

TEXAS HIGHWAYS--SALMON LAKE PARK WWH--MALLORY

Salmon Lake Park is located one mile west of Grapeland, 13 miles north of Crockett (Houston Co.). Take US 287 (Business) to Grapeland and go west on Farm Rd. 227. Follow signs to the park.

Open year-round, the 20-acre park offers recreation and relaxation and features 30 to 40 refurbished old structures and memorabilia that recall life before World War II. Swimming, diving, and fishing on Salmon Lake; concession stand available. Park admission \$3 per person.

Overnight lodging available in old building refurbished into cabins. Rates range from \$25 to \$100 per unit. Most sleep 4 to 6 persons and feature kitchenettes. A two-story "hotel" sleeps 13 dorm-style and offers a large kitchen-dining area. Lodging reservations recommended.

The park also offers 400 RV and primitive camping sites, 150 with full hookups. Reservations accepted but not required. Non-festival rates are \$14 per night (\$12 for RV clubs), which includes park admission for two. Primitive camping is \$5 per night per car, plus park admission.

The park's **21st Annual Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 29-31**, headlines Gov. Jimmie Davis and his band, and the New Tradition, plus nine other name acts. Stage shows run Fri. 7 to midnight, Sat. noon to midnight, and Sun. 10 to 6. Non-featured visiting bands take the stage Sat. 10 to noon. Off-stage jamming continues day and night. Per person admission: Fri. and Sun., \$6; Sat. \$10. Children under 12 free with parents. Bring lawn chairs for show seating. Food concessions offer sandwiches and homestyle meals. Festival features booths selling arts and crafts, bluegrass music, and instruments. RV spaces with full

hook-ups, \$10 per day during the festival; rough camping, \$10 per car for all three days.

Salmon Lake Park also present its annual Fun Bluegrass Weekend, Ap. 25-26, 1998. No stage shows, but lots of jamming on and off stage. Admission: \$2 per day for persons not renting cabins or RV hookups. RV hookups, \$8 per day during the event; rough camping, \$5 per car.

For cabin accommodations during bluegrass weekends, call ahead for availability as units fill up early. Absolutely no alcohol or drugs allowed at this family-oriented park.

For more information contact Floyd and Fannie Salmon, Box 483, Grapeland 75844-0483 (409/687-2954).

If you're visiting Salmon Lake Park the weekend of Oct. 11, don't miss the 52nd Annual Peanut Festival in downtown Grapeland, self-proclaimed Peanut Capital of Texas. The celebration features a parade, food, arts & crafts, live entertainment, carnival, and peanut queen pageant. For details, write: Grapeland Community Council; Box 37, Grapeland 75844 or call the Grapeland Messenger newspaper, 409/687-2424.