

CENTRAL TEXAS COAST

GREAT TEXAS COASTAL BIRDING TRAIL



GUIDE TO USING THE MAP

The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail - Central Texas Coast includes 11 separate loops, each of which encompasses an array of associated sites and birds. The color-coded loops on the front and back of the map provide easy access to related information. Site symbols on the map are shaped and colored to show access, indicate fees when applicable, and denote the availability of developed overnight facilities at each location. This map also furnishes information about the trail locations, including detailed instructions on how to reach each site and GPS coordinates where available. Using this map, travelers will no longer struggle to locate obscure birding spots that may contain the species they traveled to see.

This publication contains an illustrated highway map of the Central Texas Coast that shows the 95 designated sites. Each site is marked with a symbol that points to its location, with the shape of the symbol signifying the following:

- The site is open daily, and developed camping is available at the site.
- ▲ The site is open for day use only.
- Call ahead, access to the site is restricted; visitors may be arranged by contacting the managing entity at the address and telephone number provided.

Note: If the symbol is outlined in black, an entrance fee or donation may be required.

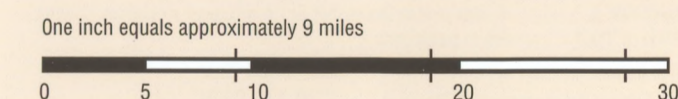
In addition, each symbol is colored to distinguish the segment or loop to which the site belongs. Each site has been assigned to one of the eleven loops, and no loop requires more than a long weekend to leisurely traverse.

Descriptions of the sites are on the back of the map, and include directions to each location, examples of the birds to be seen, and contacts for additional information. The text, like the map, is organized by loops. A list of contacts (chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus) begins each section. Information about food, lodging, and local points of interest may be obtained from these organizations. Several also publish maps and guides to the birds and sites in their regions, so visit the local visitor centers when traveling along the coast for additional information.

To aid travelers, each site is marked with a brown sign illustrated with the familiar Black Skimmer logo, as well as a unique site number that corresponds with the map. Just look for the skimmer logo on directional signs when driving along the Trail to confirm your route and location.



- Birding Trail Sign Marker
Central Texas Coast (CTC)
- 10 Interstate
 - 71, 117 State Highway
 - 1604 State Loop or Spur
 - 1604 Park Road
 - 2437 Farm or Ranch Road
 - 90 U.S. Highway
 - 1604 Alternate Route (U.S. Highway)
 - 1604 Business Route (U.S. Highway)
 - Texas Travel Information Center
 - Rest Area with Rest Rooms



IMPORTANCE OF NATURE TOURISM

The Great Texas Wildlife Trail program was developed in an effort to make it easier for people to find special places throughout the state of Texas to go wildlife watching. TPWD produced these maps to help visitors by connecting nature tourism destinations into easy driving loops while also supporting sustainable economic development in local communities.

Wildlife watching is big business in Texas! With 4.2 million participants (2.5 million of whom are birdwatchers) wildlife watchers have an overall economic impact of \$5.2 billion on the Texas economy. Wildlife watchers spend more money in Texas each year than hunters or anglers! With the help of this map and the entire Great Texas Wildlife Trail series, enjoy this wonderful state and the great diversity of experiences waiting for you along the highways and back roads. As we like to say at TPWD, life's better outside.

TEXAS PADDLING TRAILS

View wildlife from a different vantage point! The Texas Paddling Trails program develops public inland and coastal paddling trails throughout the state and supports these trails with maps, signage, fishing and wildlife-viewing information, and more! These trails provide well-mapped accessible day trips in a variety of settings and for all levels of paddling experience offering wildlife viewers another avenue for exploring the outdoors. www.tpwd.texas.gov/paddling

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Texas Parks and Wildlife Information:
(800) 792-1112
www.tpwd.texas.gov

Trail Map Edits and Updates:
(512) 389-4500
www.tpwd.texas.gov/wildlifetrails

North American Rare Bird Alert:
www.narba.org

Texas Travel Information:
www.traveltexas.com



Loop	Site	Loop	Site
1	1 Sargent Beach	5	5 Texas A.C.C. / Pecos Ranch Wetlands Viewing Site
	2 Matagorda County Jolly Park		6 Matagorda County Birding and Nature Center
	3 Atascosa Prairie-Chicken National Wildlife Refuge		7 Mat Island Wildlife Management Area, Cive Fuentes Family Island Marsh Preserve
	4 Atascosa Prairie-Chicken National Wildlife Refuge		8 Oyster Lake Road
	5 Texas A.C.C. / Pecos Ranch Wetlands Viewing Site		9 Cady's Cove
	6 Matagorda County Birding and Nature Center		10 Bayshore Drive
	7 Mat Island Wildlife Management Area, Cive Fuentes Family Island Marsh Preserve		11 Trail Marsh
	8 Oyster Lake Road		12 Pineda Waterfront and Texas Support Education Lockwood Point
	9 Cady's Cove		13 Palacios Marine Education Center
	10 Bayshore Drive		14 Palacios Marine Education Center
2	21 Palacios	6	6 Magic Ridge
	22 Palacios		7 Powderhorn Lake
	23 Palacios		8 Matagorda Island Wildlife Management Area
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3	31 Matagorda Island State Park	7	7 Texas State Park & Historic Site
	32 Matagorda Island State Park		8 South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center
	33 Matagorda Island State Park		9 Oso Bay Park
	34 Matagorda Island State Park		10 Hays A. Suter Wildlife Refuge
	35 Matagorda Island State Park		11 Texas A&M - Corpus Christi Nature Trail
	36 Matagorda Island State Park		12 Texas State Aquarium
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