



**Care.** We will care how we camp by being considerate of others.

**Caution.** We will use caution in the use of camping equipment both on the road and at the campsite. We will handle fire and flammable fuels so as not to endanger others or ourselves. We will improve our camping skills, knowing the right way is the safest way.

**Courtesy.** We will practice politeness because it enhances the camping experience. We will respect the privacy of others, control our children and leash our dogs.

**Cleanliness.** We will be clean in our camping habits and teach our children the importance of cleanliness. We will pick up litter no matter who left it and be proud of the campsites we leave behind.

**Cooperation.** We will observe the letter and spirit of camping regulations and rules established to protect our enjoyment of the outdoors. We will work cooperatively with others to make it better for everyone.

**Conservation.** We will protect the environment in which we enjoy camping and help those whose job it is to guard and wisely manage our country's natural resources. We will endeavor to leave a better outdoors for those who follow us.

**Common Sense.** We will apply common sense to every situation, knowing that reason, understanding and humor make camping better for ourselves and others.

**For information on other outdoor opportunities:**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.: (800) 792-1112  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

**To make reservations at a state park:**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Central Reservation Center: (512) 389-8900  
Fax: (512) 389-8959 (for fax-back forms)  
E-mail: [e-mail.reservations@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:e-mail.reservations@tpwd.state.tx.us)  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/park\\_reservations/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/park_reservations/)



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# Camping IN TEXAS



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## Where to go

### Texas State Parks

State Parks Reservations:  
(512) 389-8900

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Web site:  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

### National Parks

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

## GUIDES

### *Texas State Park Guide*

Available at state parks, outdoor  
retailers and online at:  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/  
parkguide/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/parkguide/)

### *The Official Guide to Texas State Parks*

By Laurence Parent, University of  
Texas Press

### *Texas State Travel Guide (FREE)*

(800) 888-STEX  
[www.traveltex.com](http://www.traveltex.com)

## Be safe

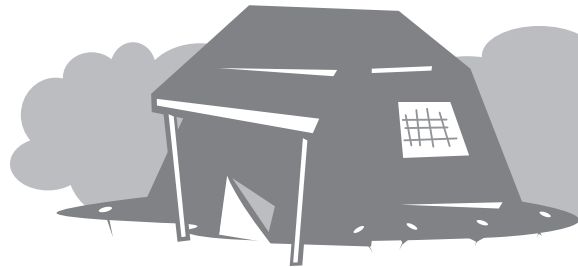
Camping can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, but it is up to you to make sure your trip is safe!

- Keep watch on children! You are responsible for the safety of your children. Make sure you know where your kids are and what they are doing.
- Be aware of the natural surroundings. There may be plants with thorns or stickers.
- You are a visitor in wildlife's home. Keep a safe distance from wild animals. Although they may look cute, they are wild and can carry diseases.
- NEVER FEED THE WILDLIFE! Feeding wildlife can encourage bad behavior by animals and is against park regulations.
- Be careful with fire. Never leave a fire unattended and be sure your campfire is out when you break camp.
- Axes, knives and saws are useful tools, but be sure you know how to properly use them.

## Be a good camper

Whether you are in the wilderness or a picnic area, proper behavior makes it more fun for everyone.

- Think about your fellow campers. Keep noise levels down, especially at night.
- Leave the area clean. Pick up your trash and make sure to check the area for items you may have forgotten.
- Keep food out of the reach of animals. Put food items away after use. Raccoons and other animals will take advantage of your carelessness.
- Dispose of wastewater properly. Dumping gray water can pollute waterways and attract unwanted pests.
- Camp in designated campsites. Use the tent pad if provided and keep vehicles on the pavement.
- LEAVE YOUR CAMPSITE CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND IT!



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