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## WELCOME

from Rodney Franklin, State Parks Director

It's an exciting time in Texas State Parks. The challenges of the last few years have led many people to explore the outdoors in new and adventurous ways. Many Texans discovered their state parks for the first time, while long-time users have discovered new parks to visit. The variety of Texas' lands is unmatched; from the mountains of west Texas to the gulf shores, the Texas State Park system

celebrates and preserves the natural and cultural treasures that make Texas such a special place. You might say that the 630,000-plus acres that make up the state park system is nearly as diverse as the people of Texas.

Since 1923 our mission has been to help connect our visitors with the outdoors. Every day we look for new and better ways to live that mission and make sure state parks are welcoming to every Texan, regardless of their background or experience with being outside. I hope you'll visit soon and often, while bringing your friends and family along. I'm glad you're here and we're looking forward to celebrating the 100-year anniversary of state parks with you very soon.

*Rodney Franklin*

## What's new in state parks?

- >> **New facilities to welcome visitors** at Ray Roberts Lake - Johnson Branch, Franklin Mountains, and Galveston Island State Parks
- >> **Repairs completed at** Stephen F. Austin's group facilities, McKinney Falls' visitor center, Goose Island's fishing pier and bayfront campsites and Lake Livingston's fishing pier and marina
- >> **Improvements and major repairs are planned** for Tyler, South Llano River, Cedar Hill and several other state parks
- >> **Balmorhea State Park reopened** their pool and day use area following repair and reconstruction. Over 600 acres of land was also added to the park.
- >> **Construction has begun** at Palo Pinto Mountains State Park.



[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:



## Walk

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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



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.

## 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 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.



## 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:  
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## San Antonio Area >>



Venture out at Choke Canyon.



## << Austin Area

Get down low in Longhorn Cavern.



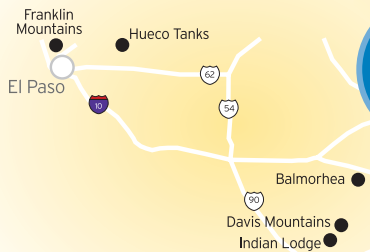
Discover new wildlife at Lake Casa Blanca.



## << South Texas Area

## El Paso Area >>

Enjoy a guided hike at Franklin Mountains.



## PLACES TO STAY

# Enjoy the softer side of camping.

Outdoor recreation by day.  
Indoor comforts at night.



Indian Lodge - Davis Mountains

## 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.

#### 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



### Cabins without bathrooms

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



Cabin at Palmetto

#### State parks with these cabins:

Brazos Bend, Buescher, Caddo Lake, Choke Canyon, Cleburne, Cooper Lake, Eisenhower, Falcon, Fort Boggy, Fort Parker, 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 cabins at Palo Duro Canyon

## Lodging

**Lone Star Lodge** at Ray Roberts Lake north of Dallas features stunning lake views as well as a marina.



Lone Star Lodge at Ray Roberts Lake

## 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.

### State parks with full 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

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

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



Yurt at Abilene, floating tent site at Sea Rim.

## 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.

### State parks with group bunkhouse or halls:

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



## 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://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://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 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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# 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

State parks staff are working to improve access for all Texans. Ask your local park about:

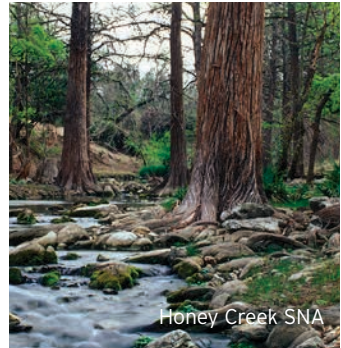
- Wheelchair-friendly events
- Accessible facilities
- Deaf and hard of hearing services

Email [accessibility@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:accessibility@tpwd.texas.gov) for information or to request accommodations.

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

## 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.



## 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.

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

**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.

Get Day Passes and make overnight camping and lodging reservations.

Make your reservation:

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

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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.*

Buy and redeem gift cards online!



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

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








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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

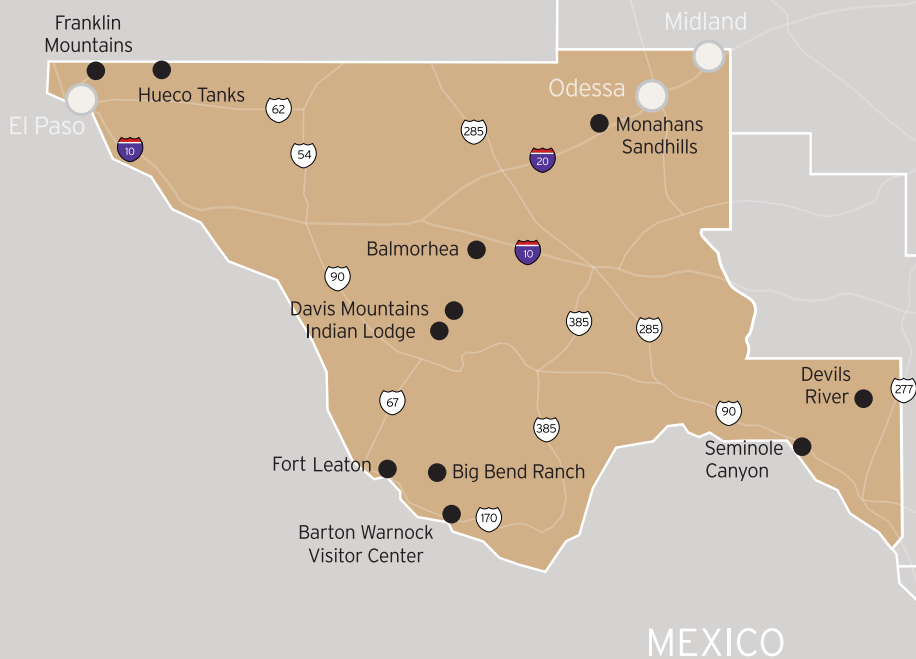
-  Cabins - w/ Bathroom
-  Cabins - w/out Bathroom
-  Group Overnight Lodge
-  Group Camp
-  Campsites - Primitive
-  Campsites - Water
-  Campsites - Water and Electric
-  Campsites - Full Hookup
-  Motel / Lodge / Room
-  Screened Shelter
-  Barracks / Bunkhouse Bed

## 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](https://texasstateparks.org/wifi)

Check [texasstateparks.org](https://texasstateparks.org) or (512) 389-8900 before your trip.

# BIG BEND COUNTRY



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# Balmorhea State Park

9207 TX-17, Toyahvale 79786 📞 (432) 375-2370

GPS Latitude 30.944829 | Longitude -103.785147



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.

## ROAD TRIP TIP: BURN Time, NOT Texas.

MAKE TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING TO KEEP YOURSELF AND TEXAS SAFE FROM WILDFIRES.

- **Avoid parking on or driving in grass when possible**
- **Stay on designated roads and trails**
- **Park on asphalt when parking on the side of the road**
- **Maintain proper tire pressure year-round**  
Underinflated tires and/or tire failure pose a wildfire hazard. Wheel rims may produce sparks if contact is made with the pavement.
- **Secure trailer safety chains from any roadway contact**  
Dragging chains may create sparks causing a wildfire.
- **Maintain trailer brakes and wheel bearings**  
This helps to avoid catastrophic failures resulting in brake fires and/or the emission of sparks and hot metal fragments that may cause wildfire ignitions along roadways.

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# Big Bend Ranch State Park

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

GPS Latitude 29.470458 | Longitude -103.957922



Big Bend Ranch State Park lies deep in the high 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 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. 📶



## 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

GPS Latitude 30.599926 | Longitude -103.925934



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.

*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.*



## Franklin Mountains State Park

2900 Tom Mays Access Road, El Paso 79911 📞 (915) 444-9100

GPS

Latitude 31.910507 | Longitude -106.518290



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 Rd. No. 1, El Paso 79938 📞 (915) 857-1135

GPS

Latitude 31.926453 | Longitude -106.042437



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 important cultural symbols on the rocks. This site preserves over 2,000 historic 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 Rd. 3, Fort Davis 79734 📞 (432) 426-3254

GPS Latitude 30.592877 | Longitude -103.943596



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. 📶

## Monahans Sandhills State Park

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

GPS Latitude 31.618795 | Longitude -102.812112



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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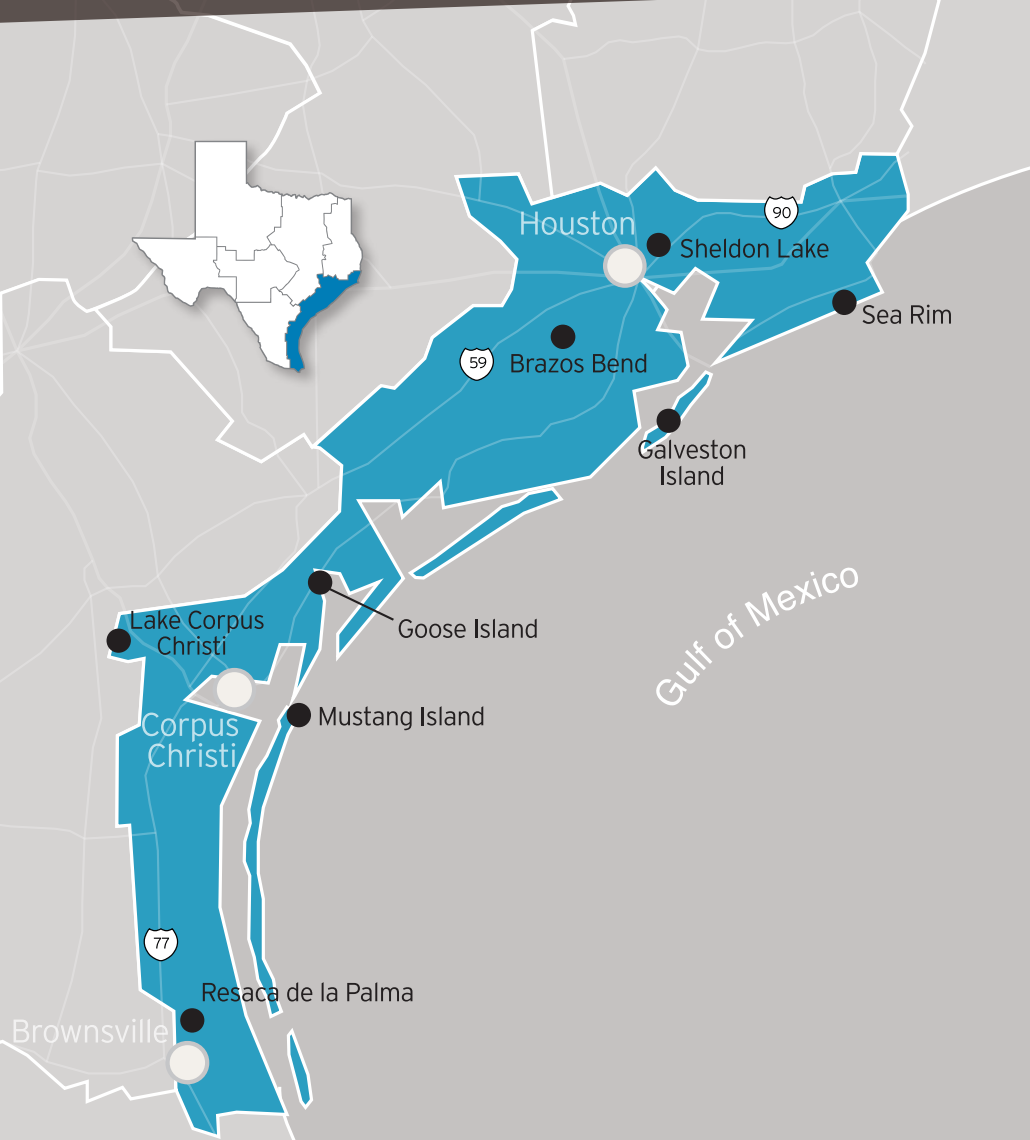


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# GULF COAST



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## Brazos Bend State Park

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

GPS Latitude 29.371447 | Longitude -95.632443



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

GPS Latitude 29.198755 | Longitude -94.956212



Galveston Island State Park is an excellent example of Texas Gulf ecology, with 2,000 acres that spans from the beach to the bay. Access is open to the bayside of the park, where coastal prairie, freshwater ponds, and salt marsh yield ample hiking, fishing, kayaking, and wildlife viewing opportunities. Historic houses, tent and multiuse campsites with

restrooms and showers nearby are available on this side of the park.

*The beachside area is closed as it undergoes renovations. Please check website for closure updates.*

## Goose Island State Park

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

GPS Latitude 28.128064 | Longitude -96.98838



one of the natural wonders of Texas.

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

## Lake Corpus Christi State Park

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

GPS Latitude 28.063249 | Longitude -97.873889



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.



## 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.

## Sea Rim State Park

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

GPS Latitude 29.675634 | Longitude -94.043222



“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.

## 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.

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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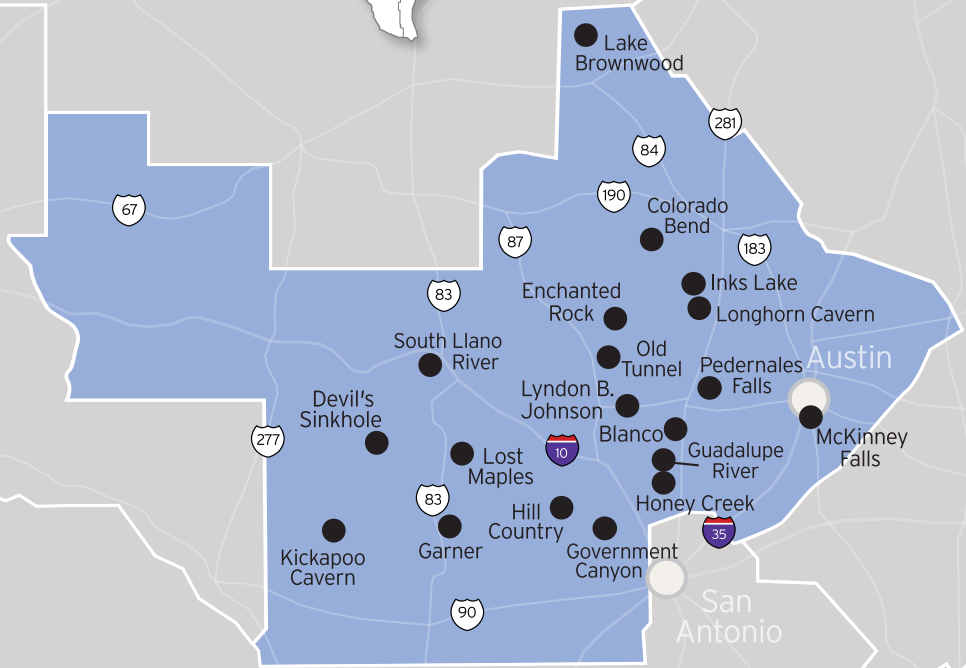
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# HILL COUNTRY



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## Blanco State Park

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

GPS Latitude 30.096782 | Longitude -98.43459



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, 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 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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## Garner State Park

234 RR 1050, Concan 78838 📞 (830) 232-6132

GPS Latitude 29.598887 | Longitude -99.743981



During the 1930s, the CCC “boys” constructed a stone dance pavilion and invited locals 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 Rd., San Antonio 78254 📞 (210) 688-9055

GPS Latitude 29.549316 | Longitude -98.764715



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 (water nearby), a natural playscape, picnic sites, a park store, amphitheater, group hall (Gallery), 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. *Open Friday to Monday; open more on some holidays.* 📶

# Guadalupe River State Park

3350 Park Rd. 31, Spring Branch 78070 📞 (830) 438-2656

GPS Latitude 29.853084 | Longitude -98.504463



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.*







## 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.



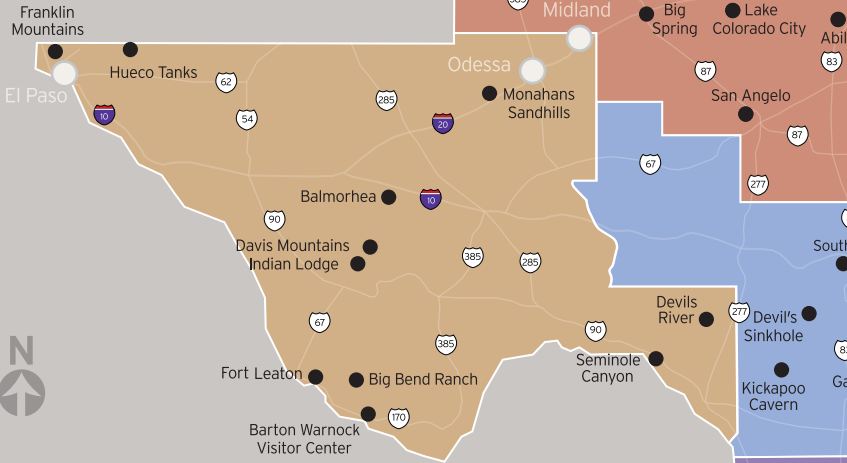
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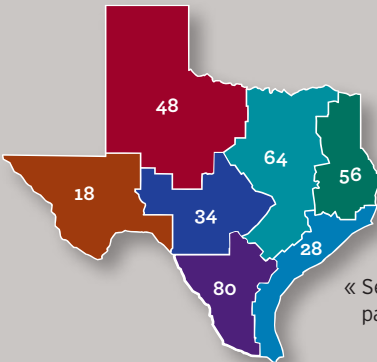


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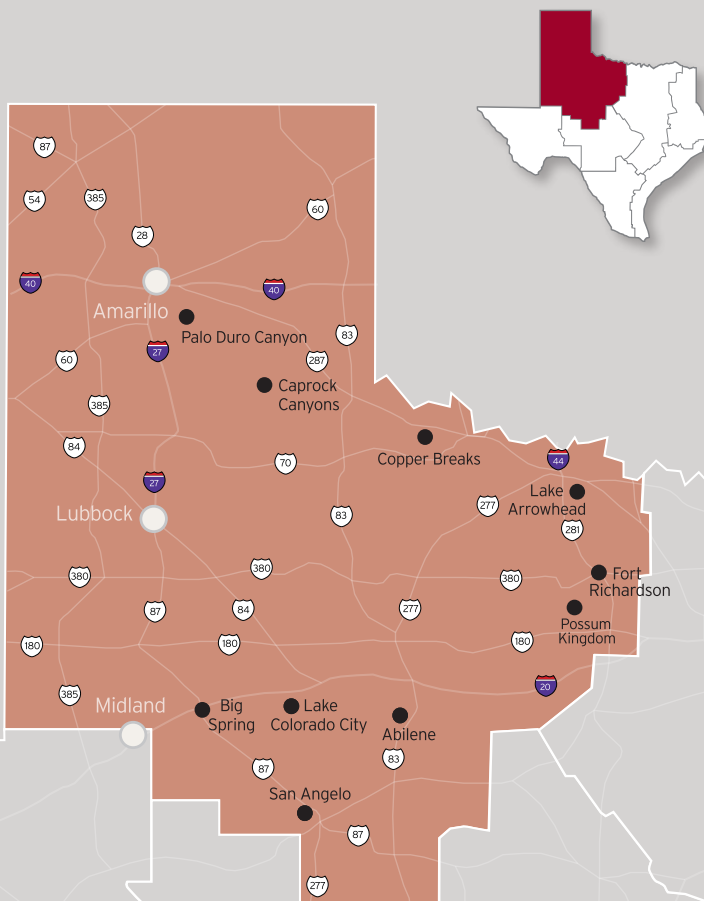








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# Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway

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

GPS Latitude 34.439742 | Longitude -101.051622



The spirit 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, fishing pier, 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.



## 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

GPS Latitude 31.463922 | Longitude -100.508038



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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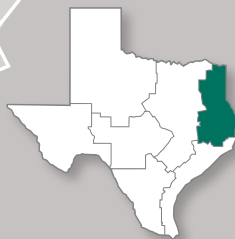
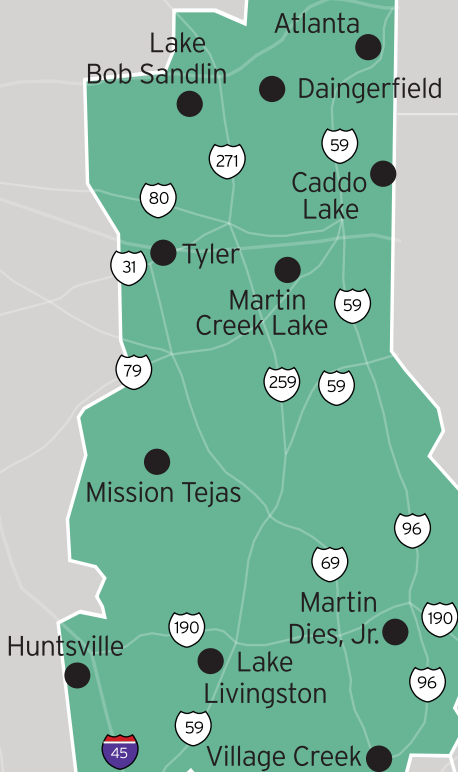
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# PINEYWOODS



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## Atlanta State Park

927 Park 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, 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 Rd. 2, Karnack 75661 📞 (903) 679-3351

GPS Latitude 32.680233 | Longitude -94.176361



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 the historic Paddlefish. You can also fish, hike and camp. Rent a restored CCC pine-log 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, 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 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

GPS Latitude 30.842882 | Longitude -94.171966



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 both 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

19343 State Highway 21 E., Grapeland 75844 📞 (936) 687-2394

GPS Latitude 31.548434 | Longitude -95.240357



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 Rd. 16, Tyler 75706 📞 (903) 597-5338

GPS Latitude 32.481326 | Longitude -95.295037



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, 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 a lighted fishing pier, a boat ramp, and a small bird blind on the Blackjack Nature Trail.







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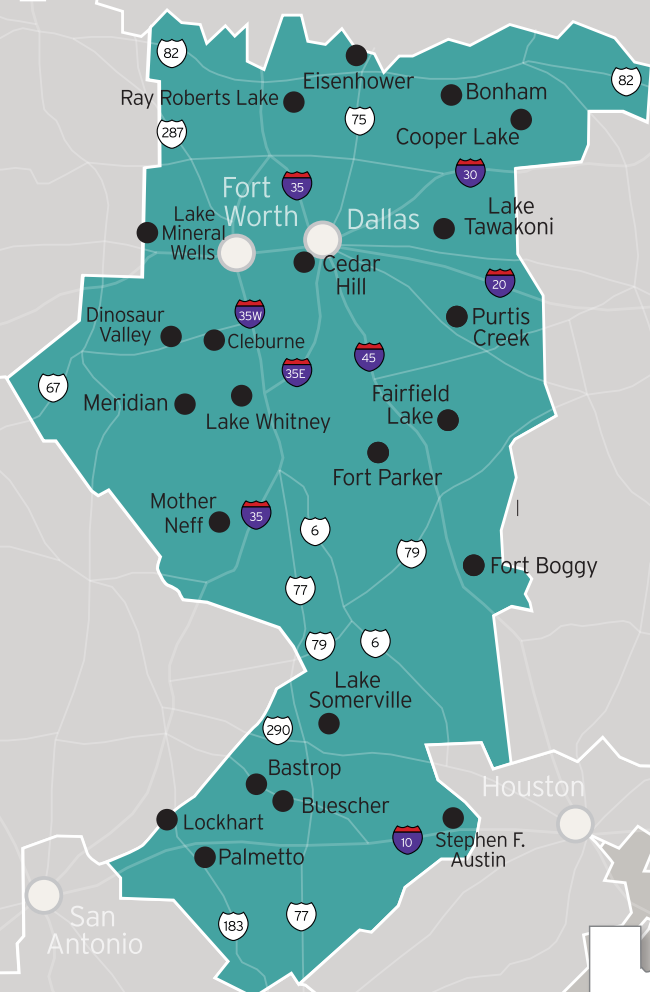


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## Bastrop State Park

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

GPS Latitude 30.11412 | Longitude -97.25987



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 33.544812 | Longitude -96.145404



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 Rd. 1E, Smithville 78957 📞 (512) 237-2241

GPS Latitude 30.039098 | Longitude -97.158295



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.



## Dinosaur Valley State Park

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

GPS Latitude 32.251511 | Longitude -97.81219



How big were dinosaurs, really? Step into the world-renowned dinosaur tracks of the Paluxy riverbed. These tracks, dating back 113 million years to the Cretaceous period, upended theories of how and where these giants roamed. The tracks are only visible when the water is low, but you can see replicas in the park headquarters exhibit.

Looking to reconnect with nature? Grab a pack and head out to the North Primitive Backpacking Area. Or explore on foot, bike or horseback our 21 miles of trails!

## 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.* 📶

## Fairfield Lake State Park

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

GPS Latitude 31.765346 | Longitude -96.073282



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. The park's campsites are spacious and secluded. The lake offers some of the best fishing in East Texas. Rent a kayak or paddleboard to tour the lake, waterski and jetski through

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

## 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 for an overnight stay. Fort Boggy is conveniently located just off IH-45 between Dallas and Houston.





# 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 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.



## 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. *Reservations are highly recommended.* 📶

## 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.



# 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. 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, and hike or bike our nature trails.

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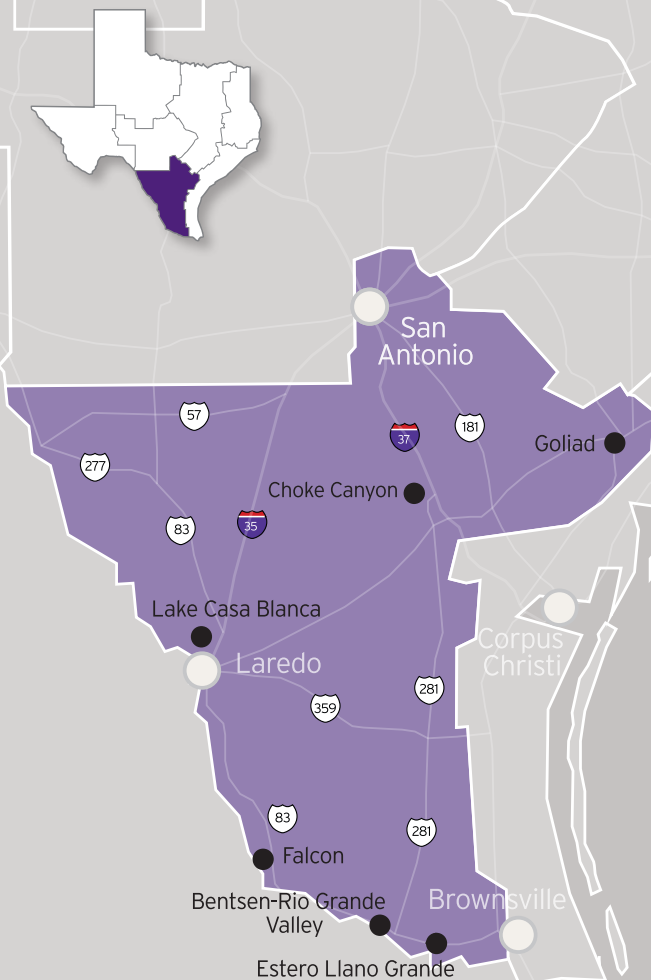


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# Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park

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. 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 Rd. 8, Calliham 78007 📞 (361) 786-3868

## Calliham Park Unit

GPS Latitude 28.465773 | Longitude -98.354195

## South Shore Park Unit

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. 📶





## 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 27.539343 | Longitude -99.451383



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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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