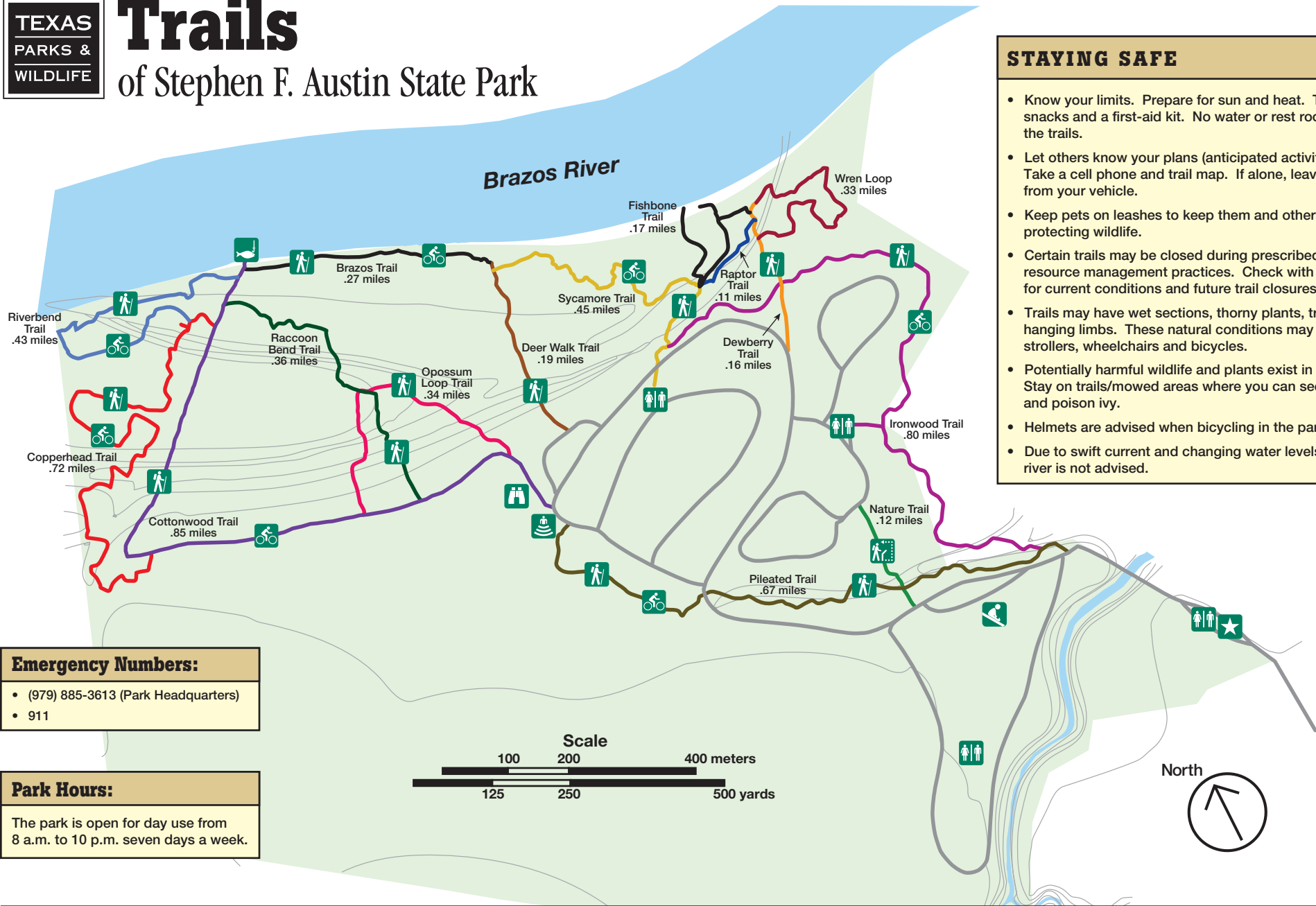


Trails

of Stephen F. Austin State Park



STAYING SAFE

- Know your limits. Prepare for sun and heat. Take plenty of water, snacks and a first-aid kit. No water or rest rooms are available on the trails.
- Let others know your plans (anticipated activity and timeframe). Take a cell phone and trail map. If alone, leave details visible from your vehicle.
- Keep pets on leashes to keep them and others safe, while protecting wildlife.
- Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management practices. Check with park headquarters for current conditions and future trail closures.
- Trails may have wet sections, thorny plants, tree roots, or low hanging limbs. These natural conditions may be challenging for strollers, wheelchairs and bicycles.
- Potentially harmful wildlife and plants exist in the park. Stay on trails/mowed areas where you can see possible snakes and poison ivy.
- Helmets are advised when bicycling in the park.
- Due to swift current and changing water levels, swimming in the river is not advised.

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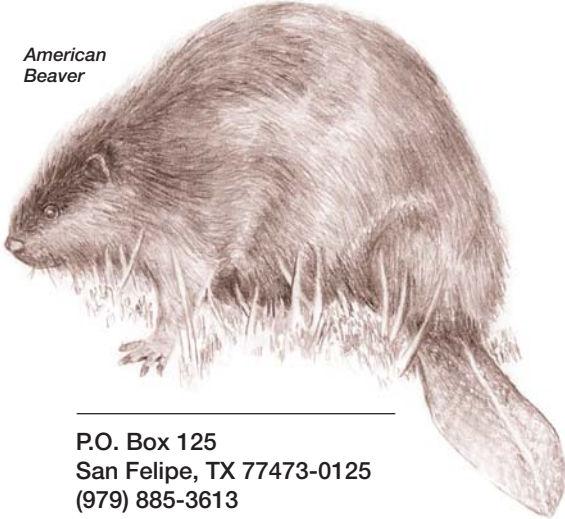
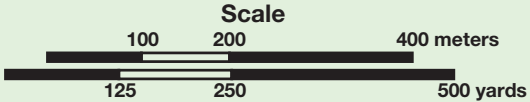
- Headquarters
- Rest Rooms
- Biking Trails
- Hiking Trails
- Interpretive Trail
- Amphitheater
- Bank Fishing
- Playground
- Wildlife Viewing

Emergency Numbers:

- (979) 885-3613 (Park Headquarters)
- 911

Park Hours:

The park is open for day use from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.



Find solitude and beauty in a river-bottom forest.

Just beyond the campgrounds, discover a quiet wilderness surprisingly close to the city. Hike or bike the wandering trails of Stephen F. Austin State Park. When you watch closely, nature reveals hidden treasures at every turn.



SUGGESTED HIKES

30 Minutes: Park at the amphitheater. Start on Cottonwood Trail; right on Opossum Loop; left on Cottonwood. Or for fishing and river viewing, park at the RV rest rooms. Start on Sycamore; turn right on Fishbone; turn right on Dewberry; right on Ironwood.

1 Hour: Park at the amphitheater. Start on the Cottonwood Trail; turn right on Brazos; right on Deer Walk; left on Sycamore to park road and turn right; follow park road to the amphitheater.

2 Hours: Park at the picnic pavilion. Start on Ironwood Trail; right on Sycamore; right on Deer Walk; left on Brazos; left on Cottonwood; right on Pileated.

Half Day: Hiking all the trails that Stephen F. Austin State Park has to offer should take approximately three to four hours.

Nature Trail		At less than .25 miles, this self-guided, hike-only trail provides good viewing of some of the many plants native to the park and surrounding area. Guides are available at the park headquarters.
Ironwood Trail		Just under a mile, this flat hiking and biking trail skirts the northeast edge of the camping area.
Pileated Trail		This flat multi-use, .6-mile trail borders the southern end of the campgrounds.
Cottonwood Trail		Just under a mile, this trail is a popular hiking and biking route. After a short hill at the midpoint, your path will be lined with the towering giants for which the trail is named.
Sycamore Trail		This .5-mile trail provides hikers and bikers with the quickest route to the Brazos River.
Copperhead Loop and Riverbend trails	 	This 1.25-mile loop is a more rugged and secluded alternative route to a portion of Cottonwood Trail.
Brazos and Fishbone trails		These short trails provide multiple points of river viewing and fishing. Both can be accessed from Sycamore Trail.
Deer Walk, Opossum Loop and Raccoon Bend trails	 	These three trails offer short, shady hikes or rides through the heart of a lowland forest.

