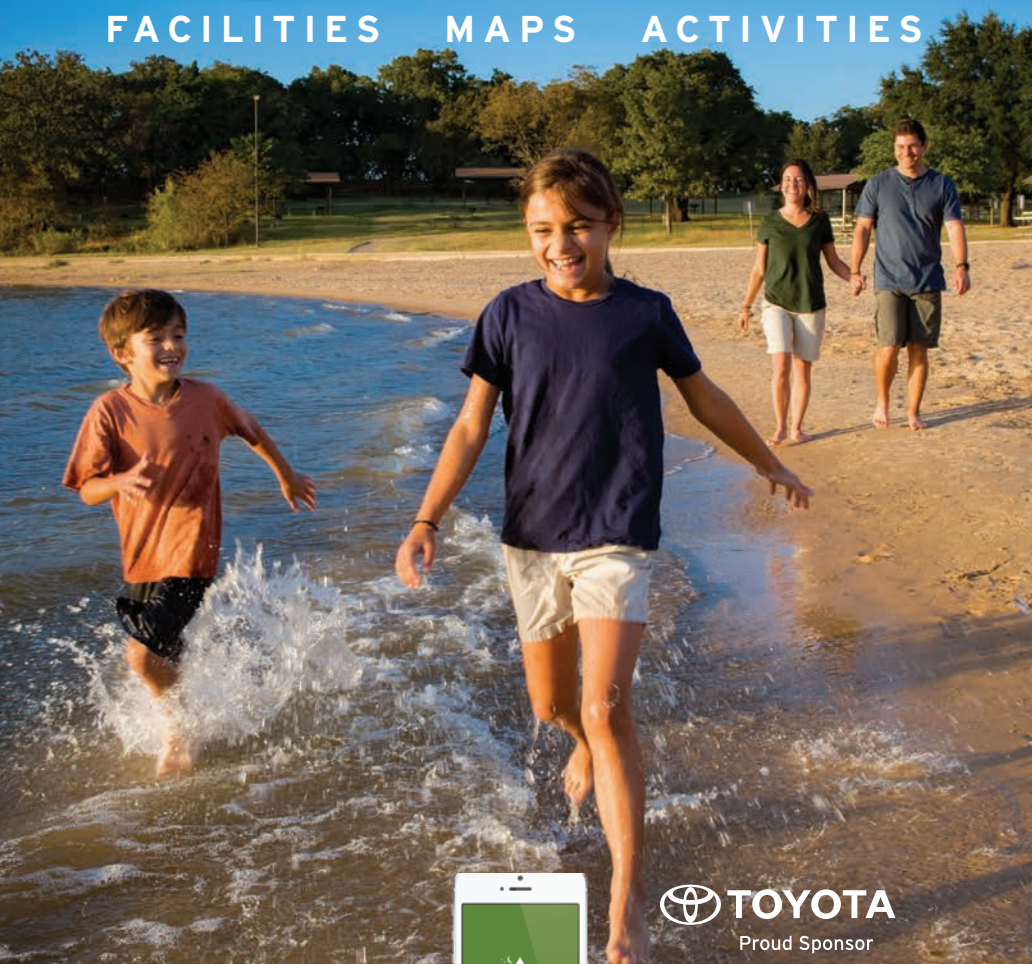




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## WELCOME



from Brent Leisure, State Parks Director

Texas is blessed with a wide variety of public lands and a wealth of cultural heritage. Habitats thrive here. History comes to life. Every one of our state parks is part of a rich legacy, and every one of you plays a role in taking care of it for future generations.

These 630,000-plus acres showcase some of our state's greatest treasures. Parks help people find fun and relaxation. They also strengthen local economies and communities. Most of all, parks enable us to spend the kind of time in nature we all need to nurture our health and well-being.

We will celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2023. I invite you to get ready for this tremendous milestone by getting to know your parks. There are few better places to make great memories with friends and family.

The parks are here for you. They belong to you. Please come, enjoy, and help protect them for many years to come.

## What's new in state parks?

- >> **New improvements were made at** Fort Boggy, Mother Neff and Palo Duro Canyon.
- >> **New improvements are planned for** Franklin Mountains and Galveston Island.
- >> **El Camino Real de los Tejas** visitor exhibits are being added to Goliad, McKinney Falls and Mission Tejas.
- >> **Hurricane Harvey recovery** continues at dozens of parks statewide.
- >> **Future state parks:**
  - **Palo Pinto Mountains SP** is open to visitors for special events.
  - **Albert and Bessie Kronkoski SNA** is welcoming volunteers to survey plant and animal life.
  - **Chinati Mountains SNA** is gathering input on its public use plan.
  - **Powderhorn Ranch**, one of the greatest conservation acquisitions of coastal acreage in Texas history, continues to move forward in the park planning process.



[texasstateparks.org/whatsnew](https://texasstateparks.org/whatsnew)

# 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:



## Camp

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



## View Wildlife

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



## 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 without a license in as many as 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.



## Walk

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



## Swim

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



Many state parks offer special guided and self-guided programs. Below are a few examples. Ask your park what's available!

Kids 12  
and under  
get FREE  
ADMISSION!

## Geocache Challenge



Travel to new parts of your favorite parks by joining these modern-day treasure hunts. Bring your phone or GPS unit. Win prizes

by locating hidden caches. Many are camouflaged, but none are buried.

## Texas Outdoor Family



Choose a workshop and make your own adventure. Set up a tent, cook outdoors, build a campfire and play outside! We provide all the

equipment. No experience necessary.

## 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) overcame the Great Depression and built the first state parks in Texas. Their legacy stands today for future generations.

## 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: Big Bend Ranch State Park, Enchanted Rock, Copper Breaks or South Llano River.

## 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.



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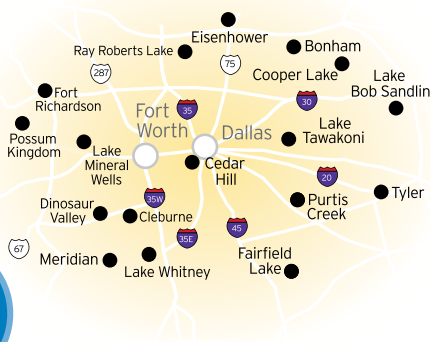
# Where do you want to go?

You'll find many state parks nearby.

## Dallas/Fort Worth Area >>



Walk the trails at Lake Mineral Wells SP.



## << Houston Area



Go back in time at Fanthorp Inn SP.

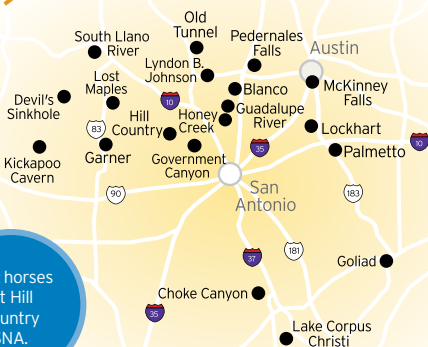




## San Antonio Area >>



Ride horses  
at Hill  
Country  
SNA.

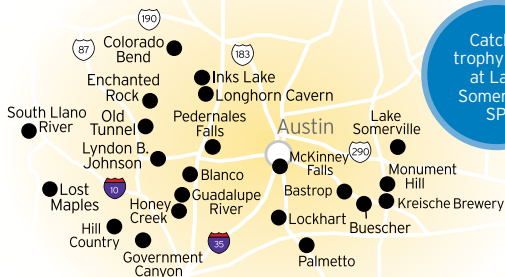


## << Austin Area

Catch a  
trophy bass  
at Lake  
Somerville  
SP.



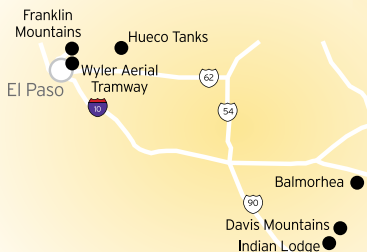
Discover  
new wildlife  
at  
Estero Llano  
Grande SP.



## << South Texas Area

## El Paso Area >>

Hike and  
camp at  
Franklin  
Mountains  
SP.



## PLACES TO STAY

# Enjoy the softer side of camping.

Outdoor recreation by day.  
Indoor comforts at night.

Lone Star Lodge - Ray Roberts Lake SP

## Choose from a variety of overnight accommodations:



Screened shelter at Lake Livingston SP



### Screened shelters

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

#### State parks with screened shelters:

Abilene, Blanco, Brazos Bend, Buescher, Caddo Lake, Cleburne, Cooper Lake, Eisenhower, Falcon, Fort Parker, Garner, Goliad, Huntsville, Lake Bob Sandlin, Lake Brownwood, Lake Corpus Christi, Lake Livingston, Lake Mineral Wells, Lake Whitney, Martin Dies, Jr., Martin Creek Lake, Meridian, Stephen F. Austin, Tyler



### Limited-service cabins, modified shelters

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



Limited-service cabin at Palmetto SP

#### State parks with limited-service cabins and modified shelters:

Brazos Bend, Buescher, Choke Canyon, Cleburne, Cooper Lake, Eisenhower, Falcon, Fort Boggy, Fort Richardson, Huntsville, Inks Lake, Lake Bob Sandlin, Lake Colorado City, Lake Corpus Christi, Martin Creek Lake, Martin Dies, Jr., McKinney Falls, Meridian, Palmetto, Palo Duro Canyon, San Angelo, Stephen F. Austin, Tyler





CCC-built  
Rim Cabins  
at Palo Duro  
Canyon SP

## Cabins with Restrooms

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

### **State parks with full-service cabins:**

Bastrop, Caddo Lake, Cooper Lake, Daingerfield, Galveston, Garner, Lake Brownwood, Martin Creek Lake, Mother Neff, Palo Duro Canyon, Possum Kingdom, Sea Rim, Village Creek



Group  
bunkhouse at  
Cleburne SP

## Group bunkhouses, overnight recreation 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.

### **State parks with group bunkhouse or overnight recreation hall facilities:**

Abilene, Bastrop, Big Bend Ranch, Bonham, Brazos Bend, Buescher, Cleburne, Daingerfield, Devils River SNA, Eisenhower, Estero Llano Grande, Fort Parker, Garner, Goose Island, Hill Country SNA, Lake Brownwood, Lake Somerville, Lake Whitney, San Angelo, Stephen F. Austin

## Lodging

**Indian Lodge** in Davis Mountains SP is a full-service hotel that includes a restaurant, swimming pool and meeting room.



Indian Lodge  
in Davis  
Mountains  
SP

**Lone Star Lodge** in Ray Roberts Lake SP north of Dallas features stunning lake views as well as a full-service marina.

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



San Solomon  
Springs  
Courts in  
Balmorhea  
SP

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/facilities](https://texasstateparks.org/facilities)**

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Whether you travel in a Class A motorhome 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 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 assist visitors, perform litter collection and light maintenance, and serve about 25 hours per week.

### How do I get my site?

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



### More info: [texasstateparks.org/RV](https://texasstateparks.org/RV)

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





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## THINGS YOU MIGHT SEE

# Meet the locals

You may see these and other species in their natural habitats when you visit. Many plants and animals depend on state parks to stay alive and thrive. With every visit, you help manage and conserve the rich biodiversity of Texas.



### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

This kingbird has a tail that doubles its body length. It perches in the open and flies out to catch insects in midair, also known as "hawking."

### Bobcat

Shy, and mostly nocturnal, this cat has small tufts on the tips of its ears. Its ability to adapt to changing conditions has allowed this native species to thrive even in landscapes near urban areas.



### Gray Fox

This elusive, mostly nocturnal mammal has a unique ability to climb trees to hunt or escape danger.



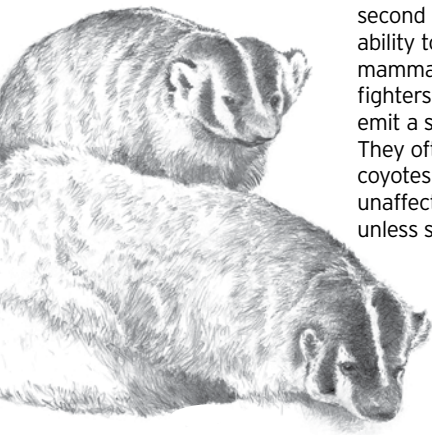
### Beaver

A sleek and streamlined swimmer, this semiaquatic rodent assures its water supply and establishes its territory by building a dam and home of mud, rocks and wood.

### Greater Roadrunner

Whether chasing down reptiles or fleeing from danger, this swift, animated cuckoo often runs instead of flying. Its X-shaped footprint helps conceal the direction it is heading.





## Badger

With a keen sense of smell second only to dogs, and an ability to dig faster than any mammal, these ferocious fighters will growl, snarl and emit a scent if provoked. They often compete with coyotes for food and are unaffected by snake venom unless struck on the nose.

## Bottlenose Dolphin

One of over 20 cetacean species found on the Texas coast, these curious, intelligent mammals have stout bodies, short beaks and erect dorsal fins.



To help keep wildlife wild, please maintain a safe, respectful distance.

## Black-tailed Prairie Dog

These heavy-bodied rodents live in towns divided into wards and coteries. Family members greet each other with bared teeth and “kiss” as a form of recognition.



## What are State Natural Areas?

These sensitive ecosystems are some of the most valuable native habitats you can visit on public lands in Texas, and they need your help to stay healthy. Please expect more nature, fewer developed facilities and different hours of operation.



Lost Maples SNA



Government Canyon SNA



Devils River SNA

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# STATE PARK VISITOR FEES



Thank you for keeping Texas State Parks open and well-maintained! Every time you visit a state park, you help fund important park upkeep, valuable visitor programs and popular new improvements. About 50% of the state parks operating budget comes directly from visitor fees. All fees vary by park.

**Entrance Fee** - for day use, including a variety of activities and visitor programs. This fee allows entrance to multiple state parks in the same business day.

**Admission to Texas State Parks is FREE for kids 12 and under.**

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

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

**Make your reservation:**  
**[texasstateparks.org/reservations](https://texasstateparks.org/reservations)**

**(512) 389-8900\*** \* 8a.m. - 6p.m. Mon. - Wed., 8a.m. - 5p.m. Thurs. - Fri., except holidays. For same-day reservations, contact the park directly.



# Unlimited park visits. All year.

Get an annual park pass and enjoy a year of free admission.

## Texas State Parks Pass

Get **unlimited free entry** to more than 90 state parks for you and a carload of guests (good for 12 months).

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



**\$70\***  
per pass

Two-card  
membership  
for :95\*

*\*Prices subject to change.*

**Purchase your  
State Parks Pass during your next visit to a state  
park or by calling (512) 389-8900.**

## Parklands Passport

Qualifying seniors, persons with disabilities and disabled veterans can apply for a free Parklands Passport. The pass includes discounted or free entry to the more than 90 state parks. Present proof of qualifying benefit at any state park office to receive your Parklands Passport.

*Note: Texas does not recognize annual pass programs of other state park systems or the National Park Service.*


## Youth Group Annual Pass

Nonprofit groups who buy this annual pass get free entry for their visitors ages 17 and younger. Each pass costs \$100 and is valid for up to 50 kids and adult chaperones. Please send in your application for this pass at least four weeks before your first group visit.

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Lake Ray Roberts State Park







# 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

## CAMPSESITES / 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

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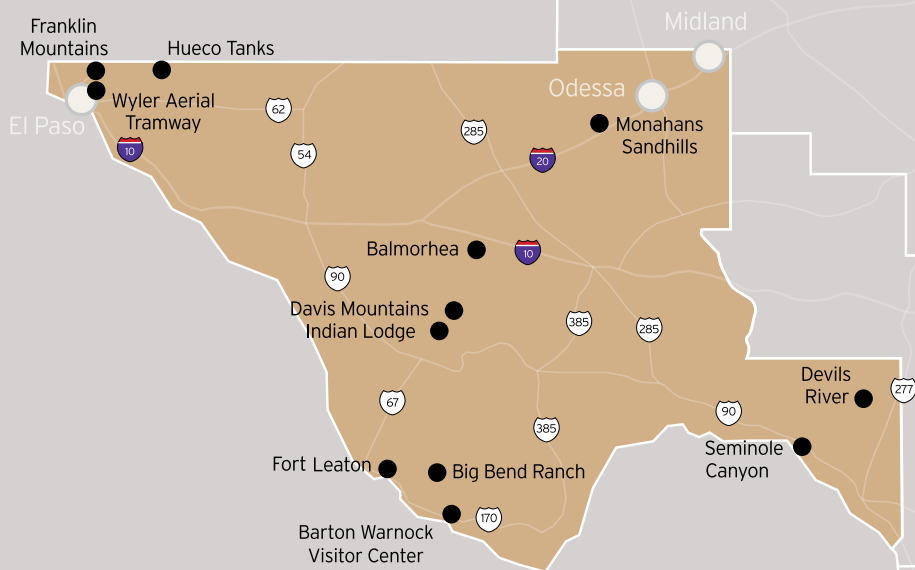
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-  Beach
-  Boat Ramp
-  Civilian Conservation Corps
-  Day Use Only
-  Day Use - Group
-  Dump Station
-  Exhibits/Interpretive Center/Museum
-  Fish Cleaning Shelters
-  Fishing Pier
-  Fishing Tackle Loaner Program
-  Food Service
-  Historic Site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

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# BIG BEND COUNTRY



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## Balmorhea State Park

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Dive into the cool waters of the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool, which covers 1.75 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. *Campground/courts are closed through Spring 2019.*

## Barton Warnock Visitor Center

HC 70, Box 375, Terlingua 79852 ☎ (432) 424-3327

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This interpretive center showcases the diversity of the vast Chihuahuan Desert with a 2.5-acre botanical garden and a bilingual exhibit, "Una Tierra - One Land," which presents 570 million years of geological changes that created the Big Bend region. The Center also serves as the eastern entry point to Big Bend Ranch State Park. All

permits may be obtained here, as well as information regarding hiking, biking, river and equestrian opportunities. Barton Warnock Center manages campsites along the Rio Grande. 📶

## Big Bend Ranch State Park

1900 Saucedo Ranch Road, Marfa 79843 ☎ (432) 358-4444

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Big Bend Ranch State Park lies deep in the high desert wilderness. The 300,000-plus-acre park features spectacular scenery. Set up camp at one of 50 primitive sites.

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 via a 27-mile gravel road through rugged terrain that ends at the former owner's ranch headquarters. Groups can stay at the casual bunkhouse, with separate sleeping areas for men and women. 📶

## Davis Mountains State Park

TX 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 (with cable TV), 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 Road, Del Rio 78840 ☎ (830) 395-2133

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Fed by clear springs flowing from seeps and streams, the Devils River is one of the most pristine rivers in Texas. It gives life to diverse plants and wildlife. The state natural area is large and remote. 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.

*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.*

## Fort Leaton State Historic Site

FM 170 East, Presidio 79845 ☎ (432) 229-3613

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Bring a picnic when you visit this 1848 adobe fortress and trading post, which sits on a bluff overlooking a valley that leads to the Rio Grande. Ben Leaton traded with the Apaches, Comanches and Mexicans here. Today the site is an active museum offering programs, reenactments, tours and colorful events. This is the western gateway to Big Bend Ranch State Park. Enjoy the holidays with the annual reenacted posadas in December. 📶

## Franklin Mountains State Park

Headquarters: 1331 McKelligon Canyon Road, El Paso 79930 📞 (915) 566-6441

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At the westernmost tip of Texas, where mountains meet sky and cities hug the Rio Grande, lies the largest state park in an urban setting. Franklin Mountains State Park encompasses 26,627 acres in the city of El Paso. Hike rugged terrain in 40 square miles of Chihuahuan Desert wilderness, scrub vegetation and open space. Over 100 miles of multiuse trails are popular with hikers and

mountain bikers. Camp and picnic, too. Ground fires must be in designated fire rings. You can build charcoal fires in grills at picnic sites.

## Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site

6900 Hueco Tanks Road No. 1, El Paso 79938 📞 (915) 857-1135

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Natural rock basins in granite outcroppings give Hueco Tanks its name. These basins capture rainwater, a precious resource in the Chihuahuan Desert. For millennia, people have come for water, as well as for the diverse plants and animals here. These people left behind curious and beautiful paintings. Today this ancient site preserves over 2,000 pictographs.

We limit visitors to protect the site. We recommend reservations for day use, camping and tours. Pictograph, hiking and bouldering tours in the guided area are available by advance request Wednesday through Sunday.

## Indian Lodge State Park

16453 Park Road 3, Fort Davis 79734 📞 (432) 426-3254

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Indian Lodge is nestled in the Davis Mountains, 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 full-

service restaurant, group meeting room, swimming pool, and access to trails from the parking lot. This is truly a unique destination. 📶

*The lodge is closed for a major repair project through summer 2018. The restaurant will remain open.*

## Monahans Sandhills State Park

Park Road 41, Monahans 79756 📞 (432) 943-2092

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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.* 📶





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. 



Hike between the peak and the base to explore from a different perspective. The Tramway is in Franklin Mountains State Park, in the city of El Paso. 

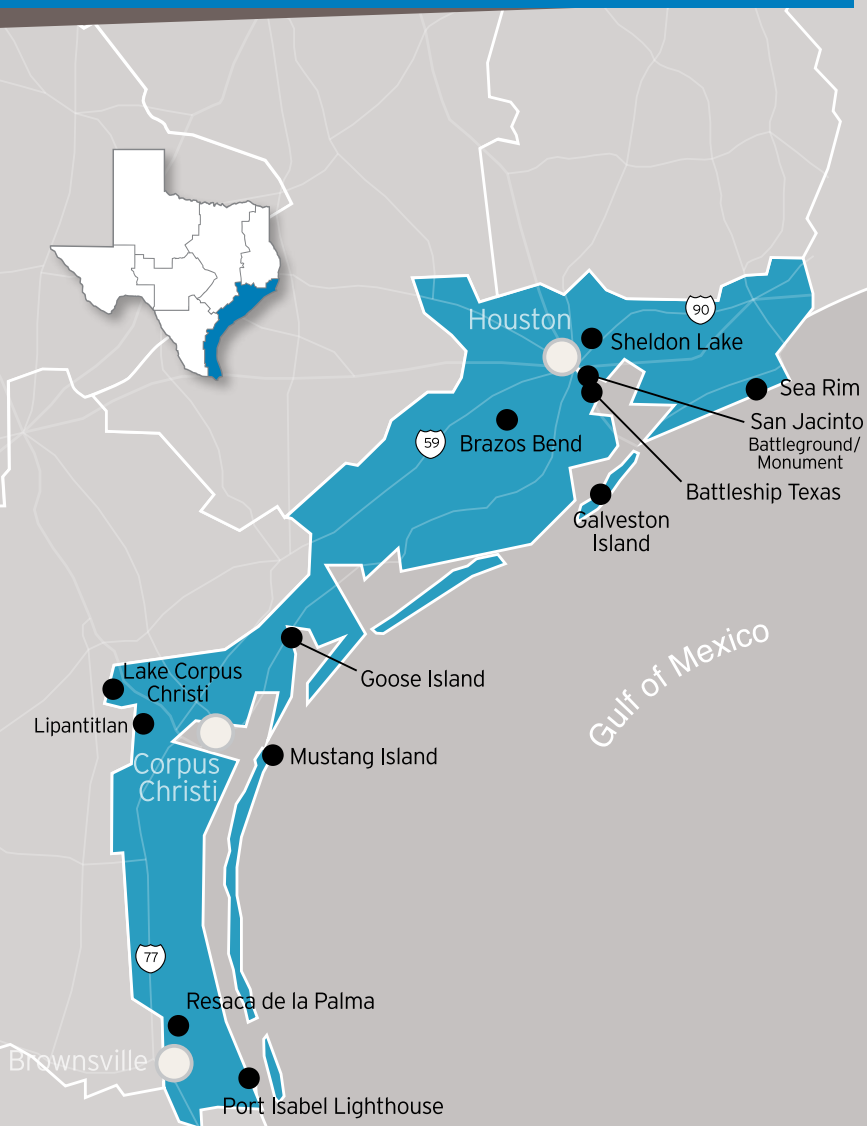
# OUT OF THIS WORLD, NATURALLY

Bandera is home to TWO "Out Of This World" state natural areas.  
Hill Country State Natural Area and Lost Maples State Natural Area.

Add 'em to your life list.



# GULF COAST



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## Battleship Texas State Historic Site

3523 Independence Parkway South, La Porte 77571 📞 (281) 479-2431

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Docked at the San Jacinto Battleground near Houston, Battleship Texas is the last surviving dreadnought-type ship in the world. She is the only remaining battleship to have served in both World Wars. Commissioned in 1914, the vessel was the most advanced military weapon on the planet. The Navy repeatedly outfitted the ship

with cutting-edge technology over the course of her service life. She was the first U.S. battleship to launch an aircraft, mount anti-aircraft guns, and have radar installed.

## Brazos Bend State Park

21901 F.M. 762, Needville 77461 📞 (979) 553-5101

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Brazos Bend has almost 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 six small lakes and a winding, tree-lined creek for fishing. Touch a hatchling

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

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

## Galveston Island State Park

14901 Termini San Luis Pass Road, Galveston 77554 📞 (409) 737-1222

GPS Latitude N 29 11 55.10 | Longitude W 94 57 23.40



Galveston Island State Park is a great example of Texas Gulf Coast ecology. With almost 2,000 acres of beach, bay and wetland areas, you will find ample space for fishing, kayaking, swimming, hiking and wildlife viewing. Rent one of the historic cabins or choose from tent sites or sites with water and electricity, all with restrooms and showers nearby. Campsites are on

both the beach and bay sides of the park. Visit for the day and use the shaded picnic tables, grills, restrooms and rinse-off showers.

## Goose Island State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 28 08 00.67 | Longitude W 96 59 03.44



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. 📶

*Contact the park for updates on Hurricane Harvey impacts and recovery.*

## Lake Corpus Christi State Park

23194 Park Road 25, Mathis 78368 📞 (361) 547-2635

GPS Latitude N 28 03 47.23 | Longitude W 97 52 20.20



Swimming, boating, waterskiing and sailboarding fill summer hours on this large placid lake. Angling for black bass, striped bass, crappie and catfish are year-round pleasures. The CCC built an impressive caliche crete open-air refectory here. It has arched walls and a tower with excellent views over the lake. Many campsites have a view of the lake, as well.

## Lipantitlan State Historic Site

Day use only, c/o Lake Corpus Christi State Park. 📞 (361) 547-2635

GPS Latitude N 27 57 53.99 | Longitude W 97 49 04.79

This site gets its name from the Lipan Apache. An 1835 battle between Texian insurgents and the Mexican Army occurred here. A historical marker tells the tale of the battle.

## Mustang Island State Park

17047 State Hwy. 361, Port Aransas 78373 📞 (361) 749-5246

GPS Latitude N 27 40 24.13 | Longitude W 97 10 29.71



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.

*Contact the park for updates on Hurricane Harvey impacts and recovery.*



## Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site

421 East Queen Isabella Blvd., Port Isabel 78578 📞 (956) 943-2262

GPS Latitude N 26 04 40.10 | Longitude W 97 12 27.10



Sea captains requested this coastal “light,” built in 1852. They needed help navigating the low-lying Texas coast. Technology changes, railroads, and the consequent drop in commercial shipping made lighthouses obsolete. At one time, 16 lighthouses stood sentinel on the Texas coast. Only this one is open to the public today.

A museum, a replica of the lighthouse keeper’s cottage, and picnic tables sit in the shadow of the 72-foot-high tower. The city of Port Isabel operates this park.

## Resaca de la Palma State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 25 59 13.19 | Longitude W 97 33 50.39



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.

**GPS** Latitude N 29 45 05.72 | Longitude W 95 05 23.64



Tour the San Jacinto Museum of History at the base of the San Jacinto Monument. The monument is 570 feet tall – 15 feet taller than the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. 

# Sea Rim State Park

GPS Latitude N 29 40 31.36 | Longitude W 94 02 36.99



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 Interpretive Trail, or ride your horse along the beach. 📶

## Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental Learning Center

14140 Garrett Road, Houston 77044 📞 (281) 456-2800

GPS Latitude N 29 51 28.04 | Longitude W 95 09 36.90



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. Enjoy free catch-and-release fishing at two stocked ponds. Keep your catch when you fish in the shallow 1,200-acre Sheldon Lake. Stroll the 3,000-foot Prairie/Wetland Boardwalk. Ascend the John Jacob Observation Tower for a bird's-eye view. 📶

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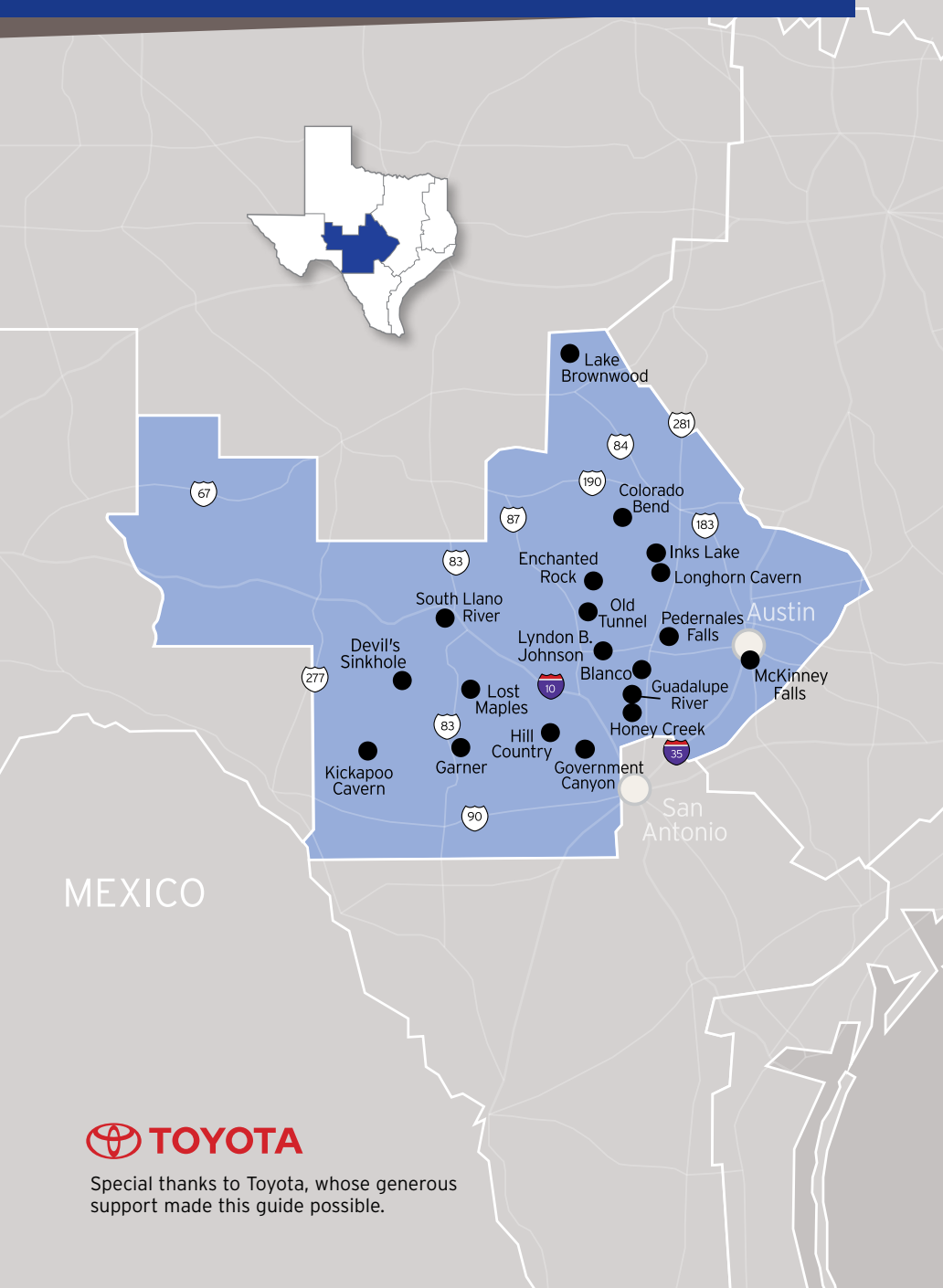




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## Blanco State Park

101 Park Road 23, Blanco 78606 ☎ (830) 833-4333

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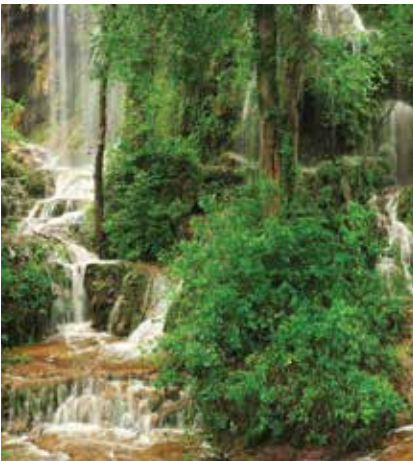
Located four blocks from Blanco's charming, historic town square, the park borders the spring-fed Blanco River. Folks from nearby Austin and San Antonio come here to relax in the sun, swim, tube, paddle, fish and camp. Picnic under the trees and watch stars at night. Be sure to check out the historic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

P.O. Box 118, Bend 76824 ☎ (325) 628-3240

GPS Latitude N 31 01 22.40 | Longitude W 98 26 32.67



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, geocaching, primitive tent camping, and swimming. Hike on your own to Gorman Falls, a breathtaking 70-foot travertine waterfall, or take a guided 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 North Sweeten Street, Rocksprings 78880 📞 (830) 563-2342

GPS Latitude N 30 00 56.92 | Longitude W 100 12 30.86



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 third-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 Ranch Road 965, Fredericksburg 78624 📞 (830) 685-3636

GPS Latitude N 30 29 45.45 | Longitude W 98 49 11.53



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. 📶



## Garner State Park

234 R.R. 1050, Concan 78838 ☎ (830) 232-6132

GPS Latitude N 29 34 54.48 | Longitude W 99 44 30.69



During the 1930s, the CCC “boys” constructed a stone dance pavilion and invited local girls to dance. The park now hosts the oldest outdoor dance in Texas; jukebox music fills the valley each summer evening. During the day, enjoy tubing the Frio River, floating past cypress trees and scenic views. A visitor center, seasonal grocery store, miniature golf, hiking trails and pedal boats are also available. *On summer weekends and holidays, day users may be turned away when the park is full. Reserve cabins, shelters and campsites months ahead.* 📶

## Government Canyon State Natural Area

12861 Galm Road, San Antonio 78254 ☎ (210) 688-9055

GPS Latitude N 29 32 57.60 | Longitude W 98 45 53.43



This 12,000-acre preserve is just outside San Antonio. Its nearly 40 miles of trails cross rugged canyon land and gentle prairie, and include the accessible Discovery Trail. The natural area has walk-in tent sites, a natural playscape, picnic sites, a park store, and group hall and pavilion. Government Canyon protects portions of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. It also harbors a diverse array of plants and animals. Visit the dinosaur tracks preserved in Government Canyon Creek. *The natural area is open Friday to Monday; open more on some holidays.* 📶

## Guadalupe River State Park

3350 Park Road 31, Spring Branch 78070 ☎ (830) 438-2656

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Located at the southeastern edge of the Hill Country, the park has a full range of outdoor fun, from picnicking and camping to hiking and biking. The park offers 85 campsites with water and electric hookups for RVs and nine walk-in tent campsites.

The scenic Guadalupe River flows through the park. Bald

cypress line the banks, dramatic limestone bluffs loom, and the river gurgles with natural rapids. Enjoy swimming, fishing, tubing, canoeing and kayaking. Visit the Discovery Center to “Take a Closer Look” at the nature of the park and river. 📶



### Honey Creek State Natural Area

This 2,000-acre natural area is home to four protected wildlife species, including the golden-cheeked warbler. Towering bald cypress and sycamore trees create an oasis of amazing beauty. Spanish moss sways from overhead branches. Dwarf palmetto and maidenhair fern adorn Honey Creek's banks. Access is only through Guadalupe River State Park on guided hikes led each Saturday at 9 a.m. No pets are allowed on guided hikes.

## Hill Country State Natural Area

10600 Bandera Creek Road, Bandera 78003 📞 (830) 796-4413

GPS Latitude N 29 37 40.98 | Longitude W 99 10 50.48



A scenic mosaic of rocky hills, oak groves, grasslands and canyons make up this remote retreat. Go hiking or ride mountain bikes or horses over 40 miles of trails. Hill Country covers 5,400 acres near cowboy-centric Bandera.

The natural area offers primitive, back country, and group camping. Equestrian campsites have corrals. Or rent the group lodge, a rustic ranch house that sleeps up to 12. Arrange a guided horseback ride (visit our website for details) or bring your own mount (proof of negative Coggins test required at check-in).

## Inks Lake State Park

3630 Park Road 4 West, Burnet 78611 📞 (512) 793-2223

GPS Latitude N 30 44 14.67 | Longitude W 98 22 08.54



Inks Lake is one of the "Highland Lakes" created in the 1930s by damming the Colorado River. Beautiful outcroppings of ancient, granite-like rock make this one of the state's geological wonders. Canoe tours and nature hikes offer scenic views along lakeside cliffs and hilltop trails.

Fish, swim or boat in the lake, rent canoes and kayaks, browse for gifts at the park store, or hike 8.5 miles of trails. Longhorn Cavern is nearby. *Located close to Austin and San Antonio, Inks Lake is popular, so reserve campsites or cabins early.* 📶

## Kickapoo Cavern State Park

20939 Ranch Road 674, Brackettville 78832 📞 (830) 563-2342

GPS Latitude N 29 36 36.19 | Longitude W 100 27 08.90



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 15 tent sites 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. Contact the park in advance to schedule a Wild Cave Tour. 📶

## Lake Brownwood State Park

200 State Highway Park Road 15, Brownwood 76801 📞 (325) 784-5223

GPS Latitude N 31 51 25.20 | Longitude W 99 01 42.85



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 Road 4 S, Burnet 78611 📞 (512) 715-9000

GPS Latitude N 30 41 04.05 | Longitude W 98 21 03.24



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 1.5-mile 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 F.M. 187, Vanderpool 78885 📞 (830) 966-3413

GPS Latitude N 29 48 27.72 | Longitude W 99 34 14.26



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 N 30 14 15.82 | Longitude W 98 37 34.75



Along the banks of the Pedernales River in the Hill Country is a park honoring our 36th president. View bison, white-tailed deer and an official Texas Longhorn Cattle Herd. Wildflowers blanket open fields in the spring and summer.

Go fishing, bird-watching, hiking, and photographing wildlife. During the summer, swim in the Olympic-sized

pool, play tennis, or organize a baseball game. Groups can rent our dining hall and group picnic area. Stop at the Visitor Center and watch a movie about President Johnson and see the exhibits in 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.* 📶



### The Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm

The farm recreates 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.

## McKinney Falls State Park

5808 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin 78744 📞 (512) 243-1643

GPS Latitude N 30 10 50.66 | Longitude W 97 43 18.84



This park, only 13 miles from the state capitol in Austin, is the former ranch and homestead of Thomas McKinney, an early Texas citizen.

Today, the park offers camping, mountain biking, hiking, fishing and birding beneath towering cypress and pecan trees on the banks of Onion Creek. Spring brings a profusion of bluebonnets and other

wildflowers. It also brings an influx of people escaping urban pressures. They come to enjoy the serene beauty and wildlife found here. Swimmers find the pool beneath the falls a welcome treat. 📶

## Old Tunnel State Park

10619 Old San Antonio Road, Fredericksburg 78624 📞 (866) 978-2287

GPS Latitude N 30 06 04.10 | Longitude W 98 49 14.90



Old Tunnel is the smallest state park in Texas at just over 16 acres. This once-functioning railroad tunnel is now the seasonal home for up to 3 million Mexican free-tailed bats. Best bat viewing is between May and October. Other activities at this day-use park include birding, nature walks and stargazing.

*Due to the sensitive nature of this park, we do not allow pets or smoking. Restrooms are only open in the evenings during bat season.*

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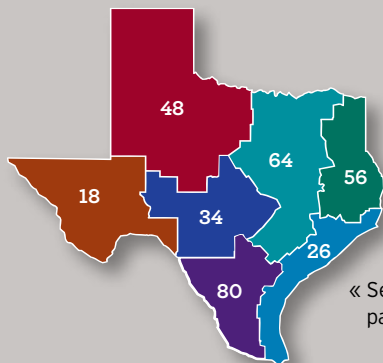
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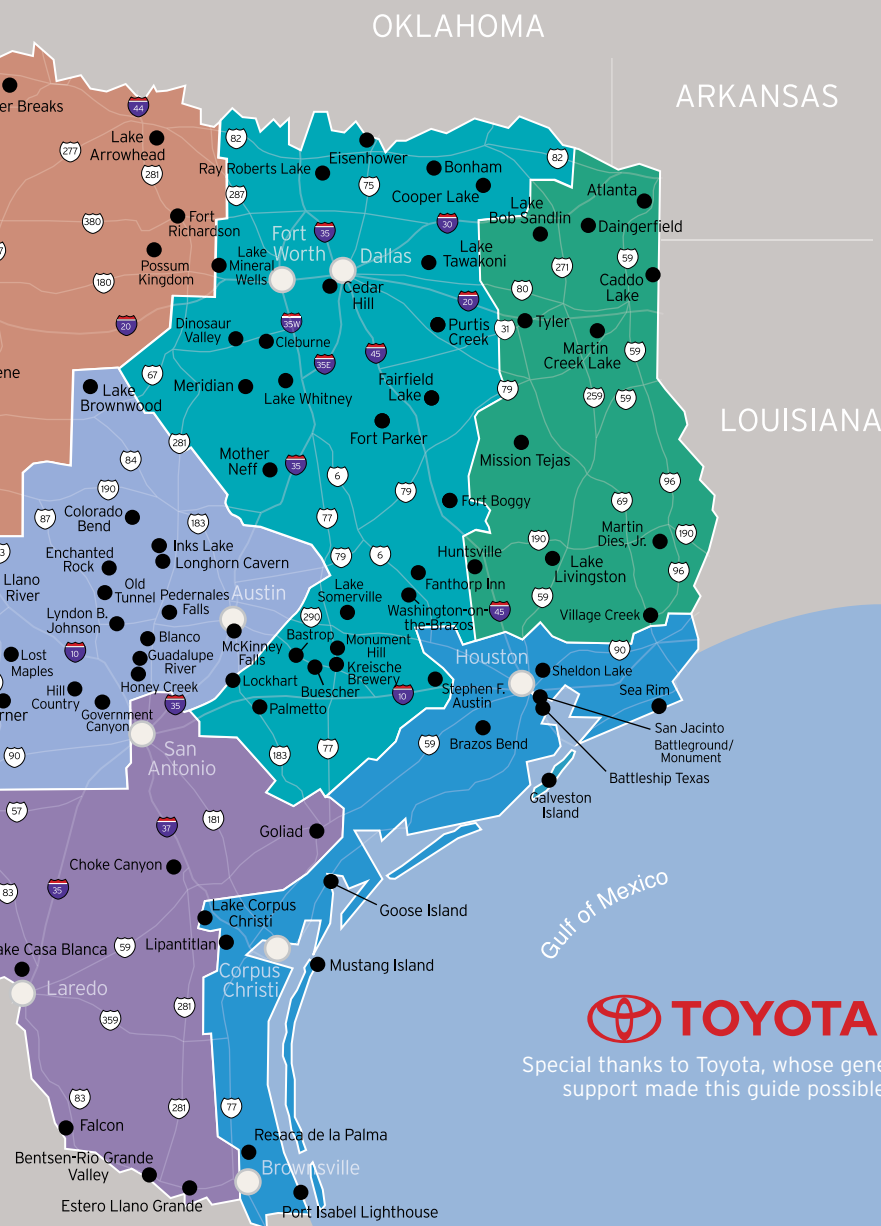
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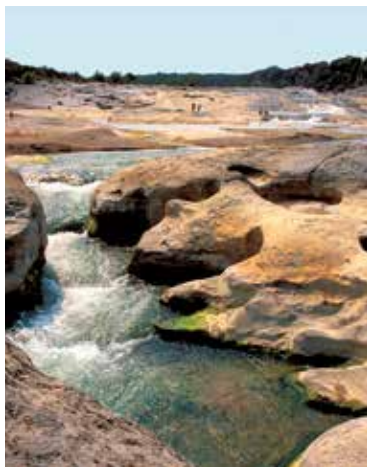


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## Pedernales Falls State Park

2585 Park Road 6026, Johnson City 78636 📞 (830) 868-7304

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A clear, spring-fed river flowing down gently sloping limestone creates the lovely “falls.” We don’t allow swimming, wading or tubing for the first three miles, including at the falls. However, other areas of the river are open for play. Quiet pools beckon anglers, while trails through tree-shaded hills draw birders, bikers and hikers. The park is home to the endangered golden-cheeked warbler in the spring and the indigenous rufous-crowned sparrow year-round. Bird watchers can seclude themselves in a covered viewing and photography blind with feeders and a drip bath. 📶 (available near HQ building only)

## South Llano River State Park

1927 Park Road 73, Junction 76849 📞 (325) 446-3994

GPS Latitude N 30 26 43.72 | Longitude W 99 48 14.79



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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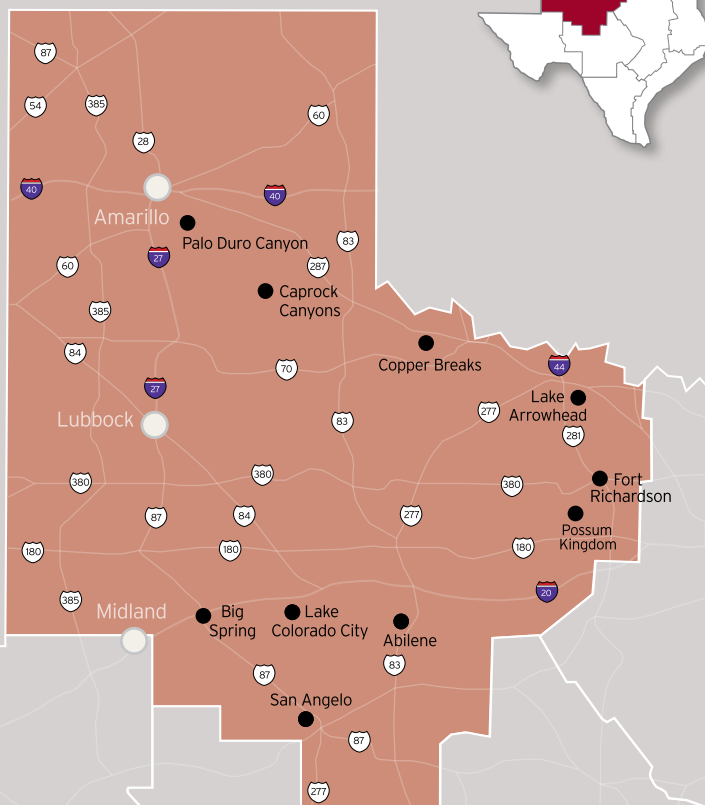
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## Abilene State Park

150 Park Road 32, Tuscola 79562 📞 (325) 572-3204

GPS Latitude N 32 14 26.34 | Longitude W 99 52 44.65



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 Drive, Big Spring 79720 📞 (432) 263-4931

GPS Latitude N 32 13 55.99 | Longitude W 101 29 26.48



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 Road, Quitaque 79255 ☎ (806) 455-1492

GPS Latitude N 34 24 48.31 | Longitude W 101 03 32.54



The spirit heart of the bison beats proudly in the Caprock Canyons. The “Official Texas State Bison Herd” roams in areas of the 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. It crosses old railroad trestles and travels through Clarity Tunnel, where up to half a million bats roost each summer. Hikers, bikers and horseback riders will enjoy rolling plains and natural beauty. 📶

## Copper Breaks State Park

777 Park Road 62, Quanah 79252-7679 ☎ (940) 839-4331

GPS Latitude N 34 06 44.06 | Longitude W 99 44 34.94



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 9.5-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 and Trailway

228 State Park Road 61, Jacksboro 76458 📞 (940) 567-3506

GPS Latitude N 33 12 22.14 | Longitude W 98 09 25.09



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 10-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, fishing pier, a swimming beach and pavilion.

## Lake Arrowhead State Park

229 Park Road 63, Wichita Falls 76310 📞 (940) 528-2211

GPS Latitude N 33 45 30.13 | Longitude W 98 23 42.72



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 and active prairie dog town make this a unique state park.

## Lake Colorado City State Park

4582 F.M. 2836, Colorado City 79512 📞 (325) 728-3931

GPS Latitude N 32 19 05.80 | Longitude W 100 56 11.04



The lake provides an ideal habitat for many species of birds and wildlife, perfect for all nature enthusiasts. Popular activities include lakeside picnics, swimming along the beach area, fishing from the piers, 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 Road 5, Canyon 79015 📞 (806) 488-2227

GPS Latitude N 34 59 04.84 | Longitude W 101 42 06.51



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 Road 33, Caddo 76429 📞 (940) 549-1803

GPS Latitude N 32 52 25.17 | Longitude W 98 33 34.20



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 non-motorized boats and covered boat slips, and sells supplies, souvenirs and boat fuel. Reserve a campsite (many with lake view) or cabin. 📶

## San Angelo State Park

3900-2 Mercedes Road, San Angelo 76901 📞 (325) 949-4757

GPS Latitude N 31 27 16.45 | Longitude W 100 29 33.93



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. The Official Texas State Longhorn Herd resides here, as well.

Rent one of the heated and air-conditioned limited-service cabins, group pavilions, or regular or equestrian campsites. Explore more than 50 miles of equestrian, hiking and biking trails. 📶

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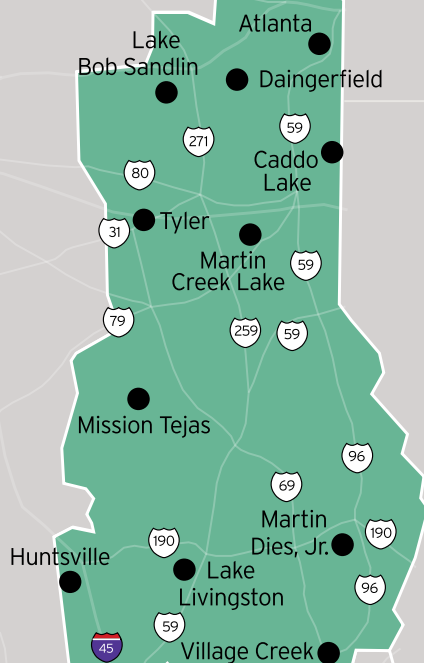
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# PINEYWOODS



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## Atlanta State Park

927 Park Road 42, Atlanta 75551 📞 (903) 796-6476

GPS Latitude N 33 13 50.66 | Longitude W 94 14 58.77



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 20,300-surface-acre reservoir invites waterskiing, boating and fishing. Beautiful hiking and biking trails meander through the woodlands and offer great wildlife and bird viewing.

Anglers commonly land catfish and crappie. The park also has RV and tent camping, swimming, ranger programs and much more. Visit for an afternoon or a night and have a unique Pineywoods experience.

## Caddo Lake State Park

245 Park Road 2, Karnack 75661 📞 (903) 679-3351

GPS Latitude N 32 40 49.33 | Longitude W 94 10 34.75



A mass of trees and flood debris created Caddo Lake. The Great Raft of the Red River blocked the river for over 100 miles. It was removed in 1874, clearing the channel for navigation. The area drained, leaving behind what is known today as Caddo Lake. A dam maintains the lake.

Explore the picturesque maze of bayous and thick stands of ancient bald cypress trees by canoe or boat. Watch for wildlife, including alligators. You can also fish, hike and camp. Rent a restored CCC pine-log cabin or the Recreation Hall.

## Daingerfield State Park

455 Park Road 17, Daingerfield 75638 📞 (903) 645-2921

GPS Latitude N 33 00 46.69 | Longitude W 94 41 26.62



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. Camp in one of Texas' most historic parks in newly-renovated campsites or experience traditional craftsmanship in a rustic cabin or the CCC Bass Lodge. Summer fun revolves around the historic pavilion with its dance patio and

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

## Huntsville State Park

565 Park Road 40 West, Huntsville 77340 📞 (936) 295-5644

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The Civilian Conservation Corps helped build parks all over the United States. It accepted all citizens, remarkable for the times. As a result, African-American companies formed to help develop public lands, including Huntsville State Park. The park quickly became a favorite of tourists and

outdoor enthusiasts. Located among loblolly and shortleaf pines, the park has an extensive trail system. Rent a canoe for the 210-acre Lake Raven. The lake has plentiful wildlife and birds, as well as great fishing. Rent the CCC-built group hall for weddings, parties and reunions. 📶

## Lake Bob Sandlin State Park

341 State Park Road 2117, Pittsburg 75686 📞 (903) 572-5531

GPS Latitude N 33 03 14.54 | Longitude W 95 05 56.76



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 limited-use cabins.

## Lake Livingston State Park

300 Park Road 65, Livingston 77351 📞 (936) 365-2201

GPS Latitude N 30 39 23.65 | Longitude W 95 00 05.14



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, and loans fishing tackle.

Explore the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk, featuring two ponds, native pollinator garden, and bird blind. The park store offers food, souvenirs and watercraft rentals. The Nature Center has interactive exhibits including a live beehive.

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 Road 2181D, Tatum 75691 📞 (903) 836-4336

GPS Latitude N 32 16 40.80 | Longitude W 94 33 57.56



Spend the night in a unique Pineywoods park. Rent a full cabin, limited-use 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 Road 48 South, Jasper 75951 📞 (409) 384-5231

GPS Latitude N 30 50 47.47 | Longitude W 94 09 56.48



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. The mix of habitats brings arid country critters like roadrunners and swamp dwellers like alligators.

We provide boat ramps and canoe and kayak rentals. Catch channel, blue and flathead catfish; try for spotted bass in the nearby Angelina and Neches rivers. Crappie

fishing reigns in the spring. The park has several beginner-level mountain biking trails and four marked paddling trails. The park also rents bicycles.



## Mission Tejas State Park

120 State Park Road 44, Grapeland 75844 📞 (936) 687-2394

GPS Latitude N 31 32 30.46 | Longitude W 95 13 57.68



The park commemorates the first Spanish mission in East Texas. Spanish leaders mounted an expedition to the Pineywoods in 1690. Their pioneering effort at mission-building led to the first contact with the Hasinai people. In an East Texas village, the Spanish explorers heard a word that sounded like “tayshas.” It became the English word Texas.

This 659-acre park provides a relaxing retreat in the Neches River uplands for campers, anglers, picnickers and hikers. El Camino Real

Historic Trail crosses the park; you can walk in Davy Crockett’s footsteps.

## Tyler State Park

789 Park Road 16, Tyler 75706-9141 📞 (903) 597-5338

GPS Latitude N 32 28 55.81 | Longitude W 95 16 59.91




This iconic CCC-built state park sits in the northern Pineywoods of East Texas. Tyler State Park’s steep and hilly terrain provides great hiking and mountain biking. Fish, scuba dive, swim, paddle and bird-watch at the park’s 64-acre spring-fed lake.

Full hookup and tent sites, screened shelters, limited-service cabins, a group hall and a group pavilion are available. The park

store offers souvenirs, gifts, outdoor items and personal watercraft rentals. The park has two lighted fishing piers, a boat ramp, and a small bird blind on the Blackjack Nature Trail.

## Village Creek State Park

8854 Park Road 74 (off Alma Drive), 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, camping facilities, nature programs, and access to the wide, slow-moving Village Creek. This park has facilities for individuals, families, or groups.

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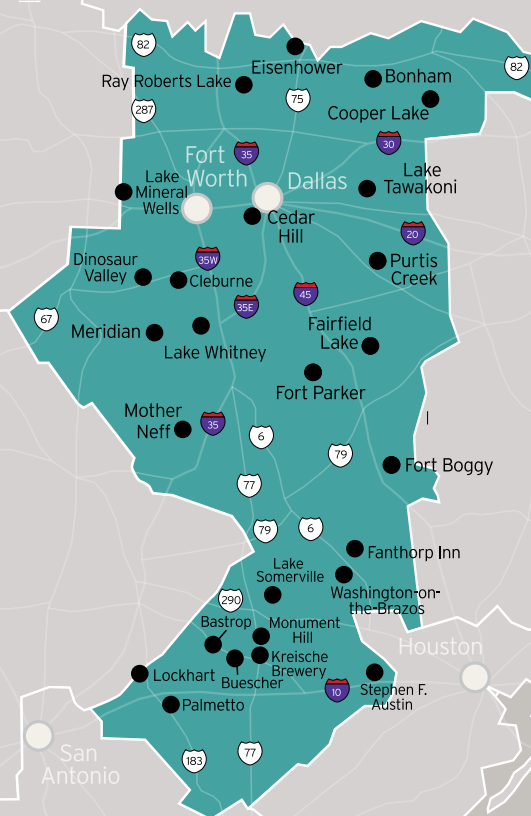
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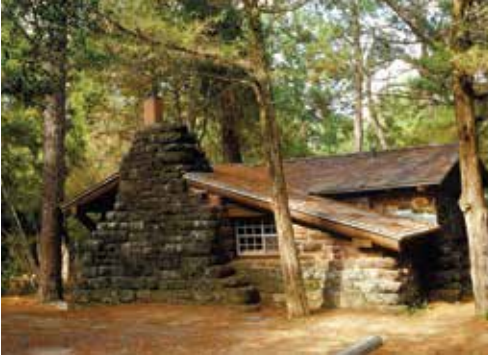
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## Bastrop State Park

100 Park Road 1A, Bastrop 78602 📞 (512) 321-2101

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Bastrop sits in the “Lost Pines” just east of Austin. These pines may once have been part of an extensive pine-oak forest in Central Texas. The CCC built the fully-equipped cabins and most group facilities in the 1930s. Besides nature watching, hiking, fishing in Lake Mina, and road biking, the park also features a swimming pool.

In September 2011, wildfire affected 96 percent of the park. The forest is recovering, and all campsites and facilities and most trails are open. The park’s main lake drained after flooding in May 2015. 📶

## Bonham State Park

1363 State Park 24, Bonham 75418 📞 (903) 583-5022

GPS Latitude N 33 32 48.15 | Longitude W 96 08 40.27



Escape to the laid-back atmosphere of this quiet park, just northeast of the Dallas metro area. Enjoy canoeing, kayaking, swimming and fishing in the 65-acre lake. Tall mature trees dominate a gently rolling terrace, perfect for hiking, biking, camping, picnicking or just relaxing. Raccoons, squirrels, rabbits and numerous songbirds live in the park. Camp with your family or bring a

group for a weekend adventure. Rent the group camp or the picnic pavilion. Our group barracks sleeps 94 and includes a dining hall and game room. 📶

## Buescher State Park

100 Park Road 1E, Smithville 78957 📞 (512) 237-2241

GPS Latitude N 30 02 20.90 | Longitude W 97 09 29.66



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.

Camp in the peaceful quiet on the lakeshore or back in the woods. Rent the CCC-built group hall or

one of three limited-service cabins with decks overlooking the lake.

## Cedar Hill State Park

1570 West F.M. 1382, Cedar Hill 75104 📞 (972) 291-3900

GPS Latitude N 32 37 18.19 | Longitude W 96 58 44.86



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 23 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 Road 21, Cleburne 76033 📞 (817) 645-4215

GPS Latitude N 32 15 08.46 | Longitude W 97 32 58.63



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, 1664 F.M. 1529 South, Cooper 75432 📞 (903) 395-3100

GPS Latitude N 33 20 57.08 | Longitude W 95 39 52.02

South Sulphur Unit, 1690 F.M. 3505, Sulphur Springs 75482 📞 (903) 945-5256

GPS Latitude N 33 17 18.34 | Longitude W 95 39 27.50



Cooper Lake State Park offers both land and water recreation. Enjoy breathtaking sunsets and spectacular scenery by boat and on foot or horseback. Picnic under towering oak trees, swim at the sandy beach, explore trails, or boat and fish on the 19,300-acre lake. Choose from cabins, shelters and campsites, including sites for those with horses.

Wildlife watchers often see bald eagles, white pelicans, turkey, waterfowl, white-tailed deer, squirrels, raccoons and beavers. The park's two units (Doctors Creek and South Sulphur) have 3,026 acres and some 31 miles of shoreline. 📶





## Fairfield Lake State Park

123 State Park Road 64, Fairfield 75840 📞 (903) 389-4514

GPS Latitude N 31 45 55.11 | Longitude W 96 04 23.37



Explore history-rich trails of tall oak trees and hidden pines on horseback, on mountain bike, or on foot. River otters make their homes in the 2,400-acre lake, and bald eagles roost here in winter months. Camp in recently-renovated, spacious campsites. The park offers a wide variety of activities. Rent a kayak or paddleboard to tour the lake, waterski and jet-ski through

numerous coves, or simply relax in the great outdoors. Fun and relaxation is just a few hours' drive from Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and Waco. 📶

## Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site

579 South Main Street, Anderson 77830 📞 (936) 873-2633

GPS Latitude N 30 28 58.62 | Longitude W 95 59 02.11



At the carefully restored Fanthorp Inn, you can walk through a historic building that once served as a stagecoach stop. A communal dining table is set for a meal, frozen in time and conveying a real sense of the traveler's life in the 1850s. A replica of a Concord stagecoach outside completes the scene.

Picnic tables are scattered under towering trees on the lawns around the inn, ready for a mid-day meal. Park is open Saturdays and Sundays.



## Lake Mineral Wells State Park & Trailway

100 Park Road 71, Mineral Wells 76067 📞 (940) 328-1171

GPS Latitude N 32 48 53.28 | Longitude W 98 02 18.96



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 State 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 Road 57, Somerville 77879 📞 (979) 535-7763

GPS Latitude N 30 18 35.82 | Longitude W 96 38 06.75

Nails Creek Unit, 6280 F.M. 180, Ledbetter 78946 📞 (979) 289-2392

GPS Latitude N 30 17 26.59 | Longitude W 96 40 01.27



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, and rents canoes and kayaks. Birch Creek Unit has a group trailer area.

Anglers favor Birch Creek, while Nails Creek is an equestrian favorite. 📶

**Lake Somerville 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 F.M. 2475, Wills Point 75169 ☎ (903) 560-7123

GPS Latitude N 32 50 31.12 | Longitude W 95 59 37.53



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 eight miles of hike-and-bike trails. Up to 48 people can camp at the primitive group area. 📶

## Lake Whitney State Park

433 F.M. 1244, Whitney 76692 ☎ (254) 694-3793

GPS Latitude N 31 55 52.60 | Longitude W 97 21 24.73



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

Camp and enjoy hiking, biking or birding, too. Birders have identified some 194 bird species here. 📶



## Lockhart State Park

2012 State Park Road, Lockhart 78644 📞 (512) 398-3479

GPS Latitude N 29 51 19.58 | Longitude W 97 41 51.93



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. 📶

## Meridian State Park

173 Park Road 7, Meridian 76665 📞 (254) 435-2536

GPS Latitude N 31 53 26.73 | Longitude W 97 41 50.92



Relax at this wooded 504-acre park. The park surrounds 72-acre Lake Meridian, with excellent fishing for largemouth bass, catfish, crappie and bream. Rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak. 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 17 screened shelters or a limited-use cabin. Rent the dining hall for business meetings and small reunions. *Reservations are highly recommended.* 📶

## Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites

414 State Loop 92, La Grange 78945-5733 ☎ (979) 968-5658

GPS Latitude N 29 53 16.58 | Longitude W 96 52 34.50



The monument honors the 1842 Dawson and Mier expedition, known for the “black bean” incident. Mexican President Santa Anna told Texian captives to draw beans from a pot holding 159 white beans and 17 black beans. He executed those who drew black beans.

Master stonemason Heinrich Kreische purchased this property overlooking the Colorado River near La Grange. During the 1860s, Kreische started one of the first commercial breweries in Texas here.

Walk the nature trail, enjoying the beautiful view of the river. Tour the Kreische House and the brewery ruins.

## Mother Neff State Park

1680 S.H. 236, Moody 76557-3317 ☎ (254) 853-2389

GPS Latitude N 31 20 03.27 | Longitude W 97 28 04.36



Isabella Eleanor Neff (mother of Texas Governor Pat M. Neff) donated the land that would form the nucleus of this park. Later donations increased the park's size to a thin rectangle of varied terrain and plants. Recently, the park acquired more land along the Leon River.

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

## Palmetto State Park

78 Park Road 11 South, Gonzales 78629 📞 (830) 672-3266

GPS Latitude N 29 35 48.91 | Longitude W 97 35 06.14



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 F.M. 316, Eustace 75124 📞 (903) 425-2332

GPS Latitude N 32 21 13.93 | Longitude W 95 59 36.88



This park has well-shaded campsites and exceptional bass fishing. The clear-water 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 and paddleboards to explore the water, or explore the Wolfpen Trail on foot or bike.

# Ray Roberts Lake State Park



Set amid a mixed forest and prairie environment, the park's five 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 76258-8944 ☎ (940) 686-2148

GPS Latitude N 33 21 54.43 | Longitude W 97 00 50.68

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

### Johnson Branch

100 PW 4153, Valley View 76272-7411 ☎ (940) 637-2294

GPS Latitude N 33 25 46.88 | Longitude W 97 03 23.29

Johnson Branch has a four-lane boat ramp, walk-in campsites, a swimming beach and ADA-compliant trails.

### Jordan Park

2200 F.M. 1192, Pilot Point 76258 ☎ (940) 686-0261

GPS Latitude N 33 24 02.60 | Longitude W 97 00 19.90

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. A four-lane boat ramp offers access to the lake.

### Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor

100 PW 4137, Pilot Point 76258-8944 ☎ (940) 686-2148

GPS Latitude N 33 21 03.90 | Longitude W 97 02 06.51

The 20-mile multiuse trail system meanders along the banks of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

### Sanger Marina Unit

1399 Marina Circle, Sanger 76226 ☎ (940) 458-7343

GPS Latitude N 33 22 39.60 | Longitude W 97 06 27.40

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



# Stephen F. Austin State Park

Park Road 38, San Felipe 77473-0125 ☎ (979) 885-3613

GPS Latitude N 29 48 43.09 | Longitude W 96 06 28.90



Along the Brazos River lies 473 acres of scenic moss-draped hardwood forests and towering cottonwood bottomlands. This park is home to pileated woodpecker, white-tailed deer, barred owl, and many unique ecosystems. Mexico granted this land to Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," and it was the birthplace of Anglo-American settlement in Texas.

Come ready to camp! The park has 30-amp full hookup, water-only and primitive campsites; screened shelters; cabin; and group facilities. Go birding or wildlife viewing, fish in the river, and hike or bike our nature trails. *Contact the park for updates on Hurricane Harvey impacts and recovery.*

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## Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

23400 Park Road #12, Washington 77880 📞 (936) 878-2214

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In March 1836, Santa Anna's army laid siege to the Alamo. At the same time, Texians met in an unfinished building at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Their mission: Declare independence from Mexico. Two weeks later, they adopted a constitution for the Republic of Texas.

Learn more at the Visitor Center and at the Star of the Republic Museum. Tour a replica of the building where delegates signed the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Reserve the meeting facilities or two pavilions for your group. Bring a picnic when you visit this picturesque park. 📶



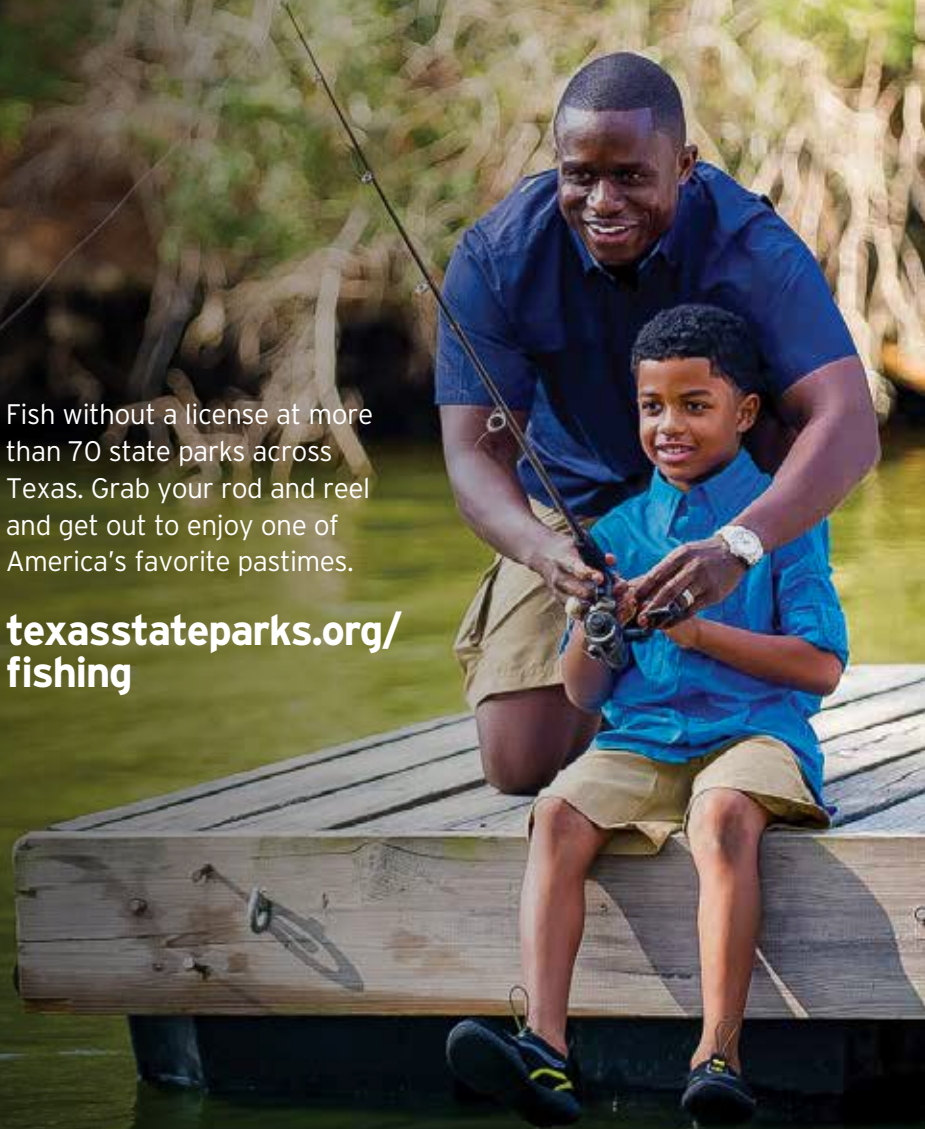
### Barrington Living History Farm

Time travel to the Barrington Living History Farm, a working 1850s cotton farm in the Brazos Valley. Information for the farm comes from the home and journals of Dr. Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas. Costumed interpreters work the farm as early farmers did. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the 19th century.

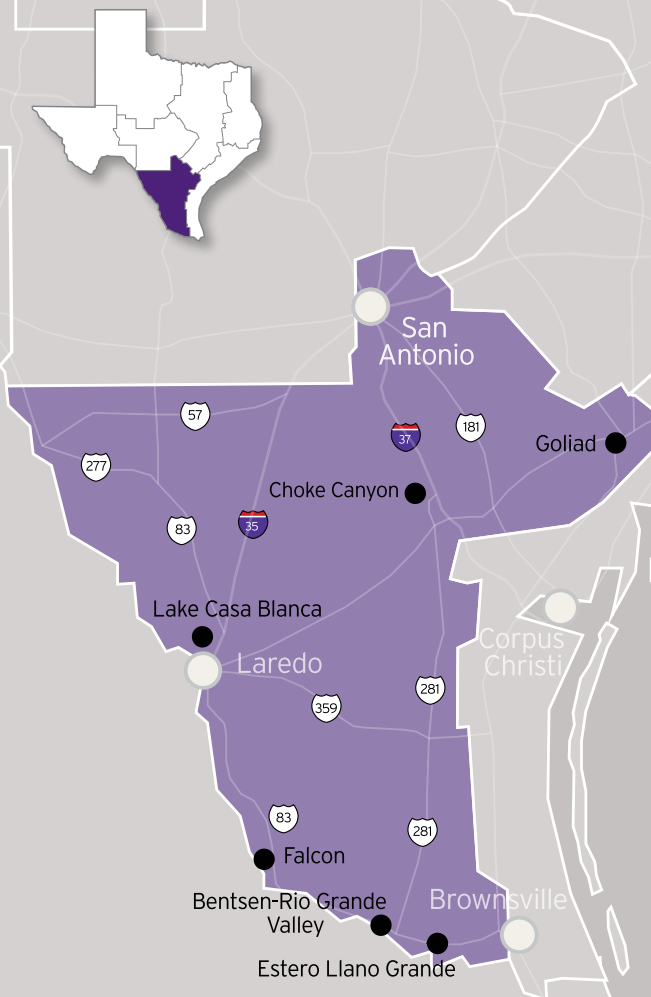
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## Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park

2800 S. Bentsen Palm Drive, Mission 78572 📞 (956) 584-9156

GPS Latitude N 26 11 01.28 | Longitude W 98 22 49.80



More than 340 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. Access the park on foot or by bike or tram. Pick up field guides or browse through souvenirs at the Alguas Plumas gift shop. Stop by La Familia Nature Center and ask park staff about recent wildlife sightings. 📶

## Choke Canyon State Park

358 Recreation Road 8, Calliham 78007 📞 (361) 786-3868

### Calliham Park Unit

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### South Shore Park Unit

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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 shelters, the park has trails, sports facilities (tennis, basketball, baseball), recreation hall, dining hall and picnic pavilions.

## Estero Llano Grande State Park

3301 S. International Blvd. (F.M. 1015), Weslaco 78596 📞 (956) 565-3919

GPS Latitude N 26 07 35.08 | Longitude W 97 57 23.46



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

P.O. Box 2, Falcon Heights 78545 📞 (956) 848-5327

GPS Latitude N 26 34 58.54 | Longitude W 99 08 33.43



On the shores of Falcon Reservoir, wild olive, wild oregano, hibiscus, mesquite thickets, huisache and prickly pear cactus harbor roadrunners, javelina, deer, cottontail rabbits and bobcats. Enjoy the scenic views and abundant wildlife. Sunset over the lake with mountains in the distance is a vision you won't soon forget.

Kick back at this peaceful retreat where park hosts organize activities. Visit during the winter months for great bird-watching. Bass fishing draws anglers from across the country to the 98,960-surface-acre lake. Be sure to stop by the butterfly garden, too. 📶

## Goliad State Park and Historic Site

108 Park Road 6, Goliad 77963-3206 📞 (361) 645-3405

GPS Latitude N 28 39 23.68 | Longitude W 97 23 13.66



Spanish missionaries and soldiers established Mission Espíritu Santo at Goliad on the San Antonio River over 250 years ago. Today, the mission is an icon of the Spanish Colonial Era. Visit the park museum to learn more. Camp under giant oaks 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 Visitor's Center just down the road. 📶

## Lake Casa Blanca International State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 27 32' 22.90 | Longitude W 99 27' 08.39



*¡Bienvenidos!* Welcome to the state park in Laredo, a town known as the Gateway to Mexico. Park your RV or pitch your tent, and cook up some hamburgers or fajitas on one of the park's many barbecue pits. Four recreation halls and picnic pavilions invite family gatherings or fiestas.

Fishing in the park's lake is great for largemouth bass. The park is home to a variety of wildlife and is a popular spot for migratory birds and butterflies. And, as the exit sign says, *Regrese Pronto* – Y'all Come Back Soon! 📶



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	PARKS	FACILITIES	LODGING	CAMPsites	TRAILS	ACTIVITY	COORDINATES	LATITUDE (degrees, minutes, seconds) N	LONGITUDE (degrees, minutes, seconds) W
	ABILENE SP						32 14 26.34	99 52 44.65	
	ATLANTA SP						33 13 50.66	94 14 58.77	
	BALMORHEA SP						30 56 42.21	103 47 11.79	
	BARTON WARNOCK						29 16 11.85	103 45 14.83	
	BASTROP SP				L		30 06 36.61	97 17 12.98	
	BATTLESHIP TEXAS SHS						29 45 05.72	95 05 23.64	
	BENTSEN-RIO GRANDE VALLEY SP						26 11 01.28	98 22 49.80	
	BIG BEND RANCH SP				K		29 28 12.18	103 57 29.08	
	BIG SPRING SP						32 13 55.99	101 29 26.48	
	BLANCO SP						30 05 34.11	98 25 25.57	
	BONHAM SP				K		33 32 48.15	96 08 40.27	
	BRAZOS BEND SP				KL		29 22 15.16	95 37 54.58	
	BUESCHER SP				KL		30 02 20.90	97 09 29.66	
	CADDO LAKE SP						32 40 49.33	94 10 34.75	
	CAPROCK CANYONS SP AND TW				K		34 24 48.31	101 03 32.54	
	CEDAR HILL SP				K		32 37 18.19	96 58 44.86	
	CHOKE CANYON SP - Callilham						28 27 57.81	98 21 14.58	
	CHOKE CANYON SP - South Shore						28 28 02.31	98 14 47.11	
	CLEBURNE SP						32 15 08.46	97 32 58.63	
	COLORADO BEND SP				K		31 01 22.40	98 26 32.67	
	COOPER LAKE SP - Doctors Creek				K		33 20 57.08	95 39 52.02	
	COOPER LAKE SP - South Sulphur				K		33 17 18.34	95 39 27.50	
	COPPER BREAKS SP				K		34 06 44.06	99 44 34.94	
	DAINGERFELD SP						33 00 46.69	94 41 26.62	
	DAVIS MOUNTAINS SP						30 35 56.83	103 55 46.09	
	DEVILS RIVER SNA				K		29 56 22.84	100 58 13.18	
	DEVIL'S SINKHOLE SNA						30 00 56.92	100 12 30.86	
	DINDOSAUR VALLEY SP				K		32 14 46.50	97 48 48.13	
	EISENHOWER SP				K		33 48 37.11	96 35 59.92	
	ENCHANTED ROCK SNA						30 29 45.45	98 49 11.53	

### Site Abbreviations:

**SHS** State Historic Site  
**SNA** State Natural Area  
**SP** State Park  
**TW** Trailway

K	Mountain Biking
L	Surfaced

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