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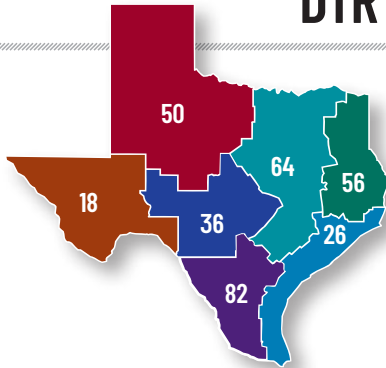
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WELCOME

from Rodney Franklin, State Parks Director

I would like to offer a special thanks to all the Texans that helped to make the 2023 Centennial of Texas State Parks a fantastic year. Celebrating our 100-year anniversary was highlighted by your Texas State Parks being named the Gold Medal winner for best state park system in the nation. We should all be proud of the state parks here in Texas. As more and more Texans are discovering the beauty of state parks, it is exciting to have the opportunity to grow our system of parks through the Centennial Parks fund which was passed by Texas voters by 77 percent. This is a huge legacy that will impact outdoor recreation and conservation for years to come. Adding new state parks will allow Texans to explore new, special wild places in a variety of ways.

Our teams across the state remain incredibly excited to welcome outdoor enthusiasts and novice alike, to discover what our parks have to offer. The hospitality of our teams and our impact on tourism was recognized by the Texas Travel Association as the 2023 Heritage Award. This prestigious recognition is yet another proud moment of which I am thankful.

Since 1923, our mission has been to help connect our visitors with the outdoors. As we honor those who have come before us, I invite a new generation to be a part of the story of the lands that connect us all. You and your family should be a part of the next chapter of Texas State Parks as there is more to enjoy than you may realize. I hope you'll visit soon and often and bring your friends and family along. Parks are for everyone and we're looking forward to embarking on the new golden age of state parks along with you.

WHAT'S NEW IN STATE PARKS

Tyler State Park has a new visitor center, headquarters, and interpretive center.

Improvements and major repairs are planned to include a new dam for **Bastrop**, **Indian Lodge's** renovations, a new visitor center, camping sites, and day-use area at the river for **Devils River Dan A. Hughes Unit.**, and more at **Eisenhower**, **Lake Corpus Christi**, **South Llano River** and several other state parks.

The successful roll-out of the **all-terrain "GRIT" wheelchairs** continues with five more parks with the adaptive equipment being added to the existing 10 parks. *Learn more about our accessibility efforts, page 13.*



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PARKS NEAR YOU

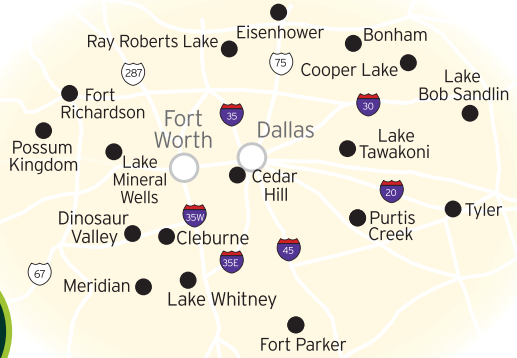
Where do you want to go?

You'll find many state parks nearby.

Dallas/Fort Worth >>



Relax and recharge your soul at Cooper Lake.



<< Houston

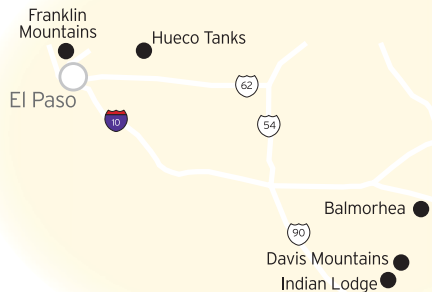


Explore the wetland oasis of Sheldon Lake.



El Paso >>

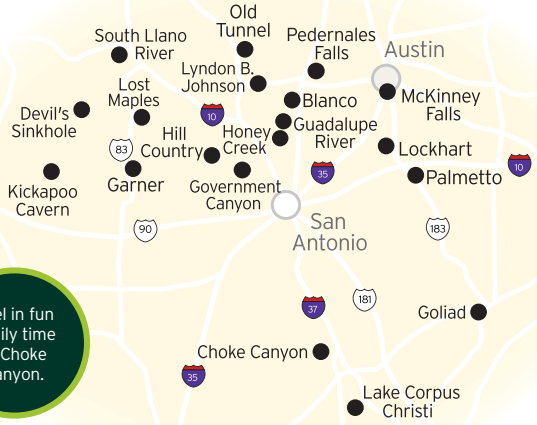
Enjoy scenic views while hiking Davis Mountains.



San Antonio >>



Reel in fun family time at Choke Canyon.



Austin >>

Experience family life on the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm.



View wildlife at Resaca de la Palma.



<< South Texas



ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

What is there to do in state parks?

Enjoy a family picnic, tour a hallowed historic site or choose from some of these visitor favorites:



Walk

Start with a shorter loop, tackle tougher terrain or join a guided tour.



Bike

Pedal across parks at any speed, in any style, with any group. Choose the routes, surfaces and distances that fit your comfort zone.



Fish

Fish in nearly 70 state parks. Many offer tackle loaner programs and special learn-to-fish events.



Boat or Paddle

Rent canoes and kayaks, explore a Texas Paddling Trail or launch a boat.



View Wildlife

Discover the birds, mammals and plants that live in Texas. Many parks have signage and checklists to help you learn more about the wildlife around you.



Camp

Find a site that meets your needs. Test out new recipes, share your favorite stories and enjoy the stars.



Swim

Beat the heat at creeks, rivers, lakes, springs, pools and ocean beaches.

More information: TexasStateParks.org/activities

Many state parks offer special guided and self-guided programs. Below are a few examples. Ask at your park or visit its events page to find out what's planned!

Kids 12 and under get **FREE ADMISSION!**



Dark Skies

Escape the city lights and gaze up at views you won't find anywhere else. Come to a star party or take a self-guided constellation tour. Visit one of our Dark Sky Parks or Sanctuaries: Big Bend Ranch, Copper Breaks, Devils River, Enchanted Rock or South Llano River.



Free Fishing in State Parks

Fish from piers, bank, or shore without a fishing license or stamps. Just bring your fishing gear and friends to a state park, pay the entry fee, and you're ready to fish!

Junior Ranger

Pick up a free Junior Ranger activity journal or check out free packs from participating parks. Use the binoculars, magnifying glass, sketchbooks and guidebooks to explore the park.



Texas Buffalo Soldiers



Bring history to life with stories, costumes and tools. Track an animal, fish with a cane pole, cook over a campfire, visit frontier forts and more. Step into the life stories of those who bravely served in America's first African-American regular Army regiments.

Civilian Conservation Corps

Tour any of 29 parks to marvel at architectural treasures like shelters, bridges, cabins, refectories and more. See how these diverse work crews (including young adults as well as war veterans) weathered the Great Depression and built the first state parks in Texas. Their legacy stands today for future generations.



Find events near you:

[TexasStateParks.org/calendar](https://www.texasstateparks.org/calendar)



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PLACES TO STAY

Enjoy the softer side of camping.

Outdoor recreation by day.
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Palo Duro Canyon

Choose from a variety of overnight accommodations.



Screened shelter at Lake Livingston

Screened shelters

These protected, enclosed shelters are available in dozens of parks and include amenities such as outdoor fire rings, picnic tables and grills.



Cabin at Palmetto

Cabins without bathrooms

Enjoy amenities such as air conditioning, microwaves and bunk beds, with group restrooms and showers nearby.



Cabin at Buescher

Cabins with bathrooms

One of the most popular attractions in state parks, these cabins feature amenities such as air conditioning, heat, bedrooms, kitchens, microwaves and restrooms.

Group bunkhouses and halls

Choose from a range of styles and sizes, perfect for family reunions or other large group gatherings. Most include amenities such as air conditioning, restrooms and beds.

Group bunkhouse at Cleburne



Lodging

Lone Star Lodge at Ray Roberts Lake north of Dallas features stunning lake views as well as a marina. **Indian Lodge** in Davis Mountains is a full-service hotel that includes a restaurant, swimming pool and meeting room.

San Solomon Springs Courts in Balmorea feature motel-style lodging next to the world's largest natural swimming pool. Renovations are underway. Check website for updates.

Lone Star Lodge at Ray Roberts Lake



Yurt at Abilene, floating tent site at Sea Rim



Unique lodging

Try something different, such as staying in a yurt or camping on water!

Is your favorite space already booked? Consider a weekday visit, or try a state park nearby! Choose from a full range of options:

[TexasStateParks.org/reservations](https://www.texasstateparks.org/reservations)

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES



Whether you travel in a Class A motor home or with a cozy pop-up, stay the night or spend a few weeks in the perfect places for your home away from home.



How do I get my site?

- [TexasStateParks.org/reservations](https://www.texasstateparks.org/reservations)
- (512) 389-8900
- Know your vehicle length.
- Consider the amenities you want, such as hookups for water, electricity or sewage.
- Ask ahead about group facilities.

How long can I stay?

- Some parks offer seasonal discounts for weekly or monthly stays.
- We warmly welcome "Winter Texans."
- Visiting longer than one month? Consider applying to become a park host! Hosts serve about 25 hours per week assisting visitors and performing litter collection and light maintenance.



More information: [TexasStateParks.org/RV](https://www.texasstateparks.org/RV)

For same-day reservations, or site-specific facility questions, please contact the park directly.



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TIPS FOR TIME IN NATURE

Wild about safety



Your health and safety are important to us. If you have an emergency during your visit, please contact a park police officer, or ask for help from a park host or ranger in uniform.

Watch the water

Natural water bodies are different from swimming pools. Conditions can change rapidly. To ensure a wonderful swimming, boating or paddling experience:

- **Learn to swim.**
- **Supervise kids closely.**
- **Wear a life jacket.**
- **Take a boater education course.**

Protect nature

Health and safety are also important to the many plants and animals that make up the habitats you may visit. Just as you take steps to avoid mosquito bites and cactus pokes, local wildlife takes steps to avoid being hurt or bothered by you!

- **Maintain a safe, respectful distance.**
- **Stay on marked trails.**
- **Keep pets on leashes.**

Hack the heat

Heat-related ailments are top safety concerns. Fortunately, they are almost always preventable! Protect yourself and your loved ones:

- **Carry water** (and drink it!)
- **Wear a hat** and other sun protection.
- **Start all strenuous activity early**, before peak heat.





Walk this way

According to many visitor surveys, walking and hiking are the most popular activities in Texas State Parks! They often require the least amount of

specialized gear and planning. To make sure you and your group have a safe and enjoyable experience:

- **Carry a map.** Phones can lose signal or battery power. Paper maps are free at park entrances.
- **Protect your feet.** From sandals to heavy hiking boots, choose the right shoe for the right walk.
- **Prepare** for the distance and degree of difficulty. Are you ready for both?
- **Use caution on uneven ground.** Watch out for rocks and roots!
- **Tell someone else** where you're going and when you expect to be back.

ACCESSING YOUR STATE PARKS

Texas State Park staff are committed to providing accessible facilities, information and experiences for all Texans.

- Visit the park's website for information on **accessible facilities** like parking, restrooms, campsites, picnic areas, and hiking trails.
- Visitors with mobility impairments may be able to borrow a **beach wheelchair or all-terrain wheelchair**. Check with the park ahead of time to see if this is an option.
- Many parks offer **programs and events** that are accessible to visitors with disabilities. Check the park's online calendar of events for more information.
- **Service animals** are allowed in Texas state parks. However, other pets must be always on a leash and under control.
- Visitors with disabilities may qualify for a **Parklands Passport** which discounts park entrance fees.



Email accessibility@tpwd.texas.gov for information or to request modifications.

More information: [TexasStateParks.org/access](https://www.texasstateparks.org/access)

VISITOR FEES & PASSES



Thank you for keeping parks open and maintained! Your visits help fund critical upkeep, valuable programs for adults and children, and improvements. About 50% of the budget to operate state parks comes directly from visitor fees.

Entrance Fee - to visit a park. Includes a variety of activities and visitor programs. This fee allows entrance to multiple state parks in the same business day.

Facility Fee - to stay overnight at a campsite, cabin or guest room, or to rent a group facility, meeting room or pavilion.

Activity Fee - to participate in a special park activity, tour a historic site or ride a ferry or tram.

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Make your reservation: TexasStateParks.org/reservations

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Good for 12 months!



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Plus, receive discounts on camping, park store merchandise and more.

Youth Groups

- Available to nonprofits serving ages 13-17.
- Valid for one year, for up to 50 teens, plus adult chaperones.
- Please apply at least six weeks before first visit and present pass at park office on arrival.

Parklands Passport

- Qualifying seniors, veterans with disabilities, and other visitors with disabilities can apply.
- Includes discounted or free entry to state parks.
- Present proof of qualifying benefit at any park office.

Note: Texas cannot honor National Park Service passes or passes issued in other states.

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Learn more about park passes and purchase or renew your State Parks Pass online:

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FACILITIES & AMENITIES

Use this legend as a reference for each park listed in the following pages.












ACTIVITIES

-  Fishing
-  Paddling
-  Rock Climbing
-  Swimming
-  Water Skiing























TRAILS

-  Bicycle
-  Mountain Biking
-  Hiking
-  Horse
-  Nature / Interpretive
-  Texas Paddling Trail

CAMPsites / LODGING

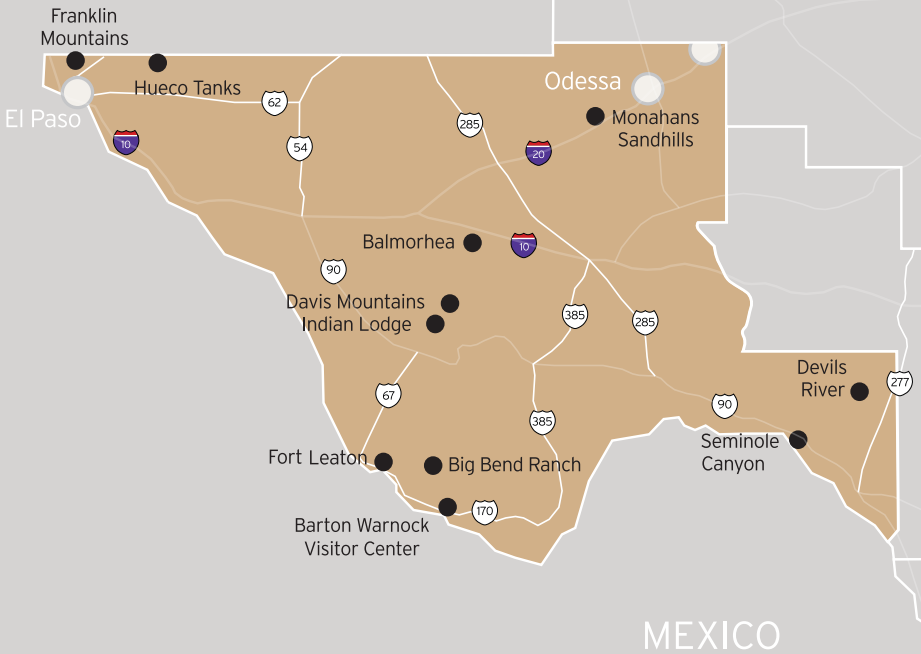
-  Cabins - w/ Bathroom
-  Cabins - w/out Bathroom
-  Group Overnight Lodge
-  Group Camp
-  Campsites - Primitive
-  Campsites - Water
-  Campsites - Water and Electric
-  Campsites - Full Hookup
-  Motel / Lodge / Room
-  Screened Shelter
-  Barracks / Bunkhouse Bed

AMENITIES

-  Some Accessible Features
-  Beach
-  Boat Ramp
-  Civilian Conservation Corps
-  Day Use Only
-  Day Use - Group
-  Dump Station
-  Exhibits/Interpretive Center/Museum
-  Fish Cleaning Shelters
-  Fishing Pier
-  Fishing Tackle Loaner Program
-  Food Service
-  Historic Site
-  Horse Facilities
-  Park Store
-  Picnic Tables
-  Playground
-  Restrooms
-  Showers
-  Swimming Pool
-  Watercraft Rental
-  Wi-Fi available
TexasStateParks.org/wifi

Check TexasStateParks.org or (512) 389-8900 before your trip.

BIG BEND COUNTRY



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Dive into the cool waters of the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool, which covers 1.3 acres and stays at 72-76 degrees year-round. Scuba divers love the clarity even at a 25-foot depth. In addition to swimming and camping, the park offers lodging at the San Solomon Springs Courts, a retro-style motel built by the CCC in the early 1940s with an adobe look. Canals along the Courts lead to a restored ciénega (wetland), which provides vital fish and bird

habitat. Renovations are underway. Closures are possible. Check website for updates.

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River District: 21800 FM 170, Terlingua 79852 📍 (432) 424-3327

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Interior District: 1900 Saucedo RR, Marfa 79843 📍 (432) 358-4444

GPS Latitude 29.470458 | Longitude -103.957922

Fort Leaton: 16952 FM 170 E, Presidio 📍 (432) 229-3613

GPS Latitude 29.542799 | Longitude -104.325597



Big Bend Ranch State Park lies deep in the desert wilderness. The 300,000-plus-acre park features spectacular scenery. Drive to a primitive campsite in the interior or along the Rio Grande. Take a hike: Choose from over 140 miles of multiuse trails. You can also mountain bike, ride horses, camp in remote backcountry, or explore in your 4x4.

Enter the park and obtain your permits from the east (Barton Warnock Visitor Center) or west (Fort Leaton State Historic Site). Visit the park's interior via a 27-mile unpaved road through rugged terrain that ends at the former owner's ranch headquarters and the Saucedo Ranger Station. Groups can stay at the casual bunkhouse, with separate sleeping areas for men and women.

Pick up permits before heading to the interior; Saucedo Ranger Station's hours vary.



Fort Leaton

This historic trading post is the western visitor center for Big Bend Ranch State Park. Today this 1848 adobe fortress and trading post is an active museum offering programs, tours, and colorful events.

Davis Mountains State Park

Texas Hwy. 118 N., Park Rd. 3, Fort Davis 79734 📍 (432) 426-3337

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Find the coolest place in a hot state when you camp in mountains one mile high at this CCC-built park. The park is in the Davis Mountains, the most extensive mountain range fully contained in Texas. Motor into a full hookup site, backpack to a high overlook, make camp under the trees, check out the two beautiful wildlife viewing areas, or stop by Indian Lodge,

located in the park. While you're here, visit Fort Davis National Historic Site or attend a star party at the McDonald Observatory.

Devils River State Natural Area

21715 Dolan Creek Rd., Del Rio 78840 📍 (830) 395-2133

GPS Latitude 29.939694 | Longitude -100.970206



Fed by clear springs flowing from seeps and streams, the Devils River is one of the most pristine rivers in Texas. The state natural area is large, remote and has been named an International Dark Sky Sanctuary. Visit for day hiking, mountain biking, camping and paddling. All camping and facility stays are by reservation only. Make reservations at least one day in advance.

Open Friday to Monday; also open on some holidays.

A permit is required for all paddling trips on the Devils River which access TPWD-managed lands. For more information, visit the park's webpage.

Indian Lodge State Park

16453 Park Rd. 3, Fort Davis 79734 📍 (432) 426-3254

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Indian Lodge is nestled within Davis Mountains State Park. This southwestern, pueblo-style adobe lodge will charm you. Its original handcrafted interiors and furnishings date from its 1930s construction by the CCC. Guest rooms have cable TV, telephones and private baths. The lodge also has a restaurant, group meeting room, swimming

pool, and access to trails nearby. This is truly a unique destination. *Renovations are underway. Closures are possible. Contact Park for updates.*

Monahans Sandhills State Park

Park Rd. 41, Monahans 79756 📍 (432) 557-3479

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Fun-loving travelers surf sand dunes that rise as high as 50 feet in this geologic wonderland. These sand dunes are a small part of a larger 200-square-mile dune field stretching into New Mexico. Rent sand disks at headquarters. The Dunagan Visitor Center features hands-on exhibits on dune dynamics and desert wildlife.

Picnicking and camping are also popular. The park has an 800-acre equestrian area and three equestrian campsites, as well. *The park is at exit 86 off I-20 west of Odessa, just east of Monahans.*

Seminole Canyon State Park & Historic Site

Hwy. 90 W., Park Rd. 67, Comstock 78837 📍 (432) 292-4464

GPS Latitude 29.7001 | Longitude -101.313058



Ancient pictographs, rugged limestone terrain and spectacular canyons lure visitors to this park. People of antiquity once lived in natural rock shelters carved into canyon walls. They painted distinctive ancient symbols that tell us of their passing. The park's rock art is more than 4,000 years old. Learn more at the park's museum. Hike the rugged landscape or camp in a tent or RV. Take a guided rock art tour Wednesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (times vary in summer). Contact the park for more information.

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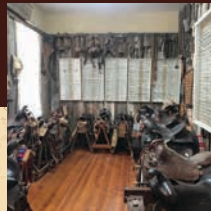
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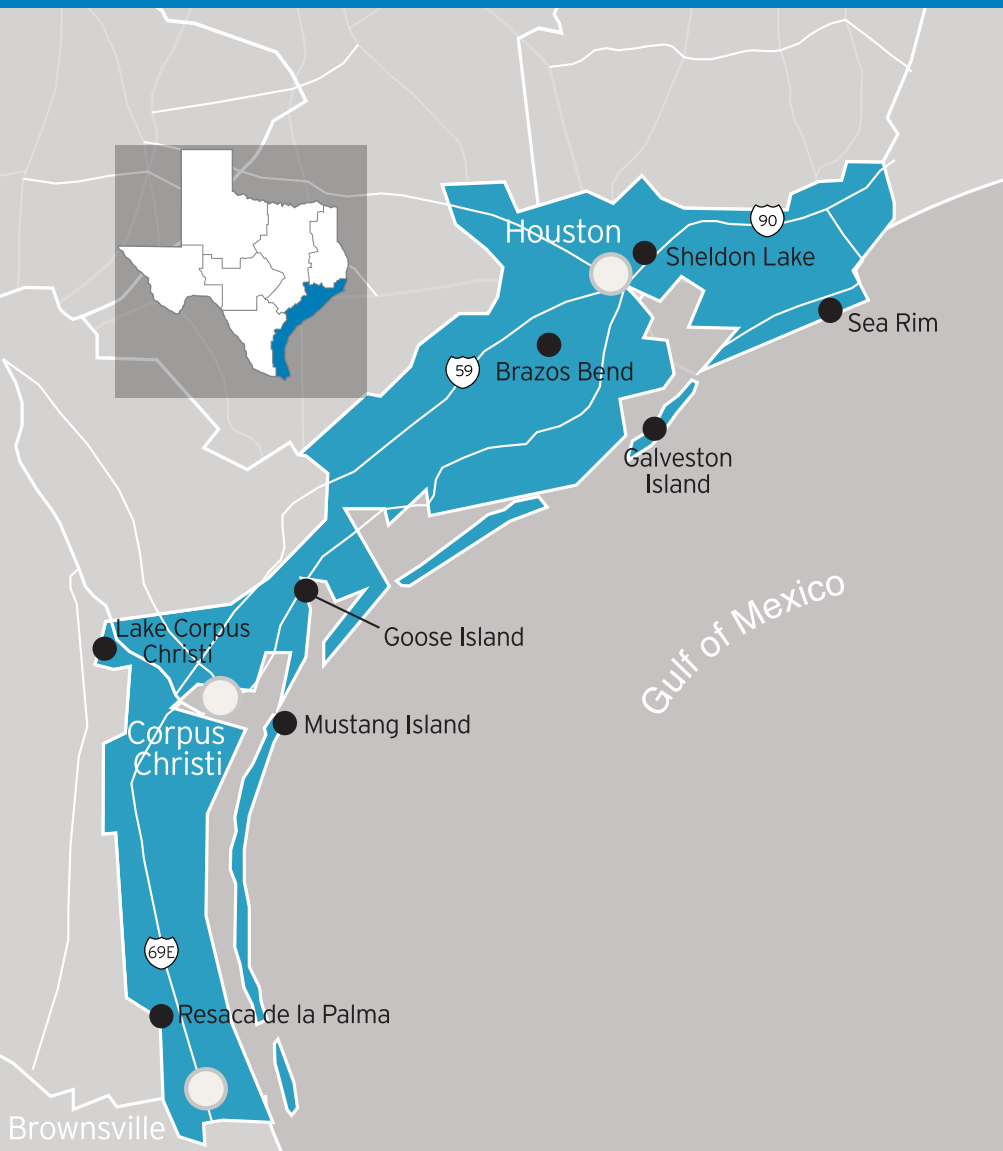
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10am-4pm

GULF COAST



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Brazos Bend State Park

21901 FM 762, Needville 77461 📍 (979) 553-5101

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Brazos Bend has over 5,000 acres of lakes, prairies and forests. Live oak trees draped in Spanish moss shade the park's picnic areas. Explore more than 30 miles of multiuse trails, where you'll see alligators, white-tailed deer and over 300 bird species. Choose from seven small lakes and a winding, tree-lined creek for fishing. Touch a hatchling

alligator at the park's nature center, which is open daily. Nature programs offered every weekend and most holidays.

George Observatory leads star parties on Saturday nights. Call (281) 242-3055 for information.

Galveston Island State Park

14901 FM 3005, Galveston 77554 📍 (409) 737-1222

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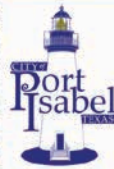
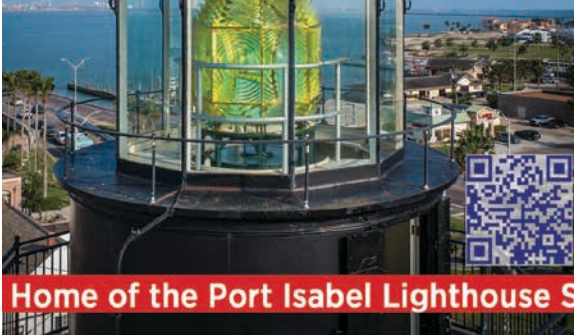


Galveston Island State Park is an excellent example of Texas Gulf ecology, with 2,000 acres spanning the island, from beach to bay. The newly opened beachside offers RV and tent sites with indoor/outdoor comfort stations close by. Explore the bayside of the park, where coastal prairie, freshwater ponds, and salt marsh yield ample hiking, fishing, kayaking, and wildlife

viewing. Tent and multiuse campsites with restrooms and showers nearby and two historic houses are available on this side of the park.

PORT ISABEL

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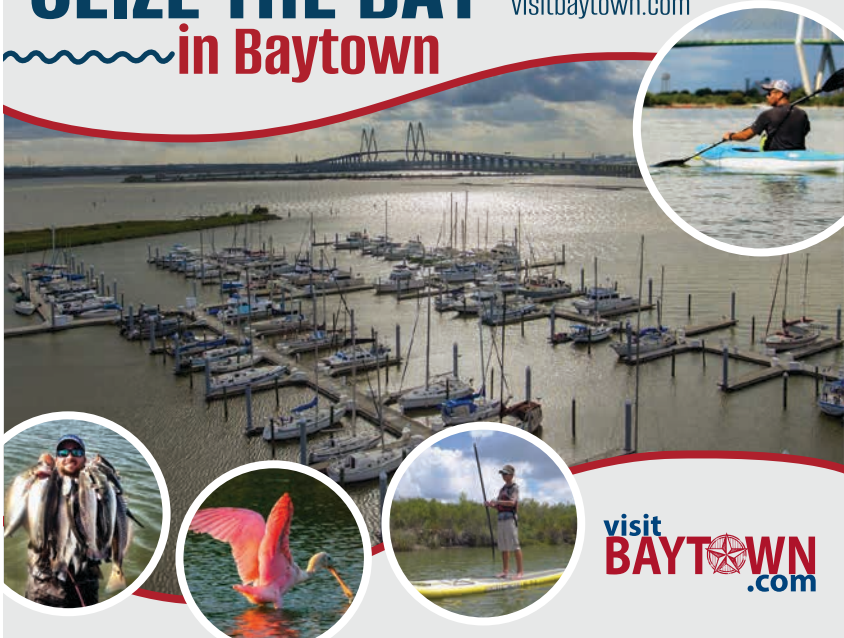
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Goose Island State Park

202 S. Palmetto St., Rockport 78382 📍 (361) 729-2858

GPS Latitude 28.128064 | Longitude -96.98838



Brown pelicans, rare whooping cranes and fishing in the bountiful waters of Aransas, Copano and St. Charles bays draw visitors here. The CCC built Goose Island, Texas' first coastal state park. It sits on the southern tip of the Lamar Peninsula. Dramatic wind-sculpted trees dominate the park. The "Big Tree," a massive coastal live oak estimated to be centuries old, is one of the natural wonders of Texas.

Lake Corpus Christi State Park

23194 Park Rd. 25, Mathis 78368 📍 (361) 547-2635

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Swimming, boating, hiking, and nature watching fill the days by this large, vibrant lake. Angling for bass, catfish, crappie, and gar are year-round pleasures. The CCC built an impressive caliche-crete refectory here with arched entryways and a beautiful scenic observation tower. Looking and listening for the over 200 difference species of birds seen in the park, such as green jays and kiskadees, is a popular activity,

especially at the park birding area. With so many things to do, consider reserving a tent campsite, RV campsite, screened shelter, or cabin to give yourself time to experience it all.

Mustang Island State Park

9394 State Highway 361, Corpus Christi 78418 📍 (361) 749-5246

GPS Latitude 27.672162 | Longitude -97.175309



Seaside beaches stretch for five miles along the open Gulf of Mexico, inviting a perfect summer-at-the-shore experience. This is truly one of the best places to see coastal marine life, from green sea turtles to blue herons.

Resaca de la Palma State Park

1000 New Carmen Ave., Brownsville 78521 📍 (956) 350-2920

GPS Latitude 25.987 | Longitude -97.564



Resaca de la Palma, in the Rio Grande delta, is a semitropical habitat minutes from Brownsville. The 1,200-acre park is home to a vast array of wildlife.

Watch great kiskadees, Altamira orioles and green jays from the bird blinds and observation decks, or relax on a tram tour. Look for dazzling blue metalmark and Mexican

bluewing butterflies in the butterfly gardens. Enjoy hiking and biking trails, multiple geocaches and picnic tables.

The park store, "Sabal," sells field guides, souvenirs and educational items. You can also rent bikes and binoculars.



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Sea Rim State Park

19335 S. Gulfway Dr., Sabine Pass 77655 📍 (409) 971-2559

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“Sea Rim” is where marsh grass and wetlands meet the sea. Silt deposits from the Sabine River delta formed the sea rim here in southeast Texas. Enjoy fishing, crabbing, birding, nature study and swimming on more than 4,000 acres and five miles of Gulf of Mexico beach.

Visit for the day or stay overnight at water and electric or primitive beach campsites, floating tent raft, or cabin. The west dune boardwalk has rinse-off showers. Explore the marsh paddling trails or Gambusia Nature Trail Boardwalk, or ride your horse along the beach. *The Floating Primitive Campsite is closed for extensive repairs until further notice.*

Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental Learning Center

14140 Garrett Rd., Houston 77044 📍 (281) 456-2800

GPS Latitude 29.857461 | Longitude -95.160029



Come to Sheldon Lake for its wildlife viewing, paddling, boating and fishing. The park features a fish hatchery “gone wild” and wheelchair-accessible trails. LEED-certified facilities demonstrate “green architecture” and alternative energy. We offer programs for schools, groups and individuals by reservation. This day-use park is only 15 miles from downtown Houston.

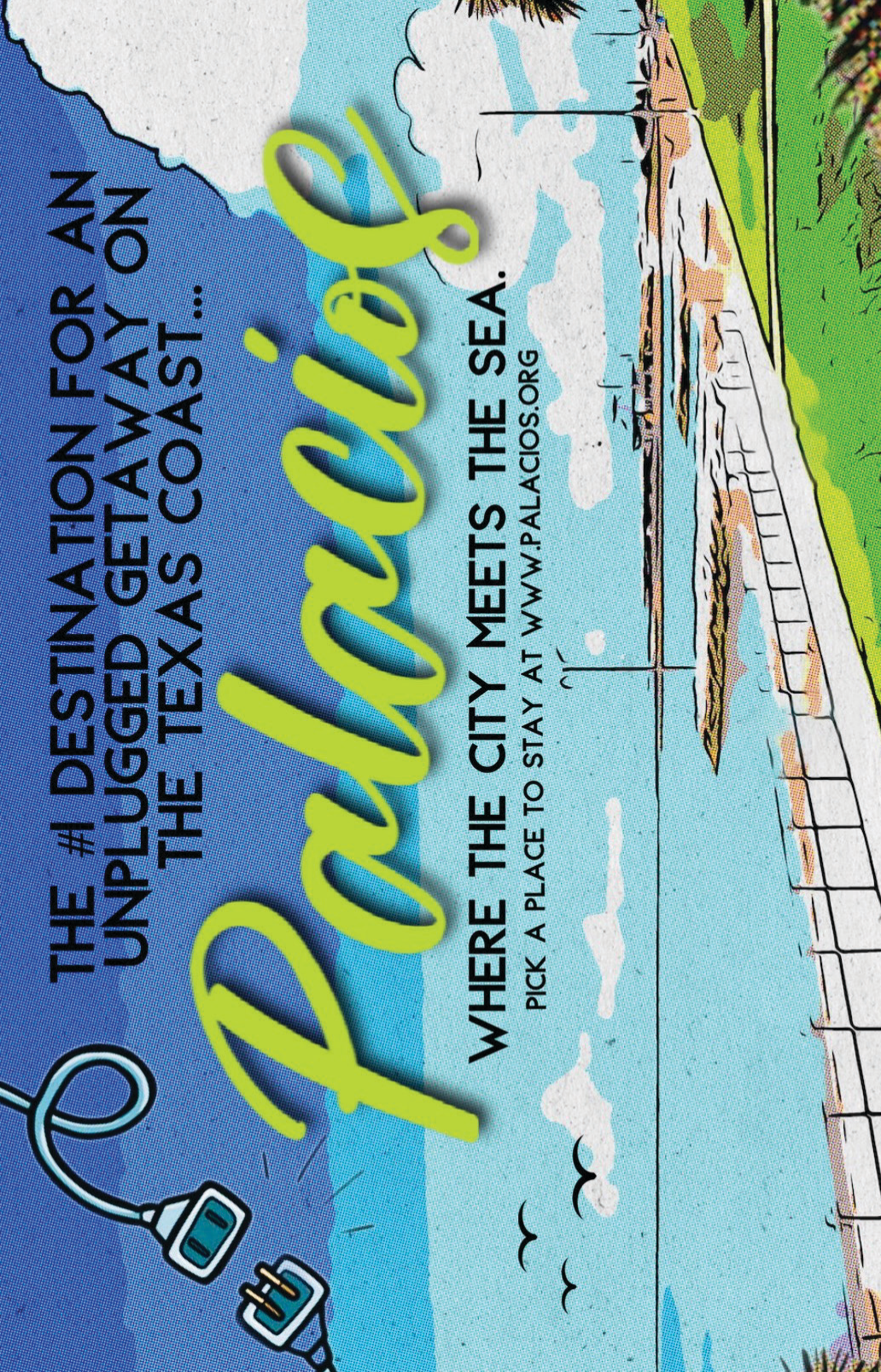
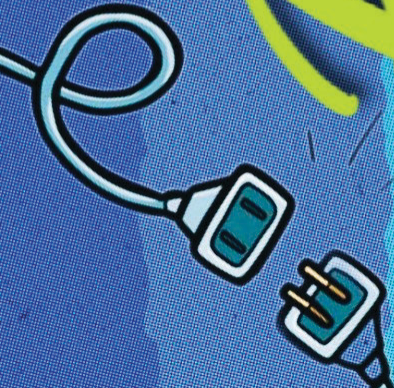
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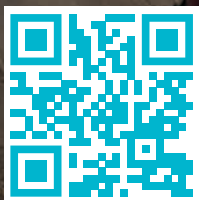
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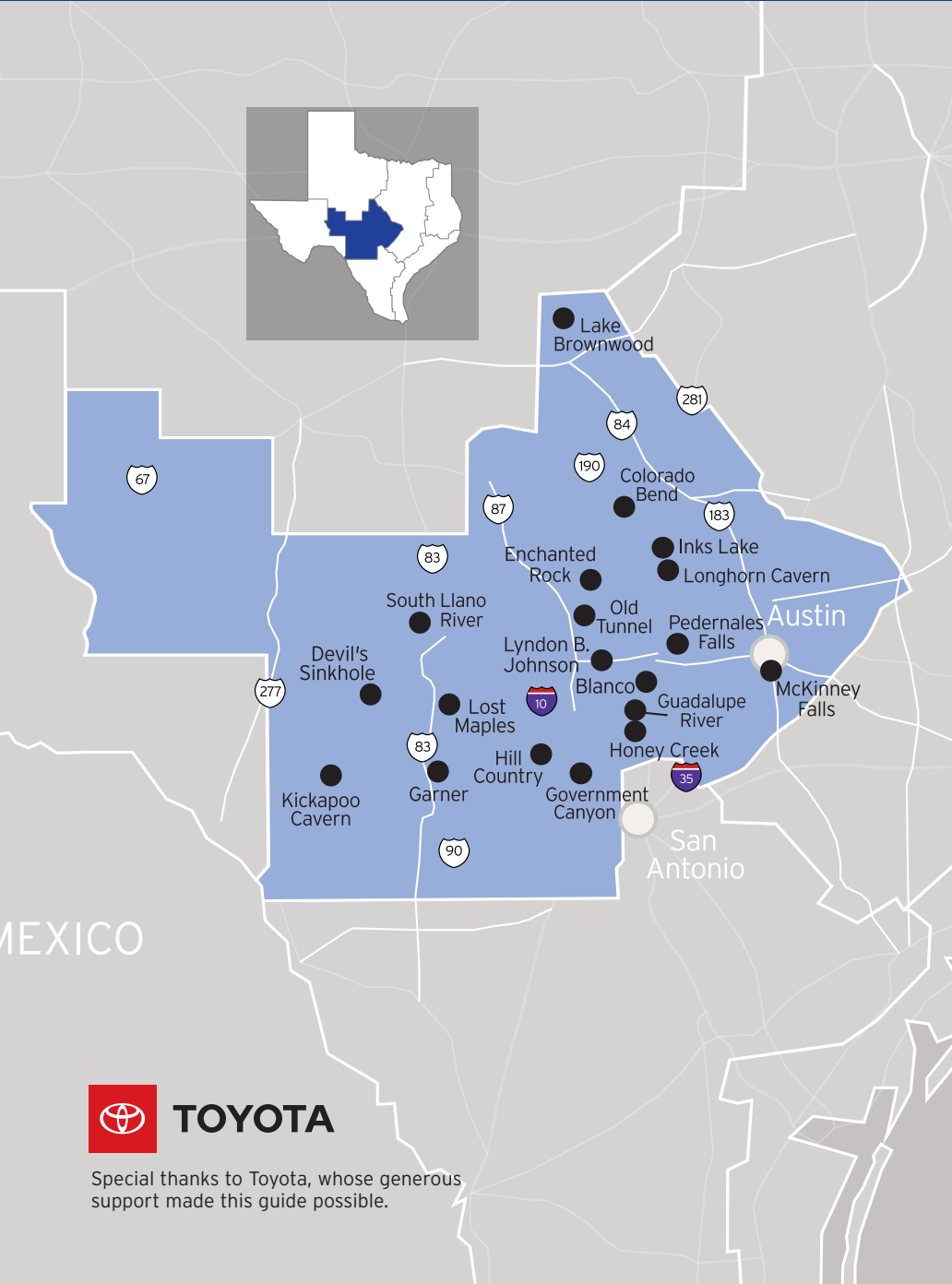
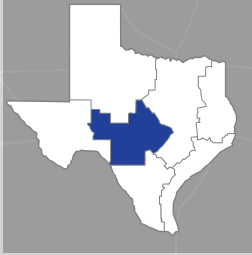


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Blanco State Park

101 Park Rd. 23, Blanco 78606 📍 (830) 833-4333

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Located four blocks from Blanco's charming, historic town square, the park borders the spring-fed Blanco River. Folks from nearby Austin and San Antonio come here to relax in the sun, swim, tube, paddle, fish and camp. Picnic under the trees and watch stars at night. Be sure to check out the historic CCC-built features scattered throughout the park. Screened shelters, campsites and proximity to Blanco make the

park popular with both tent campers and RVers. Bring your family to this small, peaceful park for an afternoon or a weekend!

Colorado Bend State Park

1201 Colorado Park Road, Bend 76824 📍 (325) 628-3240

GPS Latitude 31.022965 | Longitude -98.442401



Experience the beautiful wilderness of Colorado Bend. You'll discover 35 miles of hike and bike trails, spring-fed creeks and swimming holes, limestone bluffs and canyons, and wildlife. Visit for the fishing, kayaking, birding, serious mountain biking, backpacking, primitive tent camping, and swimming. Hike on your own to Gorman Falls, a breathtaking 70-foot travertine waterfall, or take an interpretive tour. Reserve a spot on a cave tour to explore the underground passages beneath this unique piece of the Texas Hill Country.

Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area

Headquarters: 101 N. Sweeten St., Rocksprings 78880 📍 (830) 563-2342

GPS Latitude 30.015773 | Longitude -100.208552



Peer into the depths of Devil's Sinkhole, as you wait for millions of bats to emerge into the evening sky. The natural area is home to the largest single-chambered and fifth-deepest cavern in the state. Witness the bat emergence at evening flight tours. Tours are Wednesday through Sunday evenings in the summer. Access to the natural area is only by tour, and reservations are required. Birding tours are also available. Call the Devil's Sinkhole Society to make reservations: (830) 683-2287.

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

16710 RR 965, Fredericksburg 78624 📍 (830) 685-3636

GPS Latitude 30.505381 | Longitude -98.819844



Climb to the top of this unique pink granite dome rising 425 feet above the countryside. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area covers 1,640 acres. The rock is one of the largest batholiths (exposed underground rock formations) in the country. Native Americans believed

ghost fires flickered at the top of the rock, hence its name. Rock climbers, families and school groups trek here. Folks also come for bird-watching, hiking, tent camping and stargazing. Enchanted Rock is an International Dark Sky Park. Visit mid-week or off-season for smaller crowds. Reserve campsites early.

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Kickapoo Cavern State Park

20939 RR 674, Brackettville 78832 📍 (830) 563-2342

GPS Latitude 29.612137 | Longitude -100.448173



With nearly 6,400 acres in the southwestern Hill Country, the park is relatively undeveloped—a natural open space where you can find solitude—but offers great activities. It has 10 tent sites with water and five full hookup campsites, bird-watching, and miles of trails for hiking and biking.

The park has a network of caverns, including one large enough for guided tours. At Stuart Bat Cave, you can view

Mexican free-tailed bat flights during the evenings of warm weather months.

Book Wild Cave Tours through our online reservation system.

Lake Brownwood State Park

200 State Highway Park Rd. 15, Brownwood 76801 📍 (325) 784-5223

GPS Latitude 31.858162 | Longitude -99.029785



A feeling of rustic tranquility and beauty pervades this CCC park with its stone cabins, lodges and historic recreation hall. The locally quarried native rock cast in the outdoor patios and on the stairs that take you to the lake gives the park a timeless feel. Year after year, families hold their reunions here in the large group facilities.

Campsites range from water-only tent sites to full hookup sites and screened shelters. The 7,300-surface-acre lake attracts swimmers, boaters and anglers.

Longhorn Cavern State Park

6211 Park Rd. 4 S., Burnet 78611 📍 (512) 715-9000

GPS Latitude 30.684441 | Longitude -98.350970



Underground streams formed this beautiful cave near Inks Lake long ago. Today it stays at a comfortable 68 degrees. Cavern access is limited to year-round tours and special programs. Wear comfortable shoes on the 1.1-mile round-trip walk through the cave. For the more adventurous, the park offers a “wild” cave tour, an off-the-trail adventure to test your physical and mental strength.

Picnic and hike on park grounds. Stop by the snack bar and gift shop. Entry to park grounds is free. Access to the cave is by paid guided tour.

Lost Maples State Natural Area

37221 FM 187, Vanderpool 78885 📍 (830) 966-3413

GPS Latitude 29.826021 | Longitude -99.586952



Along the Sabinal River, springs flow through scenic and rugged limestone canyons. Wildlife thrives here, including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. Hike the 11 miles of trails up steep canyon cuts to reach dramatic overlooks and find the perfect place to pitch a backpacker’s tent. The stars of this 2,900-acre natural area are the stands of uncommon Uvalde Bigtooth Maples. Large weekend crowds arrive when the maples turn vivid reds, yellows and oranges from late October through November. Plan your trip mid-week during this peak season.

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site

199 Park Rd. 52, Stonewall 78671 📍 (830) 644-2252

GPS Latitude 30.237728 | Longitude -98.626319



Along the banks of the Pedernales River is a park honoring our 36th president. View bison, an official Texas Longhorn Cattle Herd, and other native wildlife that roam the park. Wildflowers blanket open fields in the spring and summer. Walk, fish, watch for birds and photograph wildlife. During the summer, swim in the

Olympic-sized pool, play tennis, or organize a baseball game.

Groups can rent our dining hall and picnic area. Stop at the Visitor Center and watch a movie about President Johnson and visit our Exhibit Hall. Shop the park store for gifts and presidential items.

Obtain permits at the Visitor Center to tour LBJ's ranch, managed by the National Park Service.



Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm

The farm recreates the life of German immigrants in the Hill Country at the turn of the 20th century. Staff in period clothing milk cows, gather eggs, cook on a wood-burning stove, and tend livestock every day, using historical methods and tools. Groups of 15 or more require reservations.

Pedernales Falls State Park

2585 Park Rd. 6026, Johnson City 78636 📍 (830) 868-7304

GPS Latitude 30.299393 | Longitude -98.243377



Three miles of the clear, spring-fed Pedernales River feature gently sloping limestone that creates the “falls.” Head downstream to swim, wade, and tube along bald-cypress-lined banks. Quiet pools beckon anglers, while 40 miles of shaded trails draw hikers, backpackers and bikers to explore the river and surrounding Hill Country. Birders come for the excellent bird viewing and photography. The park is home to the endangered golden-cheeked warbler in the spring and the indigenous rufous-crowned sparrow year-round.

South Llano River State Park

1927 Park Rd. 73, Junction 76849 📍 (325) 446-3994

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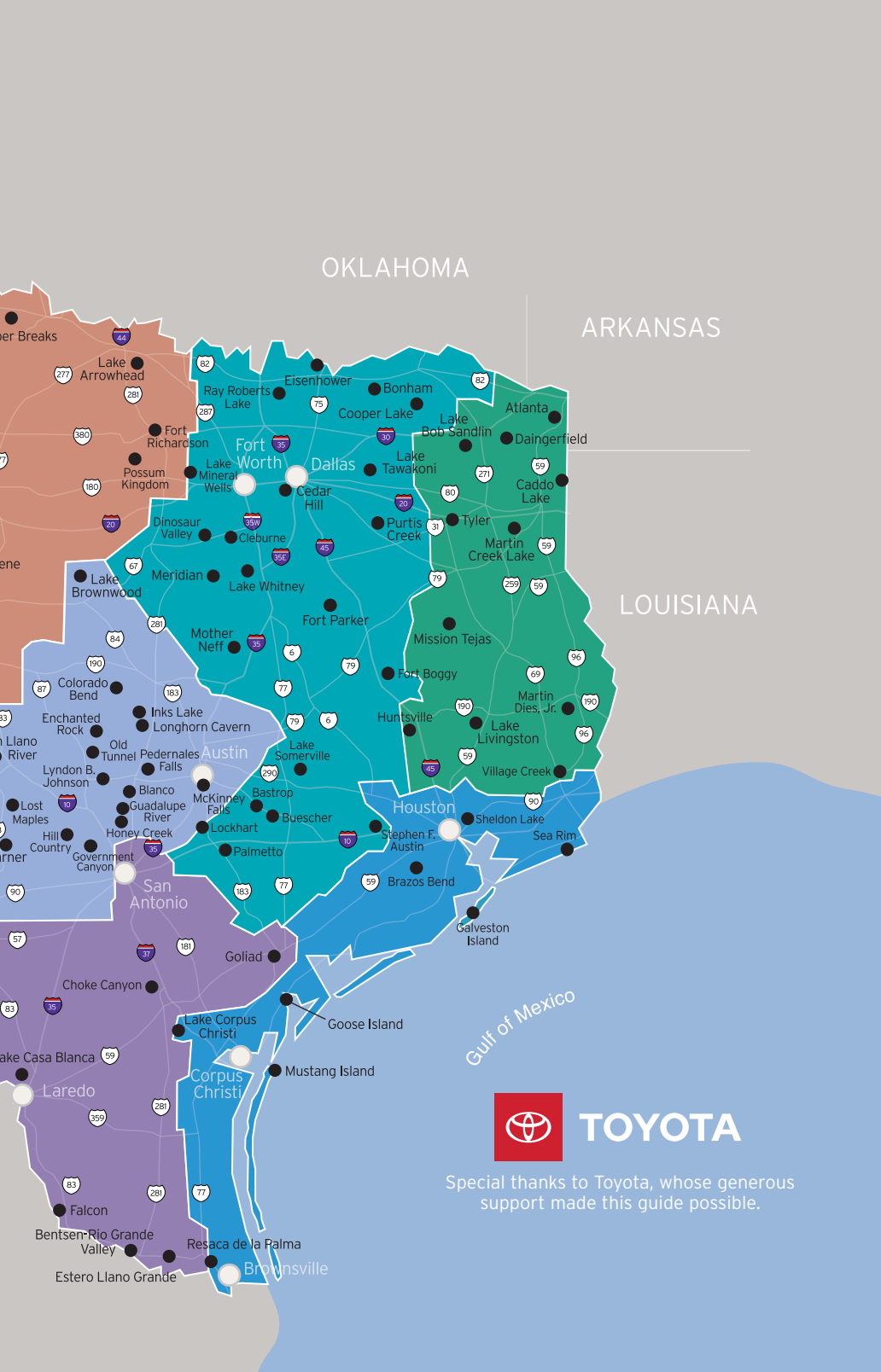


This riverside park is on the western edge of the Edwards Plateau just south of Junction. Play in the South Llano River, which the Lower Colorado River Authority calls one of the “most pristine water bodies in the state.” Relax along the riverbank and picnic, swim, tube, fish and take kayak or canoe trips.

See many types of birds from an observation blind. Hike or bike the park's trails, looking for wild turkeys, jackrabbits, deer and birds. This small, peaceful park offers RV and tent camping and year-round programs.



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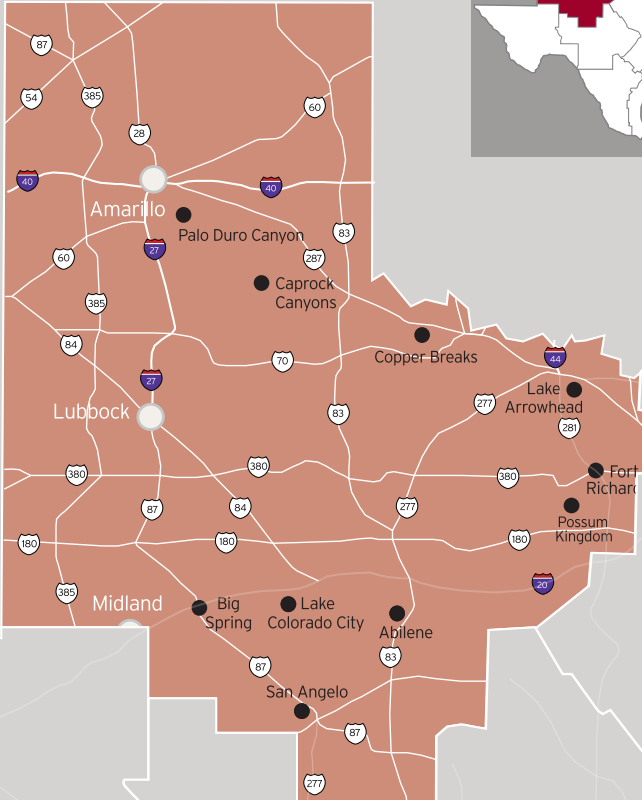
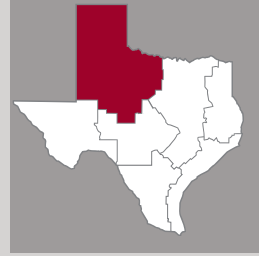
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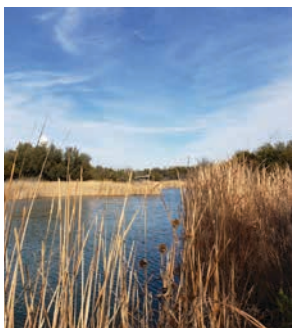
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Abilene State Park

150 Park Rd. 32, Tuscola 79562 📍 (325) 572-3204

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Awake in a wooded oasis on the banks of Elm Creek, just south of the city of Abilene. Pecan, red oak, cottonwood and elm trees arch over the campground. A historic water tower and observation deck overlook the large swimming pool, all built by the CCC. Spot white-tailed deer and other wildlife as you hike along a wooded trail. Half of the one-mile nature trail is ADA-compliant. You can fish, hike, bike, boat or picnic at the Lake Abilene section of the park.

Big Spring State Park

1 Scenic Dr., Big Spring 79720 📍 (432) 263-4931

GPS Latitude 32.232288 | Longitude -101.490728



On a high bluff overlooking the vast Rolling Plains at the northern edge of the Edwards Plateau is Big Spring State Park (just outside of the city of Big Spring). Years ago, Comanches camped here. Cattle drivers and immigrants moving west carved "graffiti" into the stone outcropping.

Today, walkers, joggers and birders enjoy the three-mile road that curves along the limestone rim rock ledge around Scenic Mountain. Views at the top are quite dramatic from the individual picnic tables or from the CCC-built group pavilion.

Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway

850 State Park Rd., Quitaque 79255 📞 (806) 455-1492

GPS Latitude 34.439742 | Longitude -101.051622



The heart of the bison beats proudly in the Caprock Canyons. The “Official Texas State Bison Herd” roams the entire park today. Camp below the canyon rim or venture out to backcountry sites. The 15,000-acre park has miles of multiuse trails and a small lake.

Caprock Canyons Trailway is a converted section of railway outside of the main park. It crosses old railroad trestles and travels through Clarity Tunnel, where up to half a million bats roost each year. Hikers, bikers, and horseback riders will enjoy rugged scenery.

Copper Breaks State Park

777 Park Rd. 62, Quanah 79252 📞 (940) 839-4331

GPS Latitude 34.107097 | Longitude -99.748691



The Pease River eroded this arid land into a place of gullies, mesas and juniper breaks. Frogs, turtles, raccoons and an occasional horned lizard live here. Fish year-round for bass, catfish, crappie and sunfish in two small lakes (60 and 10 acres). Horseback riders: Explore the 3.8-mile trail through the backcountry. This remote park offers peace and

quiet, as well as picnicking, hiking, biking, geocaching and stargazing (Copper Breaks is a designated International Dark Sky Park). The visitors center includes a park store, lecture room and museum.

Fort Richardson State Park, Historic Site & Trailway

228 State Park Rd. 61, Jacksboro 76458 📍 (940) 567-3506

GPS Latitude 33.20615 | Longitude -98.156969



Fort Richardson was part of a line of frontier forts. Restored post buildings show how soldiers lived in the Old West. The park surrounds the old fort grounds. Reserve a campsite or cabin, and enjoy wildlife viewing, nature trails and fishing. Call for tour information.

Lost Creek Reservoir State Trailway is a nine-mile multiuse trail with an improved surface. It passes through open prairie, along Lost Creek, and circles two reservoirs. The North Park area has tent camping, restrooms, kayak ramp, a swimming beach and pavilion.

Lake Arrowhead State Park

229 Park Rd. 63, Wichita Falls 76310 📍 (940) 528-2211

GPS Latitude 33.758069 | Longitude -98.395571



The park sits on gently rolling plains near Wichita Falls. The 16,400-acre lake draws anglers eager to hook crappie, white bass, black bass, and blue and channel catfish. A nine-lane boat ramp provides lake access; a lighted pier and floating boat dock are also

available. Choose from regular and equestrian campsites. Horseback riders and hikers will find five miles of mostly flat, grassy trails. The 18-hole disc golf course makes this a unique state park.

Lake Colorado City State Park

4582 FM 2836, Colorado City 79512 📍 (325) 728-3931

GPS Latitude 32.318219 | Longitude -100.936476



The lake provides an ideal habitat for many species of birds and wildlife, perfect for all nature enthusiasts. Popular activities include hiking, lakeside picnics, camping, swimming along the beach area, fishing from the pier, and kayaking along the shoreline. Kayak rentals are available.

Choose from a variety of campsites for an overnight stay or enjoy one of the climate controlled, limited-use cabins complete with covered picnic tables.

Group recreational facilities are also available for your next special event.

Palo Duro Canyon State Park

11450 Park Rd. 5, Canyon 79015 📍 (806) 488-2227

GPS Latitude 34.984709 | Longitude -101.701867



Palo Duro Canyon is one of the most famous destinations in Texas. Come explore this mysterious terra-cotta badland, known as the “Grand Canyon of Texas.” Take a horseback ride or challenging hike to the famous Lighthouse rock formation. Stop at the overlook to marvel at the breathtaking view of the canyon.

The full-service park offers primitive and developed

campsites, as well as rock cabins and fully furnished CCC-constructed cabins. Longhorns still graze at the park, too. Don't miss the popular outdoor musical “Texas,” performed at the park's amphitheater every summer.

Possum Kingdom State Park

3901 State Park Rd. 33, Caddo 76429 📍 (940) 549-1803

GPS Latitude 32.873976 | Longitude -98.554457



In the rugged canyon country of the Brazos River Valley, Possum Kingdom Lake holds 20,000 surface-acres of some of the clearest, bluest water in the Southwest. The clarity is great for scuba diving, swimming, boating, skiing and fishing. Anglers catch largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, white bass and sunfish. Towering rock formations line the shore near the dam and along the lower lake.

A marina and store rents motorized boats and covered boat slips, sells supplies, souvenirs and boat fuel, and offers a short order grill during peak seasons. Reserve a campsite (many with lake view) or cabin.

San Angelo State Park

362 S. FM 2288, San Angelo 76901 📍 (325) 949-4757

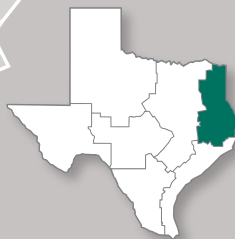
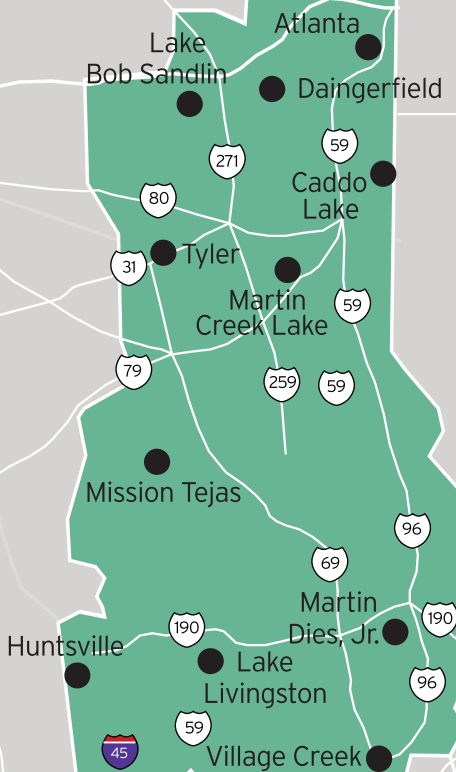
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The Edwards Plateau ecoregion, the Rolling Plains natural region, and the Trans-Pecos desert meet in this park. Its diverse mix of plants includes bottomland trees such as pecan, hackberry and mesquite, which are more common in the arid plains. A portion of the Official Texas State Longhorn Herd and Bison Herd resides here, as well.

Rent a limited-service cabin, group pavilion, regular or equestrian campsites. Explore more than 50 miles of equestrian, hiking and biking trails.

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Atlanta State Park

927 Park Rd. 42, Atlanta 75551 📍 (903) 796-6476

GPS Latitude 33.231561 | Longitude -94.267788



This charming park sits on the eastern shore of Wright Patman Lake near Texarkana. You'll love the peaceful evenings and colorful sunsets over the water. The 33,750-surface-acre reservoir invites waterskiing, paddling, boating and fishing. Beautiful hiking and biking trails meander through the woodlands and offer great wildlife and bird viewing.

The park offers excellent fishing for catfish and crappie, numerous pull-through RV and tent camping sites, swimming, ranger programs, and much more. Come stay a while for a unique Pineywoods experience.

Caddo Lake State Park

245 Park Rd. 2, Karnack 75661 📍 (903) 679-3351

GPS Latitude 32.680233 | Longitude -94.176361



A mass of trees and flood debris, known as The Great Raft, created Caddo Lake when it backed up the Red River for over 100 miles. It was removed in 1874. The area drained, leaving behind what is known today as Caddo Lake.

Let this park be your basecamp! The park sits two miles upriver from Caddo Lake on Big Cypress Bayou. Explore bayous and thick stands of ancient bald cypress trees by canoe or boat. Hike amongst towering pines, catch a fish, or camp. Rent a restored CCC cabin or the Group Hall.

Daingerfield State Park

455 Park Rd. 17, Daingerfield 75638 📍 (903) 645-2921

GPS Latitude 33.010936 | Longitude -94.693999



Take a walk beneath towering pines and majestic oaks. Ascend to one of the high points in East Texas for an amazing view of the valleys below. Spend the night in one of Texas' most historic parks, constructed by the CCC. Stay in a campsite, rustic cabin or the CCC-built Bass Lodge. Summer fun revolves around the historic pavilion with patio and gift shop

overlooking the swim beach. Rent a paddle boat, paddle board, kayak, canoe or johnboat and explore the park's 80-acre spring-fed lake.

Huntsville State Park

565 Park Rd. 40 W., Huntsville 77340 📍 (936) 295-5644

GPS Latitude 30.620676 | Longitude -95.527726



Nestled in the Pineywoods of East Texas, the CCC-built Huntsville State Park opened in 1942 and offers abundant wildlife, solitude, scenery and outdoor activities. Swim, paddle or fish the 210-acre Lake Raven. Hike or bike on 21 miles of trails. Stop by the Nature Center for ranger-led

programs. Choose from a variety of campsites for an overnight stay. Group facilities are available for special events. Visit the park store for souvenirs and various outdoor items.

Lake Bob Sandlin State Park

341 State Park Rd. 2117, Pittsburg 75686 📍 (903) 572-5531

GPS Latitude 33.049185 | Longitude -95.092292



Foliage on the sweet gum, hickory, maple and other hardwood trees turns to red and gold here in the fall. The lake offers great bass fishing, for which East Texas is famous. And the park's proximity to Interstate 30 makes it popular for residents of the DFW Metroplex.

You will enjoy a host of activities, from fishing and boating to hiking.

Watch for wildlife such as bobcats, white-tailed deer and bald eagles. Campers can choose from water/electric sites, screened shelters or cabins.

Lake Livingston State Park

300 Park Rd. 65, Livingston 77351 📍 (936) 365-2201

GPS Latitude 30.656897 | Longitude -95.001093



This Southeast Texas park sits on the shores of an 83,000-surface-acre lake. Catfish and white bass are plentiful. The park has a fishing pier and three boat ramps.

Explore the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk, featuring two ponds, native pollinator garden, and bird blind. The park store offers food, souvenirs, and self-service kayak rentals. The Nature Center has interactive exhibits including live animals.

Park campsites include full hookup sites and screened shelters (some ADA-compliant). An air-conditioned activity center for 50 people is welcome in summer heat.

Martin Creek Lake State Park

9515 County Rd. 2181D, Tatum 75691 📍 (903) 836-4336

GPS Latitude 32.277951 | Longitude -94.573318



Spend the night in a unique Pineywoods park. Rent a cabin, screened shelter, or campsite with water and electricity. Those wanting to “un-plug” will enjoy primitive campsites on an island, accessible only by footbridge or boat. The island has limited space, so reserve early. Canoe rentals are available.

Martin Creek Lake cools a power plant, keeping lake temperatures warm in the winter. Anglers will find blue and channel catfish, redear and bluegill sunfish, largemouth bass and crappie year-round. The park has two boat ramps and a lighted fishing pier.

Martin Dies, Jr. State Park

634 Park Rd. 48 S., Jasper 75951 📍 (409) 384-5231

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Pitch your tent or park your RV on the shores of Lake B.A. Steinhagen under lofty pine, oak and beech trees in the Big Thicket.

We provide boat ramps and canoe and kayak rentals. Catch channel, blue and flathead catfish. Crappie fishing reigns in the spring. The park has several beginner-level mountain biking trails and four marked paddling trails.

Village Creek State Park

8854 Park Rd. 74 (off Alma Dr.), Lumberton 77657 📍 (409) 755-7322

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Village Creek State Park reveals a fascinating world of diverse habitats including bottomland swamps, mixed pine-hardwood forests, and arid sandhill pine forests. Thousands of plants and animals thrive in the Big Thicket - a forest so dense that early pioneers struggled to settle it. This ecological marvel once covered over 3 million acres. Today, a small portion

is set aside as a state park with eight miles of trails, picnic sites, campgrounds, nature programs, and access to the wide, slow-moving Village Creek. This park has facilities for individuals, families, or groups.

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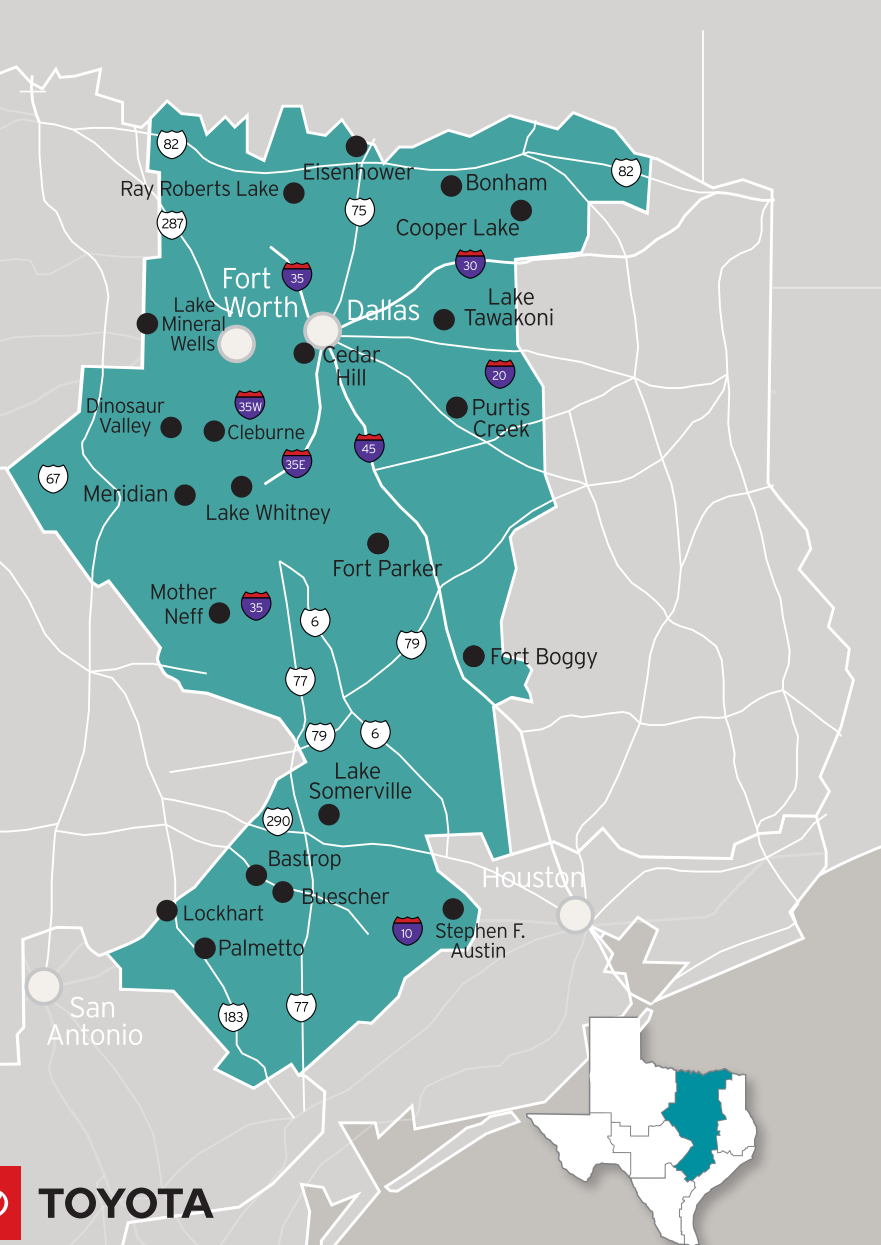
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Buescher State Park

100 Park Rd. 1E, Smithville 78957 📍 (512) 237-2241

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Hidden in the “Lost Pines” is a forested gem of a state park. Rent a canoe or try your luck at fishing in the small, stocked lake. A scenic 12-mile road joins Buescher and Bastrop state parks. It’s winding and hilly,

perfect for biking or a leisurely drive. Rent the CCC-built group hall or one of three cabins with decks overlooking the lake.

Cedar Hill State Park

1570 W. FM 1382, Cedar Hill 75104 📍 (972) 291-3900

GPS Latitude 32.607341 | Longitude -96.996281



Minutes southwest of downtown Dallas, this park has 10 lanes of boat ramps accessing the 7,500-acre Joe Pool Reservoir. Fish the lake or the kids’ perch pond. The Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association maintains 13 miles of hiking and biking trails crisscrossing the varied terrain. Novices and experts alike can tackle these trails. Choose from more than 350 campsites or hike to a primitive site.

Penn Farm: The Penn family farmed here for over a century. Today, restored buildings recreate the farm, which is open daily for self-guided tours.

Cleburne State Park

5800 Park Rd. 21, Cleburne 76033 📍 (817) 645-4215

GPS Latitude 32.266556 | Longitude -97.55685



Wildlife abounds at this park, just outside the city of Cleburne and southwest of the Fort Worth area. Animals scurry through the woods, and in early spring, bluebonnets blanket the roadsides, creating picture-perfect picnic settings. Hike-and-bike trails zigzag through limestone hills, canyons and ruggedly beautiful wooded terrain. Enjoy the clear, spring-fed lake (created

by an earthen dam with a charming, three-level spillway built by the Civilian Conservation Corps) while fishing, kayaking, or bird viewing. Cleburne State Park is ideal for camping or visiting for the day.

Cooper Lake State Park

Doctors Creek Unit, 95 Park Road 8154, Cooper 75432 📍 (903) 395-3100

GPS Latitude 33.345489 | Longitude -95.668599

South Sulphur Unit, 1690 FM 3505, Sulphur Springs 75482 📍 (903) 945-5256

GPS Latitude 33.28966 | Longitude -95.652852



Cooper Lake State Park offers both land and water adventures. Enjoy awe-inspiring sunrises and sunsets and spectacular scenery by boat, on foot, or on horseback. Picnic under massive oaks, swim at one of the park's white sandy beaches, hike a trail, launch a

boat or kayak, or fish from the bank or pier on the 19,300-acre lake. Choose from several modern lakefront cabins, shelters and campsites. Watch for bald eagles, white pelicans, painted buntings, white-tailed deer, armadillos, bobcats, beavers and more. The park's two units (Doctors Creek and South Sulphur) conserve 3,026 acres of woodlands, prairies and shoreline.

Dinosaur Valley State Park

1629 Park Rd. 59, Glen Rose 76043 📍 (254) 897-4588

GPS Latitude 32.251511 | Longitude -97.81219



Relax near the world-famous dinosaur tracks of the Paluxy riverbed. These tracks, dating back 113 million years, helped scientists understand how and where these Late Cretaceous giants roamed. The dinosaur tracks are only visible when the water is low, but you can see replicas year-round in the park headquarters exhibit.

Looking to reconnect with nature? Explore 22 miles of trails on foot, bike, or horseback! Grab a pack and head out to the Acro Ridge Backpacking Area or enjoy the sounds of the river in the Sycamore Bend Walk-In Area.

Eisenhower State Park

50 Park Rd. 20, Denison 75020 📍 (903) 465-1956

GPS Latitude 33.814601 | Longitude -96.60951



The park's heavily forested shoreline of rolling hills and limestone bluffs overlooks Lake Texoma, an 89,000-acre watery playground. Fish for striped bass, smallmouth bass and catfish along the shore of this world-renowned fishing lake. A marina in the park provides rentals and other services.

Hike and bike on trails bordering the lakeshore. An OHV trail crosses wooded hills in the park's backcountry. Choose from shaded campsites for RVs and tents, screened shelters, group facilities, and a cabin. *The park is north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.*



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Fort Boggy State Park

4994 Highway 75 S., Centerville 75833 ☑ (903) 344-1116

GPS Latitude 31.189837 | Longitude -95.98588



Spend the day picnicking, fishing, biking or just taking in the natural beauty of this quiet and serene park. The small, picturesque lake is great for canoes, kayaks or small boats. The park has nature trails and a beautiful beach, as well as an ADA-compliant, open-air picnic pavilion. Reserve one of our cabins or tent sites for an overnight stay. Fort Boggy is

conveniently located just off IH-45 between Dallas and Houston.



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Fort Parker State Park

194 Park Rd. 28, Mexia 76667 📍 (254) 562-5751

GPS Latitude 31.592347 | Longitude -96.526655



Located between Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston, this wooded CCC-built park features miles of trails. Wildflowers fill the park in spring. Wildlife includes great blue herons, white-tailed deer, bald eagles, beavers, white pelicans, raccoons and others.

Enjoy spectacular sunsets and stunning scenery while boating on 750-acre Fort Parker Lake and the Navasota River, or sunbathing at the swimming area. The 86-person group facility is ideal for reunions, youth camps and other overnight gatherings. Canoe and kayak rentals, two lakes, the river, fishing, hiking and camping ensure plenty of fun for all!

Lake Mineral Wells State Park & Trailway

100 Park Rd. 71, Mineral Wells 76067 📍 (940) 328-1171

GPS Latitude 32.812655 | Longitude -98.043368



At Lake Mineral Wells, just an hour from Fort Worth, enjoy fishing, swimming, hiking, biking, picnicking and camping. Bring your own rock climbing equipment to climb giant boulders and narrow canyons. The seasonal store provides watercraft rentals for exploring the 646-acre lake. At Penitentiary Hollow, sculpted stone steps laid over 80 years ago lead to incredible views.

Lake Mineral Wells SP Trailway: A 20-mile multiuse trail runs from northwest of Weatherford to Mineral Wells. Bring your bike, your horse, or your hiking boots!

Lake Somerville State Park & Trailway

Birch Creek Unit, 14222 Park Rd. 57, Somerville 77879 📍 (979) 535-7763

GPS Latitude 30.310412 | Longitude -96.628643

Nails Creek Unit, 6280 FM 180, Ledbetter 78946 📍 (979) 289-2392

GPS Latitude 30.289681 | Longitude -96.663069



Lake Somerville State Park's two units, between Austin and College Station, are great family getaways. Roads and trails wind through meadows and woodland campsites. Nails Creek Unit has a shallow swimming area perfect for small children. Birch Creek Unit has a group trailer area. Anglers favor Birch Creek, while Nails Creek is an equestrian favorite. Both units rent canoes and kayaks.

Lake Somerville SP Trailway: Thirteen miles of trails connect the units, offering hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, backpacking, birding and photography. Equestrians and backpackers can camp along the trailway.

Lake Tawakoni State Park

10822 FM 2475, Wills Point 75169 📍 (903) 560-7123

GPS Latitude 32.841871 | Longitude -95.993667



This 376-acre park sits along the shores of 36,700-acre Lake Tawakoni, with five miles of shoreline and a four-lane boat ramp. The park is in a picturesque, forested setting, just east of Dallas-Fort Worth. The park's native prairie grasslands are rare for East Texas and provide habitat for over 250 bird species.

The park features 78 campsites, two large picnic areas with tables and grills, and more than four miles of hike-and-bike trails. Up to 48 people can camp at the primitive group area.

Lake Whitney State Park

433 FM 1244, Whitney 76692 📍 (254) 694-3793

GPS Latitude 31.927534 | Longitude -97.36204



Go boating, water skiing, sailing, fishing, scuba diving and swimming at this 23,000-surface-acre lake. The park has a boat ramp, shoreline fishing, and a lakefront beach. Anglers have caught record catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and striper.

Camp and enjoy hiking, biking or birding, too. Birders have identified some 194 bird species here. Cabins, group shelters, and a group recreation hall create the perfect spot for a get-together by the lake.

Lockhart State Park

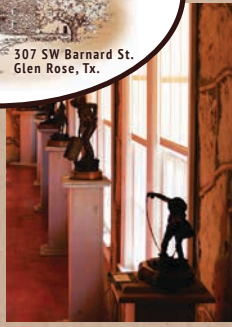
2012 State Park Rd., Lockhart 78644 📍 (512) 398-3479

GPS Latitude 29.851282 | Longitude -97.693625



This charming park is just south of Austin in the beautiful blackland prairie region. It has something for everyone. The large, secluded hilltop recreation hall – built by the CCC in the 1930s – is a perfect setting for reunions,

parties and weddings. A quaint nine-hole golf course has club and cart rentals for golfers. The park also has a campground, swimming pool (open in summers), hiking trails, and a creek for anglers.



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Meridian State Park

173 Park Rd. 7, Meridian 76665 📍 (254) 435-2536

GPS Latitude 31.889266 | Longitude -97.702365



Relax at this wooded 504-acre park. The park surrounds 72-acre Lake Meridian, with excellent fishing for largemouth bass, catfish, crappie and bream. Watercraft rentals available. Hiking trails take you into peaceful areas. There you'll see limestone outcroppings, nature and abundant wildlife. Birders: look for endangered golden-cheeked warblers.

Campsites range from 50-amp full hookup pull-through sites to drive-up primitive sites. Reserve one of 15 screened shelters or three cabins. Rent the dining hall for business meetings and small reunions.

Mother Neff State Park

1921 Park Road 14, Moody 76557 📍 (254) 853-2389

GPS Latitude 31.332674 | Longitude -97.464545



Isabella Eleanor Neff (mother of Texas Governor Pat M. Neff) donated the land that would form the nucleus of this park. Later donations and acquisitions have increased the park's size to 400 acres of diverse habitats attracting numerous species of plants, insects, birds and animals.

Almost 3.5 miles of hiking trails covering three ecosystems cross the park. Reserve one of 20 full hookup campsites or our lodge that sleeps eight (eight more can camp outside).

Palmetto State Park

78 Park Rd. 11 S., Gonzales 78629 📍 (830) 672-3266

GPS Latitude 29.596906 | Longitude -97.585140



The dwarf palmetto plants found here give the park its name. This 300-acre riverside refuge is a botanical wonderland, attracting over 200 bird species. A historic pump forces artesian water into a 1930s-era cistern and water tower for release into swampy woodlands along a nature trail. Oxbow Lake is regularly stocked and ready for fishing. The park

also boasts a great network of trails and boardwalks. Reserve a campsite, group site, or the cabin overlooking the San Marcos River and Oxbow Lake.

Purtis Creek State Park

14225 FM 316 N., Eustace 75124 📍 (903) 425-2332

GPS Latitude 32.353794 | Longitude -95.993554



This park has well-shaded campsites and exceptional bass fishing. The park's lake was actually designed for trophy largemouth bass and has catch-and-release rules for this species. The park allows 50 motorized boats at a time on the 355-surface-acre lake. Rent kayaks to explore the water, or explore the Wolfpen Trail on foot or bike.



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Ray Roberts Lake State Park



Set amid a mixed forest and prairie environment, the park's multiple units provide access to the 30,000-surface-acre lake. You'll find campsites (developed, primitive and equestrian), boat ramps, two marinas, group pavilions, mountain bike trails, great fishing and a lodge with hotel rooms.

Park Units of Ray Roberts Lake SP

Isle du Bois

100 PW 4137, Pilot Point 76258 ☎ (940) 686-2148

GPS Latitude 33.365671 | Longitude -97.012150

Isle du Bois has a six-lane boat ramp, lighted fishing pier, trails and swimming beach. It also has RV, equestrian, and walk-in campsites. 📶

Johnson Branch

100 PW 4153, Valley View 76272 ☎ (940) 637-2294

GPS Latitude 33.429802 | Longitude -97.056449

Johnson Branch has a four-lane boat ramp, kayak rentals, trails, campsites, and a swimming beach.

Jordan Park

2200 FM 1192, Pilot Point 76258 ☎ (940) 686-0261

GPS Latitude 33.403039 | Longitude 96.997878

Lone Star Lodge and Marina overlooks the lake at Jordan Park. The hotel has 30 rooms and a conference center for up to 100 people. The park offers boat rental services and a four-lane boat ramp.

Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor

100 PW 4137, Pilot Point 76258 ☎ (940) 686-2148

GPS Latitude 33.351083 | Longitude -97.035142

The 17-mile multi-use trail system meanders along the banks of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

Sanger Marina Unit

1399 Marina Circle, Sanger 76266 ☎ (940) 458-7343

GPS Latitude 33.377667 | Longitude -97.107611

Lake Ray Roberts Marina has a four-lane boat ramp, boat rentals, a fishing barge and courtesy dock.

Stephen F. Austin State Park

Park Rd. 38, San Felipe 77473 📍 (979) 885-3613

GPS Latitude 29.818394 | Longitude -96.110549



Along the Brazos River lies 473 acres of scenic moss-draped hardwood forests and towering cottonwood bottomlands. In 1821 Mexico granted this land to Stephen F. Austin, known as the “Father of Texas.” He established the first Anglo-American settlement in Texas nearby.

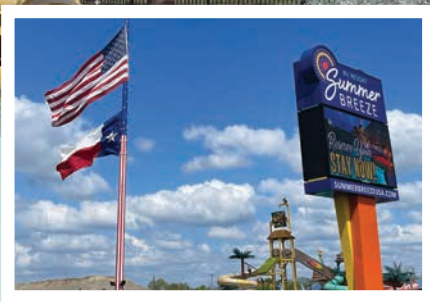
This park is home to pileated woodpecker, white-tailed deer,

barred owl and many unique ecosystems. Come ready to camp or visit for the day. Go birding, hiking, or biking on our nature trails. The park has 30-amp full hookup RV sites, water-only tent sites, primitive tent sites, screened shelters, a cabin (without restroom), and group facilities available.

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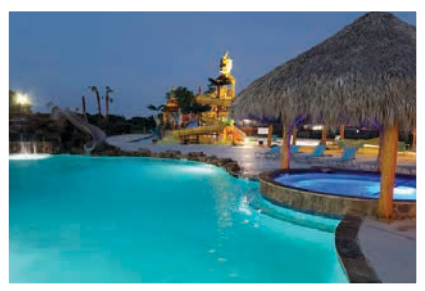
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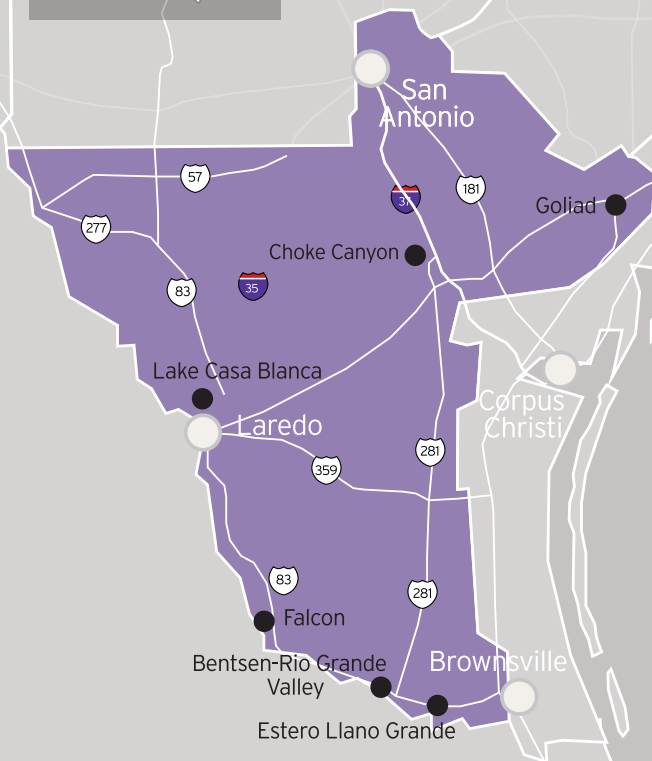
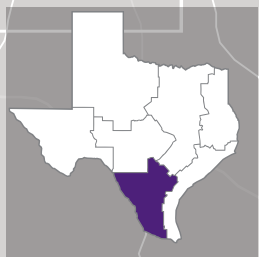
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Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park

2800 S. Bentsen Palm Dr., Mission 78572 📍 (956) 584-9156

GPS Latitude 26.186987 | Longitude -98.381888



More than 360 species of birds and 200 species of butterflies put in appearances at this special place along the Rio Grande. Witness hawk migrations, take photographs, and enjoy bird walks and nature tours.

The park has nature trails, a hawk tower, wildlife viewing blinds, bird-feeding stations, campsites and tram tours. Pick up field guides or browse through souvenirs at the Algunas Plumas gift shop. Stop by La Familia Nature Center and ask park staff about recent wildlife sightings. Drop into the park's Le Chez Bleu Bistro for coffee, brunch, and lunch options to fuel up and continue your adventure.

Choke Canyon State Park

358 Recreation Rd. 8, Calliham 78007 📍 (361) 786-3868

Calliham Park Unit

GPS Latitude 28.465773 | Longitude -98.354195

South Shore Park Unit *Day-use only*

GPS Latitude 28.467641 | Longitude -98.250059



Choke Canyon's two park units on the shores of the 26,000-surface-acre Choke Canyon Reservoir provide access to a wide expanse of water. You can boat, waterski and fish here year-round.

Fishing is some of the finest in Texas. Anglers catch largemouth and white bass; crappie; blue, channel and flathead catfish; bluegill and redear sunfish; and alligator gar. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina and alligators live in the park.

Besides campsites and air-conditioned cabins, the park has trails, sports facilities (tennis, basketball, baseball), group halls and picnic pavilions.

Estero Llano Grande State Park

3301 S. International Blvd. (FM 1015), Weslaco 78596 📍 (956) 565-3919

GPS Latitude 26.126411 | Longitude -97.956518



Water is the magic ingredient for attracting wildlife in South Texas. Estero Llano Grande State Park's wetlands attract a spectacular array of wildlife. This 230-acre refuge in Weslaco with shallow lakes, woodlands and thorn forests sits at

the geographic center of the Rio Grande Valley.

Explore the park's many trails, boardwalks and observation decks. Visit the park store, Humedales Alegres, which features unique souvenirs as well as wetland, butterfly, bird and other wildlife items. Two group lodges, with kitchens, dining halls and bunkhouses, are available for rent.

Falcon State Park

146 Park Road 46, Falcon Heights 78545 📍 (956) 848-5327

GPS Latitude 26.582801 | Longitude -99.142716



Falcon is a great place to enjoy the natural world. We offer both land and water adventures! The park's 730 acres of diverse habitat are home to many species, such as javelina, bobcat, Texas tortoise, roadrunner, oriole, green jays, wild oregano, wild hibiscus and black brush.

You won't forget sunsets over the lake with the mountains of

Mexico in the distance. Visit our butterfly garden or the observation blind for great birdwatching. The 87,400-surface-acre lake draws anglers from across the country to fish for bass, catfish and alligator gar. Stay overnight at a campsite, screened shelter or cabin.

Goliad State Park & Historic Site

108 Park Rd. 6, Goliad 77963 📍 (361) 645-3405

GPS Latitude 28.656494 | Longitude -97.385362



Spanish missionaries and soldiers established Mission Espíritu Santo at Goliad on the San Antonio River over 270 years ago. Today, the mission is an icon of the Spanish Colonial and CCC eras. Visit the park museum to learn more. Camp under starry skies and kayak or canoe along the river paddling trail. Explore beautiful natural areas while hiking the park's trails.

In the park complex, you can also visit General Ignacio Zaragoza's Birthplace, the ruins of Mission Rosario, and the El Camino Real Visitors Center just down the road.

Lake Casa Blanca International State Park

5102 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo 78041 📍 (956) 725-3826

GPS Latitude 27.32°21.59 N | Longitude -99.27°4.64" W



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CHECKLIST

What do you need to visit a state park?

All you need to enjoy your day is comfortable clothes and a little free time! Remember, both day-use and overnight reservations are recommended, especially for weekends and holidays.

Here's a list of a few things you should bring to make your visit more comfortable:

Park map - Download from the park website or pick one up at park headquarters.

Comfortable clothing - Make sure to dress for the weather.

Drinking water - A liter per hour of activity is recommended.

Sturdy shoes

Sunblock, bug spray



Pro Tip!

Fully charge your devices before hitting the trails.



Planning on staying the night?

In addition to your tent and sleeping bag don't forget things like:

Flashlight/headlight

Camp chairs

Cooking equipment and dishes for your favorite camping foods

Cleaning supplies and trash bags

Toiletries

Towels and shower shoes

If you're traveling, leave firewood at home. **Buy firewood locally instead** - it helps prevent the spread of invasive species and disease.





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Whether it's your first visit or you're a regular, having questions is normal! Ask a park ranger or staff – we want you to feel comfortable and confident.

Are reservations required to visit for the day?

Reservations are not required, but most parks do have capacity limits. Once those limits are reached visitors may be turned away. When you reserve a day pass you know there will be space for you. If you change your mind, cancel your reservation so someone else can enjoy the park.

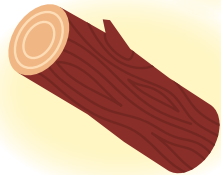
Can I collect wildflowers, rocks, fossils, etc. from the park?

While it's tempting to pick up a souvenir, it's against the law to take plants, rocks, or other natural or historic objects. Help protect the park and leave them for others to enjoy.



Can I bring my own firewood to the park?

Most parks sell firewood. Please buy firewood where you burn it. This helps stop the spread of diseases and invasive pests.



Can I bring my pet to a state park?

Yes, pets are welcome in most state parks! However, there are some rules. Pets must always be on a leash that is 6 feet long or shorter. Never leave your pet unattended in the park. Pets are not allowed in any state park buildings, including cabins and restrooms.



Can I drink alcohol in a state park?

It is against park rules to drink or display an alcoholic beverage in outdoor areas of a state park.



More common questions: [TexasStateParks.org/FAQ](https://www.texasstateparks.org/FAQ)

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ABBREVIATIONS

SHS State Historic Site TW Trailway
 SNA State Natural Area K Mountain Biking
 SP State Park L Surfaced

	ACTIVITY	TRAILS	CAMPSITES	LODGING	FACILITIES	PARKS
Fishing	•	•	•	•	•	•
Swimming	•	•	•	•	•	•
Paddling	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hiking	•	•	•	•	•	•
Biking/Mountain Biking	•	•	•	•	•	•
Nature/Interpretive	•	•	•	•	•	•
Horse	•	•	•	•	•	•
Primitive	•	•	•	•	•	•
With Water	•	•	•	•	•	•
Water and Electric	•	•	•	•	•	•
Full Hookup	•	•	•	•	•	•
Screened Shelters	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cabins (with or w/o bathroom)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Motel/Lodge/Room	•	•	•	•	•	•
Group Overnight (Lodge/Camp)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Restrooms	•	•	•	•	•	•
Showers	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dump Station	•	•	•	•	•	•
Boat Ramp	•	•	•	•	•	•
Watercraft Rentals	•	•	•	•	•	•
Swimming Pool	•	•	•	•	•	•
Horse Facilities	•	•	•	•	•	•
Exhibit/Interpretive Ctr/Museum	•	•	•	•	•	•
Historic Site	•	•	•	•	•	•
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	Paddling	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Hiking	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Biking/Mountain Biking	•	K	K	•	K,L	K,L
	Nature/Interpretive	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Horse	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Primitive	•	•	•	•	•	•
	With Water	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Water and Electric	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Full Hookup	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Screened Shelters	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Cabins (with or w/o bathroom)	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Motel/Lodge/Room	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Group Overnight (Lodge/Camp)	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Restrooms	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Showers	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Dump Station	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Boat Ramp	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Watercraft Rentals	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Swimming Pool	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Horse Facilities	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Exhibit/Interpretive Ctr/Museum	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Historic Site	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Civilian Conservation Corps	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Day Use Only	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Group Day Use	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Some Accessible Features	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PARKS						
	OLD TUNNEL SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PALMETTO SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PALO DURO CANYON SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PEDERNALES FALLS SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	POSSUM KINGDOM SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	PURTIS CREEK SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	RAY ROBERTS LAKE SP - Greentbelt	•	•	•	•	•	•
	RAY ROBERTS LAKE SP - Isle du Bois	•	•	•	•	•	•
	RAY ROBERTS LAKE SP - Johnson Branch	•	•	•	•	•	•
	RAY ROBERTS LAKE SP - Jordan Park	•	•	•	•	•	•
	RESACA DE LA PALMA SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SAN ANGELO SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SEA RIM SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SEMINOLE CANYON SP & SHS	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SHELDON LAKE SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SOUTH LLANO RIVER SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SP	•	•	•	•	•	•
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