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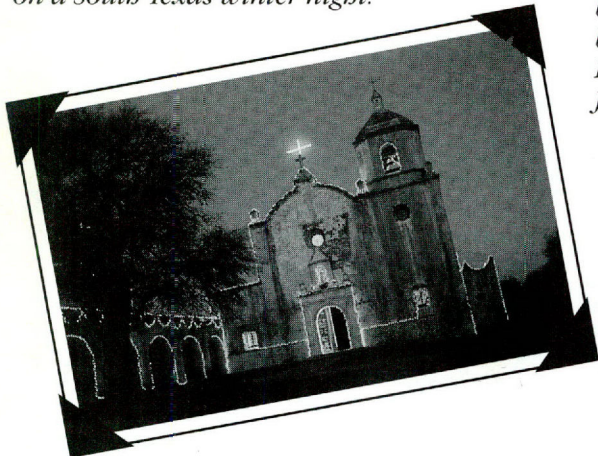
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While Christmas lights still sparkle at the historical parks through January 1, recreational parks are gearing up for our favorite January visitor: the abundant Winter Texan! This species of Texan is drawn to our southern regions by the prevailing coolish nights and mild sunny days on the Gulf Coast as well as those downright hot days along the Rio Grande River and in the Valley.

Migrations of bald eagles and whooping cranes, overwintering in Texas, herald the arrival of these Midwesterners, who flock south each year. They bring their camping rigs and settle down to enjoy our warm winter weather. The seasonal decline in regular park visitation coupled with January's mostly comfortable daytime temperatures, is a favorite time for Texans from all over to take quiet weekend trips. Y'all come!

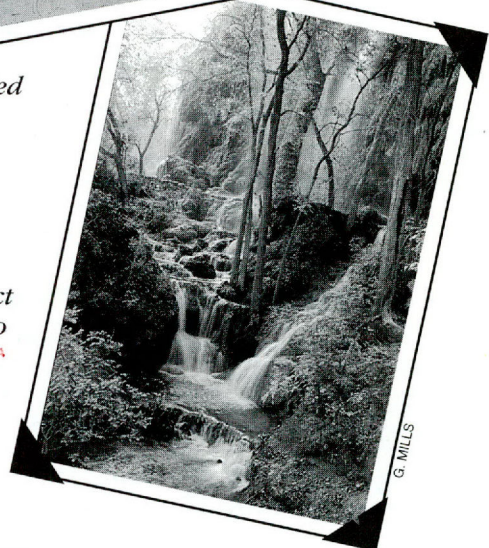
The rugged, enduring Mission Espíritu Santo at Goliad SHP, lighted for the Christmas season, is a delightful vision on a South Texas winter night.



Go beach-combing and birding on the uncrowded beaches at Matagorda Island SP (see page 6, January Dated Events).



A cool day is perfect for the steep hike to Gorman Falls, Colorado Bend SP (see page 2, On-going Events).





EXPLORE THE REAL TEXAS

On-going Events



BIG BEND COUNTRY

Hueco Tanks SHP

Rock Art Tour Every Saturday & Sunday. Go on a tour of the interpretive center and view several popular rock art sites in the park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and noon-4 p.m., fees \$2 TCP members, \$4 non-members, \$2 children 12 and under, 915-857-1135.

Seminole Canyon SHP

Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour Every Wednesday thru Sunday. Take a walking guided tour to see some of North America's oldest pictographs and cave dwellings. 10-11:30 a.m., 3-4:30 p.m., fees \$3 adults, \$1 children 6 to 12, 915-292-4464.

GULF COAST

Brazos Bend SP

Nature Programs every weekend in December. Six free nature programs ranging from nature hikes, slide shows, live animal programs and talks, 409-553-5101.

HILL COUNTRY

Colorado Bend SP

Gorman Falls Hike Saturday & Sunday. Caravan from park headquarters to the Gorman area of the park and then hike to below the falls. From trail head, it's a 1½ mile round-trip over beautiful hill country terrain. No pets allowed on tour. No restrooms or drinking water available. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays, 10 a.m. on Sundays, weather permitting, \$2 adults, \$1 children 6 to 12, 915-628-3240.

Wild Cave Tours Every Saturday & Sunday. The crawling tour takes you through several relatively small and progressively more difficult caves. The walking tour takes you to Gorman Cave. Starts 9:15 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays for the walking tours and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays for crawling tours, resources and weather permitting, fees \$10 per-person for walking tour and \$15 per-person for crawling tour, reservations required, 915-628-3240.

Hill Country SNA

Horseback Outing. Ride will focus on the cultural and natural resources of the area. Mount and lunch provided. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., fees \$50 TCP members, \$55 adults, reservations required and must be made through Running 'R' Ranch, 830-796-3984.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Bentsen-Río Grande Valley SP

Kiskadee Bus Tour. Tours are held every Tuesday and Friday. A bus tour to some of the best birding hot spots in Texas. Bring a sack lunch, binoculars, bird book and comfortable shoes. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$20 per-person, reservations required, 956-585-1107.



PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Dinosaur Valley SP

Dec. 13, 27. Wild Bird Rehabilitation. Learn how to care for injured birds. Rehabilitated birds will be brought in for viewing. 2-3 p.m., 254-897-4588.

Monument Hill SHP

Kreische House Tour Sundays. Enjoy a family history and architectural tour of the 1850s built home. This German style stone home is unusual in style and reflects masonry craftsmanship rarely seen today. 1:30-4 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, fifty cents children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 409-968-5658.

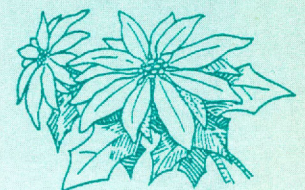
If You Go!

Texas Conservation Passports are for adults, age 17 and older, children and young adults do not need to have a Conservation Passport and are not eligible for Passport discounts.

- See Drive Across Texas, Page 4-5, for directions to activities.
- Some of these activities require one Conservation Passport per-person age 17 and over.
- Some activities require reservations.
- Most activities have a limit on group size.
- For reservations and information, call the phone number listed with the activity.
- For WMAs, the best time to catch the biologist in the office is on a weekday 8 to 9 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m.
- Call WMAs before going to visit to make sure you can have access.

Abbreviations:

- SP = State Park
- SFH = State Fish Hatchery
- SHP = State Historical Park
- SNA = State Natural Area
- WMA = Wildlife Management Area
- TCP = Texas Conservation Passport
- TPWD = Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



December Events



HILL COUNTRY

Honey Creek SNA

Honey Creek Canyon Walk Every Saturday. Learn about the unique geology, biology and cultural history of the area. 9-11 a.m., fees \$2 per-person, 830-438-2656.

Pedernales Falls SP

Bird Walk Every weekend. Bring binoculars and walk the trails to spot birds. Bird viewing stations are available and monitored from Oct. through April. 8:30-11:30 a.m., fees \$2 adults, free to children 12 and under, 830-868-7304.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Go to our home page on the World Wide Web! If you would like to receive selected Texas Conservation Passport Journal events by e-mail, send your NAME and e-mail address to: passport@tpwd.state.tx.us

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December- January Dated Events



January Dated Events



SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Bentsen Rio Grande Valley SP
Dec. 27; Jan. every other Saturday. Lomita Ranch Tour. Go on an outing focusing on native plants and their uses, including landscaping and propagation, edible plants, medicinal plants and poisonous plants. 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., fees \$27 per-person, reservations required, 956-519-6448.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Village Creek SP
Dec. 27; Jan. 3, 17. Guided Nature Trail Hike. 2-mile hike through bottomland hardwoods, mixed pine uplands and beech-magnolia stands. 9-11 a.m., reservations available but not required, 409-755-7322.

January

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Balmorhea SP
Birding Tours. Every Saturday go on a birding tour of the Cienega at the park and then drive to Phantom Cave Springs and do some birding in the wetland area and the surrounding desert shrub. 8:30-10:30 a.m., fees \$5 per-person, reservations required, 915-375-2370.

HILL COUNTRY

Honey Creek SNA
Honey Creek Canyon Walk Every Saturday. Learn about the unique geology, biology and cultural history of the area. 9-11 a.m., fees \$2 per-person, 830-438-2656.

Pedernales Falls SP
Bird Watching Sparrow Study. Bring binoculars and walk the trails to spot birds. Bird viewing stations are available daily, 830-868-7304.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Fairfield Lake SP
Dec. 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Bald Eagle Tour. Tours will be conducted weather permitting. Participants will board a tour boat and receive an overview of our national symbol's status in Texas, then proceed on a 2-hour tour of the lake to view the bald eagles and other wildlife in their winter habitat. 10 a.m.-noon, and 1 p.m.-3 p.m., fees \$10 TCP members, \$15 non-members, \$10 children 16 and under, reservations required, 512-389-8900.



PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Stephen F. Austin SHP
Historical Tour. Every Saturday and Sunday. Tour the historical area and learn about the life and times of Stephen F. Austin. 1-2 p.m., reservations available but not required, 409-885-3613.



Longhorn Caverns SP
Jan. 30-31. Sam Bass Treasure Hunt/Mystery Game. Descend into the depths of Longhorn Caverns and search for clues to determine if Sam Bass actually used the caverns. Participants will follow a set of clues, encounter costumed characters and search for money bags filled with gold coins! 7-8 p.m. Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 31, prices vary from \$95 to \$195 per couple depending on lodging accommodations, reservations required, 512-756-4680.

HILL COUNTRY

Admiral Nimitz Museum & Historical Center
Jan. 1-31. Roads To Glory. An exhibit featuring hats from ten military leaders with ties to Texas. Among those featured are Presidents Bush, Johnson and Theodore Roosevelt. Others are Oveta Culp Hobby and the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 830-997-4379.

Landmark Inn SHP
Jan. 24. Living History - Soldado Mexicano Workshop. See a joint living history and educational seminar focused on the Mexican Army of 1833-1848 in Texas. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, fifty cents children 12 and under, 830-931-2133.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit
Jan. 17, 31. Bird Identification Tour. Walk the bird trail and along the water's edge with a guide to identify birds and water fowl. 9-11 a.m., 512-786-3868.

PINEYWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP
Jan. 17. Canoeing the Forks. A 4-hour canoe trip along the Angelina River. Paddle along and have the opportunity to view wildlife and learn a little about the history of the area. Call for times, fees \$25 per park canoe per two people, \$20 with your canoe per two people, \$7.50 for third person in canoe, reservations required, 409-384-5231.

Mystery Game

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Big Bend Ranch SP
Jan. 3. Bus Tour. Depart on bus from Fort Leaton SHP. Visit some archeological, historical and geological sites for photography, botany and wildlife viewing. Lunch is included. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$55 TCP members, \$60 non-members, reservations required, 512-389-8900.

Jan. 17. Bus Tour. Departing from Barton Warnock Center at Lajitas. Following El Camino del Rio we will visit geological, archeological and historical sites with photographic opportunities along the way. Lunch is included. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$55 TCP members, \$60 non-members, reservations required, 512-389-8900.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Big Bend Ranching Heritage Trail Ride. Three day trail ride from Lajitas to Saucedo, the old headquarters for Big Bend Ranch. Riders will enjoy spectacular canyons and mountain vistas, camping along the way. Horses, tack, and meals, included. 8 a.m. on Jan. 31 till 5 p.m. on Feb. 2; 8 a.m. on Feb. 21 till 5 p.m. on Feb. 23, fee \$420 per-person, reservations required, 915-424-3238.

Hueco Tanks SHP
Jan. 18. Bird Identification Tour. Walk through the park with a guide and observe some of the popular species of West Texas. 8:30-10 a.m., fees \$2 per-person, 915-857-1135.

Seminole Canyon SHP
Jan. 24. Pressa Canyon Tour. Take a hike and view the lower canyons and rock art sites in the closed area of the park. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., fees \$15 TCP members, \$20 non-members, reservations required, 915-292-4464.

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DRIVE ACROSS TEXAS

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO PARKS AND OTHER PLACES

Pineywoods



Big Bend Country

Balmorhea SP In Reeves County, 4 miles west of Balmorhea on State Highway 17 to park entrance, 915-375-2370.

Big Bend Ranch SP In Brewster and Presidio counties, 4 miles southeast of Presidio on F.M. 170; entrance at Fort Leaton SHP, 915-229-3416.

Hueco Tanks SHP In El Paso County, approximately 32 miles east of El Paso, via U.S. Highway 62/180 north on Ranch Road 2775 to entrance, 915-857-1135.

Magoffin Home SHP In El Paso County, in the city of El Paso, south of I.H. 10, exit on Cotton Street; turn right on Magoffin Avenue, home is 2 blocks on the left, 915-533-5147.

Seminole Canyon SHP In Val Verde County, 9 miles west of Comstock on U.S. Highway 90 to entrance, 915-292-4464.

Gulf Coast

Brazos Bend SP In Fort Bend County, 10 miles west of Rosharon on F.M. 1462 then 1 mile north on F.M. 762 to entrance, 409-553-3243.

Fennessey Ranch In Refugio County, between Refugio and Bayside off F.M. 2678. For detailed directions call 512-529-6600.

Fulton Mansion SHP In Aransas County, 3 miles north of Rockport off State Highway 35, at the corner of Henderson Street and Fulton Beach Road, 512-729-0386.

Panhandle Plains

Fort Griffin SHP In Shackelford County, about 15 miles north of Albany on U.S. Highway 283 to park, 915-762-3592.

Huntsville SP In Walker County, 6 miles south of Huntsville off I.H. 45, take exit 109 to Park Road 40 to entrance, 409-295-5644.

Martin Dies, Jr. SP In Jasper County, 17 miles east of Woodville on U.S. Highway 190 to entrance, 409-384-5231.

Starr Family SHP In Harrison County, in the city of Marshall on the corner of Travis and Grove Streets, 903-935-3044.

Texas State Railroad SHP In Anderson County, in the city of Palestine 2 miles east of Loop 256 on U.S. Highway 84 to Palestine train station. In Cherokee County, 2 miles west of Rusk via U.S. Highway 84 to Rusk train station, 903-683-2561.

Las Palomas WMA/Longoria Unit In Cameron County, 5 miles north of Santa Rosa on Ranch Road 506 to entrance, 210-383-8982.

Matagorda Island SP & WMA In Calhoun County, about 50 miles southeast of Victoria. Park headquarters, dock and information center at Port O'Connor, 512-983-2215.

Varner-Hogg SHP In Brazoria County, 2 miles north of West Columbia off F.M. 2852, to entrance, 409-345-4656.

San Angelo SP In Tom Green County, 1 mile west of San Angelo on the O.C. Fisher Reservoir, via either U.S. Highway 87 or 67 to F.M. 2288 to park entrance, 915-949-4757.

Village Creek SP In Hardin County, 10 miles north of Beaumont in the city of Lumberton. From U.S. Highway 69 north, take Mitchell Road exit to Village Creek Parkway and go approximately 2 miles, then turn east onto Alma Drive to park entrance, 409-755-7322.

South Texas Plains

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley SP In Hidalgo County, 3 miles south of Mission on F.M. 2062 to entrance, 956-585-1107 or 956-585-0902.

Chaparral WMA In La Salle and Dimmit counties, 8 miles west of Artesia Wells on F.M. 133 to entrance, 830-676-3413.

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit In McMullen and Live Oak counties, about 70 miles south of San Antonio. On the north side of State Highway 72, about 8 miles west of Three Rivers, 512-786-3868.

Goliad SHP In Goliad County, ½ mile south of Goliad on U.S. Highway 183 to park entrance, 512-645-3405.

Call ahead before visiting a Wildlife Management Area! We don't want to miss you and we often leave our gates locked. Come visit us for our special events or on your own, but let us open the doors first!

The best time to catch a biologist in an office is on a weekday early in the morning (8-9 a.m.) or during lunch because we work outside!



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Hill Country

Admiral Nimitz Museum and Historical Center In Gillespie County, in the city of Fredericksburg at the corner of E. Main and Washington Streets, 830-997-4379.

Colorado Bend SP In Lampasas and San Saba counties, on the Colorado River about 10 miles above Lake Buchanan, near the community of Bend. Bend is north of Llano via State Highway 16 or west of Lampasas via U.S. Highway 183/190. Paved access to Bend via Ranch Roads 501, 580 or 581. From Bend there are approximately 4 miles of unpaved road to the park entrance, 915-628-3240.

Guadalupe River SP In Kendall and Comal counties, 30 miles north of San Antonio on State Highway 46 between Boerne and U.S. Highway 281 to entrance, 830-438-2656.

Honey Creek SNA Access through Guadalupe River SP, see above, 830-438-2656.

Hill Country SNA In Bandera and Medina counties, 10 miles southwest of Bandera on State Highway 173 south to Ranch Road 1077 (also marked as "Dixie Dude Ranch Road"), to park entrance, 830-796-3984.

Kickapoo Cavern SNA In Edwards and Kinney counties, 40 miles west of Uvalde on U.S. Highway 90, then 22.5 miles due north of Brackettville on Ranch Road 674; park entrance is on west side of road, 830-563-2342.

Landmark Inn SHP In Medina County, in the city of Castroville off U.S. Highway 90, one block west of the Medina River bridge at the corner of Florence and U.S. Highway 90 to entrance, 830-931-2133.

Longhorn Cavern SP In Burnet County, about 5 miles south of Burnet on U.S. Highway 281 to entrance, 512-756-4680.

Lyndon B. Johnson SHP In Gillespie County, 16 miles east of Fredericksburg on U.S. Highway 290 to park entrance, 830-644-2252.

Pedernales Falls SP In Blanco County, 9 miles east of Johnson City on F.M. 2766 to entrance, 830-868-7304.



Prairies and Lakes

Dinosaur Valley SP In Somervell County, 4 miles west of Glen Rose on F.M. 205/Park Road 59, 1 mile to headquarters, 254-897-4588.

Eisenhower Birthplace SHP In Grayson County, in the city of Denison at the corner of Lamar Avenue and Day street, 903-465-8908.

Fairfield Lake SP In Freestone County, 6 miles north of Fairfield off F.M. 488; then east on F.M. 2570 to Park Road 64 to entrance, 903-389-4514.

Fanthorp Inn SHP In Grimes County, 10 miles east of Navasota on State Highway 90 in the town of Anderson, 409-873-2633.

Fort Parker SP In Limestone County between Mexia and Groesbeck, off State Highway 14 to entrance, 254-562-5751.

Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery SHP In Fayette County, 1 mile south of La Grange off U.S. Highway 77 to spur 92, to entrance, 409-968-5658.

Old Fort Parker SHP In Limestone County, between Groesbeck and Mexia off State Highway 14 for 1 mile to Park Road 35 to entrance, 254-729-5253.

Sam Bell Maxey SHP In Lamar County, in the City of Paris at the corner of Church and Washington Streets, 903-785-5716.

Sebastopol SHP In Guadalupe County, in the city of Seguin, south of I.H. 10. Exit on State Highway 46 south to U.S. Highway 90A (Court Street) east, go 1 mile to the park entrance, 830-379-4833.

Stephen F. Austin SHP In Austin County, 3 miles east of Sealy off I.H. 10, exit F.M. 1458 north, go 2 miles, turn left on Park Road 38 to park entrance, 409-885-3613.

Washington-on-the-Brazos SHP In Washington County, 21 miles northeast of Brenham on State Highway 105, then turn onto F.M. 912 to entrance, 409-878-2214.

Park Reservations

Campsites, cabins, shelters and group facilities can be reserved for up to eleven months in advance.

Reservations must be made at least three days in advance of your planned stay.

Regular Reservation Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on major holidays.

Our Phone Numbers

To make reservations: 1-512-389-8900

To cancel reservations (24 hours a day): 1-512-389-8910

Information: 1-800-792-1112

Press 3 for Park Information and then 3 again for All Other Park Information

You can still make reservation directly at:

Indian Lodge: 1-915-426-3254

Texas State Railroad: 1-800-442-8951



Hunting Events

GULF COAST

Fennessey Ranch

Jan. 24. Wild Hog Safari Management Hunt. Go on a hunt in an African style brush blind. Trophy boar opportunities abound. Lunch will be provided. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$350 per-person, reservations required, 512-529-6600.

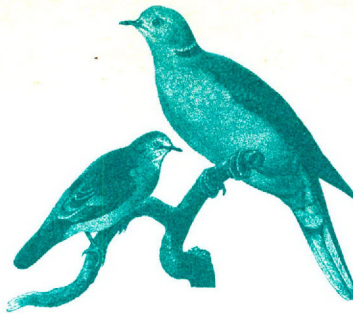


SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Chaparral WMA

Jan. 2-4. Dove and Quail Hunt. Public hunting opportunity for dove, quail and rabbits. 6 a.m. - sunset, fee free if you have an annual public hunting permit, free to youth 17 and under, 830-676-3413.

Jan. 6-8. Gun Deer Hunt. Public hunting opportunity. By special permit only. Stand-by drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 6, fee



\$50 per drawn hunter (adult), by special permit only, 830-676-3413.

Jan. 17-18. Youth Only Javelina Hunt. Special public hunt for those under age 17. Youth must be accompanied

by parent but only youth may actually hunt. 10 a.m.-6:38 p.m., by special permit only. Stand-by drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on Jan 17, 830-676-3413.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1. Primitive Weapons Javelina Hunt. Public hunt for javelinas. Hunters restricted to use of longbows or recurve bows (no compound bows) and muzzle loaders with external ignition (no in-line ignition or scopes), fee \$50 per adult hunter. Stand-by drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 30, by special permit only, 830-767-3413.

Schedule for 1997-98 Public Hunts on State Park Lands

A number of state parks are available for carefully controlled special permit hunting. Most parks will be open on Saturday and Sundays for activities like camping, fishing and picnicking with public hunts scheduled mainly for the low-use, Monday through Friday periods.

While the hunts are in progress, the parks will be off-limits to other visitors for safety reasons. Please check the schedule printed here before heading out to these parks.

You can always call directly to the park of your choice before you hit the road to make sure that it will be open for general park activities.

Call Texas Parks and Wildlife's toll-free automated Information Line, 800-792-1112 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and press 3 for Park Information or press 5 for Public Hunts Information.

Caprock Canyons 806-455-1492

10:00 p.m. Jan. 6 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9
10:00 p.m. Jan. 13 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 16

Colorado Bend 915-628-3240

10:00 p.m. Dec. 28 to-2:00 p.m. Dec. 31
10:00 p.m. Jan. 4 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9
10:00 p.m. Jan. 11 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 16
10:00 p.m. Jan. 18 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 23
10:00 p.m. Jan. 25 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 30
10:00 p.m. Aug. 16 to-2:00 p.m. Aug. 21
10:00 p.m. Aug. 23 to-2:00 p.m. Aug. 28

Enchanted Rock 915-247-3903

10:00 p.m. Dec. 28 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 2
10:00 p.m. Jan. 4 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9
10:00 p.m. Jan. 11 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 14

Guadalupe River 830-438-2656

10:00 a.m. Jan. 5 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9
10:00 a.m. Jan. 12 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 16
10:00 a.m. Jan. 21 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 23

Hill Country 830-796-4413

10:00 p.m. Jan. 4 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9

Huntsville 409-295-5644

10:00 p.m. Jan. 5 to-noon Jan. 9
10:00 p.m. Jan. 12 to-noon Jan. 16

Lake Brownwood 915-784-5223

5:00 p.m. Jan. 5 to -8:00 a.m. Jan. 9
5:00 p.m. Jan. 12 to -8:00 a.m. Jan. 16
5:00 p.m. Jan. 19 to -8:00 a.m. Jan. 23
5:00 p.m. Jan. 26 to -8:00 a.m. Jan. 30

Lake Whitney 254-694-3793

10:00 p.m. Jan. 4 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9

Pedernales Falls 830-868-7304

10:00 p.m. Dec. 28 to-8:00 a.m. Jan. 1

Seminole Canyon 915-292-4464

10:00 p.m. Jan. 4 to-2:00 p.m. Jan. 9



Note: Special permit hunts taking place on the following public lands will not affect most other activities: Big Bend, Choke Canyon Calliham Unit, Davis Mountains, Devil's Sinkhole (only open by special permit), Fort Boggy (undeveloped), Government Canyon (undeveloped), Honey Creek (open to TCP tours only), Lake Mineral Wells, Lake Somerville, Matagorda Island, Mother Neff (primitive camping and hiking trails off-limits during hunts), Possum Kingdom, San Angelo, Sea Rim.



Texas Conservation Passport Membership Benefits

The Texas Conservation Passport invites everyone to participate in outdoor, hands-on programs at state parks, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries and more!

Passport members receive this quarterly *Texas Conservation Passport Journal* with advance notice of outdoor events at state parks, wildlife management areas and fisheries centers.

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- A windshield decal for no-hassle park entry
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- Free tours, for the Passport member only, at state historical parks without an entrance fee
- Discounts on many Texas Conservation Passport tours
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For information on purchasing a Texas Conservation Passport call 1-800-792-1112, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday or you can call 1-800-895-4248 to purchase your Passport with a credit card. A receipt will be mailed to you. To get your Gold Passport windshield decal, you must present your receipt at a state park.

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PASSPORT VALUES

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

TCP members qualify for discounts on admission to the Scenic Wildlife Drive. Enjoy a 9-mile drive among friendly giraffe, antelopes, zebras and many other animals from around the world. Open year-round. Call 254-897-2960 for more information.

Hummingbird Lodge and Educational Center

TCP members receive a 5 percent discount on bed and breakfast accommodations at this new natural getaway near Rockport. Hummingbird Lodge's 19 wooded acres overlook Copano Bay and wetlands. Perfect for birding and fishing. Other activities include dinner theater, workshops, nature tours, etc. Call toll free for directions at 888-827-7555.

JSJ Tours TCP members receive a 10 percent discount on deep sea adventures, canoeing, camping, fishing tours. Custom tours arranged. Video trips. Call Jon at 817-897-3637.

Longhorn Cavern State Park

with each current TCP, you can purchase a Longhorn Cavern tour ticket for \$6, discounted from the regular \$7 price. For children age 5 through 12, the ticket price is \$4, and children age 4 and under are free. Call 512-756-6976 for recorded information on times and tours.

Running 'R' Ranch in Bandera offers TCP members discounts on its horseback rides. When you take advantage of this special offer, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Hill Country SNA during your ride. For more information, call Charles "Doo" Robbins at 830-796-3984.

X Bar Ranch near San Angelo gives TCP members a ten percent discount on lodging. Hike, go mountain biking, ride horses or relax at this working ranch. Lodging in private houses or cabins. Plenty of wildlife viewing and other activities. For reservations and information call toll free: 888-853-2688.



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

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