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## Texas Outdoors

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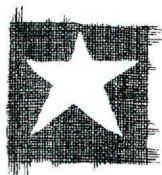
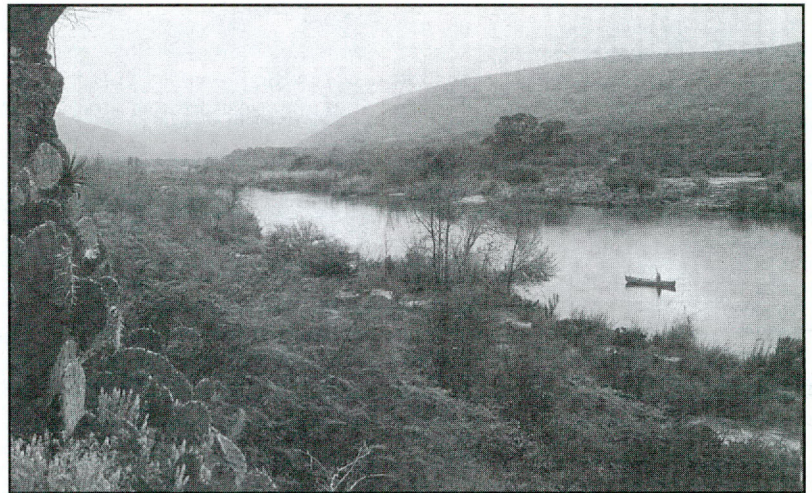
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Devils River State Natural Area  
(Big Bend Country)

In today's world, we especially appreciate our natural and cultural legacy. At historical sites we walk in the footsteps of Texans who forged this great state. When we are outdoors, our hearts beat a bit slower, our walks turn into strolls, the night skies fill with stars, and we feel closer to our true nature – it's a healing experience for many.

In celebration of our priceless heritage, we invite you to experience the wonders of Texas during our Lone Star Legacy Weekend on October 20th and 21st. To get the party going, admission is free at 120 state parks and participating wildlife management areas (WMA) and state fish hatcheries.

You can choose from hundreds of special activities. Hike to remote areas not generally available, go scouting with a biologist for signs of mountain lions and bears in Big Bend. Go beachcombing on the Gulf or watch for returning whooping cranes. Visit state historical sites and experience everything from demonstrations of frontier skills to songfests with bluegrass music and gospel singing. So come on out and join the festivities!



LONE STAR LEGACY  
WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 20-21

On the Web: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

#### LEAVE A LEGACY

While you are visiting us, you can learn more about Lone Star Legacy, the fundraising campaign to establish an endowment account for every state park, WMA and state fish hatchery in Texas. Your donation is tax-deductible and only the interest from the account will be used to help provide needed funds for operations and regular maintenance. You can choose to give to your favorite park or site, or you can donate to a general fund that will be distributed statewide.

See listings inside for Legacy events.

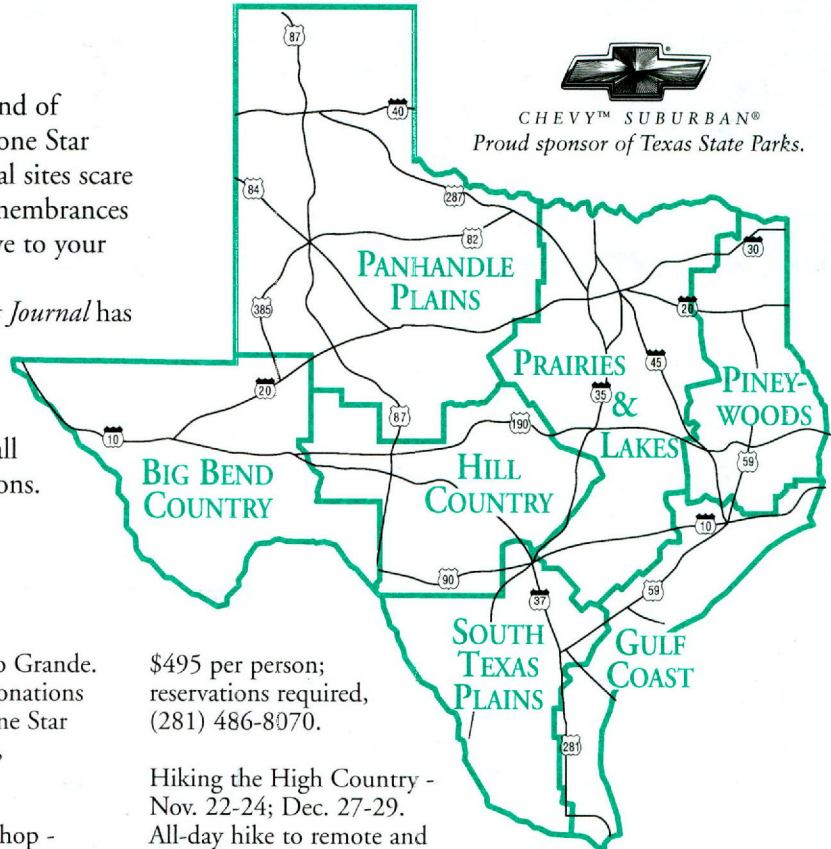
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## TRAVEL AND TOURISM REGIONS



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## EVENT LISTINGS

October is a great time to get outside! The weekend of October 20th and 21st brings you hundreds of Lone Star Legacy events all over the state. Then the historical sites scare up some spooky fun for Halloween and sweet remembrances for Christmas (pages 14-15). So take a scenic drive to your favorite places and enjoy the season.

This issue of your *Texas Conservation Passport Journal* has a different look. We have so much happening in the parks and wildlife management areas (WMA) this fall, that we had to list them under headings for Travel and Tourism Regions just to get them all in. Please call the park or WMA for travel directions.

★ Lone Star Legacy events.

### Big Bend Country

#### Balmorhea SP

★ Native Plant Seminar and Interpretive Programs - Oct. 20, 21. Seminar and demonstration on gardening with native plants and interpretive tours to Phantom Cave Springs and San Solomon Cienega will be held. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (915) 375-2370.

Phantom Cave Springs and San Solomon Cienega Hike - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. Tour Phantom Cave Springs four miles west of the park to view birds of the Chihuahuan Desert and then the birds of San Solomon Cienega at the park. Also view two species of endangered fish. 8:30-10:30 a.m.; fees \$5 TCP members, \$7 non-members, \$5 senior citizens, \$5 children 12 and under; reservations required, (915) 375-2370.

#### Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center

★ Dia del Rio - Oct. 20. Slide shows, videos and guest speakers will be presented throughout the day on ecotourism, conservation and

the future of the Rio Grande. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; donations accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment, (915) 424-3327.

Oral History Workshop - Nov. 17. Learn how to preserve your grandparent's stories, collected family histories or archival material collected for museums and universities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; fees \$7 TCP members, \$10 non-members, \$7 senior citizens, \$7 children 12 and under, (915) 424-3327.

#### Big Bend Ranch SP

Longhorn Cattle Drive - Oct. 5-7. Come out and help round up the Texas Longhorns in the park. For three days, experience life on a working ranch by going out on horseback into the rugged country of the ranch. Price includes horse rental, meal and lodging at the Bunkhouse. Call for times; fees \$641 TCP members, \$650 non-members; reservations required, (915) 229-3416.

Fall Trail Ride - Oct. 29-31; Nov. 2-4. Explore remote parts of the ranch on horseback. View scenic overlooks that are inaccessible to the average visitor. Call for times; fees

\$495 per person; reservations required, (281) 486-8070.

Hiking the High Country - Nov. 22-24; Dec. 27-29. All-day hike to remote and scenic areas that are inaccessible to the average visitor. Destinations will include Papalotie Alto, Gualde Mesa and Madrid Falls. Call for times; fees \$81 TCP members, \$90 non-members; reservations required, (915) 229-3416.

#### Black Gap WMA

★ Bighorn Sheep - Oct. 20, 21. Slide presentation with discussion on bighorn sheep restoration. Driving tour to observe birds, wildlife water facilities and to look for desert bighorn sheep. Walking tour of Brushy Canyon to observe and identify vegetation, birds, bear and mountain lion sign and habits. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Evening campfire discussion with staff and Billy Pat McKinney. 7-10 p.m.; call during business hours for more information, (915) 837-3251 or (915) 376-2216.

Fishing on the Rio Grande - Oct. 1-31; Nov. 1-22; Dec. 10-22. Go fishing and camping along the Rio Grande. There are 25 camp shelters for

campers. Closed during special permit hunts; call during business hours for more information and the latest on closure dates, (915) 376-2216.

#### Davis Mountains SP

★ Outdoor Adventures for Kids and Camping 101 - Oct. 20. Fun conservation-based activities for kids. Hands-on activities that teach an understanding of the natural world. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Introduction to the skills and equipment needed for a fun and successful camping trip. The course will include selecting equipment, outdoor cooking and hands-on activities. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (915) 426-3337.

#### Devils River SNA

★ Tours - Oct. 20, 21. Choice of two tours. Tour A will include a visit to an archeological pictograph site and Indian shelter, which will involve some hiking. Tour B is a scenic drive through Dolan Creek Canyon and a visit to the springs on the Devils



River. Primitive camping available. Group barracks lodging for 10 people and dining hall facility available for rent. 9-11:30 p.m.; tour fees \$10 adults, free to children 12 and under. Call (512) 389-8900 for facility reservation, call (830) 395-2133 for information.

#### Fort Lancaster SHS

★ Star Party and Annual Living History Day - Oct. 19, 20. Come and see the stars with us. 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday. Annual Living History Day on Saturday. Reenactors will portray frontier life, infantry, cavalry, artillery, buffalo soldiers, the Texas Camel Corps and period musicians will bring the fort to life. A Bar-B-Q lunch will be served at noon. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (915) 836-4391.

#### Fort Leaton SHS

★ Tours - Oct. 20. Join us for tours of the fort, living history demonstrations, musical entertainment and Bar-B-Q. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., (915) 229-3613.

#### Franklin Mountains SP

★ Triathlon - Oct. 21. The event will consist of street racing, running and mountain biking and is open to individuals and teams. It is sponsored by the Border Mountain Bike Association. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., (915) 566-6441.

Guided Tours - Oct. 6, 7, 20, 21; Nov. 3, 4, 17, 18; Dec. 1, 2, 15, 16. Join us for a guided tour of the West Cottonwood Schaefer Shuffle Trails. 9-11 a.m., (915) 566-6441.

#### Hueco Tanks SHS

★ Pictograph Tours & More - Oct. 20-21. Tours will highlight the park's prehistoric and historic pictographs, as well as history, geology, plant life and wildlife. An entertainment and music program will feature Native American and regional folklore and culture. There will be music, poetry and storytelling around

the campfire. A Sunday morning birding event will be led by Bob Johnson, volunteer bird expert of the Trans-Pecos Audubon Society from 8-10 a.m. Over 200 species of birds visit Hueco Tanks. (915) 849-6684.

Bird Identification Tours - Nov. 18; Dec. 16. Observe some of the birds that visit Hueco Tanks. Over 200 species have been seen here. Your guide is Bob Johnson, volunteer bird expert of the Trans-Pecos Audubon Society. 8-10 a.m., (915) 849-6684.

#### Indian Lodge

★ 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Show - Oct. 20. Area artists will display and sell their artwork and crafts. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided in the lobby of the historic hotel. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (915) 426-3254.

#### Magoffin Home SHS

★ Ghostly Candlelight Tours - Oct. 19. The 1875 adobe home comes alive on guided tours of the historic home with three known ghosts. This is the only time all year that all electric lights are off and all lighting is by candles! 7-9 p.m.; fees \$3 TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$3 senior citizens, \$3 children 12 and under, (915) 533-5147.

Stories of Spirits - Oct. 13; Nov. 10; Dec. 8. Historical tour includes stories of spirits and odd events at the home and how they relate to the Magoffin family. 10-11:30 a.m.; \$3 adults, \$1 students, no children under 10; reservations encouraged, (915) 533-5147.

#### Monahans Sandhills SP

★ BBQ & Trail Dedication - Oct. 20. On Saturday we will have a benefit Bar-B-Q dinner sponsored by Friends of Monahans Sandhills SP. 6:30-8 p.m.; call for more information. Join us as we dedicate our newly renovated nature trail and wayside exhibits.

10-10:30 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday experience the dunes in our big-wheel buggy tours through the sand hills. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (915) 943-2092.

#### Seminole Canyon SHS

★ Slide Show/Stargazing - Oct. 19-21. In addition to the regular pictograph tours listed below, on Friday & Saturday visitors will be treated to a slide show presentation at the campground and a stargazing party at dusk. Telescope will be available for viewing the stars, weather permitting. Panther Cave boat tours begin on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Visitors are shuttled part way, hike half-a-mile and take a boat to Panther Cave. The cave contains some of the best-preserved Lower Pecos pictographs in the state. Shuttles stop running at 2 p.m. This two-and-a-half-hour tour costs \$20 for TCP members, \$25 non-members and requires reservations. It is subject to cancellation. No one under 12-years-of-age is admitted, (915) 292-4464.

White Shaman Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. Guided hiking tour on the Galloway White Shaman Preserve. A 2-hour tour into the Pecos River canyon to view the White Shaman. 12:30-2:30 p.m.; fees \$10 per person, (888) 525-9907.

Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Wednesday through Sunday. Take a walking, guided tour to one of North America's oldest cave dwellings whose walls are covered with Pecos River-style pictographs, some 4,000 years

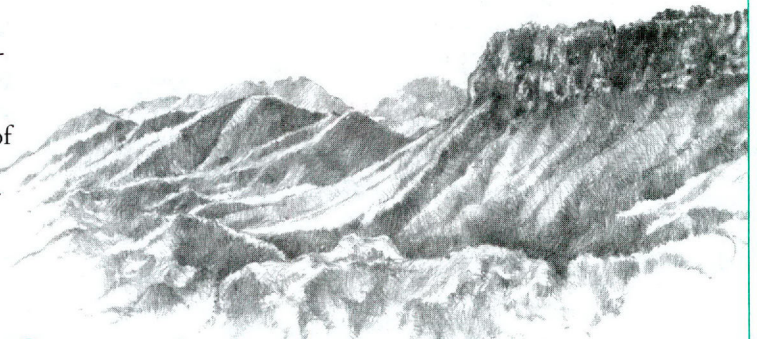
old. Tours start at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; fees \$3 per person, \$1 children 6-12; tours are subject to cancellation, (915) 292-4464.

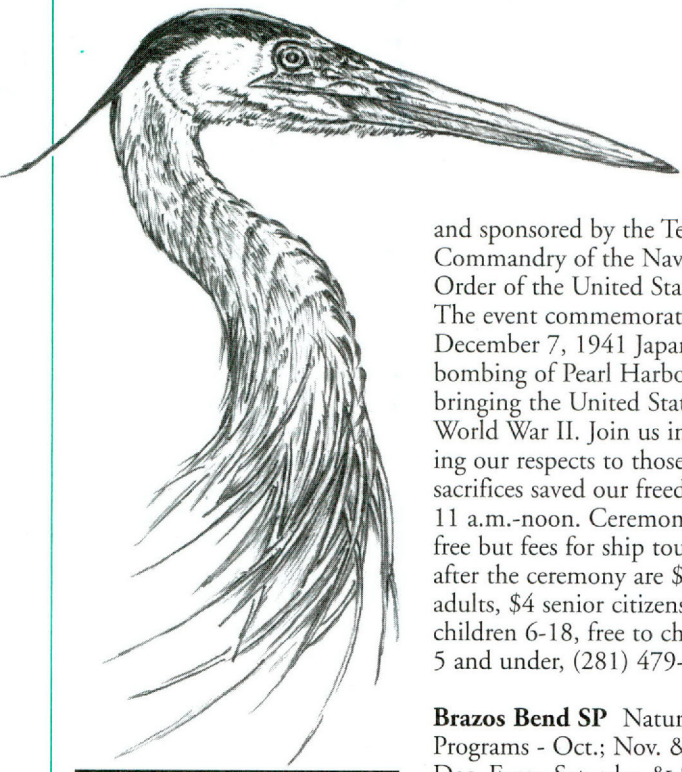
Presa Canyon Tour - Oct. 27; Nov. 17. Go on an all-day hike in the lower canyons to view the rock art sites in the closed area of the park. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; fees \$20 TCP members, \$25 non-members; reservations required, tour subject to cancellation, all persons must be at least 12 years of age, (915) 292-4464.

Upper Canyon Tour - Nov. 18. Tour includes hiking in the upper canyon in the closed area of the park. Hikers will be able to view a combination of rock art and original 1882 railroad sites. No one under 12 years of age admitted. 8:30-11:30 a.m.; fees \$8 TCP members, \$10 non-members; reservations required, (915) 292-4464.

#### Wylar Aerial Tramway

★ Tramway Tours - Oct. 20, 21. Located in El Paso, this Franklin Mountains tramway takes passengers to the top of Ranger Peak. Passengers may enjoy an observation deck, browse the gift shop and read exhibit panels explaining mountain topography and points of interest in the sister cities of El Paso and Juarez. It affords a view of 7,000 square miles, two countries (the United States and Mexico) and three states (Texas, New Mexico and Chihuahua). Noon-7 p.m., Saturday. Noon-5 p.m., Sunday, (915) 566-6622.





## Gulf Coast

### Battleship TEXAS SHS

★ Hard Hat Tours - Oct. 20. Take a guided tour of the battleship, entering areas rarely seen. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; fees \$15 TCP members, \$20 non-members, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 children 16-18; due to the strenuous nature of the tour, it is not recommended for young children; reservations required, (281) 479-2431.

USS TEXAS Crew Reunion - Oct. 6. The USS TEXAS Veterans Association will be holding their annual reunion in Houston this year. Activities will include guided tours of the ship. This will be a great time for the public to meet, visit with and thank our World War II veterans. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; fees \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 6-18, free children 5 and under, (281) 479-2431.

Pearl Harbor Ceremony - Dec. 8. Annual ceremony hosted by Battleship TEXAS

and sponsored by the Texas Commandry of the Naval Order of the United States. The event commemorates the December 7, 1941 Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, bringing the United States into World War II. Join us in paying our respects to those whose sacrifices saved our freedom. 11 a.m.-noon. Ceremony is free but fees for ship tours after the ceremony are \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 6-18, free to children 5 and under, (281) 479-2431.

**Brazos Bend SP** Nature Programs - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday & Sunday. At least six free nature programs offered ranging from live animals and slide shows to guided hikes. Check Web site [www.bbbspvo.org](http://www.bbbspvo.org) or call for more information, (979) 553-5101.

**Fulton Mansion SHS**  
★ Lone Star Sunday - Oct. 21. Book signing with an oral presentation of the 1919 storm that devastated the Rockport-Fulton area. Walk-through tours of the Fulton Mansion will also be offered for this special event. 1-4 p.m., (361) 729-0386.

**Goose Island SP**  
★ Native Plant Seminar - Oct. 21. There will be sessions on landscaping for habitat and planting drought-tolerant plants. Meet at the Recreation Hall. 2-5 p.m., (361) 729-2858.

**Lake Corpus Christi SP**  
★ 2nd Annual Lone Star Legacy Fun Run - Oct. 21. There will be a 10K run as well as a bike ride of up to 45 miles. 8 a.m.-noon, (361) 547-2635.

### Lake Texana SP

★ Climbing Wall, Fish & More - Oct. 20. We will have a horseshoe pitching contest, a washer pitching contest and domino tournament; a climbing wall for you to try your skills at rock climbing, fee \$5 per person; staff from Peach Point WMA will be on hand with information on wildlife management; touch tanks, a live fish display, fish prints and casting; a wide variety of vendors will be on hand with food and drinks, camping supplies, RVs, boating and fishing equipment, arts and crafts and more; the Shiner Hobo Band will be playing from noon-2 p.m., all other events 10 a.m.-6 p.m., (361) 782-5718.

### Lighthouse Lakes Trails

★ Redfish Bay Event - Oct. 20, 21. There will be flyfishing demonstrations, boat tours of the Lighthouse Lakes Trails, a fishing tournament, a kayak race and opportunities to "test drive" a multitude of different paddle craft at this event. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday; reservations required for those who need boats to tour the trails, (512) 389-4642.

### Matagorda Island SP & WMA

★ Surf Fishing Tournament - Oct. 20, 21. Three-fish bag total weight for red fish, trout and open categories. 8 a.m. on Oct. 20 through 1 p.m. on Oct. 21; fees \$20 adults, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 children 12 and under, (361) 983-2215.

Beach Combing Tour - Oct. 12, 28; Nov. 4; Dec. 7, 8. Ride down the Gulf of Mexico beach in an open 4-wheel drive truck for the day and comb the beach for shells, driftwood and other finds. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and bags for the shells for this fun tour. Island staff will interpret marine invertebrates, tropical drift seeds and the sandy shore envi-

ronment. Start time varies, but the tour ends at 5 p.m. Ferry fees \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under; tour fees in addition to the ferry fee are \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under; reservations required, (361) 983-2215.

Nighttime Wildlife Tour - Oct. 13; Nov. 3. Come for a nighttime excursion on the island viewing whitetail deer, coyotes, reptiles and other creatures of the night. Transportation is an open truck, so be prepared for the weather. Overnight stay on the island is required. 7-9 p.m.; fees in addition to the ferry are \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under; reservations required, (361) 983-2215.

Migratory Bird Tours - Oct. 13, 14; Nov. 3. Naturalist volunteer guides participants on a tour of the north end of the island, an excellent place to observe birds on migration. Bring lunch, good walking shoes, water and binoculars for this great birding adventure. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; fees in addition to the ferry fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under; reservations required, (361) 983-2215.

Historical Tour - Nov. 11; Dec. 9. Guided tour of the island examines the cultural and natural resources of the north end of the island covering its origins through WWII. Visit the lighthouse and gravesites and explore the Native American presence along the Texas Coast. Bring lunch, insect repellent, hat, sunscreen and water. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; ferry fees \$10, adults, \$5 children 12 and under; tour fees in addition to the ferry fees are \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under; reservation required, (361) 983-2215.



**Whooping Crane Bus Tour** - Dec. 27. After a short introduction, we will travel by bus for 10-20 miles to observe whooping cranes in their winter habitat. Bring lunch, insect repellent and water. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; fees in addition to the ferry fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under; reservations required, (361) 983-2215.

### Mustang Island SP

★ **Surfing Contest and Fun at the Beach** - Oct. 20, 21. On Saturday there will be five free events at the surfing contest with sign-up at the park jetties. The first event is Melhuni, for children ages 1-12; the second event is for men ages 12 and up; the third event is for women ages 13 and up; the fourth event is parent-child pair; and the fifth event is open to everyone. There will be first and second place awards for each event. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday we will have sand sculpting demonstrations at the day use areas, kite flying demonstrations at the jetty area and wind surfing demonstrations using 3-wheeled carts, surf boards and skates. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (361) 749-5246.

### Peach Point WMA

★ **Open House** - Oct. 20, 21. See what's going on in wildlife management. Call for more information, (409) 244-7697.

### Rockport Marine Lab

★ **Tours** - Oct. 20. Open house to share with visitors what we do in the area of coastal fisheries management and research. An opportunity to view the facilities, see our sampling gear and read posters regarding our programs. In the early afternoon we will officially dedicate use of our newest gulf and bay research vessel, the R/V Nueces Bay. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (361) 729-2328.

### Sabine Pass Battleground SHS

★ **Guided Tours** - Oct. 20, 21. There will be a guided tour of the park's bunkers and monument area. Meet at the Interpretive Pavilion. 10-11 a.m., (409) 971-2559.

### San Jacinto Battleground SHS

★ **Walking Tour** - Oct. 20. Join us on a walking tour of the historic San Jacinto Marsh, where tour guides will discuss flora and fauna, the history of the marsh in the Battle of San Jacinto and the on-going coastal erosion control project and marsh restoration. Bring water, lunch, camera, binoculars, insect repellent, sunscreen and be ready to walk three miles! 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$6 senior citizens, \$4 children 12 and under; reservations required, (281) 479-2431.

### Sea Center Texas

★ **Open House** - Oct. 20. Hatchery tours available to everyone. There will be a Catch and Release Youth Fishing Event 10 a.m.-noon for all youth 16 years and under with an adult. Youth wishing to fish must bring their own rods, reels and tackle. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (979) 292-0100.

### Sea Rim SP

★ **Surf Fishing Tournament** - Oct. 20. Tournament for all ages. Prizes for first, second and third place. Register at park fee station. Free airboat tours of Marshlands Unit, first come first served, approximately 20 minutes long. Donations accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., (409) 971-2559.

### Varner-Hogg Plantation SHS

★ **Music Celebration** - Oct. 20. A full day of musical entertainment ranging from folk songs to gospel singing from blues to bluegrass will be provided together with offerings of good food, refreshments and interpretive programs. Seating will be available

or bring your own folding chair or blanket. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (979) 345-4656.

**Showing of the Quilts** - Oct. 3-31; Nov. 1-4. A collection of antique quilts that Miss Ima Hogg collected will be displayed throughout the plantation house museum. Some of the designs include Log Cabin, Crazy Quilt, Ohio Star, Wedding quilts, variations of the Pineapple and Reel, the Pinwheel and Tulip designs. The quilts date from the 1790s to 1930s. Morning and afternoon viewings from Wednesday through Saturday, afternoon only on Sunday; free to TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$5 senior citizens, \$2 children 12 and under, (979) 345-4656.

## Hill Country

### Blanco SP

★ **Tree Planting and Walk** - Oct. 20, 21. Tree identification walk and discussion of native versus non-native plants. 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday. Demonstration of tree planting and species type in the Hill Country. 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, (830) 833-4333.

### Bright Leaf SNA

★ **Tours & More** - Oct. 21. Come visit us and find out about Austin's next great park! We will have leaf rubbings and rock painting for the kids and interpretive tours. Snacks will also be available. 1-5 p.m., (512) 243-1643.

### Colorado Bend SP

★ **Cave and Springs Tours** - Oct. 20. On this special day entry to the park is free, there will be a combination of self-guided and guided tours and hikes to: Gorman Springs, an area normally closed to the public; Gorman Cave as described above; and Gorman

Falls, a 65-foot waterfall. Young children under 5 are not allowed in certain areas and a fee is charged for the cave and falls tours. Check with the park for details, (915) 628-3240.

**Gorman Falls Tour** - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday & Sunday. Guided tour to Gorman Falls, a 65-foot waterfall in a Hill Country setting. This is a scenic, one-and-a-half mile round-trip hike. Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-noon; fees \$3 adults, \$2 children 12-6, free for children five and under, (915) 628-3240.

**Walking Wild Cave Tour** - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday & Sunday weather permitting. Discover what speleologists (cavers) experience while exploring Gorman Cave. Three-mile hike over Hill Country terrain to and from cave. Good flashlight and walking shoes needed. 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; fees \$10 per person, no children under 6; reservations recommended, (915) 628-3240.

**Crawling Wild Cave Tour** - Oct. 6; Nov. 3; Dec. 1. Discover what speleologists (cavers) experience while exploring the underground world. Tour two relatively small and progressively more difficult caves; tight crawl spaces for up to 75 feet at a time. Elbow and kneepads and gloves recommended; good hiking shoes and flashlight required; helmets provided. 1:30-5:30 p.m.; fees \$20 per person, no children under 6, (915) 628-3240.

### Devil's Sinkhole SNA

★ **Sinkhole Viewing** - Oct. 21. Peer into the depths of Devil's Sinkhole. There will be a short program on bats, caves and development plans. Call for more information; reservations required, (830) 563-2342.



### Enchanted Rock SNA

★ Granite Gripper Climbing Competition - Oct. 20. Climbing competition at different spots around Enchanted Rock. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (210) 682-4480.

Volunteer Trail-building Days - Oct. 27; Nov. 17; Dec. 15. Help the Friends of Enchanted Rock refurbish and rebuild the summit trail. A National Trails grant has been secured and volunteers are providing the labor. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (915) 247-3903.

### Fort McKavett SHS

★ Star Party and Guided Tours - Oct. 20, 21. Saturday afternoon lectures followed by an evening of stargazing using powerful and sophisticated telescopes sponsored by the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society. 3-10 p.m. On Sunday tour the fort and learn the history of the area. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (915) 396-2358.

### Garner SP

★ Interpretive Hikes and Nature Walks - Oct. 20, 21. Meet at the Pavilion on the dance floor. Interpretive Hikes 9 a.m.-noon; Nature Walks 2-3 p.m., (830) 232-6132.

### Guadalupe River SP & Honey Creek SNA

★ Story Telling and Native American Dances - Oct. 20-21. Two days of hikes, dances, storytelling and bird

shows are planned. Hike to Honey Creek with an interpreter on Saturday morning. Watch the Mountain Lion Native American Dancers performing traditional dances and ceremonies in the afternoon. Native American Storyteller Emma Ortega will recite her many traditional stories in the evening. On Sunday afternoon watch a presentation of living birds trained to show off for audiences in The Last Chance Forever Birds of Prey program. For details call the park, (830) 438-2656.

### Hill Country SNA

★ Cowboy Poetry and Why Horseshoes Are Lucky - Oct. 20. Come hear cowboy poetry and stories at the park. Farrier Frank Cadena comes to shoe horses using a hot forge, and to tell the story of how horseshoes came to be considered lucky. 10 a.m.-noon, (830) 796-4413.

6th Annual Bandera 28 Miler - Dec. 29. We will have a 28-mile run/walk with a nine-hour time limit. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; call for more information, (830) 535-6492.

### Inks Lake SP

★ Canoeing, Catfishing & More - Oct. 20. Learn the purr-fect way to hook a catfish at the lake shore by the cabins for the Inks Lake National Fish Hatchery annual catfish release. Meet at the park boat ramp at

9:30 a.m. Explore the geological features of Inks Lake by canoe. Meet at the canoes by the park store at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Watch Native American dance exhibitions and join cowboy cookin' at the chuck wagon near the park store from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., (512) 793-2223.

### Kerr WMA

★ Open House - Oct. 20, 21. See what's going on in wildlife management. Call for more information, (830) 238-4483.

### Landmark Inn SHS

★ A Day on the Frontier - Oct. 21. We will have living history demonstrations of various Texas frontier skills. 1-4 p.m., (830) 931-2133.

### Longhorn Cavern SP

★ Flint Knapping & More - Oct. 20, 21. On Saturday learn all about knapping projectile points, making arrows and other Native American crafts at this demonstration. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be live concert with native cowboy and Texas music. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. View different species of wildlife up close with presentations given by trained wildlife specialists. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; fees \$1.50 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1.50 senior citizens, \$1 children 12 and under. On Saturday and Sunday we will have regular walking and wild cave tours. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; fees \$7 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$7 senior citizens, \$4.50 children 12 and under, (877) 441-2283 or (512) 756-4680.

### Lost Maples SNA

★ Walkfest - Oct. 20. The American Volkspport Association Club will sponsor this 10K walk. Call for more information, (830) 966-3413.

### Lyndon B. Johnson SHS

★ Interpretive Programs and Open House - Oct. 20, 21. A theater showing of wildflower planting and Lone Star Legacy videos. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Open house 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (830) 644-2252.

### National Museum of the Pacific War SHS (Admiral Nimitz)

Island Assault 1944 - Nov. 23, 24. Come to the Pacific Combat Zone and see authentically dressed and equipped World War II Marines on a tour of a recreated Pacific War battlefield and experience a combined arms attack on a Japanese pillbox. In the attack, volunteers use the only operational WWII flamethrower in Texas. Demonstrations at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m.; fees in addition to museum admission \$2 adults, \$1 students, (830) 997-4379.

Pearl Harbor 60th Anniversary Commemoration - Dec. 7. Sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the Museum, this is the only national commemoration open to the public. Former President George Bush is the keynote speaker. We will also





open the Pacific Combat Zone exhibit, a collection of rare war-era artifacts in a realistic setting at 10 a.m. Commemoration ceremony 11:30 a.m.; heroes parade 3 p.m., (830) 997-4379.

**Old Tunnel WMA** Flying with the Freetails - Oct. Every Thursday & Saturday. Bat emergence observation with interpretation. First come first served. Special group tours available by request; call for times; fees free to TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$3 senior citizens, \$2 children 6-16, free to children 5 and under, (830) 644-2478.

**Pedernales Falls SP**

★ Birdwatching - Oct. 20, 21. View birds from our covered viewing station with a Master Naturalist. Binoculars provided. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; entrance fees will be waived but donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment, (830) 868-7304.

Birdwatching - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. View birds daily year round from a covered blind. Viewing area has bird feeders and baths and is maintained daily, (830) 868-7304.

**South Llano River SP**

★ Open House - Oct. 20, 21. Come see what you've been missing. Call for more information, (915) 446-3994.

## Panhandle Plains

**Abilene SP**

★ Annual Pioneer Day - Oct. 20. Come join the fun! We will have games, horseback riding, a teepee village, chuck wagon and petting zoo. Donations accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., (915) 572-3204.

**Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway**

★ Trailway Tours and Bike Race - Oct. 20-21. On Saturday tours of the trailway are from 9:30-noon and 2-4:30 p.m. The fees are \$10 per person and reservations are required. See the beauty of the park in pictures at 7-8 p.m. On Sunday we will have the Quitaque Quest Bike Race. Bring your mountain bike and enter the National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA) sanctioned race held in our scenic canyons. There will be 12-, 18- and 24-mile races designed to challenge all levels of mountain bike riders. Kids race, too. Prizes of \$1,000 cash and merchandise will be awarded. Call for fees and more information. Noon-till, (806) 455-1492.

Panhandle Trail Riders Benefit Ride - Oct. 13-14. Join Panhandle Trail Riders for a weekend of fun, entertainment, food and adventure. Bring your own horse or mule or rent one in Quitaque. Call for more information; reservations required, Gene Barksdale (806) 622-2982 or Glenn Campbell (806) 655-2286.

Waterfowl of the Texas Panhandle - Nov. 3. The Panhandle is a winter haven for ducks and geese. Join a professional biologist to learn why they take refuge in the Panhandle, what they eat and how to identify them. 6-7 p.m., (806) 455-1492.

Turkey Talk - Nov. 10. Join a biologist for a show and tell about turkeys. He will demonstrate turkey calls, display turkey wings and tails and discuss a little turkey management. 6-7 p.m., (806) 455-1492.

Family Nature Hike - Nov. 10; Dec. 15. Join the park interpreter for a hike to investigate animal tracks, plants, geology or whatever interests you at this time of the year. 9-11 a.m., (806) 455-1492.

Dutch Oven Cooking - Dec. 15. Get back to the basics with Dutch oven cooking. Join the park staff for an afternoon of fun and learning. 2-5 p.m., (806) 455-1492.

**Copper Breaks SP**

★ Doubleheader: Bats and Starwalk - Oct. 20. Monte Lumpkin from Bat Conservation International will discuss the park's bat population and our conservation efforts. At sunset, members of the Dallas Astronomical Society will give a tour of the night sky over the park, weather permitting. Free park entry, fees go to our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. Bat discussion 7-8 p.m., Starwalk 8 p.m.-till; fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under; (940) 839-4331.

Wyman Meinzer Photography Workshop - Oct. 6. In cooperation with Vernon Regional Junior College, Wyman Meinzer offers an in-depth workshop on wildlife and landscape photography. This is limited to first 20 persons who enroll. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; call for enrollment fee; reservations required, (940) 552-6291 ext. 2209.

Owl Calling - Oct. 13. Volunteer Greg Mucciolo will call up screech, great horned and barn owls using recordings and calling equipment. Program begins at dusk; fees \$2 adults, \$1 senior citizens, (940) 839-4331.

**Fort Concho NHL**

Archeology Fair - Oct. 6. Texas Parks and Wildlife presents A Look into the Past at San Angelo SP. Free activities and demonstrations including atlatl and bow and arrow use, bison processing, 1840s mountain man, pottery making, basket weaving, quilt making, fire starting, flint knapping, period soldiers, Native American dancers, pre-historic food

preparation, native plants and their uses, historic and pre-historic exhibits. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (915) 949-4757.

**Fort Griffin SHS** Stargazing Party - Oct. 13. View the West Texas night sky through large telescopes and see the moons of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn and other amazing stellar sights. Dusk-dawn weather permitting, (915) 762-3592.

**Fort Richardson SHS and Lost Creek Reservoir State Trailway**

★ Dinner With the Commanding Officer and Tours - Oct. 19, 20, 21. Enjoy dinner in the commissary the way guests of the commanding officer did in the 1870s. Reenactors will be on hand to enhance the setting. Friday and Saturday 6:30-10 p.m.; fees \$25 per person; reservations required. On Saturday and Sunday we will have tours of the historical buildings at the site. 10 a.m., (940) 567-3506.

**Lake Arrowhead SP**

★ Open House - Oct. 20, 21. Visit the park and see all the great things we have to offer. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., (940) 528-2211.

**Lake Brownwood SP**

★ Park Showcase - Oct. 20, 21. We will showcase our cabins and facilities at this all-day event. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (915) 784-5223.

**Lake Colorado City SP**

★ Interpretive Program and Youth Fishing Tournament - Oct. 20, 21. Interpretive Program covers the park's natural and cultural resources. 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. Youth Fishing Tournament will have three age brackets, 2-8, 9-12 and 13-16. 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, (915) 728-3931.



### **Palo Duro Canyon SP**

★ 16th Annual Palo Duro Trail 50 - Oct. 20. Participants choose between 50-mile, 50K and a 12-mile run. Race fee of \$50 includes race participation, T-shirt and hamburger cookout. Race starts at 7 a.m.; reservations required, (806) 353-3847.

John Muir: The Legacy of a Conservationist - Oct. 5. Come to the Lone Star Interpretive Theater for an enlightening program on the conservation of our natural treasures. John Muir, a famous conservationist of the 19th century will be spotlighted. Enjoy a spectacular slide show and speak with a representative of the John Muir Trust. 8-9 p.m., (806) 488-2227.

Bike Trail Days - Oct. 6. Participate in a challenging bike race in the canyon. This the National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA) race over several Palo Duro Canyon trails will have varying levels of difficulty. Call for more information and registration packet; reservations required, (806) 355-7224.

"Indian Summer" - Oct. 6. The Kwahadi Dancers will be presenting their annual program at the Pioneer Amphitheater. 7 p.m.; call for fees, (806) 488-2227.

Nature Challenge - Oct. 13; Nov. 17. Take a moderately difficult 2.5-mile hike on the Givens, Spicer, Lowry Running Trail. We will cover canyon plants, history, geology and wildlife. Hikers are encouraged to bring water, comfortable shoes and proper clothing. Starts at 9 a.m., (806) 488-2227.

Star Walk - Nov. 10. Join us for an evening of stars and hot chocolate. We will discuss constellations and Native American legends while

enjoying a night hike. Please meet at the Lone Star Interpretive Theater and bring warm clothing and a flashlight. 7 p.m., (806) 488-2227.

### **San Angelo SP**

★ Cowboy Symposium and Celebration - Oct. 20. Entertainment at the Chaparral Pavilion in the Red Arroyo Campground at the South Shore entrance includes cowboy poets, musicians, storytellers and more. Noon-6 p.m.; symposium fees \$5 adults, free to children 12 and under, (915) 949-8935.

Llama Treks - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. By reservation only through Jordan Llamas. Hike and picnic in the park with a llama to carry your equipment and lunch. View dinosaur tracks, longhorn and bison herds, mysterious 1800s gravesite and birds along the trail. Length of hike is adjustable on moderate terrain. Half or all day, fees \$35-50 adults, group rates available, (915) 651-7346.

Dinosaur Walk - Oct. 6. Take a 3-mile hike back in time to see tracks left by Permian period vertebrates. Meet at the North Concho River Park. 10-11:30 a.m.; fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents

students 13-18, free to children 12 and under, (915) 949-4757.

Petroglyph Tour - Nov. 3. Visit the site of a Native American village and see Native American rock art. Less than a 100-yard walk. Meet at South Shore entrance to park. 1-2:30 p.m.; fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents students 13-18, free to children 12 and under, (915) 949-4757.

Longhorn and Bison Seminar - Dec. 1. Park naturalist will inform you about the history and other facts about the bison and longhorns in the park. Meet at the South Shore entrance to the park. 1-2:30 p.m.; fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents students 13-18, free to children 12 and under, (915) 949-4757.

## **Pineywoods**

### **Caddo Lake SP & WMA**

★ Tours - Oct. 20. Tours of the cabin area, nature trails and exhibits. Texas Parks and Wildlife staff from Inland Fisheries, Wildlife and Law Enforcement will be on site to

answer questions. We will also have a dunking booth; soft drinks, chips and hot dogs will be available. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (903) 679-3351.

### **Daingerfield SP**

★ Nature Tours - Oct. 20. Tours and interpretive talks on our nature trail. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (903) 645-2921.

### **Huntsville SP**

★ Interpretive Programs - Oct. 20. We will have interpretive activities and programs. 1-4 p.m., (936) 295-5644.

### **Lake Bob Sandlin SP**

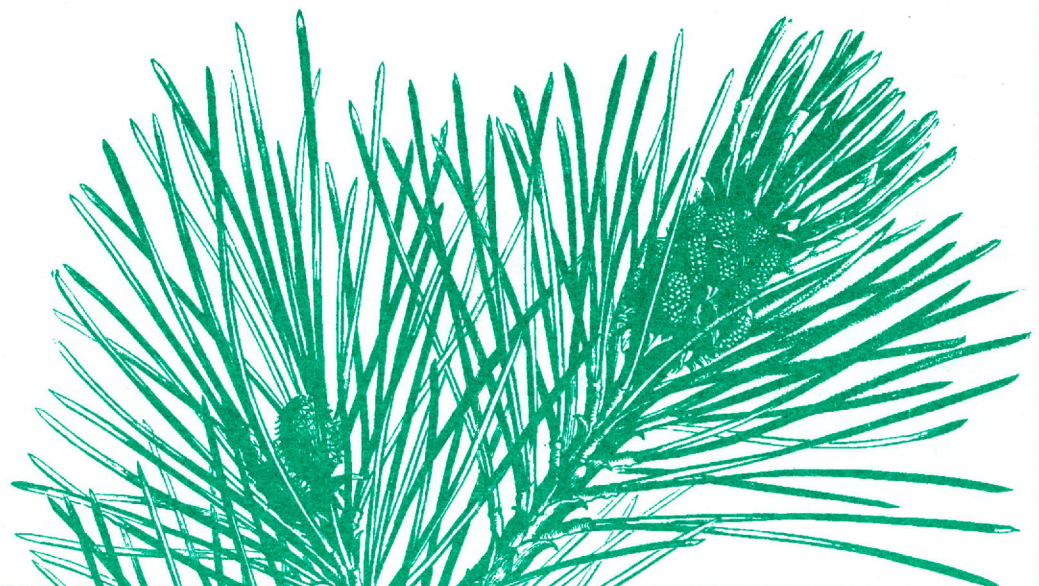
★ March for the Parks Walkathon - Oct. 20. Participants will obtain sponsors for a 5-mile walk through the park. 10 a.m.-noon, (903) 572-5531.

### **Lake Livingston SP**

★ Archery & More - Oct. 20. Meet in the parking lot at the boardwalk for a sawmill demonstration and the activity center for hunter education. There will also be an archery demonstration and an interpretive trail walk. 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., (936) 365-2201.

### **Martin Creek Lake SP**

★ Chili Cook-off and Street Dance - Oct. 20. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded







for best chili. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Street dance 6-10 p.m.; fees for dance \$2 adults, (903) 836-4336.

### Martin Dies, Jr. SP

★ Music & More - Oct. 20. Join us for local musical entertainment; interpretive and educational activities for children and horseshoe tournament. Lunch will be available. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., (409) 384-5231.

Floating the Forks - Oct. 27; Nov. 17; Dec. 15. Go on a guided half-day canoe trip on the Angelina and Neches Rivers. Paddle through the Angelina/Neches/Dam B WMA from historic Bevilport to Walnut Ridge Unit of the park. For the novice as well as experienced canoers. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; fees \$30 per two-person canoe if we provide the canoe, \$25 per two-person canoe if you bring your own, \$5 for third person in canoe; reservations required, (409) 384-5231.

Potpourri Party - Nov. 10. Join in a potpourri party with local herb specialist Melda Siebe, who will inspire you with her holiday ideas. Meet at the Nature Center. 2-3 p.m.; fees \$5 adults, \$3 children 12 and under, (409) 384-5231.

4th Annual Cowboy Campfire Stories, Poetry and Songs - Nov. 23. Join us at the amphitheater for an evening of cowboy entertainment and history. Bring your lawn chair or share a wooden bench. 7-9 p.m., (409) 384-5231.

Campfire Feud - Nov. 24. Do you remember the old TV game show "Family Feud?" Bring the family for the campfire and nature version of this favorite game. What will the survey say? You can only find out by attending! 7-8 p.m., (409) 384-5231.

### Mission Tejas SHS

★ Interpretive Activities - Oct. 20. Interpretive activities and programs will be held. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (936) 687-2394.

### Old Sabine Bottom WMA

★ 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner - Oct. 20. We will have brisket, sausage and chicken from the grill with all the trimmings. There will be raffle items and door prizes. After dinner and the raffle we will have live music around the campfire. 5 p.m.-till, (903) 566-1626.

### Starr Family SHS

★ Vintage Clothing Display - Oct. 20, 21. Come by and see a display of vintage clothing from the Starr family. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (903) 935-3044.

### Texas State Railroad SHS

★ 8th Annual Murder on the DisOriented Express - Oct. 21. This is a combined community fund-raiser for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment and the Friends of the Palestine Library. The lighthearted comedy murder mystery combines the beauty of the old steam trains and the spirit of a good old-fashioned whodunit. The evening includes a gourmet meal, a 1.5-hour steam train excursion and a delightful, interactive play performance. Meet at the Palestine Station. 5-9 p.m.; fees \$50 per person; reservations required, (800) 659-3484.

Autumn Color Steam Train Excursions - Nov. 3, 10, 17. The Pineywoods come alive with golds and crimson colors on crisp autumn days. Vintage steam trains take you back in time as you travel over a 50-mile round-trip through the beautiful rolling hardwood hills and creek bottoms of East Texas. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; fees \$15 adults, \$9 children 12 and under; reservations required, (800) 442-8951 or (903) 683-2561 outside Texas.

### Tyler SP

★ Dance Reunion - Oct. 20. We'll have music from the 40s and 50s for this dance. 7-10 p.m., (903) 597-5338.

### Village Creek SP

★ Legacy Hike and Wildscapes - Oct. 20. Two-hour, 2-mile guided hike through remnants of old Texas "Big Thicket" exploring upland pine forests, mixed pine-hardwood forest and bottomland forests with cypress/tupelo swamps. 9-11 a.m. We will have a one-hour Wildscapes slide presentation on creating backyard habitat for wildlife. 2-3 p.m., (409) 755-7322.

Guided Nature Trail Hike - Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 10, 24; Dec. 15, 29. Two-hour, 2-mile guided hike through remnants of old Texas "Big Thicket." Exploring upland pine forests, mixed pine-hardwood forest and bottomland forests with cypress/tupelo swamps. 9-11 a.m., (409) 755-7322.

## Prairies and Lakes

### Bastrop SP

★ Outdoor Fun - Oct. 20, 21. A variety of activities are planned including kids' fishing tournament, interpretive hikes, hayrides, wildlife demonstrations and a competitive 5K run. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday. We will have an Orienteering Meet on Sunday. Call for more information, (512) 321-2101.

Guided Nature Hikes - Oct. Join weekly hikes through the shaded Lost Pines Forest. Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring plenty of drinking water. Call for dates and times, (512) 321-2101.

Birding Hike - Oct. Join the park interpreter for birding tours through the Lost Pines. Enjoy a leisurely hike while viewing some of over 200 listed species in the park. Call for dates and times, (512) 321-2101.

Ranger Talk and Lost Pines Slide Show - Oct. Join an evening slide show highlighting the Lost Pines of Texas. The slide show, approximately one hour, will focus on Civilian Conservation Corps structures and ecology of the Lost Pines. Call for more information, (512) 321-2101.

### Bonham SP

★ Waterfowl Observation - Oct. 20, 21. View Canadian geese, green-winged teal and other early migrants to the park on this self-guided observation tour. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment, (903) 583-5022.

### Buescher SP

★ Outdoor Fun - Oct. 20. A variety of activities are planned including Native American primitive tool making demonstrations, fishing tournament for kids, interpretive hikes and live wildlife demonstrations and programs. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., (512) 237-2241.

Birding and Nature Hike - Oct. Join the park interpreter for birding tours along the hiking trail. Enjoy a leisurely hike while viewing some of over 250 listed species in the park. Call for dates and times, (512) 237-2241.

Guided Nature Hikes - Oct. Join our leisurely hikes along the shaded trail. Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring plenty of drinking water. Call for dates and times, (512) 237-2241.



### **Cedar Hill SP**

★ Outdoor Variety - Oct. 20, 21. On Saturday learn what composting is, its advantages and how easy it is. There will be a discussion of the methods used and a demonstration of composting at our demonstration site. Handouts will be available. Not recommended for children 12 and under. 10 a.m.-noon; fees \$3 TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$2 senior citizens. On Saturday and Sunday we will have a variety of interpretive, nature and historical programs. Come out and learn about the exciting things the park has to offer. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, (972) 291-6505.

Outdoor Photography - Oct. 6. If you use a 35mm or a point-and-shoot camera, this class is for you. The basic techniques of picture taking will be covered including framing, lighting and composition. Bring camera and supplies. For ages 16 up. 10 a.m.-noon, (972) 291-6505.

Neatness of the Night - Nov. 17. Come join the fun! We will start the evening off with a talk about how our senses change at night and conclude with a short hike where we will see the world's brightest match and have a sparkle party. 6-7:30 p.m., (972) 291-6505.

### **Cleburne SP**

★ Bike Ride - Oct. 20. We will have a brief mountain bike inspection followed by a trail ride. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., (817) 645-4215.

### **Confederate Reunion Grounds SHS**

★ Jack's Creek Bluegrass Jamboree - Oct. 20. Live bluegrass music played throughout the day and evening. Related activities for adults and children will be held. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; fees

\$2 TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$2 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under, (254) 562-5751.

### **Cooper Lake SP/Doctors Creek Unit**

★ Interpretive Programs - Oct. 20. Come view some of our recent improvements including a new playground, cottage, self-guided nature trail and hike and bike trail. There will be interpretive programs and Bar-B-Q. Call for times, (903) 395-3100.

Critters of the Cooper Lake Area - Nov. 3. Come to the Post Oak Amphitheater and enjoy an informative program about the wildlife of the area. 10-11 a.m., (903) 395-3100.

### **Cooper Lake SP/South Sulphur Unit**

★ Fun Day - Oct. 20. Enjoy a day filled with fun and events for the whole family including interpretive programs, Hopkins County Stew and a cowboy campfire with a western band. Call for times, (903) 945-5256.

Creatures of the Night - Oct. 13. Take a guided hike along Coyote Run Nature Trail in search of animals that roam the night. 8-9:30 p.m., (903) 945-5256.

Critters of the Cooper Lake Area - Oct. 27. Come to the Honey Creek Amphitheater and enjoy an informative program featuring the wildlife of the Cooper Lake area. 10-11 a.m., (903) 945-5256.

### **Eisenhower Birthplace SHS and Eisenhower SP**

★ Charity Golf Tournament - Oct. 20. Tournament will be held at Area Golf Course. Money raised will benefit Eisenhower SP and Eisenhower Birthplace SHS. Call for more information. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; reservations required, (903) 465-8908.

Eisenhower Birthday Celebration - Oct. 14. Come help us celebrate Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthday. There will be several speakers, and numerous activities. 1-5 p.m.; tour fees free TCP members, \$2 adults, \$2 senior citizens, \$1 children 12 and under, (903) 465-8908.

### **Fairfield Lake SP**

★ Come to the Park - Oct. 20, 21. Learn all about the park and see what you have been missing. Guests will be encouraged to return to the park on Oct. 27 for Falconfest. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (903) 389-4514.

Falconfest - Oct. 27. This Lone Star Legacy event will provide educational programs to inform you of the significance of birds of prey with demonstrations of birds of prey in action, and the efforts to protect and rehabilitate these important environmental indicators. Tours of the lake will be provided. This is the second year for this event, which is a mini-EXPO with a climbing wall, wet zone and representatives from most divisions of TPW. All donations will be directed to our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; reservations required, (903) 389-4514.

Bald Eagle Tour - Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. View our national symbol in their winter habitat. Each tour provides an overview of the bald eagle's characteristics, habits, population levels and unique status in relation to our dwindling natural resources and illustrates the efforts of Texas Parks and Wildlife to monitor the health of this species. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. 10 a.m.-noon; fees \$10 TCP members, \$15 non-members, \$10 children 12 and under; reservations required, (903) 389-4514.

### **Fanthorp Inn SHS**

Stagecoach Days - Oct. 13; Nov. 10; Dec. 8. The inn comes alive as poets, cowboys and musicians entertain guests. Visitors have the opportunity to experience the rolling rhythm of 1850s travel as they ride our shiny red stagecoach. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; fees free for TCP members, \$4 non-members, \$2.50 children 12 and under, (936) 873-2633.

### **Fort Parker SP**

★ Outdoor Heritage Extravaganza - Oct. 20. We will have activities such as Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Day, shooting competitions, fishing and hunting demos, camper and boat displays, hunter safety talks and much more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; fees \$3 TCP members, \$5 non-members, \$2 senior citizens, free for children 12 and under, (254) 562-5751.

### **Gus Engeling WMA**

★ 1st Annual Lone Star Legacy Archery Shoot - Oct. 20. Archery contest along a special skills trail, in categories for all shooters, with prizes awarded. Event sponsored by the Henderson County Archery Club. Money raised will go to our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. Food and drinks will be available. There will also be driving tours of the facility. 11 a.m.; fees \$10 registration fee for contest participants; call for more information, (903) 928-2251.

### **Lake Mineral Wells SP & Trailway**

★ Cowboy Campfire and Nature Program - Oct. 20. Join us for an entertaining program that teaches cowboy culture through cowboy poetry and music. Come to the nature program and learn about the natural resources of the park. 3-8:30 p.m., (940) 328-1171.



Storytelling Down in the Holler - Oct. 27. Come to beautiful Penitentiary Hollow for some great storytelling by David Owens. Hear about local folklore, ghost stories, Native American stories, cowboy poetry and some just plain fun stories. Bring a blanket or lawn chair you can easily carry. 6-8:30 p.m., (940) 327-8950.

**Lake Somerville SP & Trailway/Nails Creek Unit**

★ Outdoor Sportsman's Rodeo, Campfire Programs and Horse-care Clinic - Oct. 21. Waterfowl calling and retrieving demonstrations, equipment displays, introduction to basics of waterfowl hunting and viewing will be the focus of the outdoor sportsman's rodeo. We will have American folklore storytelling and an introduction and demonstration of Dutch oven cooking at the campfire programs. The horse-care clinic will be an introduction to the basic care requirements for horses. Non-riders are encouraged to attend. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (979) 289-2392.

**Lake Whitney SP**

★ Kids' Fishing Tournament - Oct. 21. For ages 4-12. Registration from 11 a.m.-noon; tournament noon-1 p.m. followed by a hot dog lunch and awards ceremony from 1-2 p.m., (254) 694-3793.

**Meridian SP**

★ Wildlife Demonstration and Open House - Oct. 20. Learn how birds are rehabilitated in this educational program. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come visit us and discover all you have been missing at our open house. Donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., (254) 435-2536.

**Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery SHS**

★ Concert in the Park and Tours - Oct. 20, 21. Saturday afternoon we will have a

concert featuring local German and Czech bands. Call for more information. On Saturday and Sunday take a guided, walking tour of Kreische Brewery with a trained docent through the ruins of one of the first breweries in Texas. 2-3:30 p.m. Take a guided, walking tour of Kreische House with a trained docent through the 19th-century home of German immigrant, Heinrich Kreische. 1:30-5 p.m. on Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m. on Sunday, (979) 968-5658.

Kreische House Tours - Oct. 7, 14; Nov. 4, 11. Take a guided, walking tour with a trained docent through the 19th-century home of German immigrant, Heinrich Kreische. See his craftsmanship and learn the Kreische family history. 1:30-4 p.m.; fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 students, (979) 968-5658.

**Mother Neff SP**

★ Discovery Day - Oct. 20. Children's activities will include Project Wild, Junior Ranger and other hands-on nature activities. Historical programs will present past events that led to the creation of the first state park in Texas. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., (254) 853-2389.

**Palmetto SP**

★ Ottine Swamp Fest - Oct. 20. The annual community festival, with plenty of family charm and entertainment that takes place in the middle of the park. The festival includes music, kids' games and activities, food, hay rides, a raffle, a children's Swamp Monster Art Show, a Country Store and is capped off with a spooky Swamp Monster Walk on the Palmetto Trail at 6:30 p.m. Entrance to the park is free. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., (830) 672-3266.

**Purtis Creek SP**

★ Wild Game Dinner - Oct. 20. Wild game dinner with wild hog, venison, fish and other little critters of the woods and water. Advance tickets will be available. 6-8 p.m.; fees \$10 per person, (903) 425-2332.

Lost Wonders of East Texas - Oct. 13; Nov. 24. Sit around the campfire and toast marshmallows as we discuss what happened to the black bear, red wolf, passenger pigeon and ivory-billed woodpecker that once thrived in East Texas. 7-7:45 p.m., (903) 425-2332.

**Ray Roberts Lake SP/ Isle du Bois Unit**

★ Nature Hikes - Oct. 20. Throughout the day, we will have nature hikes at various locations in the park that have different ecosystems. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (940) 686-2148.

**Ray Roberts Lake SP/ Johnson Branch Unit**

★ Single Track Mountain Bike Race - Oct. 21. Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association (DORBA) sponsors this event. Call for times; reservations required, (940) 637-2294.

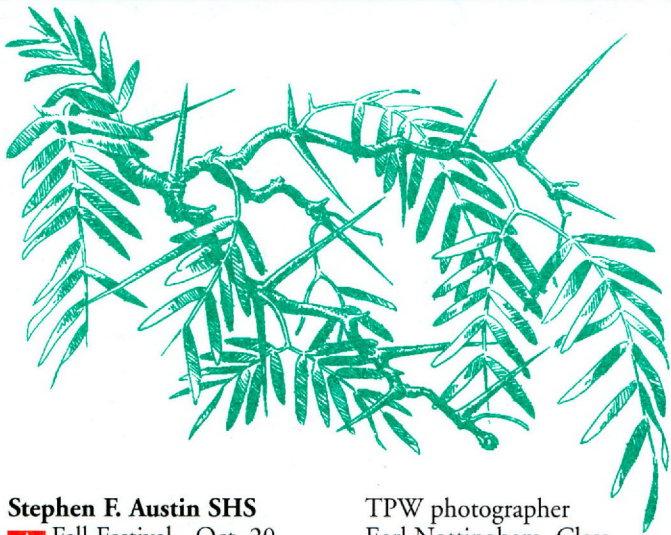
**Rusk/Palestine SP**

★ Park Tours - Oct. 20. Tours will be given at both parks and the Texas State Railroad. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (903) 683-5126.

**Sebastopol SHS**

★ Hootenanny at Sebastopol - Oct. 20. Come hoot with the owls and sing under the stars with some great Texas folksingers. Donations accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 8-11 p.m., (830) 379-4833.





### Stephen F. Austin SHS

★ Fall Festival - Oct. 20. Come join in the fun! We will have a rock climbing wall, barrel train rides, ring toss, cakewalk, face painting, games for all ages and food at our Lone Star Legacy event. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., (979) 885-3613.

Saturday Evenings at the Amphitheater - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. We will have programs on various topics relating to the natural and cultural resources of the park including nature, Native Americans, history and ecology. 7-8 p.m.; donations welcome, (979) 885-3613.

Father of Texas Day - Nov. 3. Join us as we celebrate the birthday of Stephen F. Austin, the founder of Texas. 9 a.m.-noon, (979) 885-3613.

### Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

★ Raffle - Oct. 20, 21. Activities include self-guided tour of over 300,000 gallons of aquarium exhibits, fish feeding at dive show, tram rides and fishing at the Anglers Pavilion Casting Pond. A weekend getaway package to Cooper Lake including guided fishing trip, fishing equipment and groceries will be raffled to benefit our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, (903) 676-BASS.

Outdoor Photography Symposium - Nov. 9-10. Hands-on session led by

TPW photographer Earl Nottingham. Class limit of 25. Noon-dusk on Nov. 9, sunrise-noon on Nov. 10; fee \$90 per person includes admission; reservations required, (903) 676-BASS.

### Washington-on-the-Brazos SHS

★ Texas Naturalists Past and Present - Oct. 20. Come and enjoy the naturalist viewpoint presented from Dr. Gideon Lindeceum's first visit to Texas in 1835. Present day uses will include native plant gardening to attract butterflies demonstrated by Ms. Peggy Abbey. First program 10:30-11:30 a.m., second program 1-2 p.m., (936) 878-2214.

## South Texas Plains

### Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley SP

★ Tree Planting - Oct. 20. We will plant 250-300 native seedlings approximately 12 inches tall. 9 a.m.-noon, (956) 585-1107.

Kiskadee Bus Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. 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.-3:30 p.m.; fees \$25 per person; reservations required, (956) 585-1107.

### Casa Navarro SHS

★ Feria Navarro - Oct. 20, 21. A celebration of Texas's Mexican heritage will be held. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (210) 226-4801.

### Choke Canyon SP/ Calliham Unit

★ Children's Fishing Clinic - Oct. 20. The park, in conjunction with Inland Fisheries, local lake warden and Friends Group, will hold a children's fishing clinic. Poles and bait will be furnished. A live alligator will be on display for viewing. Local lake warden will give boat rides. Inland Fisheries will demonstrate how they do a creel. Friends Group will have cold drinks and hot dogs for sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (361) 786-3868.

### Choke Canyon SP/ South Shore Unit

★ Run, Walk or Bicycle Across Dam and Battle of the Bands - Oct. 20, 21. On Saturday you can ride your bike across the dam to North Shore and back, a total of 16 miles. All roads paved and considered beginner mountain bike. Also open for all persons wanting to run or walk. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On Sunday we will have the Battle of the Bands. Sponsored by our local radio station and organized by Art Gomez. There will be oldies, rock and Tejano music. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (361) 786-3538.

### Falcon SP

★ Bass Fishing Tournament - Oct. 19-21. 8th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament. A team bass fishing tournament where contestants fish for three bass to be weighed in each day. Twenty percent of the field earns a cash payout for heaviest weights. Tournament proceeds go toward the Lone Star Legacy Endowment for the park. Food, beverages and door prizes for tournament entries. 5 p.m. on Oct. 19; 3 p.m. on Oct. 21; fees \$150 tournament fee per 2-person

team if register before Oct. 12, \$175 if register after that date; call to obtain an entry brochure, (956) 848-5327.

### Goliad SHS

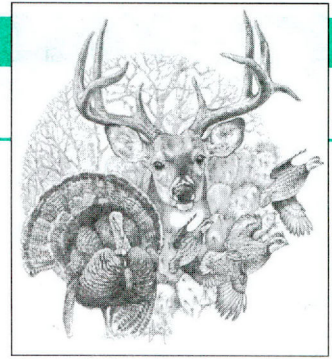
★ Spanish Tracks and Trails - Oct. 19, 20. Visit Mission Espiritu Santo at Goliad SHS for a celebration of the Spanish-Colonial era and its contributions to the history and culture of Texas. Craft and folkways demonstrations, vaquero/cowboy work, livestock of the period, lectures and exhibits, reenactors, music, entertainment, interactive activities and more! Reservations required for School Day on Friday; open to the public on Saturday. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday; donations accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment, (361) 645-3405.

Gregorian Chant - Nov. Mission Espiritu Santo will have singers from the Corpus Christi Cathedral in a concert of Gregorian Chants. Chants originated during the medieval time period and continue to be sung today in religious celebrations around the world. Call for more information, (361) 645-1228.

Virgin of Guadalupe Mass - Dec. 12. The Virgin of Guadalupe Mass was celebrated historically at the mission during the 1700s. The Mass commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to the Nahua Indian, Juan Diego in 1531. Call for more information, (361) 645-1228.

### Lake Casa Blanca International SP

★ Walk or Run - Oct. 20. There will be a 1-mile walk and a 5K run. Call for more information. 9-10 a.m., (956) 725-3826.



# Public Hunts on State Park Lands 2001-2002 Schedule

A number of state parks will offer special permit hunting this fall. As in the past, the carefully controlled public hunts are primarily scheduled for Monday through Friday because typically the mid-week period is not as busy with other park activities. Most parks will be open on Saturdays and Sundays for camping, fishing, picnicking and other common activities.

On the actual days when special drawn hunts are in progress, access is restricted to individuals with a special permit to hunt. On the other days access is restricted to authorized staff.

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

Or, 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.

You can also find the information on-line at Texas Parks and Wildlife's Web site: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

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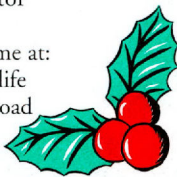
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Do you have a favorite state park? Do you travel with electronic gear? Maybe you know about a great place to stop along the road or on your way to a park. I am looking for your best, short, written descriptions for possible publication in the *Journal*. Keep your writing very short – 100 words or less – like a postcard. An editorial board will review all submissions and choose the best for publication with your own by-line.

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The Texas Conservation Passport includes both a gold windshield decal and a paper license. The decal is available **ONLY** at state parks.

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For member assistance and information, call (800) 792-1112; listen to the menu and press the extension for Texas Conservation Passport.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

SP = State Park  
 SFH = State Fish Hatchery  
 SHP = State Historical Park  
 SHS = State Historical Site  
 SNA = State Natural Area  
 WMA = Wildlife Management Area  
 TCP = Texas Conservation Passport  
 TPW = Texas Parks & Wildlife



# Halloween

## BIG BEND RANCH SP

(Big Bend Country)

Haunted Ghost Town - Oct. 26. The old "Contrabando" movie-set at Big Bend Ranch East will be transformed into a haunted ghost town. There will be games, refreshments, Gypsy fortune-tellers and ghost stories around the campfire. Bring your costumes and join the haunting. 6:30-10; fees \$3 TCP members, \$6 non-members, \$2 senior citizens, \$3 children 12 and under, (915) 424-3327.

## LAKE TEXANA SP

(Gulf Coast)

Halloween Extravaganza - Oct. 27. We will have a carnival with lots of games, a hayride, costume contest, jack-o-lantern contest for youth and a haunted trail for all ages. 7:30-10 p.m., (361) 782-5718.

## MARTIN DIES, JR. SP

(Pineywoods)

★ Annual Halloween Haunted Hike - Oct. 20. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows by the campfire and hike the haunted Island Hiking Trail. 6-8:30 p.m.; fees \$1 per person, free for children 5 and under, (409) 384-5231.

## PALO DURO CANYON SP

(Panhandle Plains)

★ The Haunted Canyon - Oct. 20. Spooks and ghouls abound in the canyon for some hauntingly good fun.

Activities will include a haunted hayride, games, candy, costume contest, educational presentations and much more. Entrance fees will be waived and donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 7-9 p.m., (806) 488-2227.

## PURTIS CREEK SP

(Prairies and Lakes)

★ Haunted House - Oct. 20, 27. Volunteers and employees will be your worst nightmare as you wander through their horror house. 7-10 p.m.; fees \$1 per person, (903) 425-2332.

## STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SHS

(Prairies and Lakes)

3rd Annual Haunted Trail and Hayride - Oct. 25, 26, 27. The woods will be filled with terror as monsters and ghouls stalk hikers along the nature trail. Refreshments will be served at the dining hall, if you make it out of the woods. Bring a donation of canned food and get a half-priced entry. You will make someone's holidays a little brighter. 7-10 p.m.; fees \$2 per-person, (979) 885-3613.

## TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

(Prairies and Lakes)

Horror at the Hatchery - Oct. 29. The hatchery will be transformed into a haunted castle. There will be goodies for the kids provided by area merchants. Call for more information, (903) 676-2277.



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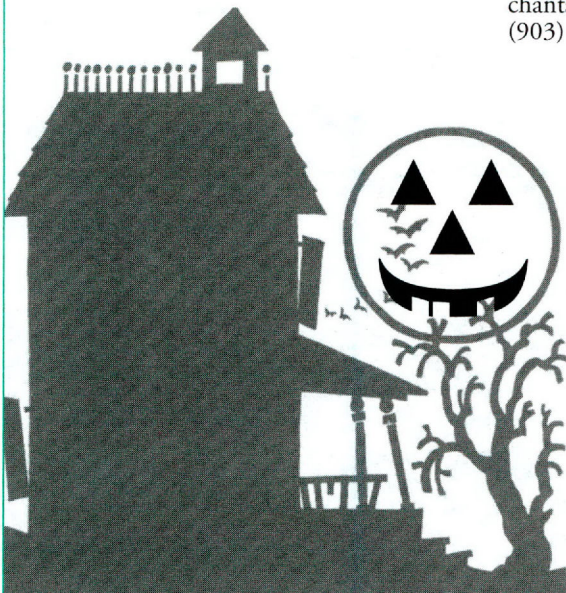
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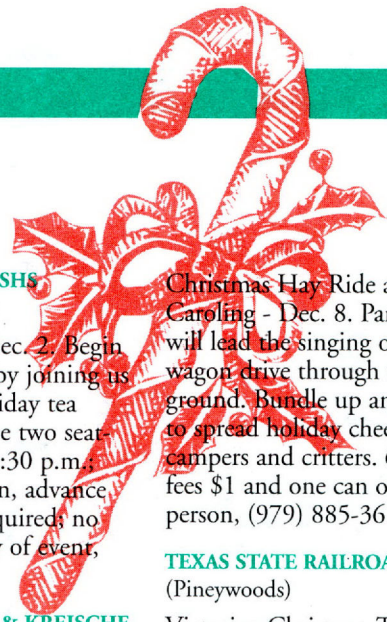
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# Christmas in the Parks

## **BARTON WARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER** (Big Bend Country)

An International Christmas - Dec. 15. Celebrate Christmas with our neighbors from the Mexican towns of Ojinaga and Manuel Beinivides who are providing folklorico dancers and choirs from the schools. Christmas treats and refreshments as well as a special visit from Santa Claus will ring in the holidays with an international flair. 6:30-9 p.m., (915) 424-3327.

## **BATTLESHIP TEXAS SHS** (Gulf Coast)

Yuletide Texas - Dec. 1, 2. See the battleship decorated for the holidays, the way the crew did it while serving their country. Kids can talk with Santa; everyone can learn the Lindy Hop, Jitterbug and more! 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; fees \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 6-18, free to children 5 and under, (281) 479-2431.

## **CEDAR HILL SP** (Prairies and Lakes)

Christmas Caroling through Penn Farm - Dec. 15. After a short tour of the farm, we will have a campfire Christmas sing-a-long, hot chocolate and cookies. 4:30-6 p.m., (972) 291-6505.

## **EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE SHS** (Prairies and Lakes)

Christmas Historic Homes Tour - Dec. 1. A Christmas tour of the historic homes of Denison includes the Eisenhower Birthplace SHS. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; fees free TCP members, \$2 adults, \$2 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under, (903) 465-8908.

## **FANTHROP INN SHS** (Prairies and Lakes)

Twilight-Firelight - Nov. 24. Visit the 1850s stagecoach inn bedecked for the holidays. Event features stagecoach rides, music and holiday fare! 4:30-

7:30 p.m.; fees \$6 adults, \$4 children 12 and under, (936) 873-2633.

## **FORT LEATON SHS** (Big Bend Country)

La Posada del Fortin - Dec. 22. A traditional borderlands celebration of Christmas. Posada starts at dark. 6-9 p.m., (915) 229-3613.

## **FORT GRIFFIN SHS** (Panhandle Plains)

A Country Christmas - Dec. 15. Experience an authentic 1880s Christmas, with the soldiers at the fort. Sing period Christmas carols and sample period food and drinks such as spiced tea and other old fashioned favorites. 1-5 p.m., (915) 762-3592.

## **FULTON MANSION SHS** (Gulf Coast)

Candlelight Christmas Carol - Dec. 15. Celebrate the Christmas spirit and sing along with a melody of carols on the front steps. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. 6:30-8 p.m., (361) 729-0386.

## **GOLIAD SHS** (South Texas Plains)

Christmas at the Mission - Dec. 1. The Coastal Bend College under direction of Dr. James Lee will present a choral program in celebration of the Christmas season. 8-9 p.m.; call for more information. Throughout December, the Mission will be decorated for the season. (361) 645-1228.

## **LYNDON B. JOHNSON SHS** (Hill Country)

32nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program - Dec. 16. The LBJ State and National Parks, along with the Johnson family, invite you to this community-wide event featuring: carolers, a living nativity, Santa Claus, special refreshments and a lamp-lit tour of the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm. Program starts at dusk, (830) 644-2252.

## **MAGOFFIN HOME SHS** (Big Bend Country)

Christmas Tea - Dec. 2. Begin the festive season by joining us for the annual holiday tea party. There will be two seatings, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; fees \$10 per person, advance ticket purchase required; no tickets sold on day of event, (915) 533-5147.

## **MONUMENT HILL & KREISCHE BREWERY SHS**

(Prairies and Lakes)

A Christmas Event for Groups - Call for dates. Kreische House and a traditional 1800s German Christmas celebration with entertainment and German foods. Available to groups of 40. 6-8 p.m.; \$10 per person; reservations and deposit required, (979) 968-5658.

Trail of Lights - Dec. 1, 8, 14, 15. Walk our trail decorated for the Christmas season. Take part in our traditional German Christmas and enjoy refreshments, entertainment and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in the historical Kreische home. 6-8 p.m.; fees \$2.50 adults, 50 cents children 12 and under, (979) 968-5658.

## **PALO DURO CANYON SP** (Panhandle Plains)

Christmas in the Canyon - Dec. 8. Enjoy refreshments, arts and crafts and some holiday cheer as we celebrate the Christmas season. The visitor center will be decorated for the event. 2-5 p.m.; fee is one can of food per person, (806) 488-2227.

## **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SHS** (Prairies and Lakes)

Pancakes With Santa - Dec. 8. Have breakfast with old Saint Nick and tell him about all the things you just can't live without. Breakfast will be a stack of homemade pancakes with homemade maple syrup, sausage and juice. 8:30-11 a.m.; fees \$3 per person, (979) 885-3613.

Christmas Hay Ride and Caroling - Dec. 8. Park staff will lead the singing on a hay wagon drive through the campground. Bundle up and join in to spread holiday cheer to campers and critters. 6-8 p.m.; fees \$1 and one can of food per person, (979) 885-3613.

## **TEXAS STATE RAILROAD SHS** (Pineywoods)

Victorian Christmas Train - Dec. 1, 8, 15. Take a trip on a vintage steam train. The occasion will feature ladies in early 1900s Christmas dresses, as well as wassail and an assortment of fruitcakes and nut breads from world-famous Eilenberger's Bakery. Strolling carolers will add to the charm. 4-6 p.m.; fees \$25 adults, \$10 children 12 and under; reservations required, (800) 659-3484.

## **VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION SHS** (Gulf Coast)

A Candlelight Christmas - Dec. 8, 15. The old Plantation House has been transformed into a fine Victorian mansion with artful decorations throughout the main house and kitchen. Docents dressed in period costumes will conduct tours of the house and serve refreshments on the back porch. Donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy Endowment. 5:30-8 p.m., (979) 345-4656.

## **WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS SHS**

(Prairies and Lakes)

Candlelight Christmas - Dec. 8, 15. Celebrate the season with refreshments, music and dancing 1850s style at Barrington Living History Farm, home of the last Republic of Texas president, Anson Jones. 6-9 p.m.; fees \$4 adults, \$2 children 12 and under; reservations available but not required, (936) 878-2213.



McKinney Falls State Park  
(Hill Country)

# Proposition 8 to Benefit State Parks

Campers, hikers, birdwatchers, bikers, anglers, Texas history buffs and all state park visitors will be interested in Proposition 8, one of 19 ballot items to be put before Texas voters on Nov. 6.

Proposition 8 would authorize Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) to issue up to \$100 million in bonds during the next six years. The money would be used for repairs and improvements at state parks, wildlife management areas and fish hatcheries.

"Proposition 8 would provide \$15 million to address the remaining critical repair backlog identified at TPW sites in the 1990s. It would also provide \$8-to-10 million per year for proactive, preventive maintenance to make sure we don't fall behind again, and invest in big-ticket repairs at some of our flagship historic sites," said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. "It would fund a few new projects in the key areas of urban youth outreach and African-American and Hispanic heritage."

But TPW is not alone. Proposition 8 asks for general obligation bond authority for 12 other state agencies. The bond authority would total \$850 million and be used for facility maintenance and equipment repairs at each agency.

The ballot language will read, "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

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