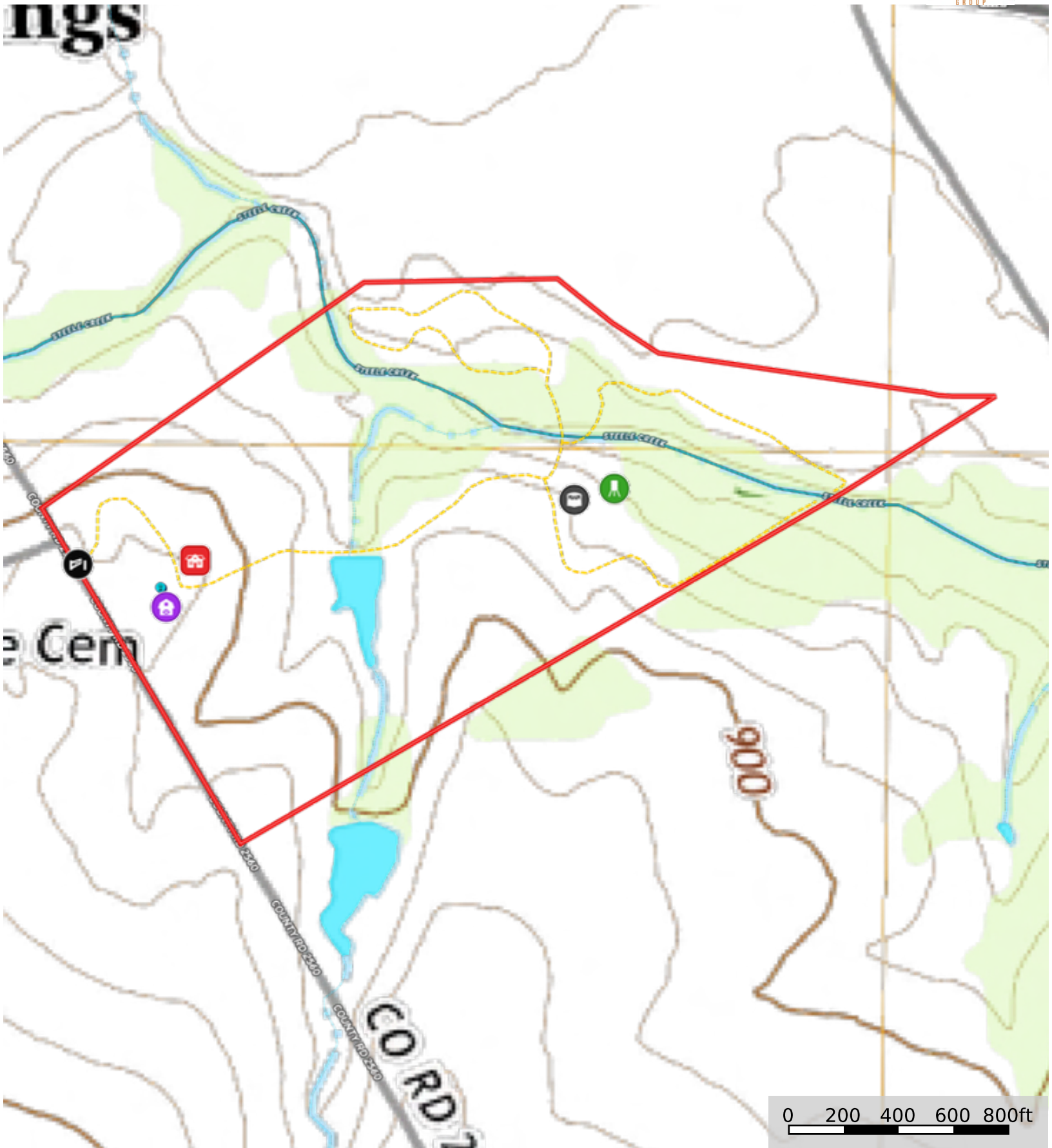
The ranch's topography creates compelling natural variety across its acreage, with elevation ranging from 910 feet near the main house down to 850 feet along Steele Creek — sixty feet of natural relief that enhances both drainage and visual appeal throughout the property. Open pastures dominate the higher elevations, transitioning seamlessly into wooded draws and limestone-laced terrain as the land drops toward the creek corridor. Well-drained upland soils support the ranch's agricultural operations under its current exemption status, while the lower elevations along the creek feature richer, more productive bottomland characteristics.

This varied topography supports exceptional wildlife habitat, with established travel corridors and diverse cover types that attract turkey, deer, and native species in strong numbers. The natural lay of the land creates distinct zones from sun-dappled pastures ideal for grazing to shaded creek bottoms that function as a natural wildlife refuge — giving the ranch a sense of movement and diversity that keeps it visually interesting while maximizing its functional potential across both recreational and agricultural pursuits.





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