

# UPPER TEXAS COAST

## GREAT TEXAS COASTAL BIRDING TRAIL



### GUIDE TO USING THE MAP

The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail - Upper Texas Coast includes fifteen separate loops. Each encompasses an array of associated sites and birds. Each encircled loop on the front and back of the map provides easy access to related information. Site symbols on the map are shaped and colored to show access, indicate fees when applicable, and denote the availability of developed overnight facilities at each location. This map also furnishes information about the trail locations, including detailed instructions on how to reach each site and GPS coordinates where available. Using this map, travelers will no longer struggle to locate obscure birding spots that may contain the species they traveled to see.

This publication contains an illustrated highway map of the Upper Texas Coast that shows the 139 designated sites. Each site is marked with a symbol that points to its location, with the shape of the symbol signifying the following:

- The site is open daily, and developed camping is available at the site.
- ▲ The site is open for day use only.
- Call ahead, access to the site is restricted, visitation may be arranged by contacting the managing entity at the address and telephone number provided.

Note: If the symbol is outlined in black, an entrance fee or donation may be required.

In addition, each symbol is colored to distinguish the segment or loop to which the site belongs. Each site has been assigned to one of the eleven loops, and no loop requires more than a long weekend to leisurely traverse.

Descriptions of the sites are on the back of the map, and include directions to each location, examples of the birds to be seen, and contacts for additional information. The text, like the map, is organized by loops. A list of contacts (chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus) begins each section. Information about food, lodging, and local points of interest may be obtained from these organizations. Several also publish maps and guides to the birds and sites in their regions, so visit the local visitor centers when traveling along the coast for additional information.

To aid travelers, each site is marked with a brown sign illustrated with the familiar Black Skimmer logo, as well as a unique site number that corresponds with the map. Just look for the skimmer logo on directional signs when driving along the Trail to confirm your route and location.



Birding Trail Sign Marker  
Central Texas Coast (CTC)

- 10 Interstate
- 71-111 State Highway
- 684 State Loop or Spur
- PT1 Park Road
- 237 Farm or Ranch Road
- 90 U.S. Highway
- 90 Alternate Route (U.S. Highway)
- 72 Business Route (U.S. Highway)
- TX Texas Travel Information Center
- Rest Area with Rest Rooms

One inch equals approximately 9 miles

### IMPORTANCE OF NATURE TOURISM

The Great Texas Wildlife Trail program was developed in an effort to make it easier for people to find special places throughout the state of Texas to go wildlife watching. TPWD produced these maps to help visitors by connecting nature tourism destinations into easy driving loops while also supporting sustainable economic development in local communities.

Wildlife watching is big business in Texas! With 4.2 million participants (2.5 million of whom are birdwatchers) wildlife watchers have an overall economic impact of \$5.2 billion on the Texas economy. Wildlife watchers spend more money in Texas each year than hunters or anglers! With the help of this map and the entire Great Texas Wildlife Trail, enjoy this wonderful state and the great diversity of experiences waiting for you along the highways and back roads. As we like to say at TPWD, life's better outside.

### TEXAS PADDLING TRAILS

View wildlife from a different vantage point! The Texas Paddling Trails program develops public inland and coastal paddling trails throughout the state and supports these trails with maps, signage, fishing and wildlife-viewing information, and more. These trails provide well-mapped accessible day trips in a variety of settings and for all levels of paddling experience offering wildlife watchers another avenue for exploring the outdoors. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/paddling](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/paddling)

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Texas Parks and Wildlife Information:  
(800) 792-1112  
[www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov)

Trail Map Edits and Updates:  
(512) 389-1500  
[www.tpwd.texas.gov/wildlifetrails](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/wildlifetrails)

North American Rare Bird Alert:  
[www.narba.org](http://www.narba.org)

Texas Travel Information:  
[www.travel.texas.com](http://www.travel.texas.com)



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