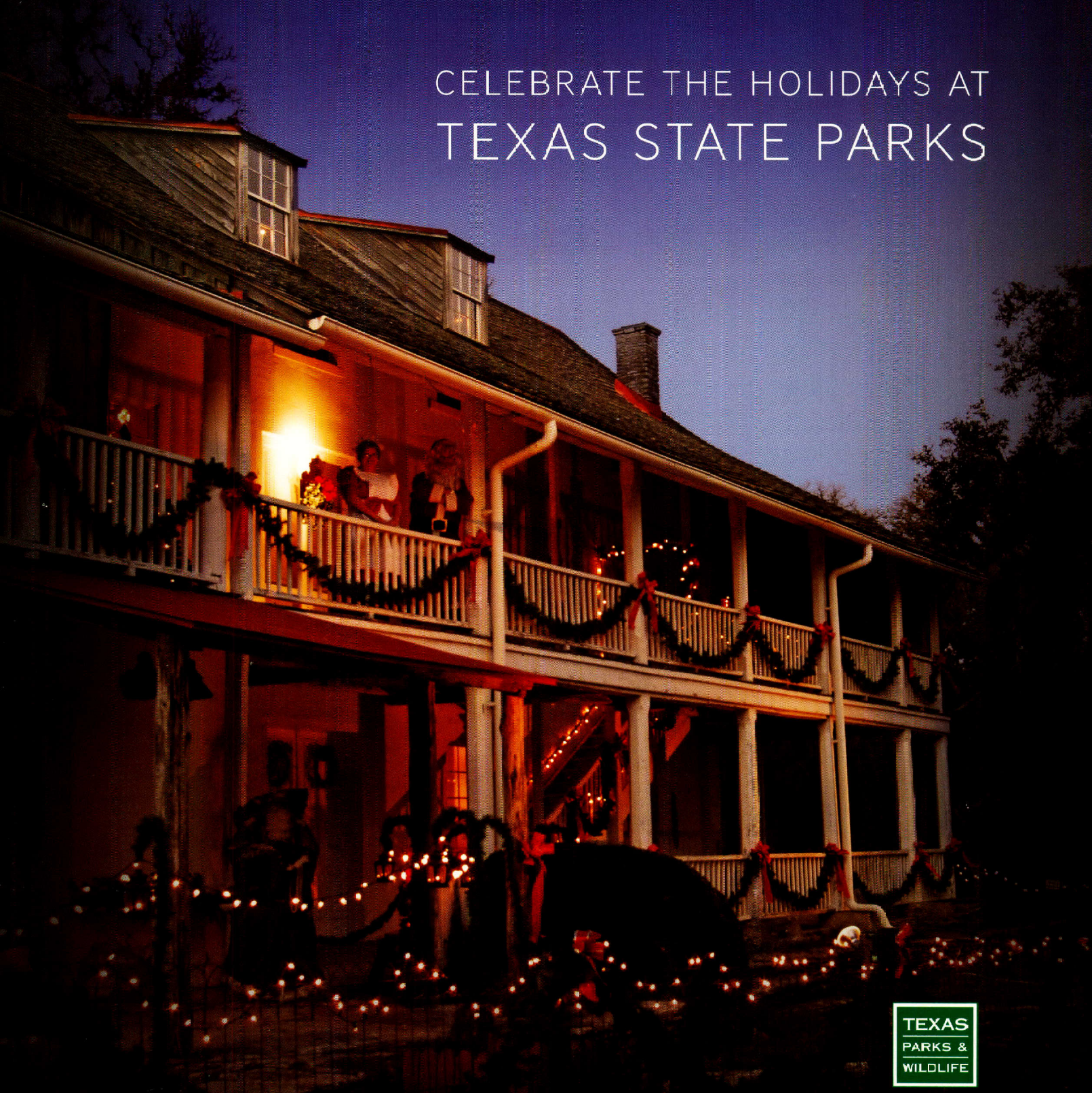


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Christmas is a great time to get out and visit a Texas state park or historic site. Whether it's a festive event with family and friends, or a solitary nature walk on a crisp evening, there's something for just about everyone this time of year in a state park. Before attending any event, please check with the park to confirm applicable fees and charges, availability, and to ensure the event is still taking place. Visit [www.texasstateparks.org/holidays](http://www.texasstateparks.org/holidays) for the most up-to-date information on State Park holiday events and promotions.



To find information about parks, visit [texasstateparks.org](http://texasstateparks.org) or call (800) 792-1112 and press option 3.

## **Abilene State Park**

### *Fa-la-la in the Forest*

Dec. 21 6-9 p.m.

Campers will be asked to adorn their campsites, screen shelters, or yurts with lights and decorations. Campsite fees will be waived for the day of the event for those who both stay two (or more) days and also decorate their site. The public will be invited to tour the park, free of charge, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cookies, hot chocolate, and other refreshments will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. and Santa is expected to make an appearance. Anyone interested in decorating a campsite should contact the park in advance. (325) 572-3204

## **Atlanta State Park**

### *Christmas in the Park*

Dec. 13-14 Starting at dark

Decorate your campsite and join in bringing Christmas cheer to visitors as they enjoy a free drive through the park on Dec. 13-14. Visitors will also get the chance to see Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and Smokey the Bear. Refreshments and treats will be served. Fees waived for those campers who participate in the festivities by decorating your campsite! (903) 796-6476

## **Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center**

### *Christmas on the Border*

Dec. 17 6:30-9 p.m.

Join our staff and volunteers in celebrating the holiday season in West Texas border fashion. The

Terlingua Chorus, Terlingua Community School Band and a variety of community performers will provide entertainment. Refreshments and treats will be served while Santa Claus visits with the children. (432) 424-3327

## **Battleship Texas State Historic Site**

### *Yuletide Texas*

Dec. 1-31 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
(Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Free for Texas State Parks Pass members and for children 12 and under, \$12 non-members, \$6 senior citizen 65+

Missing family and friends, the crew of the Texas did their best to make the ship feel more like home during the holidays. Come share the sights and sounds of the season as the ship is adorned with lights and ornaments, reminiscent of the crew's traditional decorations. Wheelchair accessibility on main deck only. (281) 479-2431

### *"A Sailor's Christmas"*

Dec. 14 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free for Texas State Parks Pass members and for children 12 and under, \$12 non-members, \$6 senior citizen 65+

Come join us for truly unique Christmas experience! Step back in time with the Battleship Texas for some holiday fun! Drawing on the ship's history, the crew will recreate some of the Christmas moments shared by the sailors who served on her. Send a Morse code message to the North Pole, make your very own

Battleship ornaments, listen to the sounds of the season with live performances by area bands and choirs, and take a picture with Santa. While onboard, tickle your sweet tooth with hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies (while supplies last). Come join us for a truly unique Christmas experience! Wheelchair accessibility on main deck only. (281) 479-2431

## **Big Bend Ranch State Park**

### *Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ranch*

Nov. 28 1 - 2 p.m.

November means turkey and all the trimmings, so everyone is invited to experience our annual Ranch Thanksgiving Dinner at the Saucedo Headquarters. Get away from the bustle of the city and join us to give thanks that there is still a place that is quiet, remote, wild, and scenic. Dinner will be served around 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., but feel free to come out early and stay late to fully experience and appreciate the natural wonder that is Big Bend Ranch State Park. Full turkey dinner is just \$15 per person, with waived entrance fee. Reservations and payment are required and can be made by calling the park at (432) 358-4444 beginning on Nov. 1 and closing at the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 18.

## **Brazos Bend State Park**

### *A Simple Christmas*

Dec. 7 3-7 p.m.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the season and enjoy the simple life: making s'mores, Dutch oven cooking, children's crafts, hayrides and more, plus a visit from a "Southern Santa." Cap off the evening with "The Brazos River Pickers" old-time, bluegrass band. Refreshments available. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy while you listen to the performance at the outdoor amphitheater. Accessible for the mobility impaired. For more information, visit [www.brazosbend.org](http://www.brazosbend.org). (979) 553-5101

## **Cedar Hill State Park**

### *Caroling Through Penn Farm*

Dec. 14 6:30-8 p.m.

Take a lantern-lit tour of Penn Farm. As we explore this historic farm, you will hear stories of the Penn family and their pioneering spirit. Learn what life on the farm was like for this family as they farmed and raised livestock for over a century. The tour will wrap up with a Christmas carol sing-a-long around the campfire while enjoying hot chocolate, hot apple cider, cookies and other holiday treats. (972) 291-5940

## **Cooper Lake State Park – Doctor's Creek Unit**

### *7th Annual Christmas in the Park*

Dec. 13-14 5-10 p.m.

Visitors will find the park and the entire campground decorated to match the beauty of the holidays. Those joining us on Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. will also find refreshments and have the opportunity to visit with Santa (remember to bring your camera for pictures). Driving through the park is free for this event. Sponsored by The Friends of Doctor's Creek. (903) 395-3100

## **Daingerfield State Park**

### *1st Annual Piney Woods Christmas*

Dec. 13-14

Come experience a Piney Woods Christmas at Daingerfield State Park. Take a drive through the park to view sites decorated by our campers. Stop by Little Pine General Store (a Texas State Park store) to purchase gifts and souvenirs. Santa will be here taking your last minute requests just in time for Christmas! Refreshments and treats will be served. (903) 645-2921

## **Dinosaur Valley State Park**

### *Christmas Bird Feeding Frenzy*

Dec. 14 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a fun and informative workshop where you will decorate

your very own backyard bird feeder. This "gift" to our feathered friends will aid them through the cold winter months. Ol' Saint Nick may make a special appearance as well. There will be plenty of photo opportunities. Come and join the fun! Workshop attendance is limited, please call for reservations. (254) 897-4588

## **Enchanted Rock**

### *Christmas at the Rock*

Dec. 14 2-5 p.m.

Enjoy a Hill Country Christmas at legendary Enchanted Rock. Make the climb and take in the legendary view. Afterwards, a hayride, cookies, and hot chocolate will help put you in the holiday spirit. Santa will be making a stop, so be sure to stop by for a visit. (830) 685-3030

## **Estero Llano Grande State Park**

### *Full Moon Hike with Santa*

Dec. 17 8-10 p.m.

Join us for a special holiday version of our guided nighttime hike through the park. Santa will join our interpretive guides on a night time journey of mystery and excitement as we explore the boardwalks and trails of the park under the beautiful nighttime sky of the Rio Grande Valley. Regular entrance fees apply. (956) 565-3919

### *Bunuelo Bites and Christmas Lights*

Dec. 21 7-10 p.m.

Come enjoy an evening full of Christmas spirit. Walk the lighted path to the visitor's center where you can join us in crafts and activities for the kids. Christmas carols around the piano are sure to warm your soul, and to warm your body ride the tinsel trolley to Pauraque Hall and enjoy traditional hot chocolate and bunuelos. Santa is sure to join in the festivities at one of his favorite parks in Texas. Be sure to visit the park store, where you'll be sure to find the perfect gift for anyone on your list. (956) 565-3919

## **Fairfield Lake State Park**

### *3rd Annual Christmas in the Park*

Dec. 13-14 6-10 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the season with a "Trail of Lights" and hayride through our Post Oak camping loop. Local businesses and campers decorate their campsites; fees will be waived for those who participate. Classic Christmas movies will be playing in the dining hall, where you will also find hot cocoa, wassail and cookies being served to help put you in the Christmas spirit. Santa will stop by to visit and take pictures from 6 to 8 p.m. The park is also serving as a drop-off point for "Toys for Tots." (903) 389-4514 ext. 0

## **Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site**

### *Twilight Firelight*

Nov. 30 4:30-8 p.m.

Holiday Time is Family Time at Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site. Take a journey back to the 1850s when the Inn comes to life with lanterns, luminaries and holiday traditions! Enjoy the ambiance of the candlelit Inn, period music, poetry, stagecoach rides, chuck wagon cooking, carol singing and a host of living history characters! Arrive in style, as you board a stagecoach at the Grimes County courthouse to carry you to the Inn. There you will meet your hosts from 1850, Henry and Rachel Fanthorp, along with cowboys and other travelers from the period. They will entertain you with stories, poetry, music, wassail and good cheer. Take a break from the hectic holiday pace and re-focus on your family and friends at Fanthorp Inn's Twilight Firelight celebration! No reservations are required as tickets are available near the courthouse parking from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Suggested ticket donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. (936) 878-2214

## **Fort Leaton state Historic Site**

### *Posada at the Fort*

Dec. 19 6:30-9 p.m.

Come celebrate Christmas with a traditional Mexican posada. Walk and sing with Mary and Joseph as they search for shelter. Enjoy a Christmas carol concert performed by a local choir and see the historic structure come to life in the candlelight of 600 luminarias. Refreshments will be served. Entrance and event fees waived for this event. Wheelchair accessible for most of the event. (432) 229-3613

## **Fort Richardson State Park and Historic Site**

### *Fort Richardson by Candlelight*

Dec. 14 5-7 p.m.

Join us as we recreate Christmas in 1870. Once the sun sets, you'll find the historic buildings filled with cavalry soldiers and their families as they go about their evening celebrations and the routines of a nineteenth century U.S. military post. Visitors are invited to stroll through the buildings and watch these "Ghosts of Christmas Past." Event is free but park entrance fees still apply. (940) 567-3506

## **Goliad State Park**

### *Christmas at the Mission*

Dec. 7 8 p.m.

Experience the sights and sounds of the holiday season at Mission Espíritu Santo, Goliad State Park! Under the direction of Dr. James Lee, the Beeville Community Chorus will present a selection of sacred and secular Christmas music inside the old mission chapel. Flickering candlelight, phenomenal acoustics, and voices raised in song create a visual and auditory Christmas experience like no other. The park store will be open to provide you with unique gifts for everyone on your list. Park entrance fees apply. (361) 645-3405

## *History in Lights*

Nov. 30 - Dec. 31

Every evening, sunset until 10 p.m.

Come take an evening stroll at Mission Espíritu Santo and discover the history of the site. Flickering light and shadow tell the story of the mission from its long ago role as a Spanish Colonial mission, through its reconstruction by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, to its refurbishment as a state park under TPWD starting in the 1970s. Park entrance fees apply; please use self pay station. (361) 645-3405.

## **Government Canyon State Natural Area**

### *Pioneer Kids Christmas*

Dec. 14 10 a.m.-noon

Join us for a Pioneer Kids Christmas! Experience what a typical Christmas would have been like for pioneer children in this region. Learn about the origins of pioneer Christmas traditions; create your own nineteenth-century Christmas decorations; listen to the Christmas legends pioneer children may have heard and make a traditional nineteenth-century children's toy. Group size limited; no pets please. Reservations requested beginning on Nov. 12 and ending at noon Dec. 13. For reservations or more information, e-mail [niki.lake@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:niki.lake@tpwd.texas.gov) or call (210) 688-9055 ext. 292. Include the name of each participant/guardian, age of participant, contact e-mail address and phone number. Entrance fees apply.

## **Lake Bob Sandlin State Park**

### *Christmas in the Park*

Dec. 13-14

Visitors are invited to drive or stroll through the park and see campsites "dressed in holiday style." There will also be hot chocolate at the headquarters after your tour of the lights. Entrance fees waived for participating visitors. Campers who agree to decorate their campsites will be able



to camp for free. Please call office in advance to sign up for a site; participating campers may begin arriving on Wednesday, Dec. 11, and must have displays ready by noon on Friday, Dec. 13. (903) 572-5531

## **Lake Brownwood State Park**

### *Holiday at the Lake*

Dec. 14

Come camp with us and bring your decorations with you! We will be having a competition for best decorated campsite. The winner will get their campsite fees waived for the evening. For visitors and overnight guests, at 7 p.m. there will be a campfire talk with a park ranger and Santa will make an appearance. Kids can have their photo taken on Santa's lap and then decorate sugar cookies provided by the Friends of Lake Brownwood. Hot chocolate will also be provided. (325) 784 5223

## **Lake Corpus Christi State Park**

### *1st Annual Sparkling Christmas*

Dec. 14

Bring your decorations to Lake Corpus Christi State Park and camp with us. We will be having a competition for best decorated campsite. Site camping fees are waived for those that decorate their campsite. Daily entry fee will apply per day per person. Winner will receive a week-end free of camping of your choice. Santa will be dropping in to judge and eat some cookies. Participants must register by Nov. 29 and arrive no later than 8 p.m. on Dec. 13. (361) 547-2635

## **Lake Tawakoni State Park**

### *Christmas Twinkle Tour*

Dec. 14 6-9 p.m.

Come camp with us and decorate your campsite with your favorite holiday decorations. Later that evening join us on a hayride, or drive your vehicle, through the park to

view the Christmas decorations. Santa will be in the park to take your Christmas wishes, so bring your cameras. Refreshments will be served at The Tawakoni Trading Post. Come shop for that unique gift you've been looking for. If the weather should turn bad, visitors can use their own vehicles to tour the park. Event fee of \$5 per vehicle. (903) 560-7123

## **Lockhart State Park**

### *Guided Hike and Dutch Oven Cooking*

Dec. 7 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enjoy a hike on a brisk December morning with State Park staff and volunteers, where you'll learn about park history, flora and fauna. Hike starts at 10 and goes until noon, expect to hike about 1 mile. After the hike, take time to enjoy the park. Then, from 2 to 3 p.m., there will be an open fire Dutch oven cooking demonstration where you'll help prepare cinnamon roll biscuits and holiday spiced apples. Park entrance fees apply. (512) 398-3479

### *Hike and Old Fashioned Holiday Taffy Pull*

Dec. 14 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join staff on a guided hike of the park and discover the park's history and all about the plants and animals that call this park home. The hike starts at 10 and goes until noon, expect to hike about a mile. Afterwards, take a break and enjoy the park on your own. Then, from 2 to 3 p.m., get ready for some holiday candy making fun as we make batches of homemade taffy and get our hands covered with this delicious treat. Regular park entrance fees apply. (512) 398-3479

## **Longhorn Cavern State Park**

### *Caroling in the Cave*

Dec. 14 and 21 6-8 p.m.

Join us at Longhorn Cavern as we celebrate the season with the singing of Christmas carols inside the cavern,

and food and games in the administration building. Different musical artist each week. Reservations highly recommended. (512) 756-4680

## **Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site**

### *Holiday Cookie Decorating and German Traditions*

Nov. 30 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bring the entire family and get into the holiday spirit by spending the day at the park. Join us in decorating cookies as it was done for German Christmas trees in the 1900s. Enjoy participating in the German holiday traditions of wreath making, candle making and await the arrival of St. Nicholas. Make sure to stop by the park store and get a jump on your holiday shopping. (830) 644-2252

### *44th Annual LBJ Tree Lighting*

Dec. 15 6 p.m.

Come join the Texas Hill Country community in this special tradition started long ago by President and Mrs. Johnson. Enjoy carolers, a live nativity, Santa Claus, refreshments and of course, the spectacular tree lighting. Then step back in time to the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm where you'll find special German cookies and cakes, glowing lanterns, and a traditional candlelit German Christmas tree. The park store will be open to help you find all your holiday gifts. (830) 644-2252

## **Martin Creek Lake State Park**

### *Christmas in the Pineywoods*

Dec. 6-7 6-9 p.m.

Visitors can drive through the park and see campsites decorated in holiday splendor. Refreshments will be served. Entrance fees waived for participating visitors. Campers who agree to decorate their campsites will be able to camp for free (registration form required; participating campers may begin arriving on Tuesday, Dec. 3). (903) 836-4336

## **McKinney Falls State Park**

### ***A Merry Evening with Santa***

Dec. 6 6:30–9 p.m.

Come visit Austin's own state park for an evening of ornament and candy-making, Christmas decorations and pictures with Santa for a suggested donation. While you are out, enjoy hot cocoa, warm wassail, festive treats and a twilight hike.

Regular entrance fees apply.

(512) 415-8793

## **Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Site**

### ***Trail of Lights***

Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 6–8 p.m.

\$4/adult and \$1/child 3-12 years old

Celebrate Christmas in early Texas-German style! Enjoy a beautifully illuminated quarter-mile trail transformed by thousands of lights that decorate Monument Hill and Kreische House. View the lights of the town of La Grange from the trail's hillside overlook. Experience the home of H.L. Kreische decorated in traditional Texas-German 1850s-era Christmas splendor. Bring your children; they won't want to miss an opportunity to whisper Christmas wish-lists to Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Enjoy the genuine seasonal hospitality of the Friends of Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery, who sponsor the event. Get into the Christmas Season's spirit with us – Texas-German style! (979) 968-5658

## **Palo Duro Canyon State Park**

### ***Hot Air Balloon Glow***

Dec. 21 6–8 p.m.

As the night sets in, join us at the base of the canyon and take in the beauty of these glowing hot air balloons. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and Santa Claus will visit with the children. The park will also be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the High Plains Food Bank. Entrance

fees will be waived for the event.

(806) 488-227

## **Purtis Creek State Park**

### ***Christmas in Goshen (1880-1900)***

Dec. 6–7 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Drive through and enjoy the Christmas lights throughout the park. Hot chocolate, coffee and snacks will be served, in addition to an "old time" cake walk, for a donation to the Friends of Purtils Creek at the picnic pavilion. The park store will also be open to help you complete your Christmas shopping. Be sure to bring your camera because Smokey the Bear and Santa Clause will be available for pictures. Event fee is \$5 per vehicle. (903) 425-2332

## **Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Isle du Bois**

### ***Campfire Cooking***

Nov. 23 10–11:30 a.m.

Join us for a campfire cooking demonstration. Visitors will learn the basics of cooking over a fire, caring for cast iron, and will pick up a few recipes they can use in the future. (940) 686-2148

### ***Campfire Christmas***

Dec. 21 4:30–6:30 p.m.

A campfire, Christmas treats, and hot cocoa: everything you need to enjoy a cool midwinter evening. You'll also have the opportunity to make a traditional Christmas ornament and take a twilight hike on the Lost Pines Nature Trail. (940) 686-2148

## **Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Johnson Branch**

### ***It's Turkey Time***

Nov. 30 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Now that we've all eaten our fill of turkey (and then some!), let's take some time to learn about these big birds! Together, we'll explore the history of turkeys in Texas, where

they live now, and just what exactly is a snood?!? We'll also dispel some of the more common myths about our feathered, poultry friends.

(940) 637-2294

## ***Dreaming of a Wild Christmas***

Dec. 7 5–8 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled holiday-themed evening. There will be dutch-oven cooking demonstrations, with holiday cookies to sample, hot chocolate, and a traditional Christmas craft. Together, we'll see just how easy it is to give a hand-made Christmas present. Campers are encouraged to decorate their campsites, and following our holiday activities, there will be a drive-through the park to see all the wonderfully decorated sites!

## **Resaca de la Palma State Park**

### ***Jolly Night Hike***

Dec. 13 6–9 p.m.

Join us for a night of Christmas cheer in the great outdoors! Take a hike on our trail of lights, work on festive crafts in the visitor center and sing Christmas carols on a merry hay ride around the park. Enjoy hot chocolate during our Christmas tree planting and lighting ceremony and take a picture with Green Santa Claus. Event fees: Adults \$4, Children 12 and under: free. (956) 350-2920

## **Sheldon Lake State Park**

### ***Holiday in the Park***

Dec. 14 1–4 p.m.

Lots of holiday-themed activities await visitors at this special event, make reindeer ornaments or build fruit wreaths to feed backyard birds, or explore the park on a holiday-themed geocache hunt. Visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy nature hikes or visit the John Jacob Observation Tower. Listening to festive music by the campfire is sure to put you in the holiday spirit at this free event. Accessible for the mobility, visual and hearing impaired. (281) 456-2800

## South Llano River State Park

### *Holiday Gifts for the Birds*

Dec. 14 and 21 1-3 p.m.

What better way to celebrate the holiday season than remembering our feathered friends? Create special ornaments during this come-and-go event to be used in the park's bird blinds to provide winter nourishment for the birds. You can even take one home for your own backyard bird friends! All supplies provided by the Friends of South Llano River State Park. Park entrance fees are \$4 per adult; children 12 and under are free. (325) 446-3994

## Stephen F. Austin State Park

### *Family Breakfast with Santa*

Dec. 14 8:30-11 a.m.

Santa and his elves will be stopping at Stephen F. Austin State Park for breakfast on their way to the North Pole. Please join us for a pancakes and sausage, fruit, juice and coffee breakfast provided by The Friends of Stephen F. Austin State Park. Kids can bring their wish list to share with Santa as then enjoy a Holiday Nature Walk through our beautiful nature trail. Don't forget your camera! Event fee: Kids 9 and under: \$4, Adults and kids 10 and older: \$5, Kids under 3: free. Event fee includes park entry fee. (979) 885-3613

## Tyler State Park

### *Winter Wonderland Hike*

Dec. 14 Sunset

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Tyler State Park on foot or in your car. The park will be decorated with Christmas lights, and campers are encouraged to decorate their campsites. The hike starts at 4:30 p.m., and the drive through

starts at 6 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up some unique Christmas gifts at the park store. Refreshments will be served. Entry fees waived for participating visitors. Campers who agree to participate will be able to camp for free. Please call park office in advance to reserve a site; participating campers may begin arriving Thursday, Dec. 12. (903) 597-5338

## Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

### *Christmas on the Brazos featuring Barrington's Candlelight Christmas*

Dec. 14

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., modern and historic activities will be staggered throughout the park. Independence Hall will host 19th century readings from some of our favorite Christmas literature at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Star of the Republic Museum will host period crafts in the Discovery room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music and merriment will surround you in the Visitor's Center from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. as merchandise made by Texan artisans is featured and local Texas fare is available for sampling and tasting. Take advantage of a self serve photo opportunity with Santa. Visit Washington Emporium, the State Park Store, to find the perfect holiday gift. Standard park admission fees will apply.

Barrington Living History Farm will begin its Candlelight Christmas event at 5 p.m. Get a glimpse of Christmas time in the 1850s through a candlelit tour of Barrington Farm. The event will include live 19th century music and dancing, bonfires and Christmas readings, 1850s Santa Claus, musket firing, cookies and hot cider. Tour the historic home of the

last president of the Republic, Dr. Anson Jones, as the family enjoys their Christmas gathering. Visit the farm's quarters to hear how the enslaved at Barrington celebrated the season. Please allow at least one hour to complete the full experience. An activity fee of \$2 per person applies, in addition to standard park entry fee. Reservations for the evening program are strongly recommended. Barrington.Farm@tpwd.texas.gov or (936) 878-2214

## Wyer Aerial Tramway State Park

### *Santa Christmas Hike*

Dec. 14 9 a.m.-noon

Join us for our 4th annual Santa Christmas Hike. Celebrate the season with a unique, fun and challenging hike up to the top of Ranger Peak where you can enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, apple cider or coffee. After you're done taking in the view be sure to stop in and shop for a unique gift in the state park store. Once you're ready to leave, enjoy the ride back down to the base in one of our tram cars. Wear a Santa hat on the hike and receive a free tram ride down the mountain! (915) 562-9899

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