



Caddo Lake State Park

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Canoeing through the bald cypress trees is a true adventure, great for the entire family.



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Bald cypress is a large, slow-growing deciduous conifer, which frequently reaches 100 to 120 feet in height and 3 to 6 feet in diameter. It can live up to 600 years old! It is a legendary tree of the Deep South known for its above-ground "knees," moss-draped crown, and buttressed trunk. Bald cypress is generally restricted to very wet soils consisting of muck, clay or fine sand where moisture is abundant and fairly permanent.

Its tops provide nesting sites for many birds, including bald eagles, ospreys, herons and egrets. It also provides food and shelter for other animals, such as migrating Canada geese who stop to eat the seeds of the tree on their way down south for winter. Cypress wood is known as the "wood eternal" for its water-resisting abilities.
