

Cooper Lake State Park Trails Map

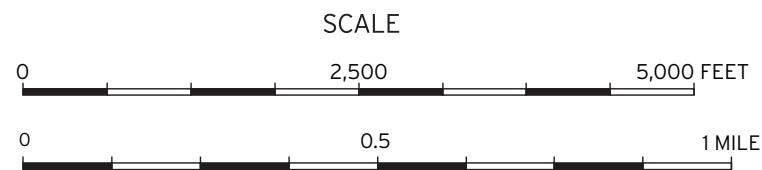
South Sulphur Unit

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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restroom
- Chemical Toilet
- Parking
- Playground
- Equestrian Trail
- Fishing Area
- Swimming Area
- Boat Ramp
- Amphitheater
- Picnic Area
- Group Pavilion
- Water/Electric Sites
- Tent Camping
- Equestrian Camping
- Screened Shelters
- Cottages/Cabins
- Dump Station



POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 SUNSET COVE** 33° 17' 32.96"N 95° 40' 4.54"W
Watch the sun set across the lake after an excellent day of fishing from the pier.
- 2 CORRAL** 33° 17' 24.20"N 95° 39' 31.00"W
Farmers raised cattle on this land before the lake and park were established. This corral and loading chute were used when cattle were brought in from the pasture to take to market.
- 3 OLD FENCING** 33° 17' 16.69"N 95° 39' 11.27"W
Along the trails and throughout the park, you might notice remnants of old barbed-wire fences. They are left from a time when early farmers used fencing to mark boundaries and to keep their livestock from wandering off their property.
- 4 THE CANEBREAK** 33° 17' 13.19"N 95° 39' 1.35"W
Native Americans used the stems of river cane to make arrow shafts and flutes. Leaves from this native grass also make good material for weaving baskets and mats.
- 5 POCKET PRAIRIE** 33° 17' 34.17"N 95° 38' 28.28"W
Pocket prairies are small openings in the oaks and cedar woodlands that remain from a time when large expanses of native prairie grasses once sustained herds of buffalo and many species of wildlife. Only a small portion of the native prairies still exist in Texas today.
- 6 HARPER'S HILL** 33° 17' 39.42"N 95° 38' 15.65"W
In spring 1873, George Harper built and operated Harper's Toll Bridge near this hill, one of very few crossings along this part of the South Sulphur River. For 10 years, travelers heading to Sulphur Springs and other points south paid 5 cents to walk across the river, 10 cents to cross on horseback, 15 cents for a single horse and buggy, 25 cents for a team of two horses or oxen pulling a wagon, buggy or carriage, 50 cents for four horses or oxen, or 75 cents for a team of six.



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Enjoy the natural beauty of the forest and the lake.

Close to the city though far away from the hustle and bustle, spend the day horseback riding, hiking or biking the variety of trails at Cooper Lake State Park. Choose an easy stroll, a challenging day-long ride, or something in between. There is something for every skill level.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat.

Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

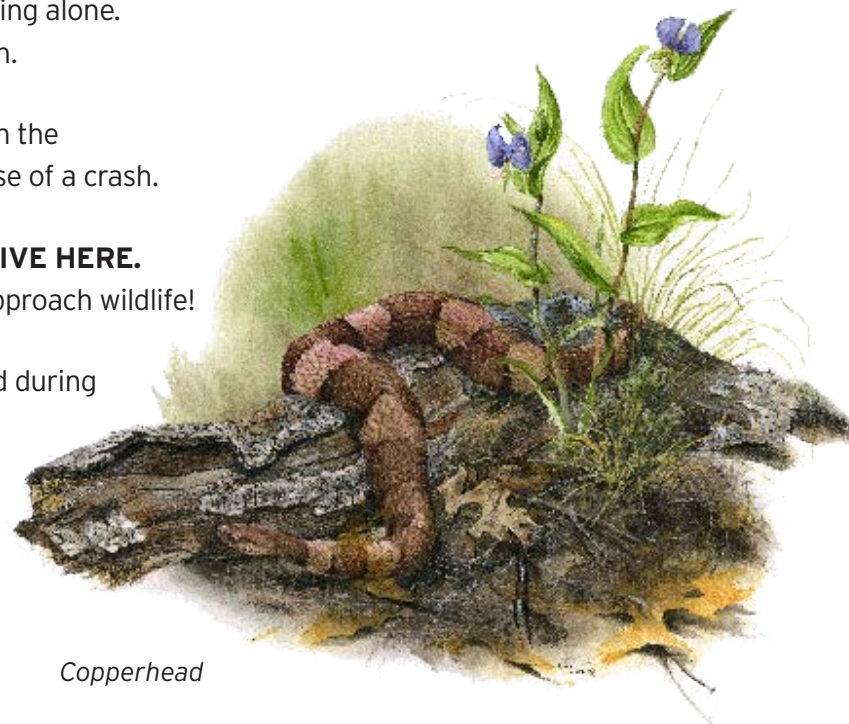
DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET. When biking, check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS MAY LIVE HERE. Staying on the trail paths makes them easier to see. Do not approach wildlife!

CHECK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES. Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management work.



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TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 COYOTE RUN TRAIL	2.88 mi.	2 hrs	Moderate	Explore the hills and "bottoms" of the South Sulphur River Watershed. Native Americans and settlers were attracted to this land of plentiful wildlife, plants and water. Take time to see the canebrakes and pocket prairies along the way.
 HONEY CREEK INTERPRETIVE TRAIL	.32 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Discover the diversity of this area, where many species of native trees and shrubs are identified.
 BUGGY WHIP EQUESTRIAN TRAIL (Equestrian Only)	10.55 mi.	5 hrs.	Challenging	Enjoy pleasant riding in warm weather, for an hour, or a day. This trail winds through 600 acres of shaded forest, thick vegetation, down hillsides and through gulches of tributary creeks for over 10 miles. Look for numbered trail markers. Riding the trail beyond Number 1 becomes more challenging, takes longer than an hour, and is only recommended for experienced riders. CURRENT PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REQUIRED.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

Don't Pocket the Past. Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.

Take only memories and pictures. Disturbing or removing any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

We need to know about your caches. Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.

No horsing around. Horseback riders must stay on trails marked for horses and yield to other trail users on multi-use trails.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.