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LONE STAR LEGACY WEEKEND

Come on out to the *free* statewide Open House on Lone Star Legacy Weekend! It's all happening on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22, at every Texas state park, several wildlife management areas (WMA) and some fish hatcheries too. Special events at over 100 locations will celebrate the marvelous array of meadows and hills, rivers and lakes, forests and Gulf shore sands that were set aside to keep the state's natural and cultural heritage alive.

Generations of Texans who have gone before us carefully conserved this legacy. Our forefathers opened the first fish hatchery in 1881, donated land to the public in 1916 that became the forerunner of the state park system and established the first WMA in 1946. Today there are 123 parks, 50 wildlife management areas and seven fish hatcheries.

Sustaining Texas history and outdoor heritage calls for deep commitment across the generations — now it's our turn. While you're enjoying the weekend activities, we hope you will take a moment to learn more about the Lone Star Legacy campaign and find out how you can make a difference by helping preserve this legacy for the future.

For a list of Lone Star Legacy events, see pages 2-3.

A bell used by the Civilian Conservation Corps during their 1930s construction of Mother Neff SP has enchanted generations of children. Isabella Neff's donation of six acres on the Leon River is considered the start of the state park system.



When visiting a WMA, take your field glasses to watch deer, armadillo, ducks, javelina, pronghorn antelope, roadrunners and every Texas creature great and small.

Leave A Legacy

The Lone Star Legacy campaign is an innovative program that has established an endowment fund for TPW outdoor resources as a means to assure future financial stability. Donate as little as \$10 to the park, WMA or fish hatchery of your choice. Your donation is tax deductible and will become part of the permanent investment fund to support the site you selected. Only the interest from the endowment will be spent on operations and maintenance. Best of all you know your favorite places will be here for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to see, touch and experience.



Lone Star Legacy Weekend

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Balmorhea SP Lone Star Legacy Event - Oct. 21. There will be a tour of local desert springs and a special seminar on water to promote Lone Star Legacy. Call for times, entrance free, but donations are requested for our endowment fund, 915-375-2370.

Copper Breaks SP Legacy Doubleheader - Bats and Starwalk - Oct. 21. Monte Lumplun 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 Lone Star Legacy. 6 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 940-839-4331.

Davis Mountains SP Lone Star Legacy Event - Oct. 21. There will be a morning bird banding and a series of birding and nature walks to benefit our Lone Star Legacy fund. Call for times, 915-426-3337.

Fort Leaton SHP Dia del Rio - Oct. 21. A celebration of the Rio Grande and its cultures. Program to promote Lone Star Legacy includes a goat auction, hors d'oeuvres, cabrito and fajita dinner and presentation on the bonds between Texas and Mexico. Student docents and mariachis provide tours and music. 6-9 p.m., donations accepted, 915-229-3613.

Indian Lodge 2nd Annual Art Show - Oct. 21. Local artist and artisans from Fort Davis and other Trans-Pecos areas will be displaying their artwork for sale at Indian Lodge. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., park entrance is free for this event which benefits Lone Star Legacy, 915-426-3254.

Seminole Canyon SHP Panther Cave Boat Tour - Oct. 21. This remote tour begins at the park headquarters, then you are shuttled to the back of the park where you will hike for half a mile to meet the boat to Panther Cave. This site contains some of the best-preserved Lower Pecos pictographs in the state. Shuttles leave throughout the day beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Park entrance is free and proceeds from the boat tour will go to our Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund. Fees \$20 TCP members, \$25 non-members, reservations required, 915-292-4464.

GULF COAST

Goose Island SP Native Plant Seminar - Oct. 22. Learn about native plant identification and the use of native plants in the home landscape to promote water conservation and enhance wildlife habitat at this Lone Star Legacy event. Donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy fund. 1-4 p.m., 361-729-7515.

Matagorda Island SP & WMA Lighthouse Extravaganza - Oct. 21-22. Tour fees waived for this Lone Star Legacy weekend. Please help make this Lone Star Legacy weekend a big success with your generous contributions. Contribution forms and envelopes provided. First tour 8-11 a.m., second tour 10 a.m.-1 p.m., reservations required, 361-983-2215.

HILL COUNTRY

Colorado Bend SP Lone Star Legacy Weekend - Oct. 21-22. Open house Saturday & Sunday to promote Lone Star Legacy. Free entry. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 915-628-3240.

Kerr WMA 50th Anniversary Celebration - Oct. 21. As a Lone Star Legacy event, TPW will host a retrospective look at the past 50 years of development, research and management of the area. Call for time, 830-238-4483.

Mc Kinney Falls SP Free Legacy Days - Oct. 21-22. There will be three programs presented to benefit our Lone Star Legacy fund. "Planning The Trip" will give you tips on how to make your camping trip more enjoyable. "Surviving The Trip" will give you more useful tips for your trip. "Raptors" will give you interesting facts about these fascinating birds. "Planning The Trip" begins at 10 a.m., "Surviving The Trip" begins at 2 p.m., "Raptors" begins at 6 p.m., 512-243-1643.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Abilene SP Lone Star Legacy Event - Oct. 21-22. Open house Saturday & Sunday to promote Lone Star Legacy. Entrance fees waived and donations will be accepted for Lone Star Legacy. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., call for details, 915-572-3204.

Dear Blake,

Do you remember our first family camping trip? You kids were pretty tired after exploring the trails all day, but you sure perked up when the burgers hit the grill and Dad started cooking his famous dutch oven cobbler. You should have seen your face that time you stumbled upon that armadillo! Those were some great memories.

I'm glad you're taking the kids camping now, passing on the love of nature and the joy of the outdoors. We owe a lot to Mother Nature, and to the people at Texas Parks and Wildlife, who work so hard maintaining beautiful parks all over the state.

I want your kids to have these same great memories. That's why Dad and I have sent a check in each of your names to the Lone Star Legacy - an endowment fund that'll help make sure those great state parks are still around for your grandkids. They deserve the Texas we love.

I guess you could say we're giving thanks for the memories.

Mom



Lone Star Legacy Weekend is made possible in part by the financial support of Chevy Suburban.



**This listing has only a few of the hundreds of Lone Star Legacy events available.
Check our Website for a complete list: www.tpwd.state.tx.us**

Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway

Caprock Legacy Day - Oct. 21. Join us for a day filled with hiking, birding, picnicking, archeology, wildlife and history. Help us build our Lone Star Legacy fund. 9 a.m., 806-455-1492.

Palo Duro Canyon SP

The Haunted Canyon - Oct. 21. Spooks and ghouls abound in the canyon for some hauntingly good fun. Activities will include a haunted hayride, games, candy, costume contest and much more. Entrance fees will be waived and donations will be accepted for the Lone Star Legacy. 7-9 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

San Angelo SP

4th Annual Cowboy Symposium - Oct. 21. Entertainment at the North Concho River Park includes cowboy poets, musicians, storytellers, Fort Concho Cavalry, Confederacy reenactment, Texas Rangers exhibition, gunfighter's reenactment, miniature pony rides, wagon and buggy rides, children's activities and prizes. Trail rides include a 10 a.m. poker run, afternoon and moonlight rides, longhorn tours, food and craft vendors. Free park entry, symposium fees support our park's Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund. 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., fees \$5 adults, free to children 12 and under, trail ride fees including meal and general admission and T-shirt for adults \$25 adults, \$15 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Confederate Reunion Grounds SHP

Old Time Singing and Dinner on the Grounds - Oct. 22. Gospel singing groups and storytellers will provide entertainment all day at the open, historic 1893 Dance Pavilion. There will also be a church service. Bring your dinner and lawn chairs to this Lone Star Legacy event. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 254-562-5751.

Fairfield Lake SP

Lone Star Legacy Weekend - Oct. 21-22. Open house Saturday & Sunday to promote Lone Star Legacy. Free entry. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 903-389-4514.

Falconfest - Oct. 28. This Lone Star Legacy event will provide educational programs to inform the public of the significance of birds of prey with demonstrations of the birds in action and the efforts to protect and rehabilitate these important environmental indicators. Tours of the lake will be provided to view the park facilities, abundant wildlife and waterfowl that inhabit the region. All

donations will be directed to the park's endowment fund. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., reservations required, 903-389-4514.

Fort Parker SP

Greenwing Day - Oct. 21. This Lone Star Legacy event, co-sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, will be for ages 1-17. There will be clinics on gun safety, duck identification, duck habitat, retriever handling, water safety and the importance of conserving and protecting fragile habitat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 254-562-5751.

Lake Mineral Wells SP & Trailway

Old Time Music and Cowboy Poetry Gathering - Oct. 21. Enjoy a peaceful afternoon of old time music, stories and cowboy poetry. The money raised during this event will benefit our Lone Star Legacy fund. Bring a lawn chair. 1 p.m., call for more information, 940-328-1171.

Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery

SHP Fayette Archeology Week - Oct. 2, 16. Enjoy a combination of interactive archeological activities and displays. View artifacts from Fayette County and learn about their cultural significance. No admission fees will be charged for this event but donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy fund. 5-7 p.m., 979-968-5658.

Mother Neff SP

Monument Dedication - Oct. 7. Join us for the dedication ceremony of the monument in honor of the men of Company 817 of the Civilian Conservation Corps, who built the park. Donations will be accepted by the Mother Neff State Park Association for our Lone Star Legacy fund. 1-3 p.m., 254-853-2389.

Palmetto SP

Ottine Swamp Fest - Oct. 28. Festival includes music, featuring the Cajun-style sounds of the "Swamp Angles," kids games and activities, food, hay rides, a raffle, a children's Swamp Monster Art Show, a country store, and capped off with a spooky Swamp Monster Walk on the Palmetto Trail at 6:30 p.m. Free park entrance for the day! All proceeds from the event benefit the local community, including the Friends of Palmetto State Park, the Ottine Volunteer Fire Department, the Ottine Community Association, and Palmetto State Park's Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., 830-672-3266.

Stephen F. Austin SHP

Lone Star Legacy Fall Festival - Oct. 21. There will be games, food and activities for the whole family. An evening program will be held at the amphitheater. Park entrance will be free and proceeds from food and games will go to our Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 979-885-3613.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center SFH

Lone Star Legacy Weekend - Oct. 21-22. Free admission. Proceeds from a raffle for a fishing dinghy will go to our Lone Star Legacy fund. An underwater show will be presented at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday, 903-676-2277.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Falcon SP

7th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament - Oct. 20-22. 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 account for the park. Food, beverages and door prizes for tournament entries. 5 p.m. on Oct. 20-3 p.m. on Oct. 22, \$150 tournament fee per 2-man team, call to obtain an entry brochure, 956-848-5327.

Dia Del Rio 2000 - Oct. 21. Participants will assist with shoreline cleanup of Falcon Lake. Hotdog lunch to be served. Donations will be accepted for our Lone Star Legacy account. There will be door prizes for participants. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., reservations available but not required, 956-848-5327.



Gorman Falls is an impressive 60-foot-high waterfall located at Colorado Bend SP. Small travertine dams at the falls have formed quiet pools of clear water which support a variety of aquatic communities.



EXPLORE THE REAL TEXAS

Birding

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Davis Mountains SP Bird Banding - Oct. & Nov. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Learn to identify and band birds caught in mist nets in the primitive area of the park. 8-11 a.m., reservations available but not required, 915-426-3337.

GULF COAST

Matagorda Island SP & WMA Migratory Bird Tours - Oct. 7; Nov. 9, 17. Guided tour of the north end of the island to observe migrating birds. Bring lunch, good walking shoes, water and binoculars for this great birding adventure. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$8 senior citizens, \$4 children 12 and under, reservations required, 361-983-2215.

Whooping Crane Bus Tour - Dec. 14, 30. After a short introduction, the tour group will travel by bus, 20 miles, to observe whooping cranes in their winter habitat. Bring a lunch, insect repellent and water. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under, (tour fee does not include a ferry fee) reservations required, 361-983-2215.



PANHANDLE PLAINS

Abilene SP Birdwatching Bash - Oct. 14. The Big Country Audubon Society will present a day of birdwatching fun. Learn all about the birds of the area. Bring your lunch and binoculars and be prepared for walking. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 915-572-3204.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit Bird Identification Tour - Oct. 14; Nov. 11. Walk or ride through the bird trail and identify wild birds and waterfowl. 8-10 a.m., 361-786-3868.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley SP 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.-4:30 p.m., fees \$25 per-person, reservations required, 956-585-1107.

Kids' Corner



PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Stephen F. Austin SHP Kidfish - Nov. 18. The place to be for kids who like to fish. We have a pool stocked with fish for children 15 and under. All bait and tackle will be provided. 9 a.m., 979-885-3613.

Wildlife

GULF COAST

Brazos Bend SP Nature Programs - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every weekend. At least six free nature programs offered ranging from live animals and slide shows to guided hikes. Check web site www.bbspvo.org or call for more information, 409-553-5102, 979-553-5102.

Lake Texana SP Nature Programs - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. A variety of nature programs are presented most weekends. Call park for details, 361-782-5718.

HILL COUNTRY

Kerr WMA Range and Wildlife Seminar - Oct. 6. A free seminar on all the facets of white-tailed deer management will be presented including deer nutrition, genetics, population control, prescribed burning and rotational grazing. The seminar stresses an ecological approach to deer management. 1:30-5:30 p.m., reservations available but not required, 830-238-4483.

Old Tunnel WMA Flying with Freetails - Oct. Every Thursday and Saturday. Bat emergence observation with interpretation. First come first served. 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.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Palo Duro Canyon SP Canyon Critters - Nov. 25; Dec. 30. Come to the Lone Star Interpretive Center and learn all about the delightful animals that live in the canyon. Topics will include animal identification, ecology and environmental stewardship. 7-8 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Cooper Lake SP/Doctors Creek Unit Critters of the Area - Oct. 21. Meet at the Post Oak Amphitheater for a program on the wildlife of the area. 10-11 a.m., reservations available but not required, 903-395-3100.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit Wildlife Tour - Oct. 28; Nov. 25. Ride through the nature and bird trails to view all the different species of animals that live there. 8-10 a.m., 361-786-3868.

Volunteer Work and Play

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway Volunteer Work Day - Oct. 28. Join Caprock Partners Foundation for a day filled with work and camaraderie. We will be picking up trash, working on trails, bridges and clearing vegetation. This is your chance to help. 9 a.m., reservations available but not required, 806-455-1492.



Texas History

GULF COAST

Matagorda Island SP & WMA Exploring Native Americans of the Texas Coast - Nov. 11. Special emphasis placed on the Karankawa tribes on this history tour of the island that covers the origins of the island through WWII. Visit the lighthouse and island gravesites, and explore the Native American presence along the Texas coast. Primitive tool-making and pottery demonstrations follow the tour. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children 12 and under, reservations required, 361-983-2215.

Varner-Hogg Plantation SHP African-American History Symposium - Nov. 3-5. "Viewing the Past Through Different Lenses", the African-American Legacy in the Lower Brazos Valley will be the theme for this 3-day event. Interpretive and educational program will include tours of antebellum plantations, dinner and reception, workshops, speeches and lectures. 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 3-5 p.m. on Nov. 5, call for fees, reservations required, 979-345-4656.

The Showing of the Quilts - Oct. 1-31. A collection of antique quilts that Miss Ima Hogg collected will be displayed throughout the plantation home museum. The quilts date from the 1790s to 1930s. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, fees free TCP members, \$4 non-members, \$4 senior citizens, \$2 children 12 and under, 979-345-4656.

HILL COUNTRY

Landmark Inn SHP Poe at the Landmark Inn - Oct. 13-14. Texas actor and living historian Steve Abolt brings Edgar Allen Poe alive in a one-man first person performance set against the historic 1854 mill to lantern light. 8-10 p.m., fees \$11 TCP members, \$12 non-members, \$11 senior citizens, \$6 children 12 and under, reservations required, 830-931-2133.

PINEYWOODS

Mission Tejas SHP Under Six Flags - Nov. 18. History of Mission Tejas under the six different nations whose flags flew over the state of Texas. The history will be represented in characters from each time in history. Entertainment provided by dulcimer group The Davy Crockett Dulcimer Society. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., reservations available but not required, 936-687-2394.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Fanthorp Inn SHP Guided Tours - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every weekend. Discover how life was lived in 1850s Texas. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$3 non-members, \$1.50 children 12 and under, 936-873-2633.

Twilight - Firelight - Nov. 25. Take an evening stagecoach ride to the historic inn for sing-a-longs, 19th century holiday entertainment, fireside welcome and travelers' fare. 4:30-7:30 p.m., fees \$6 adults, \$4 children 12 and under, 936-873-2633.

Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery SHP Kreische House Tours - Oct. 1, 8; Nov. 5, 12. Take a guided tour, by a trained docent, of the 1850s 3-story home of master stonemason H. L. Kreische. Learn the interesting family history of this German immigrant and see his architectural accomplishments and his craftsmanship in the home he built for his family. 1:30-4 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 979-968-5658.

Kreische Brewery Tours - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday and Sunday take a guided, walking tour with a trained docent through the ruins of one of the first breweries in Texas. Learn how German immigrant, Heinrich Kreische, built and operated his 19th century brewery. First tour 2-3 p.m., second tour 3:30-4:30 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 979-968-5658.

Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery SHP Historic and Scenic Tour - Oct.; Nov.; & Dec. Hear stories of Texas heroes at Monument Hill while enjoying the breath-taking view of La Grange and the Colorado river from the bluff. View the ruins of the Kreische Brewery and the Kreische Homestead. Fees, \$3.50 per-person, available by reservation only to groups of ten or more, 979-968-5658.

Stephen F. Austin SHP Historical Tours - Oct. Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday & Sunday. Learn about the infancy of Texas and the struggle for Independence. 1-5 p.m., \$1 per-person, 979-885-3613.

Washington-on-the-Brazos SHP Smithing in Texas - Nov. 11-12. Blacksmiths from around the state are meeting at Barrington to demonstrate their art and help reproduce tools for use on the farm. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., fees \$4 adults, \$2 students, 936-878-2213.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Goliad SHP Virgin Guadalupe Mass - Dec. 12. The Zaragosa Society will present a traditional mass with mariachis. Call for more information, 361-645-3405.

Oral History Symposium - Oct. 28. Learn from experts in the field how to record oral history both on audio and with photographs. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., reservations required, call for more information, 361-645-3405.

Hunts

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Black Gap WMA Youth and Adult Quail Hunt - Oct. 28-29. Youth must be under 17 and be accompanied by an adult with either an Annual Hunting Permit for adult hunters or Limited Public Use Permit for non-hunting adults. Adults must have at least one youth in the group. Call for more information, 915-376-2216.

Las Palomas WMA/Ocotillo Unit Youth and Adult Quail Hunt - Oct. 21-22. Youth must be under 17 and be accompanied by an adult with either an Annual Hunting Permit for adult hunters or Limited Public Use Permit for non-hunting adults. Adults must have at least one youth in the group. Call for more information, 915-376-2216.





Hikes, Walks & Runs

HILL COUNTRY

Colorado Bend SP Gorman Falls Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday & Sunday weather permitting. From trailhead it is a 1.5-mile round-trip hike over beautiful Hill Country terrain to view the 65-foot waterfall. 10 a.m.-noon, Fees \$3 adults, \$2 children 12 and under, 915-628-3240.

Honey Creek SNA Honey Creek Canyon Walk - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. Take a hike along beautiful Honey Creek Canyon with interpretation of area culture and environment. 9-11 a.m., fees \$2 per-person, \$5 per-family, 830-438-2656.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway Upper Canyon Loop Hike - Nov. 18. Fall is a great time of the year to spot wildlife and enjoy a hike in the cool weather. This 6-mile hike will take us to the back of the park up North Prong Canyon and down South Prong Canyon. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., reservations available but not required, 806-455-1492.

Palo Duro Canyon SP Nature Hike - Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 9, 23. Take a moderately difficult 2.5-mile hike on the Givens, Spicer and Lowry running trails. Topics will include history, plants, geology and wildlife. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your own water. 2-5 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

Family Nature Hike - Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Dec. 2, 30. Join us for an informative 2-mile hike and learn about geology, history, wildlife and plants. This shaded hike will be conducted at a moderate pace suitable for the whole family. 9-11 a.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

15th Annual Palo Duro Trail 50 - Oct. 28. Participants choose between 50-miles, 50K and a 50-mile 4-person relay. Race fee of \$50 includes race participation, T-shirt and hamburger cookout. Call for more information, 806-488-2227 x49.

San Angelo SP Dinosaur Walk - Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Dec. 9. Take a 3-mile hike back in time to see tracks left by Permian period vertebrates. Meet at the North Concho River Park. 1-2:30 p.m., fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.

Llama Treks - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Hike and picnic in the park with a llama to pet and pack 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, by reservation only, Jordan Llamas 915-651-7346.

PINEWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP Walk on the Wild Side - Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 26. Guided interpretive hike featuring Big Thicket Ecosystems and related resources along hiking trails in Hen House Ridge or Walnut Ridge. 9-10 a.m., 409-384-5231.

Village Creek SP Guided Nature Trail Hike - Oct. 7; Nov. 18; Dec. 9. Join us on this 2-hour 2-mile hike as we explore the remnants of the Big Thicket. Habitat includes bottomland hardwood and mixed pine and hardwood forests. 9-11 a.m., reservations available but not required, 409-755-7322.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Cooper Lake SP/Doctors Creek Unit Guided Nature Hike - Nov. 4. Hike along Shoreline Nature Trail and learn about the flora and fauna of the post oak savannah. 10-11 a.m., reservations available but not required, 903-395-3100.

Sunset Nature Hike - Oct. 7. Guided hike along Shoreline Nature Trail as the sun begins to set. Identify the flora and hear interesting facts about wildlife of the area. 7-8 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-395-3100.

Creatures of the Night - Oct. 28. Night hike along Coyote Run nature trail in search of creatures that roam the night. 8-9:30 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-395-3100.

Coyote Run Nature Hike - Oct. 14. Hike along Coyote Run nature trail and identify plants, trees and hear interesting facts about wildlife of the area. 9-10 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-395-3100.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Government Canyon SNA Volksmarch - Oct. 21-22. There will be a choice of a 5, 10 or 20k walk at your own pace on two different trails. 7 a.m.-noon, fees free to TCP members, \$3 non-members, \$3 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under, 210-688-9570.



Floating Field Trips

GULF COAST

Matagorda Island SP & WMA Intercoastal Whooping Crane Tour - Dec. 28. Travel by boat down the Intercoastal Waterway to observe birds along the shore. Visitors can see whooping cranes, ducks, loons, shorebirds and birds of prey in their winter habitat. A rest room and snacks are available on the boat. Bring lunch, binoculars and water. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$15 TCP members, \$20 non-members, \$15 children 12 and under, reservations required, 361-983-2215.

PINEWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP Floating the Forks - Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16. Go on a half-day guided canoe trip on the Angelina and Neches Rivers. Paddle through the Angelina/ Neches/Dam B WMA from historic Bevilport to the Walnut Ridge Unit of the park. For the novice or experienced canoer. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., fees \$20 if you bring your own canoe, \$25 if we provide the canoe, \$7.50 third person in canoe, \$5 children 12 & under as 3rd in canoe, reservations required, 409-384-5231.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Fairfield Lake SP Bald Eagle Tour - Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. View our national symbol in their winter habitat. Tour provides 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 TPW to monitor the health of the species. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. 10 a.m.-noon, fees \$10 TCP members, \$15 non-members, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 children 12 and under, reservations required, 903-389-4514.



Living History

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Palo Duro Canyon SP Living History - Oct. 7; Dec. 2. Come experience the cultural history of the canyon at the Lone Star Interpretive Center. Living historians dressed in period costumes will entertain and enlighten you on the unique history of the area. 7-8 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Goliad SHP Folkfest - Nov. 3-5. Folklife and living history event to link the park's three historical attractions and showcase the region's diverse 250 year cultural heritage. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$6 adults, \$3 senior citizens, \$2 children 12 and under, 361-645-8577.

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Matagorda Island SP & WMA Intercoastal Whooping Crane Tour - Dec. 28. Travel by boat down the Intercoastal Waterway to observe birds along the shore. Visitors can see whooping cranes, ducks, loons, shorebirds and birds of prey in their winter habitat. A rest room and snacks are available on the boat. Bring lunch, binoculars and water. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$15 TCP members, \$20 non-members, \$15 children 12 and under, reservations required, 361-983-2215.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Fairfield Lake SP Bald Eagle Tour - Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday. View our national symbol in their winter habitat. Tour provides 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 TPW to monitor the health of the species. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. 10 a.m.-noon, fees \$10 TCP members, \$15 non-members, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 children 12 and under, reservations required, 903-389-4514.

Campfire Gatherings

PINEYWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP 3rd Annual Cowboy Campfire Stories, Poetry and Songs - Nov. 24. 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.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Stephen F. Austin SHP Evening Campfire Programs - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Saturday evening we will have a program at the amphitheater on various topics common to the park and local area. Donations are welcome. 8 p.m., 979-885-3613.

Campfire Programs - Oct. 7; Nov. 25. Interpretive topics and sites vary and are announced in monthly park program flyers. Call for more information, 409-384-5231.

PINEYWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP Floating the Forks - Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16. Go on a half-day guided canoe trip on the Angelina and Neches Rivers. Paddle through the Angelina/Neches/Dam B WMA from historic Bevilport to the Walnut Ridge Unit of the park. For the novice or experienced canoeer. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., fees \$20 if you bring your own canoe, \$25 if we provide the canoe, \$7.50 third person in canoe, \$5 children 12 & under as 3rd in canoe, reservations required, 409-384-5231.



Celebrations

GULF COAST

Battleship Texas SHP Pearl Harbor Ceremony - Dec. 2. 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. 11 a.m.-noon. 281-479-2431.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Old Fort Parker SHP Holidays at the Fort - Nov. 18-19. Holiday celebration 1830s style with music, entertainment, food, shopping and a play. The Jinglebread 5K Run from the fort will be held on Saturday. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., fees \$5 adults, \$2 children 12 and under, 254-729-5253.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway Winter Nature Photography Workshop - Dec. 16. Photographer Gary Johnston will give classroom and outdoor instruction to help you capture the pictures you have always wanted. Bring your camera and any other photographic equipment you have and lots of film. 1 p.m., fees \$15 TCP members, \$20 non-members, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 children 12 and under, reservations required, 806-455-1492.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Outdoor Photography Symposium - Nov. 17, 18. Hands-on session led by TPW photographer Earl Nottingham held both indoors and out. Class limit of 25. Noon-7 p.m. on Nov. 17, sunrise-noon on Nov. 18, fees \$90 per-person, reservations required, registration deadline Nov. 10, 903-676-2277.

Stephen F. Austin SHP Father of Texas Day - Nov. 3. Celebrate with us at the steps of the J.J. Josey Museum as local students sing and perform plays. 10 a.m., 979-885-3613.

Photography





Interpretive Programs



BIG BEND COUNTRY

Fort Leaton SHP African Adobe Styles - Nov. 24. Simon Swan, noted expert on African and Middle Eastern adobe construction, will give a program on the making, construction and architectural styles of African adobe structures. 7-9 p.m., 915-229-3613.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Palo Duro Canyon SP Canyon Chat - Nov. 4; Dec. 9. Learn how the canyon was formed and what animals live inside as we explore the mysteries of the canyon. This pictorial tour will include geology, plants, history and wildlife. 8-9 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

Things That Go Bump in the Night - Oct. 28. Ever wonder what makes those scary sounds you hear at night? Join us at the Lone Star Interpretive Center as we uncover this mystery of the night noises. An optional hike will immediately follow the program. 7-8 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

Wildflower Safari - Oct. 14. Meet at the Lone Star Interpretive Center for a pictorial journey among some of the many beautiful wildflowers that are found in Palo Duro Canyon. Topics will include flower identification, plant uses, and Native American legends. 7-8 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

Old West Experiences

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Big Bend Ranch SP Fall Trail Ride - Dec. 1-3, 8-10. Jim Carr will lead you to explore the remote parts of the park on horseback. Price includes horse rental, meals and lodging at the bunkhouse. \$485 per-person, reservations required, call for times, 281-486-8070.

Longhorn Cattle Drive - Oct. 6-8. City slicker type of roundup. No experience necessary. Chuck wagon cooking. Sleep under the stars or in the bunkhouse. Price includes horse rental, meals and lodging. 8 a.m. on Oct. 6 till 5 p.m. on Oct. 8, fees \$641 TCP members, \$650 non-members, \$650 senior citizens, \$650 children 12 and under, reservations required, 915-229-3416.

San Angelo SP Longhorn and Bison Seminar - Oct. 7; Nov. 11; Dec. 2, 16. Park naturalist will inform you about the history and other facts about the bison and longhorns in the park. 9-10 a.m., in addition to the park entry fee, the event fee is \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.

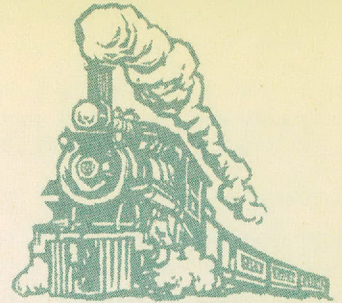


Trains

PINEYWOODS

Texas State Railroad SHP

Autumn Color Steam Train Excursions - Nov. 4, 11, 18. The warm sunshine feels good in the crisp, cool weather as it streams in the train window. Settle back as the reds and golds of the maples, sweet gums and hickories go by. Vintage steam trains travel 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, reservations required, 903-683-2561 or 800-442-8951.



7th Annual Murder on the DisOriented Express - Oct. 21. A night of murder, mirth, mayhem and old-fashioned comedy will be performed on the historic railroad as the vintage stream train rumbles down the track. The Friends of the Palestine Library will host this classic. Enjoy a fun and relaxing evening with great food, nostalgia and mystery. 5-10 p.m., fees \$50 per-person, reservations required, 903-723-3014 or 800-659-3484.

Rock Art

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Seminole Canyon SHP 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. This pictograph, done in Pecos River style, has great detail. 12:30-2:30 p.m., fees \$10 per-person, reservations available but not required, 1-888-525-9907.


Presa Canyon Tour - Oct. 28; Nov. 18. 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, 915-292-4464.

Upper Canyon Tour - Oct. 29; Nov. 19. 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. Approximately 8:30-10:30 a.m., fees \$8 TCP members, \$10 non-members, reservations required, 915-292-4464.

Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Every Wednesday thru 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. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., fees \$3 per-person, \$1 children 6-12, 915-292-4464.






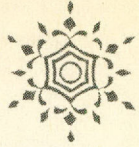


PANHANDLE PLAINS

San Angelo SP Petroglyph Tour - Oct. 7; Nov. 11; Dec. 2, 16. 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. 11 a.m.-noon, fees \$1 TCP members, \$2 non-TCP members, \$1 senior citizens, 50 cents children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.



CHRISTMAS

in the PARKS



BIG BEND COUNTRY

Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center Christmas in the Garden - Dec. 16. Enjoy a desert evening in the garden singing popular Christmas carols in Spanish and English. Hot beverages and Christmas treats will be served. Stroll the garden paths lit up by luminarias. There may be a visit from jolly old Saint Nick. 7-9 p.m., 915-424-3327.

Magoffin Home SHP Christmas Tea - Dec. 7. Begin the festive season by joining us for the annual holiday tea party. There will be 2 seatings, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., fees \$9 per-person, reservations required, 915-533-5147.

GULF COAST

Fulton Mansion SHP Caroling at the Mansion - Dec. 9. Bring in the holiday season as you enjoy candlelight Christmas caroling on the grounds. 6:30-8 p.m., 361-729-0386.

Lake Texana SP Caroling in the Park - Dec. 16. The choral group PHASE will be performing traditional Christmas carols. Snacks will be available following the performance. 7-8 p.m., 361-782-5718.

Varner-Hogg Plantation SHP Candlelight Christmas - Dec. 2, 9. Tour the Plantation House with a costumed docent to view the seasonal decorations. Program themes will give visitors an overview of the multicultural Christmas that was celebrated here and the history of the site. 9 a.m.-8 p.m., fees \$4 adults, \$3 senior citizens, \$2 children 12 and under, reservations available but not required, 979-345-4656.

HILL COUNTRY

Lyndon B. Johnson SHP 31st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program - Dec. 17. Join the LBJ State and National Parks along with the Johnson family as we celebrate this community-wide event. There will be carolers, a living nativity, Santa Claus, special refreshments and a lamp-lit tour of the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm. Make this part of your Christmas tradition. 6-10 p.m., 830-644-2252.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Palo Duro Canyon SP Christmas in the Canyon - Dec. 16. 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., 806-488-2227 x49.

PINEYWOODS

Governor Hogg Shrine HP Christmas Open House - Dec. 9, 10. View the Christmas decorations at all three sites. Guides will be on hand. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 903-763-2701.

Mission Tejas SHP Christmas in the Park - Dec. 9. The Rice family log home will be the setting for The Davy Crockett Dulcimer Society playing Christmas carols on the porch and artisans demonstrating folk crafts related to the Christmas season. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., reservations available but not required, 936-687-2394.

Texas State Railroad SHP Victorian Christmas Train - Dec. 2, 9, 16. Vintage steam trains will bring back memories of a quieter, simpler celebration. The 15-mile train trip will feature ladies in turn-of-the-century Christmas dresses, as well as an assortment of fruit cakes and nut breads, and wassail. Strolling carolers and much more will add to the charm. Call for times and fees, reservations required, 800-659-3484 or 903-723-3014.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery SHP Early German Christmas - Nov. & Dec. Enjoy the beautiful park decorated especially for the Christmas season. Take part in a special interpretation of the Kreische House and traditional German Christmas celebration in Texas during the 1800s. Enjoy entertainment and German foods. Available to groups of 40. 6-8 p.m., \$10 per-person, reservations and deposit required, call for dates, 979-968-5658.

Trail of Lights - Dec. 2, 9, 15, 16. Walk along our beautiful trail decorated for the Christmas season. Take part in our traditional German Christmas and enjoy refreshments and entertainment in the historical Kreische home. 6-8 p.m., fees \$2.50 adults, 50 cents children 12 and under, 979-968-5658.

Sam Bell Maxey House SHP Christmas Celebration at Maxey House - Dec. 3. The Maxey House will be decorated for Christmas and will be part of the Paris Council of Garden Clubs annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Live entertainment in the parlor and refreshments in the gift shop will be available all afternoon. 1-5 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1.00 children 6-12, 903-785-5716.

Stephen F. Austin SHP Christmas Caroling and Hayride - Dec. 9. Sing carols to our visitors and critters and enjoy a hayride. Refreshments will be served. Bring the kids and a canned food item. 6-8 p.m., 979-885-3613.

Pancakes With Santa - Dec. 9. Everyone is invited to bring their Christmas wish list to Santa and eat homemade pancakes. Bring a canned food item. 8:30-10:30 a.m., fees \$3 per-person, 979-885-3613.

Washington-on-the-Brazos SHP Candlelight Christmas - Dec. 9, 16. Food, music and candlelight set the stage as you experience a Christmas celebration 1850s style. Join the Jones family at Barrington for the holidays. 6-9 p.m., fees \$4 adults, \$2 students, 936-878-2213.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit Christmas at Choke Canyon - Dec. Call for events, times and dates, 361-786-3868.

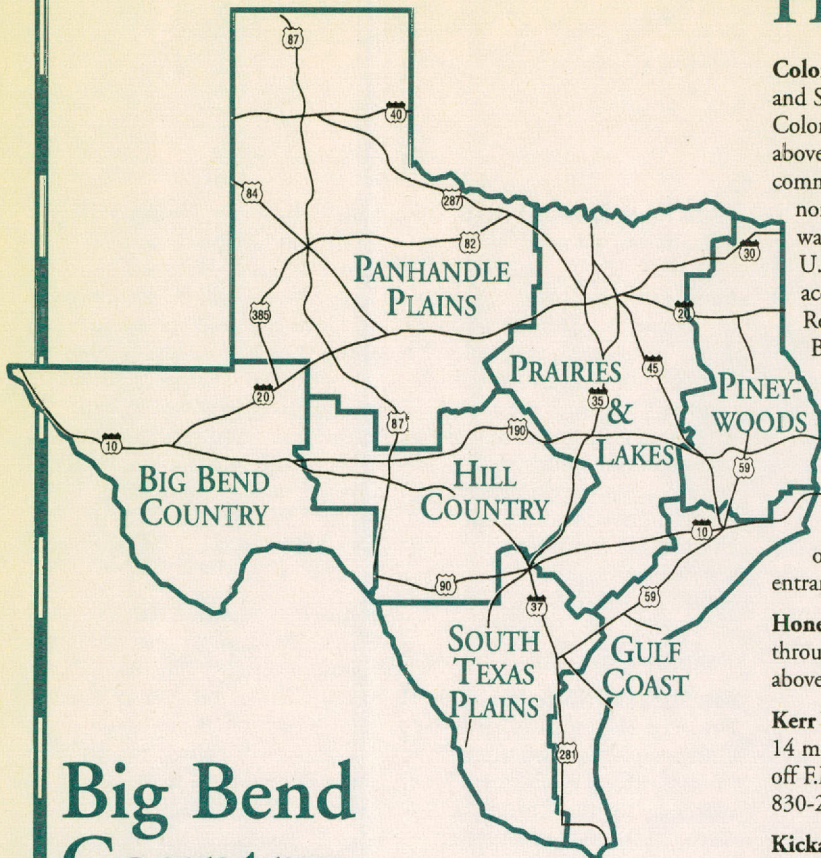
Goliad SHP Christmas Concert - Dec. 2. Coastal Bend College in Beeville will present a holiday choral concert to celebrate the season. 7:30 p.m., fees \$2 adults, \$1 children 12 and under, 361-645-3405.



DRIVE ACROSS TEXAS

— TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO PASSPORT PLACES

Hill Country



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.

Granger WMA In Williamson County, approximately 7 miles east of Granger on F.M. 971 to entrance, 512-859-2668.

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

Kerr WMA In Kerr County, 14 miles west of Hunt, accessed off F.M. 1340, to entrance, 830-238-4483.

Kickapoo Cavern SP 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 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, 877-441-2283.

Lower Neches WMA/Bessie Heights Unit In Orange County, 5 miles west of Bridge City on F.M. 1442, then southwest on Bessie Heights Road to entrance, 409-736-2551.

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

McKinney Falls SP In Travis County, 13 miles southeast of the State Capitol. Take U.S. Highway 183 south to McKinney Falls Parkway, turn onto McKinney Falls Parkway and go 2 miles to park entrance, 512-243-1643.

Old Tunnel WMA In Kendall County, from Fredericksburg, take U.S. Highway 290 east 1 mile to Old San Antonio Road (also Grapetown exit). Head south on Old San Antonio Road 10 miles to the WMA on the left. From Comfort, take Ranch Road 473 north (go past Sisterdale turnoff) 12 miles to the WMA on the right, 830-644-2478.

Walter Buck WMA In Kimble County, on the south fork of the Llano River, approximately 3 miles south of Junction on State Highway 377 to entrance, 830-896-2500.

X Bar Ranch In Schleicher County, 20 miles southwest of Eldorado on F.M. 2129. Office is in Eldorado across from the courthouse on U.S. Highway 277, 915-853-2688.

Big Bend Country

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

Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center Located in Lajitas. Part of the Big Bend Ranch SP, 915-424-3327.

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.

Black Gap WMA In Brewster County, 58 miles south of Marathon on U.S. Highway 385 to F.M. 2627, then east on F.M. 2627 for 18 miles, 915-837-3251.

Davis Mountains SP In Jeff Davis County, about 4 miles northwest of Fort Davis, via State Highway 118 to entrance, 915-426-3337.

Devils River SNA In Val Verde County, about 45 miles north of Del Rio and 22 miles off U.S. Highway 277 to entrance, 830-395-2133.

Fort Leaton SHP In Presidio County, 4 miles southeast of Presidio on the River Road to F.M. 170, to entrance, 915-229-3613.

Indian Lodge-Davis Mountains SP In Jeff Davis County, about 4 miles northwest of Fort Davis, via State Highway 118 to entrance; the lodge is located in Davis Mountains SP, 915-426-3254.

Las Palomas WMA/Ocotillo Unit In southwestern Presidio County, about 36 miles northwest of Presidio, or 1 mile northwest of Ruidosa on F.M. 170, 915-837-3251.

Magoffin Home SHP In El Paso County, in the city of El Paso, east on I.H. 10, exit on Cotton Street; turn right on Myrtle Street, left on Octavia Street, left on Magoffin Street, home is on the right, 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.



Abbreviations

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



Gulf Coast

Atkinson Island WMA In Harris County, off Morgan's Point on the Houston Ship Channel; accessed by boat only, 409-736-2551.

Battleship Texas SHP In Harris County, 22 miles east of downtown Houston off State Highway 225 east, then north on State Highway 134 to park entrance, 281-479-4414.

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, 409-553-5101.

Candy Cain Abshier WMA In Chambers County, approximately 23 miles south of Anahuac on F.M. 562, to Smith Point, 409-736-2551.

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, 361-729-0386.

Goose Island SP In Aransas County, 10 miles north of Rockport on State Highway 35 to Park Road 13 east for 2 miles east park entrance, 361-729-2858.

Lake Texana SP In Jackson County, approximately 4 miles from Ganado, between U.S. Highway 59 and F.M. 1593, to entrance, 361-782-5718.

Matagorda Island SP & WMA In Calhoun County, about 50 miles southeast of Victoria. Park headquarters, dock and information center at Port O'Connor, 361-983-2215.

Varner-Hogg SHP In Brazoria County, 2 miles north of West Columbia off F.M. 2852 to entrance, 979-345-4656.

Welder Flats Coastal Preserve In Calhoun County, at the junction of the Victoria Barge Canal and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Boat access only, 409-244-7697.

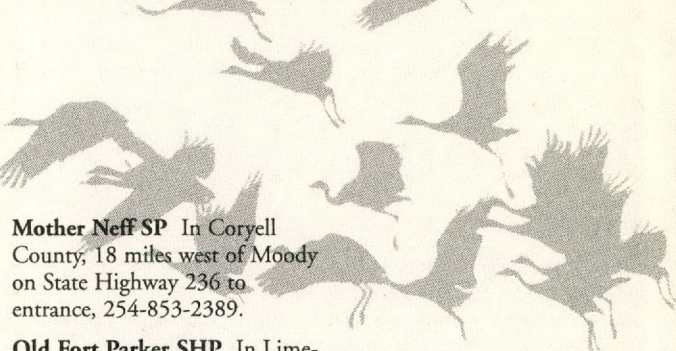
Panhandle Plains

Abilene SP In Taylor County, 16 miles southwest of Abilene off F.M. 89 to entrance, 915-572-3204.

Big Spring SP In Howard County, 36 miles east of Midland or 100 miles west of Abilene. From Midland take I.H. 20 east to Big Spring, take Business 20 exit eastbound, turn right onto F.M. 700, park is located on the right, 915-263-4931.

Brownwood, Texas In Brown County, 11 miles north of Brownwood. Take Texas Highway 279 to F.M. 3021, then 1 / 4 mile to the 4-H Center entrance, 512-389-8183.

Caprock Canyons SP & Trailway In Briscoe County, 3 miles north of Quitaque. Take State Highway 86 to Quitaque, then take F.M. 1065 to the park, 806-455-1492.



Mother Neff SP In Coryell County, 18 miles west of Moody on State Highway 236 to entrance, 254-853-2389.

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

Palmetto SP In Gonzales County, 6 miles south of Luling on U.S. Highway 183 to entrance, 830-672-3266.

Richland Creek WMA In Freestone and Navarro counties, about 28 miles east of Corsicana, along U.S. Highway 287 to entrance, 903-928-2251.

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

Copper Breaks SP In Hardeman County, 12 miles south of Quanah or 11 miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6, to park entrance, 940-839-4331.

Palo Duro Canyon SP In Armstrong and Randall counties, 12 miles east of Canyon on State Highway 217. From Amarillo, south on Ranch Road 1541, to State Highway 217 east for 8 miles, to park entrance, 806-488-2227.

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.

Prairies and Lakes

Confederate Reunion Grounds SHP In Limestone County, 6 miles south of Mexia on State Highway 14, then 2.5 miles west on FM 2705, 254-562-5751.

Cooper Lake SP/Doctor's Creek Unit In Delta County, 2 miles south of Cooper, on the northern shore of Cooper Lake, on State Highway 154, turn west onto F.M. 1529 to entrance, 903-395-3100.

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, 936-873-2633.

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

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center In Somervell County, 3 miles southwest of Glen Rose; go south on County Road 2008 for 2 miles to entrance, 254-897-2960.

Gus Engeling WMA In Anderson County, 21 miles northwest of Palestine on U.S. Highway 287 to entrance, 903-928-2251.

Lake Mineral Wells SP In Parker County, 4 miles east of Mineral Wells on U.S. Highway 180 to entrance, 940-328-1171.

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.

Stephen F. Austin SHP In Austin County, 3 miles east of Sealy off I.H. 10, take exit F.M. 1458 north, go 2 miles, turn left on Park Road 38 to entrance, 979-885-3613.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center In Henderson County, 5 miles east of Athens, take State Highway 31 to F.M. 2495 next to Lake Athens, 903-676-2277.

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, 963-878-2214.



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.

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, 361-786-3868.

Falcon SP In Starr and Zapata counties, 15 miles north of Roma off U.S. Highway 83, F.M. 2098 to Park Road 46 on the eastern shore of Falcon Reservoir, 956-848-5327.

Goliad SHP In Goliad County, 1/4 mile south of Goliad on U.S. Highway 183/77A, to park entrance, 361-645-3405.

Government Canyon SNA In Bexar County, from the intersection of Loop 1604 and Culebra Road (also known as FM 471 - back road to Castroville), travel west 3.5 miles to Galm Road. Turn north (right) on Galm and travel 1.6 miles; gate with signs on the left, 210-688-9055.

Pineywoods

Governor Hogg Shrine HP In Wood County, in the city of Quitman 6 blocks from the Wood County Courthouse on State Highway 37 south to entrance, 903-763-2701.

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

Mission Tejas SHP In Houston County, 21 miles northeast of Crockett on State Highway 21 to Park Road 44 to entrance, 936-687-2394.

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.

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, turn east onto Alma Drive to park entrance, 409-755-7322.

Splish Splash

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Black Gap WMA Fishing on the Rio Grande - Oct. 7-14, 21-31; Nov. 1-23; Dec. 11-26. Riverside fishing and primitive camping along the river. Bring your own water. TCP required. Call for more information during regular business hours, 915-376-2216.

GULF COAST

Matagorda Island SP & WMA Beach Combing and Shelling Tour - Oct. 5-6; Nov. 10, 18, 19; Dec. 29. On the island, ride in an open vehicle to the Gulf of Mexico beach for the day. Guide will inform you about mollusks, tropical drift seeds and the ecosystems of a gulf barrier island as you comb the beach for shells. Bring lunch for picnicking on the beach. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 19, fees \$2 TCP members, \$8 non-members, \$8 senior citizens, \$4 children 12 and under, reservations required, 361-983-2215.

Outdoor Skills

BIG BEND COUNTRY

Big Bend Ranch SP Desert Survival Workshop - Nov. 10-12. Three-day workshop on desert survival strategies including water location, primitive fire-making and cooking, shelter construction, signaling and environmental emergencies. Includes meals, lodging, handouts, field work and evening programs. Survival expert Bob Cooper from Australia will be a guest instructor. Maximum of 20 participants. 8 a.m. Nov. 10 till 5 p.m. Nov. 12, fees \$341 TCP members, \$350 non-members, reservations required, 915-229-3416.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Brownwood, Texas Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop - Oct. 27-29. Have fun while you learn skills that will enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors. Call for more information. Fees \$180 adults, reservations required, 512-389-8183.



Caprock Canyons SP

& Trailway Quitaque Quest - Oct. 22. Bring your mountain bike and enter the 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. 11 a.m., 806-455-1492.

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Government Canyon SNA Dutch Oven Cooking Class - Nov. 4; Dec. 3. Learn the basics to preparing a complete meal that will include a main dish, bread and dessert. All will be enjoyed at end of class. Participants are limited. 1-5 p.m., fees \$25 adults, 210-688-9570.

Caving

HILL COUNTRY

Colorado Bend SP Walking Cave Tour - Oct.; Nov. & Dec. Discover what speleologists (cavers) experience while exploring Gorman Cave. Two and a half-mile hike over Hill Country terrain to and from cave. Every Saturday & Sunday weather permitting. 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., fees \$10 per-person, reservations available but not required, 915-628-3240.

Crawling Cave Tour - Oct. 7; Nov. 4; Dec. 2. Discover what speleologists (cavers) experience while exploring the underground world. Tour of two relatively small and progressively more difficult caves; tight crawl spaces for up to 75 feet at a time. 1:30-4:30 p.m., fees \$15 per-person, reservations available but not required, 915-628-3240.



Public Hunts on State Park Lands

2000-2001 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 activities.

The following schedule lists the times and dates when public access is restricted at the parks offering public hunts. 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.

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.

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 for Public Hunts Information press 5.

Atlanta 903-796-6476

10 a.m. Dec. 5 to noon Dec. 7
10 a.m. Dec. 12 to noon Dec. 14
10 a.m. Dec. 19 to noon Dec. 21

Big Bend Ranch 915-229-3416

Partial restriction on Nov. 7-9, 11-13, 25-29;
Dec. 9-11, 12-14, and Jan. 9-11, 23-25*

Brazos Bend 409-553-5101

10 p.m. Nov. 12 to noon Nov. 17
10 p.m. Dec. 3 to noon Dec. 8
10 p.m. Dec. 17 to noon Dec. 22

Caprock Canyons 806-455-1492

10 p.m. Nov. 28 to 2 p.m. Dec. 1
10 p.m. Dec. 5 to noon Dec. 8
10 p.m. Jan. 2 to noon Jan. 5
10 p.m. Jan. 9 to noon Jan. 12

Choke Canyon/Calliham Unit 915-229-3416

Partial restriction on Jan. 1-3, 3-5, 8-10,
10-12, 15-17, 17-19*

Colorado Bend 915-628-3240

10 p.m. Nov. 28 to 2 p.m. Dec. 1
10 p.m. Dec. 5 to 2 p.m. Dec. 8
10 p.m. Dec. 12 to 2 p.m. Dec. 15
10 p.m. Dec. 26 to 2 p.m. Dec. 29
10 p.m. Jan. 2 to 2 p.m. Jan. 5
10 p.m. Jan. 9 to 2 p.m. Jan. 12
10 p.m. Jan. 16 to 2 p.m. Jan. 19
10 p.m. Jan. 23 to 2 p.m. Jan. 26

Partial restriction on April 25-27, and
May 2-4*

Davis Mountains 915-426-3337

Partial restriction on Jan. 8-10, 10-12, 15-17,
17-19*

Devils River 830-395-2133

8 a.m. Nov. 13 to 8 a.m. Nov. 18
8 a.m. Dec. 4 to 8 a.m. Dec. 7
8 a.m. Dec. 11 to 8 a.m. Dec. 14

Enchanted Rock 915-247-3903

10 p.m. Dec. 3 to 2 p.m. Dec. 8
10 p.m. Dec. 17 to 2 p.m. Dec. 22
10 p.m. Dec. 25 to 2 p.m. Dec. 29

Fairfield Lake 903-389-4514

10 p.m. Dec. 3 to 1 p.m. Dec. 8

Garner 830-232-6132

10 p.m. Dec. 4 to noon Dec. 7
10 p.m. Dec. 10 to noon Dec. 15

Guadalupe River 830-438-2656

10 p.m. Jan. 2 to noon Jan. 5
10 p.m. Jan. 7 to noon Jan. 12
10 p.m. Jan. 16 to noon Jan. 19

Hill Country 830-796-4413

10 p.m. Oct. 29 to noon Nov. 1
10 p.m. Nov. 5 to noon Nov. 8
10 p.m. Nov. 12 to noon Nov. 15
10 p.m. Nov. 26 to noon Nov. 29
10 p.m. Dec. 3 to noon Dec. 6
10 p.m. Dec. 10 to noon Dec. 13
10 p.m. Dec. 17 to noon Dec. 20
10 p.m. Jan. 7 to noon Jan. 10
10 p.m. Jan. 14 to noon Jan. 17

Honey Creek 830-438-2656

10 p.m. Jan. 2 to noon Jan. 5
10 p.m. Jan. 7 to noon Jan. 12
10 p.m. Jan. 16 to noon Jan. 19

Partial restriction on Jan. 6-7, 13-14, and
Sept. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24*

Huntsville 409-295-5644

6 a.m. Dec. 27 to noon Dec. 29
6 a.m. Jan. 3 to noon Jan. 5
6 a.m. Jan. 8 to noon Jan. 12

Inks Lake/Longhorn Caverns 512-793-2223

Partial restriction on Dec. 6-8, 13-15, 27-29;
and Jan. 3-5, 10-12, 17-19*

Lake Brownwood 915-784-5223

Noon Jan. 1 to 8 a.m. Jan. 5
Noon Jan. 8 to 8 a.m. Jan. 12
Noon Jan. 15 to 8 a.m. Jan. 19
Noon Jan. 22 to 8 a.m. Jan. 26

Lake Houston 281-354-6881

10 p.m. Dec. 10 to noon Dec. 15

Partial restriction on Jan. 6-7, 8-10, 10-12*

Lake Mineral Wells 940-328-1171

Partial restriction on Dec. 26-28, and
Jan 2-4*

Lake Somerville 979-535-7763

Partial restriction on Dec. 12-14, 20-21*

Lake Whitney 254-694-3793

10 p.m. Jan. 7 to 2 p.m. Jan. 12

Martin Dies, Jr. 409-384-5231

Partial restriction on Dec. 2-3, 9-10*

Mother Neff 254-853-2389

Partial restriction on Sept. 1, 5-8, 11-15, 18-22,
25-29*

Pedernales Falls 830-868-7304

8 a.m. Dec. 4 to 8 a.m. Dec. 8
8 a.m. Dec. 11 to 8 a.m. Dec. 15
8 a.m. Dec. 18 to 8 a.m. Dec. 22
8 a.m. Dec. 26 to 8 a.m. Dec. 28
8 a.m. Jan. 2 to 8 a.m. Jan. 5
8 a.m. Jan. 8 to 8 a.m. Jan. 12
8 a.m. Jan. 15 to 8 a.m. Jan. 19
8 a.m. Jan. 22 to 8 a.m. Jan. 26

Possom Kingdom 940-549-1803

Partial restriction on Dec. 26-27, 28-29, 30-31*

Seminole Canyon 915-292-4464

10 p.m. Dec. 3 to 2 p.m. Dec. 8
10 p.m. Dec. 10 to 2 p.m. Dec. 15

South Llano River 915-446-3994

10 a.m. Jan. 8 to 6 p.m. Jan. 12

*These hunt dates reflect a partial restriction
and no times were given.

Note: Special permit hunts taking place on the following public lands will be conducted at times or in areas not open to the general public and will not affect general park visitation: Caddo Lake, Choke Canyon North Shore, Devil's Sinkhole (only open by special permit), Fort Boggy, Matagorda Island, San Angelo, Sea Rim.



Stargazing

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Palo Duro Canyon SP Stargazing - Nov. 18; Dec. 23. Come experience the beauty of night skies in the Texas panhandle. Meet at the Lone Star Interpretive Center for stargazing and hot chocolate. In case of clouds, an alternate program will be presented. 7 p.m., 806-488-2227 x49.

SCHEDULE YOUR OWN OUTINGS

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Atkinson Island WMA Unvegetated beach areas. No facilities, accessible by boat only, 409-736-2551.

Big Bend Ranch SP Hiking, backpacking, and back country camping are available north of Highway 170. TCP or daily entrance fee is acceptable for both north and south of Highway 170. For information call Big Bend Ranch Complex office at 915-229-3416 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Candy Cain Abshier WMA Area primarily for birdwatching and nature study. No facilities, 409-736-2551.

Davis Mountains SP Experience back-country hiking in the Davis Mountains, 8- to 10- mile trail climbs to a spectacular overlook with a 360° panorama. Primitive camping available. Reservations not required, 915-426-3337.

Devils River SNA Choice of two tours given upon request by reservation only. Fee of \$10 per-person in addition to the \$3 per-person park entrance fee for 13 years and older. 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. Call 830-395-2133 for tour reservations, 512-389-8900 for facility reservations.

Granger WMA Approximately 35 miles of trails crisscross the Blackland Prairie accessible by entering at TPW registration boxes 1-7 around Granger Lake. Tall prairie grasses, fishing and birding (see if you can spot a ringnecked pheasant) await the adventurous hiker and mountain biker. Pick up area maps at Corps of Engineers headquarters at the dam, 512-859-2668.

Gus Engeling WMA Two interpretive, walking nature trails and one driving wildlife demonstration tour are open throughout the year except during special permitted hunts, 903-928-2251.

Kickapoo Cavern SNA Birdwatching and nature tours upon request. Primitive cavern tour by special arrangement. Groups encouraged, bunkhouse lodging for 14 people, and kitchen available. Please make reservations at least one week in advance. TCP required per-person (17 years or older) to enter park, 830-563-2342.

Lower Neches WMA/Bessie Heights Unit Accessible by boat only. No facilities, 409-736-2551.

Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery SHP Hear stories of how Texas heroes came to be buried on Monument Hill. Witness the breathtaking view of La Grange and the Colorado River from the bluff at Monument Hill. Take a guided tour through the park to see the Kreische homestead and the ruins of the 19th century brewery. Tours available by reservation to groups of 10 or more, 979-968-5658.

Richland Creek WMA Six miles of driving and walking trails open except during special permitted hunts. Observe wading birds from shallow-water marsh compartments on the 4,000-acre north unit between April and August. No facilities, 903-389-7080.

Walter Buck WMA Activities coordinated through South Llano River SP, 915-446-3994.

Welder Flats Coastal Preserve This area is entirely submerged land, so access is by boat. ALL shoreline area is privately owned and is NOT part of the preserve. Please do not trespass on private land and do not disturb the whooping cranes, 979-244-7697.

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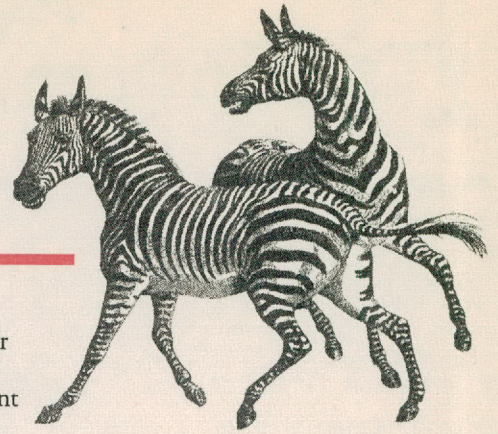
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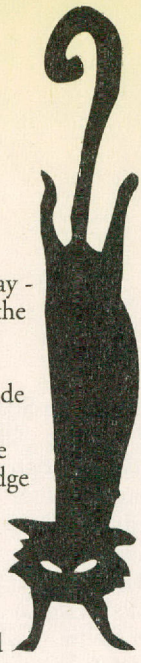
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For member assistance and information, call 800-792-1112; listen to the menu and press the extension for Texas Conservation Passport.



Halloween



BIG BEND COUNTRY

Fort Leaton SHP Haunted House - Oct. 31. Many think Fort Leaton is haunted. On Halloween it's guaranteed when the staff turns the Fort's dungeon into a haunted house with perhaps some real spirits present. 2:30-5:30 p.m., \$1 per-person, 915-229-3613.

Magoffin Home SHP Stories of Spirit - Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 11; Dec. 9. Historical tour includes stories of spirits and odd events at the home and how they relate to the Magoffin family. 10 a.m., fees \$3 adults, \$1 students, no children under 10, reservations available but not required, 915-533-5147.

GULF COAST

Fulton Mansion SHP Halloween Evening Event - Oct. 31. There will be entertainment, refreshments, games and costume contests for children and adults. Call park for details. 6-9 p.m., 361-729-0386.

Lake Texana SP Halloween Extravaganza - Oct. 28. We will have a carnival with games, costume contest, jack-o-lantern contest for youth and a haunted trail for all ages. 7:30-10 p.m., 361-782-5718.

HILL COUNTRY

Longhorn Cavern SP October Haunted Cave - Oct. 19-21, 26-31. Bring your friends and family to the haunting of Longhorn Cavern. Half-hour scary tours from 7:30 p.m.-midnight, fees \$5.50 per-person, reservations available but not required, 830-598-2283 or 877-441-2283.

PANHANDLE PLAINS

Big Spring SP Harvest Saturday - Oct. 7. Bring the children for the Great Pumpkin Hunt, with pumpkins provided by HEB Stores, Inc. Then go on a hayride around the mountain. Hayride participants enjoy riding on the park road, which follows the edge of a 200-foot bluff at the northern limit of the Edwards Plateau. While taking a hayride around the mountain, visitors are treated to a guided tour of the park's historical and geological characteristics. Great Pumpkin Hunt starts at 2:15 p.m., hayrides start at 3 and 4:30 p.m., fees free to TCP members, \$2 non-members, \$1 senior citizens, free to children 12 and under. In addition to the park entry fee, the event fee is \$1 per-person, 915-263-4931.

PINEYWOODS

Martin Dies, Jr. SP Annual Haunted Halloween Hike - Oct. 28. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows by the campfire and hike the haunted Island Hiking Trail. 6-8:30 p.m., 409-384-5231.

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

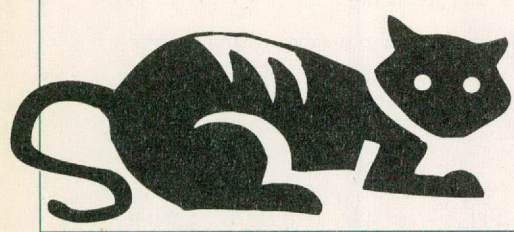
Stephen F. Austin SHP Haunted Trails of the Brazos - Oct. 26-28. Join us for an exciting, fright-filled evening of hayrides and guided walks through the haunted woods. Refreshments will be served at the dining hall, if you make it out of the woods. Bring a canned food item and get a half-priced entry and make someone's holidays a little brighter. 7:30-11 p.m., fees \$1 per-person, 979-885-3613.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Horror at the Hatchery - Oct. 31. Tour the hatchery turned haunted castle for lots of fun. Area merchants will provide goodies for the kids. Proceeds go the Athens Little Theater and Athens Food Bank. 5:30-8:30 p.m., fees \$1 or canned food item per-person, Haunted House \$1 per-person, reservations available but not required, 903-676-2277.

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