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Getting Better All the Time

Visitors to more than 90 Texas state parks and historic sites this year will find a host of improvements designed to make their stay safer, more comfortable and more engaging as a result of additional staffing, improved maintenance and upgraded facilities. Texas State Parks are, indeed, getting better all the time thanks to roughly \$182 million in additional park funding approved by state lawmakers.



Battleship
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More money means state parks throughout Texas have been able to hire almost 200 full-time field employees statewide. As a result, park guests will find more accommodating operating hours at some parks, enjoy reopened campsites and trails at places like Lake Somerville-Nails Creek State Park and benefit from enhanced interpretive programming at many others.

It's the increase in ranger-led tours and other park programs that will have the most direct impact on the visitor experience, according to Phil Hewitt, State Parks director of interpretation and exhibits.

"If people arrive at a state park, and they're totally on their own with no written or visual aids and no staff to explain things, they're going to miss a huge part of the experience," Hewitt says. "Interpretation makes the crucial difference for people to understand what's special about a park, to learn about natural and cultural resources, and to just have a lot more fun."

Dozens of state parks across Texas have new interpretive exhibits, signs, staff and programs either recently arrived or on the way soon, all made possible by the increase in funding for state parks.



Caprock Canyons SP & TW



Resaca de la Palma SP



Big Bend Ranch SP

At Texas' largest state park, **Big Bend Ranch** near Presidio, dozens of new signs, wayside exhibits and the addition of new park rangers are helping visitors learn about and enjoy this rugged wilderness desert park. The extra funding has also led to the opening of dozens of developed, primitive campsites in the thousands of acres of backcountry.

The **Battleship TEXAS** just southeast of Houston is getting a complete update of the ship's interpretive, wayfinding and safety signs. New interpretation will explore the 1914 dreadnought's unique place in American naval history as being the only surviving battleship that fought in both World Wars.

In northwest Texas at **Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway**, visitors can peruse new exhibits inside the recently built, \$1 million visitor center, exploring such topics as canyonlands ecology, the park's unique, 64-mile trailway, and the history and importance of the historic state bison herd.

Resaca de la Palma, Texas' newest state park and unit of the **World Birding Center** network in the Rio Grande Valley, is now open to the public as a result of increased legislative funding. The 1,200-acre park just north of Brownsville is the largest of nine WBC sites, a patchwork of birding preserves that stretches some 120 miles along the wildlife-rich Rio Grande corridor from Roma to South Padre Island. Ride a tram or hike the trails to get a glimpse of hundreds of species of birds and other wildlife inhabiting the restored, water-filled, ancient coil of Rio Grande riverbed found at Resaca.



Bastrop State Park

Additional state park dollars also translate into large-scale improvements at some of the state's most popular sites, including **Bastrop** and **Garner State Parks**. Bastrop is making major repairs to several historic structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corp some 75 years ago. Similarly, at the always-popular Garner State Park, three old restrooms have been replaced and 17 CCC-constructed cabins and 22 screened shelters are undergoing renovation.



State Parks has also launched an exciting program, **Texas Outdoor Family**, to teach families how to

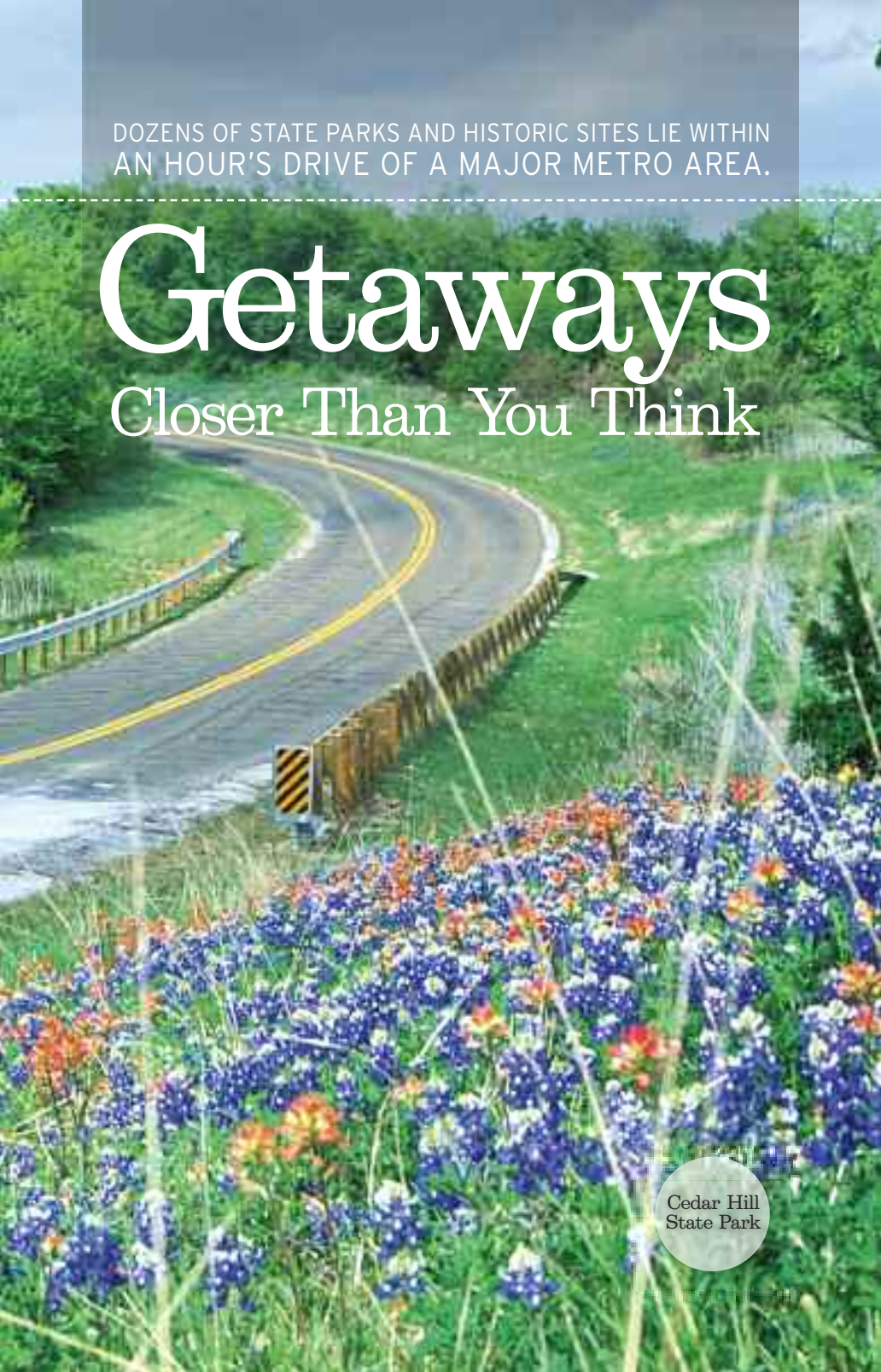
camp and enjoy the many recreational activities available in the Texas outdoors. To find out more about this program or to register for a weekend TOF workshop in your area, visit: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoorfamily.

So, pack up the family and head to a state park near you and see what's changing; we think you'll like what you see.

DOZENS OF STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES LIE WITHIN
AN HOUR'S DRIVE OF A MAJOR METRO AREA.

Getaways

Closer Than You Think



Cedar Hill
State Park

Dallas/Fort Worth



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Ray
Roberts
Lake SP

Instead of spending another weekend on the couch, families in Dallas-Fort Worth could be pitching a tent or setting up their RVs lakeside at **Cedar Hill, Cleburne, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Whitney, Purtis Creek or Ray Roberts Lake** in no time. Or they could grab a fishing pole and picnic lunch, spend a few hours casting for bass, crappie and catfish, and be back at home in time for the evening news. For those who yearn to cook over a campfire and sleep under the stars, camping accommodations are plentiful.

Cedar Hill sits only 18 miles south of downtown Dallas and offers more than 300 campsites and two boat ramps to access 7,500-acre Joe Pool Reservoir. The park's hilly terrain attracts mountain bikers seeking to test their skills, and its lake draws boaters and anglers. A 116-acre, spring-fed lake anchors **Cleburne State Park** south of Fort Worth and is popular not only with anglers but with boaters and paddlers as well. One of Texas' newer state parks, **Lake Tawakoni**, features 40 picnic sites and a four-lane boat ramp to access a 36,000-

acre reservoir. Visitors to **Lake Whitney** enjoy fishing, camping and bird-watching. Bass fishing reigns at **Purtis Creek State Park** southeast of Dallas. The park has more than 1,500 mostly-wooded acres and a 355-acre lake which limits the number of boats but guarantees a good shot at landing a "big one."

Choose from one of three different units that make up **Ray Roberts Lake State Park** near Denton. All offer access to a 30,000-acre reservoir built on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Modern facilities, miles of hiking, biking, a 20-mile greenbelt and ADA-compliant trails combine for a recreational retreat for outdoor lovers.

Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose is a popular family spot for dinosaur lovers of all ages. The Paluxy River's limestone riverbed retains the Cretaceous Period tracks of nine gigantic four-legged dinosaurs and a two-legged predator that pursued them through ancient mudflats. Campgrounds are popular places for family get-togethers year-round.

Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway draw campers (148 campsites) and day visitors who enjoy hiking trails, biking and bouldering. Boulder-strewn Penitentiary Hollow can be reached by climbing down stone steps laid more than a half-century ago. A 646-acre lake also provides a water playscape for swimmers, boaters and anglers.

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Spread

San Antonio

Government Canyon State Natural Area preserves a precious chunk of the Hill Country over the fragile Edwards Aquifer and its recharge zone in its natural state. Open presently for day use only, the 8,622-acre natural area offers picnic facilities and an extensive trail system popular with trail runners, bikers and hikers, all just outside the northwest part of the city of San Antonio.

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site pays homage to the 36th president of the United States. Visitors can take the National Park Service bus tour to see LBJ's ranch, known as the Texas White House, as well as the one-room schoolhouse he attended and the family cemetery. Longhorns, cattle, bison, a nature trail, exhibits of LBJ memorabilia and **Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm** complete this true Texas Hill Country experience.

Sebastopol House in Seguin preserves an unusual 19th-century style of construction using limecrete, a precursor to modern-day concrete. The boxy Greek Revival home, built in the 1880s, survives as one of the town's only examples of this historical technology.

If you're interested in a Western experience, head for **Hill Country State Natural Area** in Bandera, the "Cowboy Capital of the World." Overnight equestrian

camping facilities at the park can accommodate those who bring in their own horses to roam some 36 miles of trails. Camp at one of several primitive campgrounds, or opt for a bit more comfort in one of two group lodges.

Horseback riders are also welcome at **Choke Canyon State Park** on the north shore of a 26,000-acre reservoir. The North Shore equestrian area features 18 trails on 1,700 acres of South Texas Brush Country terrain. The park's South Shore Unit welcomes anglers, picnickers and wildlife-watchers for day use only. Screened shelters and campsites with water and electric hookups can be found in the Calliham Unit.

You'll have to go on foot, but it's well worth the walk to see the exotic-looking **Honey Creek State Natural Area** located within **Guadalupe River State Park**. Open by tour only, the state natural area features a spring-fed creek lined with bald cypress, ferns, native grasses and other tropical-looking flora. The state park offers four miles of frontage on the Guadalupe River, one of the Hill Country's most popular rivers for paddlers and tubers.

Visitors to **Blanco State Park** can enjoy fishing, swimming and tubing on the spring-fed, crystalline river waters.

At **Lockhart State Park**, check out the swimming pool, campground and nine-hole golf course.

Palmetto State Park was carved out of rolling woodlands and riparian habitat bordering the San Marcos River. Named for an indigenous dwarf palmetto that lends a swampy feel to the setting, wildlife watching, camping, canoeing and nature study are popular activities at this park.

Houston



Earl Nottingham

Folks living in the Houston area have the good fortune of being able to enjoy verdant East Texas Piney Woods scenery, stroll a Gulf Coast beach, or walk in the footsteps of Texas Revolutionary heroes like Sam Houston, all within a short drive from Texas' largest city.

Huntsville State Park is the quintessential East Texas Piney Woods park. The park boasts the scenic Lake Raven, a popular spot with kayakers, canoeists and anglers. The park's extensive trail system offers recreation for hikers, bikers and equestrians as well.

Gators take top billing at **Brazos Bend State Park**, a popular 5,000-acre nature refuge southwest of Houston. Check out the American alligators while touring more than 30 miles of multi-use trails, including the wheelchair-accessible Creekfield Nature Trail.

Sheldon Lake State Park sits in the very shadows of Houston's skyscrapers, a biological island amid urban sprawl. The former fish hatchery is being converted into a state-of-the-art educational facility offering nature study, environmental

education and a great fishing experience for youngsters.

Texas' heritage takes center stage at several state historic sites all within a short drive from Houston. The signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence by defiant Texians at **Washington-on-the-Brazos** and the subsequent defeat of Mexican General Santa Anna's troops at the **San Jacinto Battleground** are preserved at two of the state's most important historic sites. In addition, moored at the battleground in La Porte is the **Battleship TEXAS**, the only surviving dreadnought to have fought in World War I and World War II. Visitors to Washington-on-the-Brazos can tour the Washington townsite, educational exhibits chronicling Texas' birth as a nation, and an 1850s-era living history farm. Just up the road is **Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site**, a two-story, 18-room structure that served as a Republic of Texas stagecoach stop and post office.

Stephen F. Austin State Park pays homage to the "Father of Texas" who established the first Anglo colony in Texas in 1828. The park includes campgrounds, an 18-hole golf course and the former Brazos River bluff townsite of San Felipe, which was burned by citizens fleeing advancing Mexican troops in 1836.

Austin



The state capital is surrounded by a number of top-notch recreational and historic sites. Twenty miles of woodland trails – levels one through three – await mountain bikers at **Pedernales Falls State Park** west of Austin. In warm-weather months, swimmers and tubers immerse themselves in the sparkling waters of the Pedernales River that flow over limestone ledges, giving the park its name. Bird blinds let birders get up close to view a good selection of their feathered friends, including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler that inhabits cedar thickets.

McKinney Falls State Park, near the heart of the city and sliced by Onion Creek, offers a bucolic retreat in southeast Austin popular with mountain bikers, anglers and campers. Herds of white-tailed deer, a springtime profusion of wildflowers, and woodland trails skirting Native American rock shelters and crossing the creek make this spot a favorite for urban-

ites looking for an easy escape from their harried daily grinds.

Cyclists and mountain bikers can also head east or west to find parks offering rolling roads and challenging trails. The undulating, pine-tree-lined, 13-mile park road between **Bastrop** and **Buescher** state parks attracts cyclists of all ages and is one of the most scenic anywhere in Texas.

Campgrounds both large and small can accommodate tent campers and RVers. Historic rock-and-timber cabins, some with fireplaces, prove popular at Bastrop. If you're out at night, keep your ears open for the call of the endangered Houston toad that lives in the sandy environs of the Lost Pines.

A tribute to an oft-overlooked chapter of Republic of Texas history and salute to Texas' German heritage comprise attractions at **Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites**, located on a Colorado River bluff overlooking the city of La Grange. A 48-foot monument marks the burial spot of Texans who died in the 1840s during fighting expeditions into Mexico. Tours of the remains of one of the state's first commercial breweries, run by Heinrich Kreische, reveal his ingenuity and industriousness.

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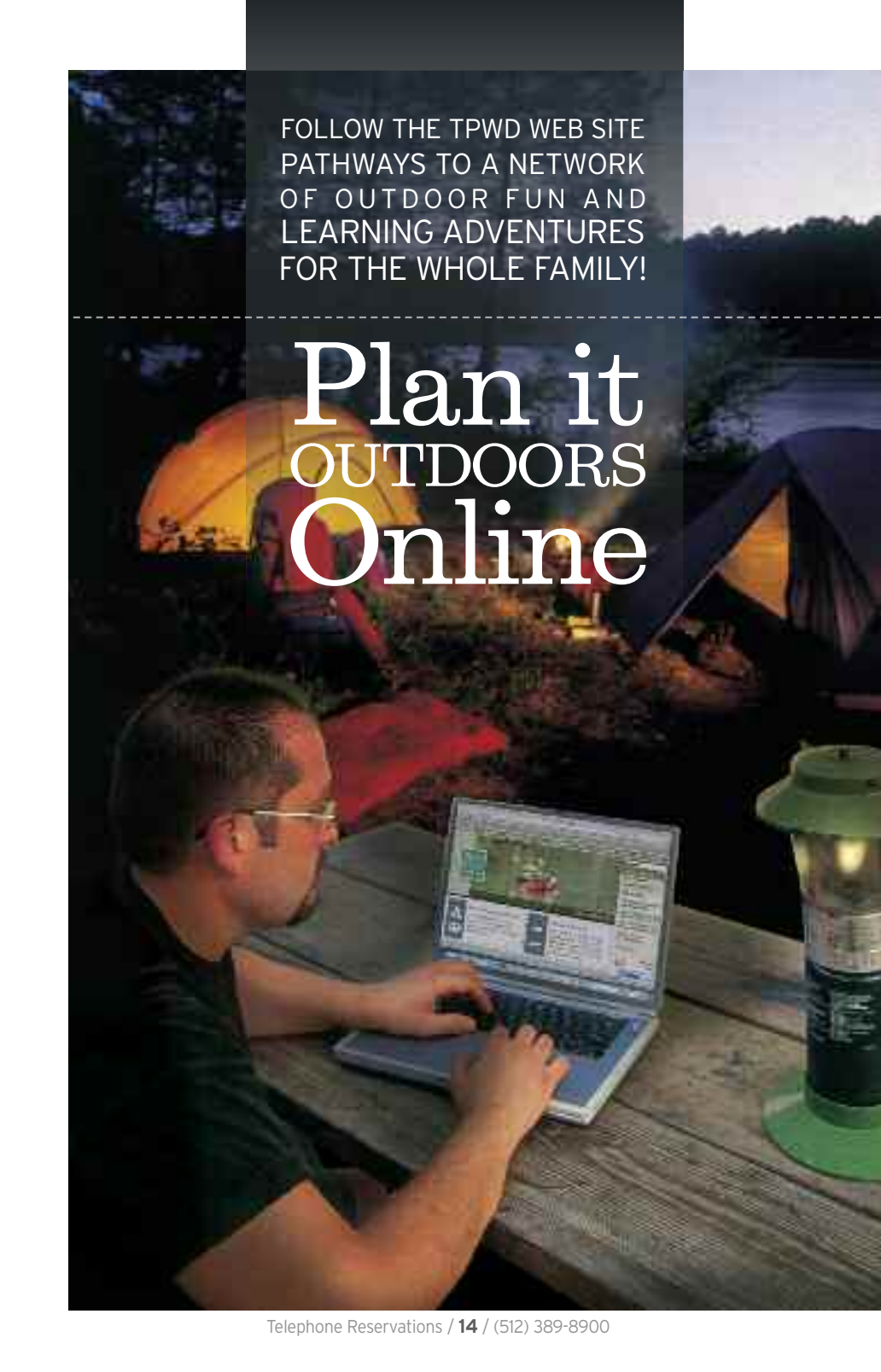
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FAR-FLUNG PARKS

Worth the Trip



Big Bend
Ranch SP

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Indian
Lodge at
Davis
Mountains
SP



WHILE EVERY TEXAS STATE PARK HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL FEATURE OR REPUTATION FOR WHICH IT'S KNOWN, SOME ARE ESPECIALLY NOTABLE PARKS THAT ARE WELL WORTH THE TRAVEL TIME TO GET TO.

The clarity and depth of the spring waters at Balmorhea State Park in West Texas draw scuba divers, as well as desert parched swimmers, from throughout the United States. Millions of gallons per day of San Solomon Springs waters flow into a viaduct system that carries water past a historic adobe motor court and into a restored desert wetlands, or *ciénega*, which supports endangered fish species.

At the tip of West Texas in El Paso sits **Franklin Mountains State Park**, the largest state park in the United States located within a city limits. This “mountain island” in the arid expanses of the Chihuahuan Desert offers miles of hiking and mountain biking trails at almost a mile-high altitude. On the other side of the Franklin Mountains that dissect the city, is the **Wyler Aerial Tramway** that takes passengers in a Swiss-made tram soaring to the top of Ranger Peak to enjoy views of two nations – the U.S. and Mexico – and three states. Back on the ground, head about 20 miles east of El Paso and take a guided tour of one of America’s most remarkable Native American pictograph sites amid a jumble of

huge boulders at **Hueco Tanks State Historic Site**. The park also is known internationally for its rock climbing.

Some 200 miles down the Rio Grande before it makes its “big bend” can be found more pictographs at **Big Bend Ranch State Park**. The working ranch caters to visitors seeking a remote, back-country experience or even a slice of the Old West by participating in periodic horseback cattle drives. There are also remote hikes to waterfalls, desert springs and primitive campsites situated at scenic spots throughout the 300,000-acre park, one of the nation’s largest state parks. **Fort Leaton State Historic Site** preserves a large adobe trading post overlooking the Rio Grande River in Presidio that dates to 1848. The fort serves as the western gateway to Big Bend Ranch SP and hosts events celebrating the rich culture of this region.

Further downriver, Native American rock art thousands of years old decorates the overhangs and walls of shelters at **Seminole Canyon State Park** near Del Rio. And at **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, Indians, too, left behind legends about the massive, billion-

THEIR HANDIWORK STILL STANDS Thirty-one Texas state parks still operating today were built in the 1930s and 1940s by the talented Civilian Conservation Corps, Franklin D. Roosevelt’s vaunted “tree army.” With buildings, bridges and other park structures built in the CCC’s trademark “NPS rustic” style, Texas’ CCC parks form the handcrafted backbone of the park system. Some of the CCC’s best handiwork can still be seen at **Abilene, Bastrop, Balmorhea, Big Spring, Davis Mountains, Garner, Inks Lake, Lake Brownwood, Mother Neff, Possum Kingdom and Tyler State Parks**. Another CCC gem, the pueblo-style and newly remodeled **Indian Lodge** inside **Davis Mountains State Park**, draws throngs of overnight guests to an idyllic mountain setting to sleep and lounge on hand-carved furniture that has stood the test of time.



year-old rock dome they believed was a gateway to the spirit world. Today, visitors can climb to the top for a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside, hike miles of trails and camp beneath shade trees. It's best to visit weekdays to avoid the crowds at this incredibly popular park.

If you prefer going "indoors," head underground to explore caverns and canyons in state parks extending from central Texas, across the Caprock and up into the Panhandle; or perch on the rim of **Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area** near Rocksprings to watch millions of Mexican free-tailed bats swirl out of the 310-foot-deep collapsed limestone pit. Bat-watching and cave tours can be scheduled in advance at nearby **Kickapoo Cavern State Park**. Just northwest of Austin at **Longhorn Caverns**, visitors can view astounding geologic formations and learn about the cave's bygone days as an outlaw hideout and a Prohibition-era speakeasy.

Up on the Panhandle Plains on the Llano Estacado, **Caprock Canyons State Park** features a 64-mile converted railway

trail for hikers and cyclists, and the Clarity Tunnel, home to thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats. Here, too, roams the official Texas bison herd, descended from Charles Goodnight's pure-strain bison. Campers can pitch their tents beneath the stars amidst grand views of the park's rust-colored canyon system.

Texas' version of the Grand Canyon – **Palo Duro Canyon State Park** – awaits travelers just south of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle. Palo Duro welcomes overnight guests with rustic cabins and several campgrounds located on the canyon floor 800 feet below. Trails catering to equestrians, hikers and bikers skirt landmarks such as Lighthouse Rock. It is home to the renowned summertime outdoor drama, "Texas," which delights audiences of all ages.

Located near the Rio Grande Valley city of Mission, **Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park** welcomes bird-watchers and nature lovers as the headquarters of the World Birding Center. This park's riparian thorn scrub attracts hundreds of bird species, including migrating tropical vari-

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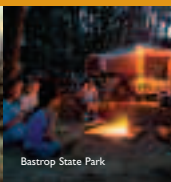
Wouldn't you really rather be in a Texas State Park?



Choke Canyon State Park



Colorado Bend State Park



Bastrop State Park



Davis Mountains State Park CCC Structure



Lost Maples State Park



Galveston Island State Park



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eties from as far away as Central America. The Visitor Center sports a rainwater harvesting system, recycled building materials, Texas native butterfly gardens and a world-class birding exhibit hall. For additional birding opportunities and a chance to soak up the sun amid the sound of slapping Gulf of Mexico waves, head up the coast to **Mustang Island** and **Goose Island** state parks. Kayaking and casting from piers and jetties for a variety of salt water sport fishes prove popular at these two coastal parks. Don't miss the latter's "Big Tree," a monster live oak tree believed to be at least 1,000 years old.

Further up the coast, the verdant Big Thicket wraps the countryside in dense stands of pines and hardwoods cut by coffee-colored bayous and rivers featuring jungle-like vegetation. At **Village Creek** and **Martin Dies, Jr.** state parks in southeast Texas, canoe trips prove a big hit with visitors. Further north, a glimpse into the lifestyles of the prehistoric Caddo Indians and Spanish missionaries, who lived here more than 300 years ago, awaits visitors to **Mission Tejas State Park** along the historic *El Camino Real*. A short segment of the "King's Highway" used during Spanish colonial times (1690 - 1820) lies within park


boundaries. Though situated not far north of Interstate 20 near the Texas-Louisiana border, **Caddo Lake State Park** might as well be a thousand miles away. Here, in this world-recognized ecological jewel, visitors can immerse themselves in a primordial, swamplike setting of mixed woodlands and a spidery network of cypress tree stump-studded sloughs at the only natural lake in Texas. Numbered boat "trails" guide paddlers through a maze of twists and turns to view beaver lodges, towering trees and a wealth of swamp wildlife.

Boating and fishing enthusiasts can choose from dozens of state parks located on reservoirs throughout Texas. **Choke Canyon** and **Lake Corpus Christi** state parks, south of San Antonio; **Cooper Lake State Park** east of Dallas; **Eisenhower State Park** on Lake Texoma, along the Oklahoma-Texas border; **Fairfield Lake**, **Fort Boggy**, **Lake Bob Sandlin**, **Lake Livingston** and **Martin Creek Lake** state parks in East Texas; **Fort Parker** and **Lake Whitney** state parks in North Central Texas; and **San Angelo State Park** in West Texas are just some of the favorites.

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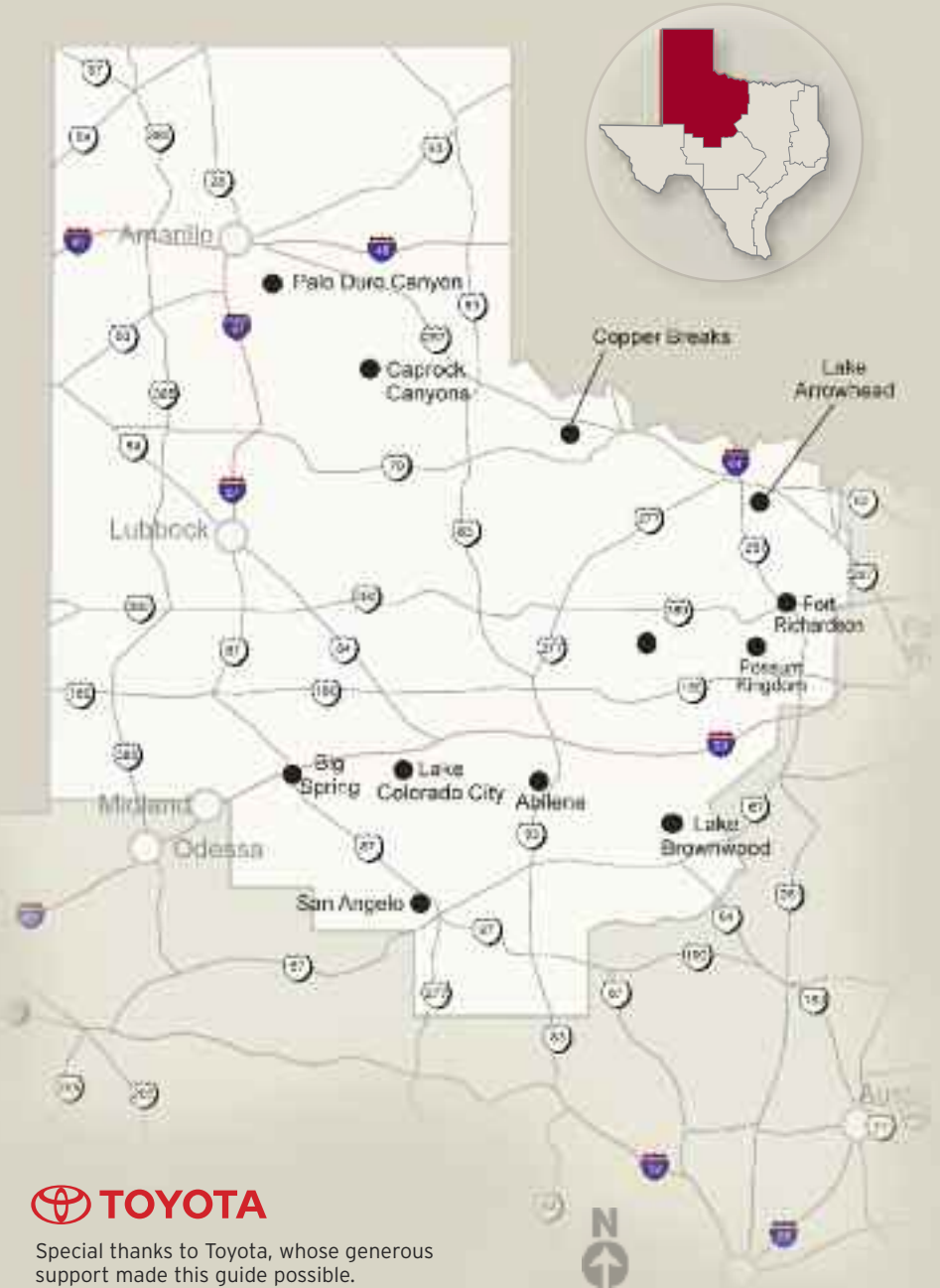
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Panhandle Plains Region



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Awake to find a wooded oasis on the banks of Elm Creek in the midst of the Texas Midwest, located just south of the city of Abilene. Pecans, red oaks, willows and elm trees arch over the campground. A historic water tower and observation deck constructed by the CCC with rust-colored sandstone overlook the large swimming pool. White-tailed deer and other wildlife can be spotted along a wooded trail. Fishing, hiking, boating and picnicking are available at adjacent Lake Abilene, the newest section of the park. A one-mile nature trail plus an ADA-compliant, 1/2-mile trail are also available. This park was opened and dedicated on May 10, 1934.

BIG SPRING STATE PARK

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Outside the town of Big Spring, the park sits on a high bluff overlooking the vast Rolling Plains at this northern edge of the Edwards Plateau. Years ago, Comanches made camp here, and cattle drivers and immigrants moving west even carved “graffiti” into the stone outcropping. Today, a three-mile drive curves along the limestone rim rock ledge around

Scenic Mountain and is enjoyed by joggers, walkers and those who come to see the variety of bird species that live here. Views at the top are quite dramatic from the individual picnic tables or from the group pavilion.

CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK AND TRAILWAY

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In the red bluffs near Lake Theo, archeologists unearthed a collection of bison jawbones left by prehistoric hunters in a ceremonial arrangement. A replica of this arrangement is now displayed in the park. The spirit heart of the bison still beats proudly today in the caprock canyons, as descendants of the Charles Goodnight bison herd, called the “Official Texas State Bison Herd,” are pastured and protected here. This park is also open to campers who can stay in developed sites below the canyon rim or venture out to backcountry sites. A full moon on a quiet night in the remote canyons is an experience that cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

CAPROCK CANYONS TRAILWAY is another big draw. The trailway, a converted section of old railway, crosses abandoned railroad trestles, goes through Clarity Tunnel and takes hikers, bikers and equestrians overland for 64 miles of natural beauty through these rolling plains.

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The Rolling Plains expand into the legendary wide-open spaces of North Texas, once home to wild bison and native hunters. This arid land has been eroded by the Pease River into a place of gullies, mesas and juniper breaks filled with wildlife. Frogs, turtles, raccoons and an occasional horned lizard can be seen in the park. Two small lakes (60 and 10 acres) offer fishing year-round for bass, catfish, crappie and

sunfish. Equestrian campers can take a 9.5-mile overland trail through the backcountry. Contact the park to request a schedule of events.

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FORT RICHARDSON STATE PARK, HISTORIC SITE AND TRAILWAY

228 State Park Road 61, Jacksboro 76458 ☎ (940) 567-3506



This multi-purpose recreational park also preserves an important historic site. Settlers pushing into North Texas after the Civil War clashed with Comanche and Kiowa Indians, prompting the military to respond with a line of defensive frontier forts. Richardson was the northern anchor. The park features several restored post buildings, which hark back

to a soldier's life in the Old West. Guided tours are scheduled on the weekends and can be arranged for groups of 10 or more during the week. Surrounding the old fort grounds, the park offers camping and outdoor activities, including primitive tent sites, full hook-up RV sites, wildlife-viewing nature trails and fishing in two reservoirs.

LOST CREEK RESERVOIR STATE TRAILWAY, part of the Rails-to-Trails program, is a 10-mile hike, bike and equestrian trail with an improved surface that passes through open prairie and along Lost Creek, and circles two reservoirs. A day-use trailhead provides restrooms, a picnic pavilion and tables, a swimming beach, and a fishing pier, all with convenient parking near Fort Richardson and the town of Jacksboro.

LAKE ARROWHEAD STATE PARK

229 Park Road 63, Wichita Falls 76310 ☎ (940) 528-2211



On the gently rolling open plains near the city of Wichita Falls, the 16,400-acre lake brings an influx of anglers eager to hook crappie, white bass, black bass, blue and channel catfish. A nine-lane boat ramp provides ready access to the lake, while a lighted pier and floating boat dock also accommodate anglers. Horseback riders and hikers will find five miles of mostly flat, grassy trails. The 18-hole disc golf course and active “prairie dog town” make this a unique state park.

LAKE BROWNWOOD STATE PARK

200 State Highway Park Road 15, Brownwood 76801 ☎ (325) 784-5223



An atmosphere of rustic tranquility and beauty pervade this CCC park with its stone cabins, lodges and historic recreation hall. The locally quarried native rock cast in the outdoor patios and stairs taking visitors to the lake gives the park a timeless feel. Year after year, families return to hold their reunions here in the large group facilities. The 7,300-surface-acre lake attracts swimmers, boating enthusiasts and anglers.

LAKE COLORADO CITY STATE PARK

4582 F.M. 2836, Colorado City 79512 ☎ (325) 728-3931



The lake provides an ideal habitat for fish and waterfowl and attracts anglers, bird-watchers, water-skiers and even small sailboats in the West Texas wind. The newly quarried sandstone, limited-service cabins are in harmony with the reddish and rocky landscape while providing a climate-controlled interior. A covered overhang on each

cabin makes a front porch, sheltering the picnic table from the sun, and affords guests outdoor meals with a view.

PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK

11450 Park Road 5, Canyon 79015 ☎ (806) 488-2227



One of the most renowned destinations in Texas, this mysterious terra cotta badland, referred to as the “Grand Canyon of Texas,” calls out to the adventuresome to be explored. A daylong horseback ride or challenging hike will take you to this home of the famous Lighthouse rock formation. Or drive to the top of the canyon and take in the breathtaking view from the top of the overlook. The full-service park offers primitive and developed campsites as well as newly renovated rock cabins and fully furnished CCC-constructed cabins. Longhorns still graze at the park, too.

The popular outdoor musical “Texas” is performed in the park’s amphitheater every summer.

POSSUM KINGDOM STATE PARK

P.O. Box 70, Caddo 76429 ☎ (940) 549-1803



Located in the rugged canyon country of the Brazos River Valley, Lake Possum Kingdom holds 20,000 surface-acres and makes for some of the clearest, bluest water in the Southwest. The clarity is especially good for scuba diving as well as swimming, boating, skiing and fishing. Anglers pull in largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, striped bass and sunfish. Towering rock formations,

called the Palo Pinto Mountains, give the shoreline near the dam and along the lower lake an unusual landscape. A marina and store in the park rents motor and non-motor boats and covered boat slips, and has motorboat fuel.

SAN ANGELO STATE PARK

3900-2 Mercedes Road, San Angelo 76901 ☎ (325) 949-8935



The park is located at the transition of the Edwards Plateau ecoregion, the Rolling Plains natural region and the Trans-Pecos desert. It embraces a diverse mixture of vegetation including riparian bottom-land trees such as pecan, hackberry and mesquite, which are more common in the arid plains. Its location on O.C. Fisher

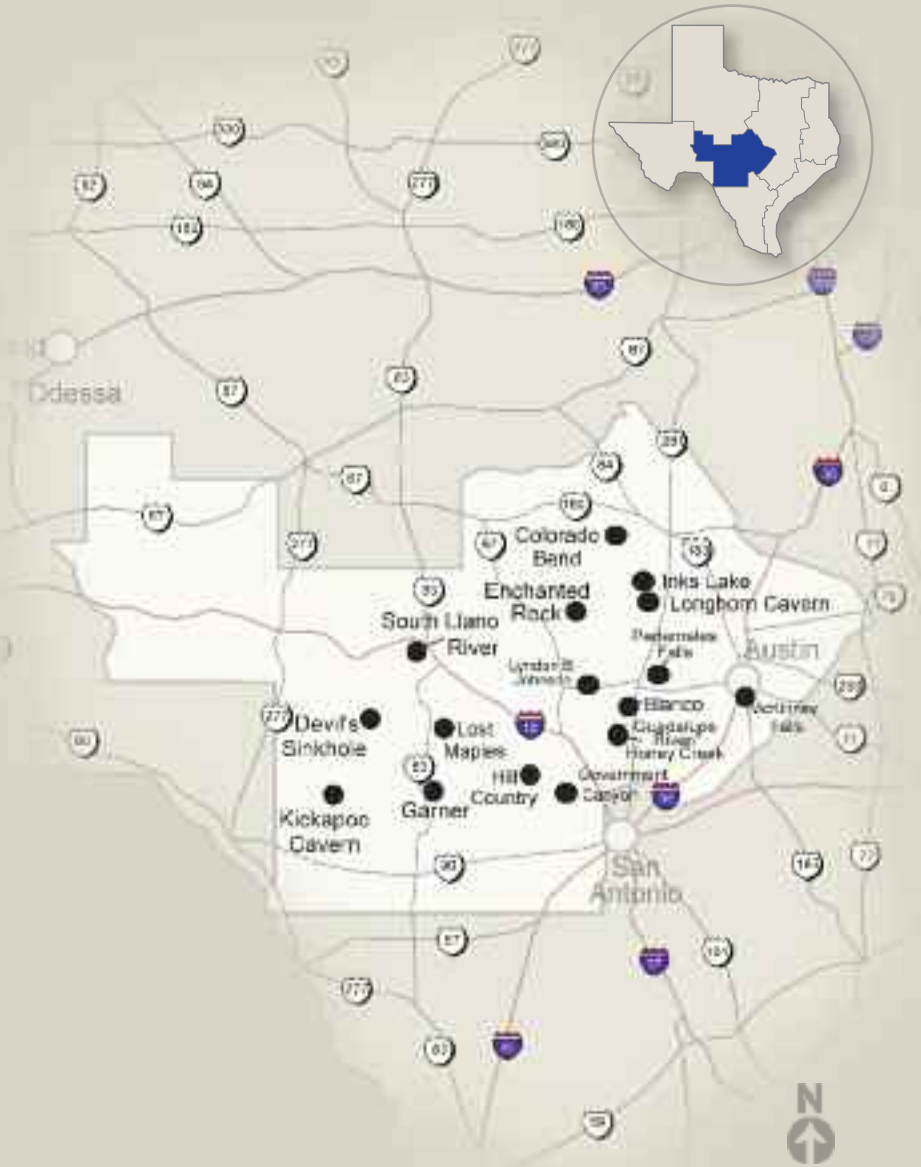
Reservoir (5,440 surface-acres) provides access to fishing and all forms of water sports. The heated and air-conditioned limited-service cabins, open-air group pavilions and equestrian campsites offer a range of options to complement the more than 50 miles of equestrian, hiking and biking trails.

FORT GRIFFIN STATE HISTORIC SITE

1701 North U.S. Highway 283, Albany 76430 ☎ (325) 762-3592

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Hill Country Region



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BLANCO STATE PARK

P.O. Box 493, Blanco 78606 ☎ (830) 833-4333



Located four blocks from Blanco's charming, historic town square, the park borders one-mile of the spring-fed Blanco River and draws crowds from nearby Austin and San Antonio to relax in the sun, swim, tube, fish and camp. Bring your own volleyball and net, horseshoes and floats to make the most of the facilities. Spend a quiet weekend picnicking under the trees

and watching stars at night. Shelters and campsites make this park popular with both tent campers and RVers, as does its proximity to Hwy 281. Rent tubes, kayaks and canoes at the State Park Store. Blanco State Park is well known as a small, peaceful, family-oriented park. Interpretive and educational programs are offered year-round. Check the Events Calendar on the TPWD Web site for dates and program topics.

COLORADO BEND STATE PARK

P.O. Box 118, Bend 76824 ☎ (325) 628-3240



Get away to the rugged Colorado River country at this pristine wilderness location suited to primitive tent camping. The drive to this old fishing camp takes you through beautiful Hill Country landscapes and on a winding gravel road for the last eight miles down into the river canyon. From January to April, fishing on the river includes the legendary spawning run of the white bass. The park offers 27 miles of hike-and-bike trails, spring-fed creeks and swimming holes, limestone bluffs and canyons, and abundant wildlife. Hike to Gorman Falls, a breathtaking 65-foot waterfall that tumbles down

to the Colorado River, or take the guided tour on Saturday afternoon. Reserve a weekend tour to Gorman Cave or squeeze through tight passages on the monthly crawling cave tour.

DEVIL'S SINKHOLE STATE NATURAL AREA

P.O. Box 678, Rocksprings 78880 ☎ (830) 683-3762



Peer into the depths of Devil's Sinkhole, then watch as millions of bats emerge into the Texas evening sky during the warm-weather months. The natural area is home to the largest single-chambered cavern and third-deepest in the state. Evening flight tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday evenings during the summer to witness the bat emergence. Access to the natural area is limited to tours, and reservations are required. Make reservations through the Devil's Sinkhole Society: (830) 683-2287.

ENCHANTED ROCK STATE NATURAL AREA

16710 Ranch Road 965, Fredericksburg 78624 ☎ (830) 685-3636



Climb to the top of this unique pink granite dome that rises 425 feet above the surrounding countryside. It is one of the largest batholiths, or exposed underground rock formations, in the United States. Tonkawa Indians named it, believing ghost fires flickered at the top and that a Spanish conquistador had cast a spell on it. The park is very popular with rock-climbers, hikers and tent campers, especially on weekends. Occasionally the park fills to capacity and has to be closed, so call before you go.

GARNER STATE PARK

234 R.R. 1050, Concan 78838 ☎ (830) 232-6132



Garner State Park is a summer ritual for so many families that now some represent the fifth generation to have spent part of their vacation on the Frio River. Some of the traditions began during the CCC period of the 1930s when the “boys” constructed a stone dance pavilion and invited local girls to the dance. Now the park hosts the oldest outdoor dance in Texas with jukebox music filling the valley each summer evening. During the day, enjoy tubing in the cool waters among the cypress trees and many scenic views. Summer weekends are typically busy, filling the parking lot; and day users may be turned away. Best advice: Visit

during mid-week or off-season periods. Reserve cabins, shelters and campsites months in advance. A visitor’s center, seasonal grocery store, miniature golf and pedal boats are also available.

GOVERNMENT CANYON STATE NATURAL AREA

12861 Galm Road, San Antonio 78254 ☎ (210) 688-9055



Spend a day hiking and biking through a truly unique landscape dedicated to the recharge of the Edward’s Aquifer. Feel connected to the past as you explore the rich ranching heritage of the area and the many live oak savannahs, old-growth Ashe juniper trees, and Spanish moss overhangs. Listen for the rare sound of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler.

Located only 16 miles from downtown San Antonio, and within the city limits, the natural

area is an 8,622-acre, undeveloped stretch of land protecting a portion of the aquifer’s recharge zone. Nearly 40 miles of trails range from remote rugged canyon lands to gentle rolling prairies. The visitor’s center complex includes a store, several classrooms, an exhibit gallery and a covered pavilion.

GUADALUPE RIVER STATE PARK

3350 Park Road 31, Spring Branch 78070 📞 (830) 438-2656



In this Hill Country setting, visitors enjoy the spring-fed Guadalupe River above Canyon Dam. It is one of the more scenic stretches of river in Texas, and most popular for summertime tubing, with scenic landscapes of high limestone bluffs, giant bald cypress, pecan, oak, elm, and a wide variety of shrubs lining the river. On a winding transit of the park, the river courses over natural rapids and is a favorite destination for swimming, fishing, hiking and picnicking. The park also provides an excellent put-in and take-out spot for float trips. Due to the potential for flash flooding, campsites are located on the highlands above the river.



HONEY CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

This protected natural area is accessible only by scheduled guided walks on Saturdays, or at other times by special arrangements. At Honey Creek, majestic sycamores and bald cypress trees laced with Spanish moss are abundant, and Columbine and maidenhair ferns twine among the rocks. Access to Honey Creek SNA is through Guadalupe River State Park.

HILL COUNTRY STATE NATURAL AREA

10600 Bandera Creek Road, Bandera 78003 ☎ (830) 796-4413



A scenic and largely undeveloped mosaic of rocky hills, flowing springs, oak groves, grasslands and canyons, the site is suited especially well for equestrian camping and trail rides with walk-in camping and backpacking for non-equestrian park visitors. It covers 5,400 acres of the former Merrick Bar-O Ranch near cowboy-centric Bandera. Overnight equestrian campsites have small corrals, water troughs, tables and fire rings. For those seeking more creature comforts, try the group lodge, a rustic ranch house that sleeps up to 12 people and features a commercial-sized barbecue pit. There is also a new park

headquarters building. Horseback riding can be arranged with local dude ranches; call the Bandera County Convention and Visitor Bureau for information at (800) 364-3833, or bring your own mount.

INKS LAKE STATE PARK

3630 Park Road 4 West, Burnet 78611 ☎ (512) 793-2223



Inks Lake is one in a chain of Highland Lakes created in the 1930s through a series of impoundments along the Colorado River, providing visitors with excellent water recreation activities. The park boasts beautiful outcroppings of ancient, granite-like rock, called gneiss, that make the park one of the state's best geological wonders. Guided canoe tours and nature hikes with park staff allow

scenic views along lakeside cliffs and hilltop trails where white-tailed deer and other wildlife make themselves at home. Back at the park, visitors can enjoy great fishing, swim in the lake, rent canoes and kayaks at the State Park Store, or tee it up at the park's nine-hole golf course. Also Longhorn Caverns is just a few miles away. Located within an hour of both Austin and San Antonio, Inks Lake is a popular park, so be sure to reserve campsites or cabins well in advance.

KICKAPOO CAVERN STATE PARK

P. O. Box 705, Brackettville 78832 ☎ (830) 563-2342



Containing nearly 6,400 acres in the southwestern Hill Country, the park is relatively undeveloped — a natural open space where visitors find solitude. The emphasis is on resource protection and management of land surrounding a network of caverns. Public access is limited to scheduled tour dates, which showcase the area's great bird diversity, a primitive cave experience, and a chance to view thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats emerging near dusk. Check the TPWD Web site or call the park for reservations.

LONGHORN CAVERN STATE PARK

P.O. Box 732, Burnet 78611 ☎ (830) 598-CAVE or (877) 441-CAVE



This beautiful cave near Inks Lake was cut long ago by underground streams. Today it stays at a comfortable 68 degrees. Cavern access is limited to tours and special programs, which are offered year-round. Wear comfortable shoes to take the 1-1/4-mile tour through the cave. Picnicking and hiking are options outside, on the park grounds. The park includes a full-service deli, snack bar and gift shop.

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LOST MAPLES STATE NATURAL AREA

37221 F.M. 187, Vanderpool 78885 ☎ (830) 966-3413



Along the course of the Sabinal River, springs flow through scenic and rugged limestone canyons, filling little ponds with grassy banks, which are perfect places to pitch a backpacker tent. Wildlife thrives everywhere, including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. Hike along the 11 miles of trails up steep canyon cuts to reach several dramatic overlooks. But the star of this 2,200-acre natural area remains a stand of uncommon Uvalde bigtooth maples, relics from the last Ice Age. Large weekend crowds journey here when the maples turn vivid reds and yellows in late October and early November, so it's best to schedule a mid-week trip during this peak season.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON STATE PARK AND HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 238, Stonewall 78671 ☎ (830) 644-2252



This popular park is nestled along the banks of the Pedernales River, across from the famous LBJ Ranch. This site, and the nearby Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, both honor the 36th president of the United States. Tours, administered by the National Park Service, depart from the visitors' center for

the LBJ Ranch, which includes the famed "Texas Whitehouse," the one-room schoolhouse attended by President Johnson, his reconstructed birthplace and the Johnson family cemetery. Bison and longhorn cattle are pastured within sight along the back roads of the park and there is fishing in the Pedernales River. During the summer, visitors can enjoy a swim in the Olympic-sized swimming pool, tennis or a family baseball game at the ball diamond. Rental facilities include a dining hall and group picnic area. The park is also famous for its spring wildflowers.



THE SAUER-BECKMANN LIVING HISTORY FARM, also located on this site, recreates Hill Country farm life as it would have appeared at the turn of the 20th century. Daily demonstrations include milking cows, gathering eggs, cooking on a wood-burning stove and tending livestock, all

done by staff in period clothing. For groups of 15 or more wishing to have an hour-long interpretive tour of the living history farm, please call ahead for reservations.

McKINNEY FALLS STATE PARK

5808 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin 78744 ☎ (512) 243-1643



This former homestead of racehorse breeder Thomas McKinney — one of Stephen F. Austin’s “Old 300” — is only 13 miles from the State Capitol in Austin. It offers mountain biking, hiking, fishing and camping beneath towering cypress on the banks of Onion Creek. Spring brings a profusion of bluebonnets and other wildflowers and an influx of people leaving urban pressures behind to enjoy the serene beauty and wildlife, such as white-tailed deer that roam the grounds. Swimmers find the pool beneath the falls a welcome treat.

PEDERNALES FALLS STATE PARK

2585 Park Road 6026, Johnson City 78636 ☎ (830) 868-7304



A clear, spring-fed river flowing down gently sloping limestone creates the lovely “falls.” While the first three miles, including the falls, are closed to swimming, wading and tubing, other areas of this beautiful river are open to water play. Other spots beckon anglers, while trails through the tree-shaded hills pull bird-watchers and hikers away from the water. The park is home to the endangered golden-cheeked warbler in the spring and the indigenous rufous-crowned sparrow year-round. Bird-watchers can seclude themselves in a covered viewing and photography blind with feeders and a drip bath.

SOUTH LLANO RIVER STATE PARK

1927 Park Road 73, Junction 76849 ☎ (325) 446-3994



This delightful riverside park, known for water and wildlife, is located on the western edge of the Edwards Plateau just south of Junction. Visitors can hike and go birding on the trails or head back to the river deemed by the Lower Colorado River Authority to be one of the “most pristine water bodies in the state.” Wildlife watchers can also hike trails through the park and into the 2,200-acre wooded hills of the Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area that abuts the park to see wild turkey, jackrabbits, deer and various bird species.

FORT MCKAVETT STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 68, Fort McKavett 76841 ☎ (325) 396-2358

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KERRVILLE-SCHREINER PARK

☎ (830) 257-5392 or (830) 257-CAMP

Former state park, now managed by the City of Kerrville, Texas.

LANDMARK INN STATE HISTORIC SITE

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Dive into the cool waters of the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool, which covers 1.75 acres and stays at 72–76 degrees year-round. Scuba divers love the clarity even at a 25-foot depth. In addition to swimming and camping, the San Solomon Courts offer motel-style retro lodging built by the CCC in the 1930s with a Southwestern adobe look; most units have kitchens. Canals along the Courts lead to a restored ciénega (wetland), where a window built below ground provides a fish-eye's view of the underwater world.

BARTON WARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

HC 70, Box 375, Terlingua 79852 ☎ (432) 424-3327



The modern visitor's center showcases the Chihuahuan Desert with an English/Spanish bilingual exhibit called "Una Tierra - One Land," while a two-acre botanical garden outside brings this desert story to life. Five biological landscapes converge in this vast desert that stretches from Texas into Mexico and

reveals 570 million years of geological change. Shop the bookstore or just enjoy a cool break indoors.

BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK

P.O. Box 2319, Presidio 79845 ☎ (432) 358-4444



Deep in the mountainous desert wilderness, a 300,000-plus-acre park opens a spectacular landscape to the public. With more than 50 recently developed, primitive campsites, Big Bend Ranch has become a premier destination for remote, back-country camping. Drive into the park over a 27-mile gravel road that leads through hilly terrain and ends at the former owner's furnished ranch home. Use the kitchen or prearrange for meals featuring regional cuisine. Larger groups can be accommodated at the casual bunkhouse, with separate sleeping areas for men and women, or at the restored old ranch house called "the Big House." Make lodging reservations through the Big Bend Ranch complex.

DAVIS MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1707, Fort Davis 79734 ☎ (432) 426-3337



Soothing breezes weaving through the mountain passes greet you on the drive to Davis Mountains State Park in the heart of the Davis Mountains. Find the coolest place in a hot state when you camp in mountains one mile high. Motor into a full hook-up site (some with cable TV), backpack to a high overlook or make camp under the trees. While you're here, visit nearby Fort Davis National Historic Site and find time to attend a "star party" at the McDonald Observatory, where you can see the stars as you never have before through giant telescopes.

DEVILS RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA

HCR 1, Box 513, Del Rio 78840 📞 (830) 395-2133



Twenty thousand remote and wild acres provide access to the pristine Devils River, with its unique angling opportunities and float trips available. A hillside of natural springs adds 22,000 gallons of water per minute to the flow of the Devils River. Drive to the natural area on Dolan Creek Road, a 22-mile gravel country road that leads through the rugged landscape of the western Edwards Plateau. This site has been identified as being significant for world birding conservation. Dark night skies offer excellent stargazing. Advance preparation is a must, and all overnight reservations can only be made through the state park central reservation center for the limited primitive camping or rustic bunkhouse accommodations.

FORT LEATON STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 2439, Presidio 79845 ☎ (432) 229-3613



Picnic at this 1848 adobe fortress and trading post on a bluff overlooking the Rio Grande where Ben Leaton dominated trade with the Apaches, Comanches and Mexicans. Today the site is an active museum offering audiovisual programs, reenactments, tours and colorful events. This is the western gateway to Big Bend Ranch State Park. Enjoy the holidays with the annual re-enacted *posadas* in December.

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FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

1331 McKelligon Canyon Road, El Paso 79930 ☎ (915) 566-6441



At the westernmost tip of Texas, where the mountains meet the sky and cities hug the Rio Grande, Texas boasts the largest state park in an urban setting at more than 24,000 acres in the city of El Paso. Hike rugged terrain in 40 square miles of Chihuahuan desert wilderness, scrub vegetation and open space with 135 miles of multiuse trails that are especially popular with mountain bikers. Camp and picnic, too. While ground fires are not allowed, charcoal fires can be built in grills at the picnic sites.

HUECO TANKS STATE HISTORIC SITE

6900 Hueco Tanks Road No. 1, El Paso 79938 ☎ (915) 857-1135



This site is named for the natural rock basins in its granite outcroppings that capture rainwater, a precious resource in the Chihuahuan Desert environment. For millennia, people seeking life-giving water and the diverse plants and animals that could be found here left

curious and beautiful paintings on the rocks. Today this ancient site preserves more than 2,000 pictographs that are a wonder to behold.

Because of the sensitive nature of the site, visitation is limited and reservations are recommended for day use, camping and tours. Pictograph tours, hiking tours and bouldering tours in the guided area are available by advance request Wednesday through Sunday.

INDIAN LODGE STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1707, Fort Davis 79734 ☎ (432) 426-3254



Nestled in the Davis Mountains, within Davis Mountains State Park, this south-western adobe lodge charms with its original handcrafted interiors and furnishings dating from its 1930s construction by the CCC. In addition to the guest rooms with cable TV, telephones and private baths, the lodge has a full-service restaurant, two group meeting rooms and a swimming pool, making this truly a unique destination and setting.

MONAHANS SANDHILLS STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1738, Monahans 79756 ☎ (432) 943-2092



Fun-loving travelers surf the sand dunes that rise as high as 70 feet in this geologic wonderland. These sand dunes are only a small part of a larger 200-square-mile dune field that stretches into New Mexico. Rent sand disks, then visit exhibits that explain the dune dynamics and desert wildlife. Picnicking and

camping are also popular at this park, located off I-20 west of Odessa, just east of the town of Monahans.

SEMINOLE CANYON STATE PARK AND HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 820, Comstock 78837 ☎ (432) 292-4464



Jagged canyons have cut through the Chihuahuan Desert wilderness out where the Pecos River flows into the Rio Grande. People of antiquity once lived in these natural rock shelters carved into the canyon walls by the river. They painted distinctive ancient symbols on the walls that tell us of their passing. Walk the rugged landscape; climb down into the canyons to see the renowned pictographs in Fate Bell Shelter; camp in a tent or take an RV to the developed campground.

WYLER AERIAL TRAMWAY

1700 McKinley, El Paso 79930 ☎ (915) 562-9899



Glide to the top of Ranger Peak inside Franklin Mountains State Park in an airborne Swiss gondola. From a mile-high seat in the sky, see Mexico, New Mexico and the City of El Paso unfold below you. Souvenirs, snacks, books and gifts are available at the Observation Deck on top. After dark, catch the panorama of El Paso and its gold- and silver-hued lights against a dramatic desert backdrop.

FORT LANCASTER STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 306, Sheffield 79781 ☎ (432) 836-4391

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MAGOFFIN HOME STATE HISTORIC SITE

1120 Magoffin Avenue, El Paso 79901 ☎ (915) 533-5147

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State Park User Fees

During a normal park visit, one or all of these fees may apply:

Entrance Fee - a fee paid for day use that includes the opportunity to enjoy such basic activities as picnicking, wildlife viewing, hiking, swimming, boating, canoeing, fishing, tubing or participating in various park programs.

Facility Fee - a fee paid to stay overnight at a campsite, in a cabin or guest room, or to use a group facility, meeting room or pavilion.

Activity Fee - a fee paid to participate in a special activity, tour a historic site, or ride the ferry or tram.

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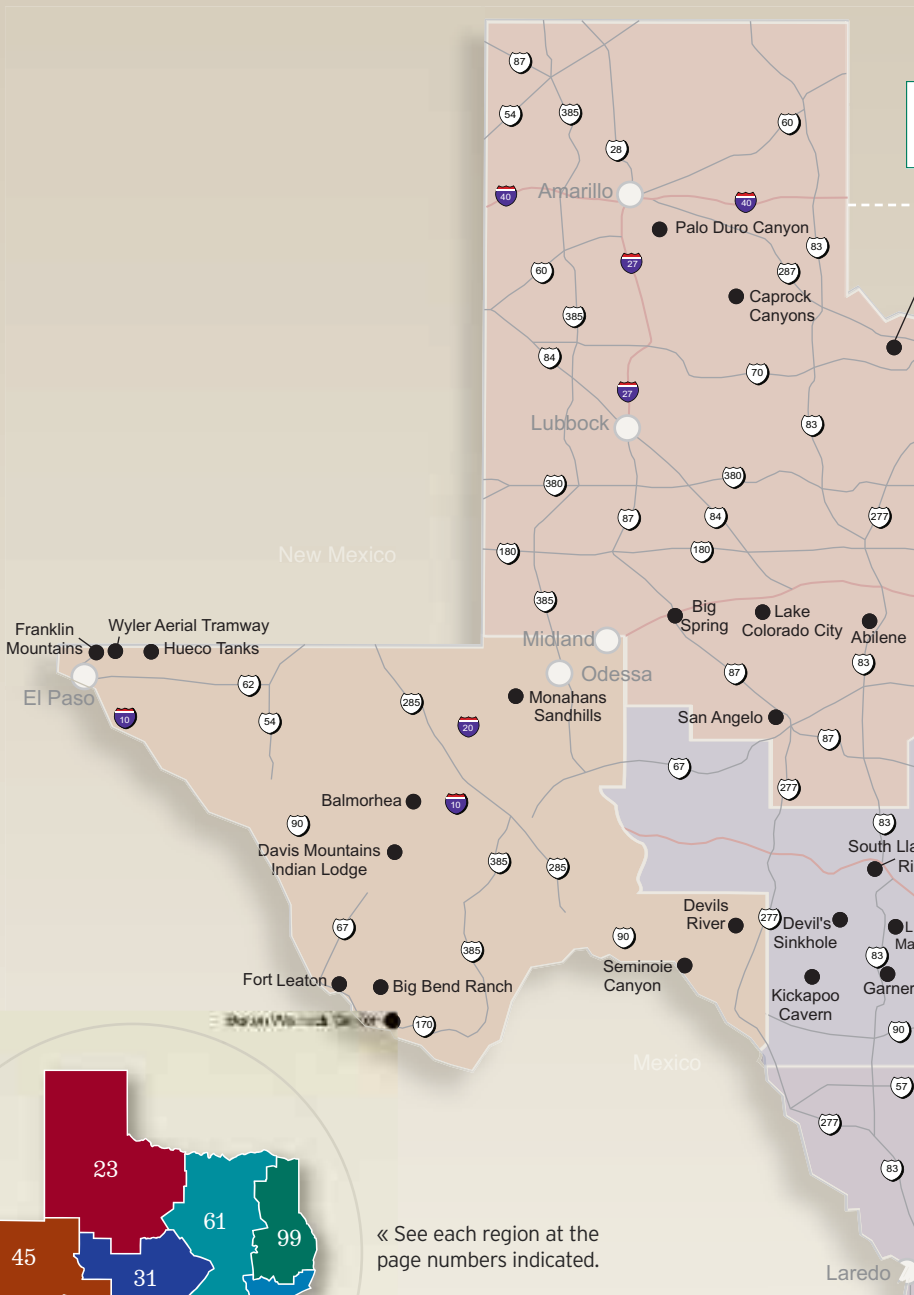
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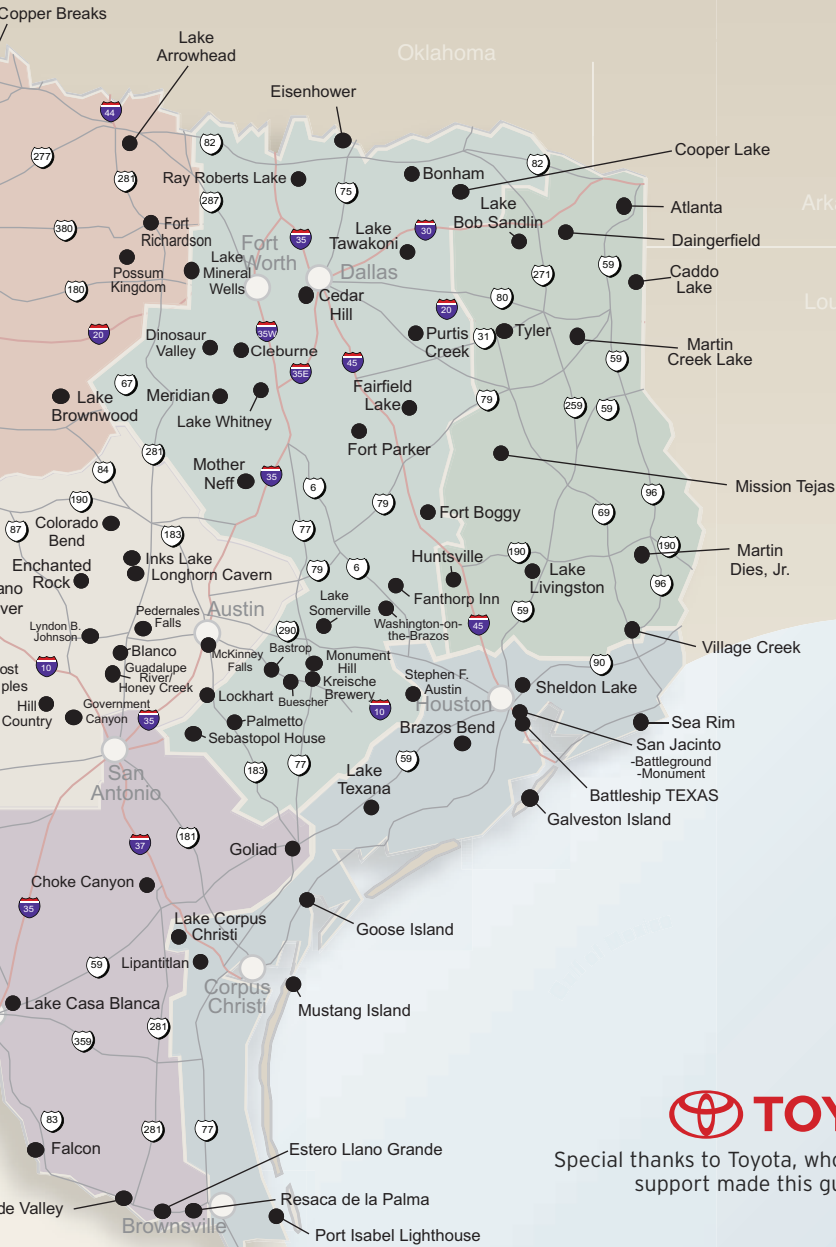
*Important: Reservations must always be made directly with the park when there are fewer than 48 hours between the time you are making a reservation and your expected arrival time at the park. Also, reservations must be made directly with the site for lodging at Big Bend Ranch State Park and lodging at Indian Lodge. See the State Park Directory section for contact information for each park.



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Prairies and Lakes Region



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BASTROP STATE PARK

P.O. Box 518, Bastrop 78602 📞 (512) 321-2101



Located just east of Austin, Bastrop and Buescher state parks are adjoining parks connected by 12 miles of scenic road that winds through the pines. The park road is perfect for biking or for enjoying a leisurely drive. Set among the beautiful “Lost Pines,” Bastrop invites camping under tall trees near a small lake. The fully equipped cabins and group facility

were constructed by the CCC in the 1930s using local sandstone so that the structures seem to be a natural part of the landscape. In addition to the many nature trails and fishing along the banks of the small park lake, there is an 18-hole golf course and a large, oval-shaped swimming pool. Stay in one of the beautiful rustic cabins or pitch a tent on a soft floor of pine needles, under the shade of the lofty trees overhead.

BONHAM STATE PARK

1363 State Park 24, Bonham 75418 ☎ (903) 583-5022



Escape to the laid-back atmosphere of this quiet park surrounding a 65-acre lake, located just northeast of the Dallas metro area. Water activities include boating, canoeing, swimming and fishing. A fishing pier provides visitors with an added opportunity to fish. A gently rolling terrace is dominated by tall, mature trees that cover the area, making it perfect for hiking, walking, picnics or just relaxing.

Developed campsites and a group complex enhance overnight stays. Raccoons, squirrels, rabbits and numerous songbirds are among the wildlife in the park. A newly renovated indoor complex now sleeps 94 and includes a game room.

BUESCHER STATE PARK

P.O. Box 75, Smithville 78957 ☎ (512) 237-2241



Buescher State Park is joined to Bastrop State Park by 12 miles of scenic road winding through the pines that is perfect for biking or a leisurely drive. Both parks are located in the “Lost Pines,” believed to have once been part of an extensive pine-oak forest covering much of Central Texas. Rent canoes or hike along the 7.7-mile loop trail through the forest. Fishing is excellent in the small woodland lake that is stocked for anglers. Camp in the peaceful quiet along the lake or at campsites set back in the forest. A CCC-built, group facility is also available for rent, as are three limited-service cabins.

COOPER LAKE STATE PARK

Doctors Creek Unit, 1664 F.M. 1529 South, Cooper 75432 ☎ (903) 395-3100

South Sulphur Unit, 1690 F.M. 3505, Sulphur Springs 75482 ☎ (903) 945-5256



Cooper Lake, a relatively new state park, offers a variety of both land- and water-based recreational opportunities. Visitors can enjoy the breathtaking sunsets and spectacular scenery by boat, foot or horseback. Day visitors can picnic under towering oak trees, swim at the sandy beach, explore developed trails, or boat and fish on the 19,300-acre lake. Overnighters can choose from cabins, shelters and developed or primitive campsites, including equestrian sites for horses. Both the South Sulphur and Doctors Creek units offer limited-service cabins. Wildlife watchers are often rewarded with sightings of bald eagles, white pelicans, wild turkey, waterfowl, white-tailed deer, squirrels, raccoons and beavers. Together, both park units encompass 3,026 acres and some 31 miles of shoreline; canoe rentals have been added as well.

DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK

1629 Park Road 59, Glen Rose 76043 ☎ (254) 897-4588



Take the kids to put their little feet in the world-renowned dinosaur footprints in the Paluxy riverbed. The trackway dates to the Cretaceous period 113 million years ago and was an important clue for paleontological theories about how and where dinosaurs walked. Since the riverbed tracks are only visible when the water is low, a replica in the park's exhibit is also available for viewing. Great hiking and biking trails meander through

the uplands with trailheads near the campgrounds. This park is popular with campers and RVers year-round.

EISENHOWER STATE PARK

50 Park Road 20, Denison 75020-4878 ☎ (903) 465-1956



The park's heavily forested shoreline of rolling hills and limestone bluffs has been called the Texas North Coast. It overlooks Lake Texoma, the 89,000-surface-acre watery playground for yachts, sailboats and every kind of splashing recreation. Park visitors have access to the lake via public boat ramps and a privately run, full-service marina with boat rentals. A seven-acre ATV area is popular with dirt bikers, four-wheelers and go-cart riders. Wooded campsites accommodate RVs and tents and offer screened shelters and group facilities. Eisenhower

welcomes travellers coming from the north, as it's located just across the Texas-Oklahoma state line but is also within an hour of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK

123 State Park Road 64, Fairfield 75840 📞 (903) 389-4514



The waters of Fairfield Lake are warmed because they cool an electrical power plant, and that means fantastic winter fishing from November through February. The lake is stocked with red drum (red fish) and holds a state record for a 36.83-pound, 44-inch, inland red drum. Within a few hours' drive of Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and Waco, the park offers lakefront camping and walk-

in primitive campsites. In the winter, one can spot bald eagles diving for their favorite food.

FANTHORP INN STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 296, Anderson 77830 ☎ (936) 873-2633



The carefully restored Fanthorp Inn offers visitors an opportunity to walk through a historic inn that served as a stagecoach stop. A communal dining table, frozen in time, is covered with mock food, conveying a real sense of the traveler's life in the 1850s. Once a month, visitors have an opportunity to ride in a replica of a Concord stagecoach pulled by horses. Picnic tables are set under the towering trees on the lawns surrounding the inn, ideal for an afternoon outing.

FORT BOGGY STATE PARK

4994 Hwy. 75 South, Centerville 75833 ☎ (903) 344-1116



Spend the day picnicking, fishing or just taking in the natural beauty of this quiet and serene day-use park. Set beside a picturesque lake well-suited to canoes, kayaks or small boats, the park has a beautiful beach and nature trails, as well as an ADA-compliant, open-air picnic pavilion. Located just off IH-45 between

Dallas and Houston, the park is open Wednesday through Sunday and has no entrance fee.

FORT PARKER STATE PARK

194 Park Road 28, Mexia 76667 ☎ (254) 562-5751



This beautiful wooded park on the Navasota River is a relaxing getaway within a few hours' drive from major metro areas. It is conveniently located between Dallas-Fort Worth to the north and Houston or Austin to the south. The park has a fishing pier, hike-and-bike trails, a nature center, and rental canoes and kayaks. Enchanting wildflowers, such as Texas bluebonnets, diamond petal primrose, wine cups and Indian blankets, abound from March to early June. The park is also quite popular with families and RVers, as there are screened shelters and a recreation hall that serves all kinds of groups. The group barracks sleep up to 96 people! Primitive campsites are also available.

LAKE SOMERVILLE STATE PARK AND TRAILWAY

Birch Creek Unit, 14222 Park Road 57, Somerville 77879 ☎ (979) 535-7763
Nails Creek Unit, 6280 F.M. 180, Ledbetter 78946 ☎ (979) 289-2392



Located between the cities of Austin and College Station, the two units of Lake Somerville State Park make for great family getaways. Roads and trails wind among meadows and woodland campsites. The shallow swimming area at Nails Creek unit is wonderful for small children, and canoes are also available to rent. The Birch Creek unit group trailer area offers a setting for families or friends traveling together. Birch Creek is known for its fishing and lake access, while Nails Creek is a favorite among equestrians.

THE LAKE SOMERVILLE TRAILWAY SYSTEM connects the two units with 13 miles of trails suitable for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, backpacking, birding, outdoor photography and nature study. Campgrounds for equestrians and backpackers are located along the trailway. There are also wheelchair-accessible trails in both parks.

LAKE TAWAKONI STATE PARK

10822 F.M. 2475, Wills Point 75169 ☎ (903) 560-7123



This park is the newest overnight camping park added to the Texas state park system. The 351-acre park sits along the shores of the 36,700-acre Lake Tawakoni reservoir with five miles of shoreline and a four-lane boat ramp located in a picturesque, hardwood sylvan setting, just east of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The park features 78 campsites; two large picnic areas with tables and grills; and more than eight miles of hike-and-bike trails. It also has a youth group area that can be reserved for groups of up to 35. The park's more than 40 acres of native prairie grassland is rare for East Texas and serves as habitat for some of the 227 bird species identified in the park.

LAKE WHITNEY STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1175, Whitney 76692 ☎ (254) 694-3793



Boating, water skiing, sailing, fishing, scuba diving and swimming take center stage at this 23,000 surface-acre reservoir with the park's boat ramps, lake-front beach, shoreline fishing and record-size catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass and striper. Camp at this lovely park and enjoy hiking or biking trails to catch sight of a variety of birds — some 194 species have been identified here.

LOCKHART STATE PARK

4179 State Park Road, Lockhart 78644-9716 ☎ (512) 398-3479



This small rustic park is set in a rolling forested terrain. The large, secluded hilltop refectory — built by the CCC in the 1930s era — is a perfect setting for reunions, parties and weddings. For the golf enthusiast, there is a quaint nine-hole golf course (club and cart rental available), a small campground popular with RVers, a swimming pool, a State Park store and a creek for avid anglers.

MERIDIAN STATE PARK

173 Park Road 7, Meridian 76665 ☎ (254) 435-2536



This wooded 505-acre park prides itself on its relaxing atmosphere and outstanding fishing. The park surrounds a 72-acre lake that is excellent for catching largemouth bass, catfish, crappie and bream. Trails for hiking take birders out to search for additions to their lifetime lists, including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. Complete group facilities with shelters host family reunions and special group outings throughout the year.

MONUMENT HILL AND KREISCHE BREWERY STATE HISTORIC SITES

414 State Loop 92, La Grange 78945-5733 📞 (979) 968-5658



Visit the monument dedicated to the 1842 Dawson and Mier Expeditions, famous for the legendary “black bean” incident in Texas history; Mexican President Santa Anna decreed that captives draw one of the 17 black beans from a pot that also contained 159 white beans. Those drawing black beans were executed. The monument is a tomb for Republic of Texas patriots, a place recognizing fallen heroes. A beautiful view from the bluff overlooking the winding Colorado River is one of the many stops on a nature trail that connects the monument and brewery historic

sites. Heinrich Kreische, a master stonemason, immigrated to Texas in 1846 and purchased this property overlooking the Colorado River near La Grange. During the 1860s, Kreische changed his occupation to that of a brewer and started one of the first commercial breweries in Texas. Picnic on the beautiful park lawn and tour the Kreische House and the ruins of the brewery. Travel one mile south of La Grange on U.S. Hwy. 77, then 1/2 mile west on Spur 92.

MOTHER NEFF STATE PARK

1680 Texas 236 Hwy., Moody 76557-3317 📞 (254) 853-2389



Picnic or camp in the shade of tall pecan trees in this charming park on the Leon River, considered to be the first Texas state park. Isabella (Mother) Neff donated the land to be used as a public gathering place, and her son, Texas Governor Pat Neff (1921 – 1925), pushed for the creation of the Texas state park

system. The lovely stone group pavilion and other stone buildings at the park were developed in the 1930s by the CCC. The park is conveniently located in north-central Texas, not far west of IH-35.

PALMETTO STATE PARK

78 Park Road 11 South, Gonzales 78629 ☎ (830) 672-3266



Named for the dwarf palmetto found throughout the park, this 289-acre riparian refuge resembles the tropics more than the surrounding brush country. This botanical wonderland attracts more than 200 bird species. A historic pump forces artesian water into a 1930s-era cistern and water tower for release into a swampy woodlands along a nature trail. The San Marcos River flows through the park, making it a perfect take-out point for canoe trips that start in Luling 14 miles upriver.

PURTIS CREEK STATE PARK

14225 F.M. 316, Eustace 75124 ☎ (903) 425-2332



This large 1,582-acre park is known for its heavily-wooded, well-shaded campsites and its exceptional bass fishing. The clear-water impoundment was actually designed for trophy largemouth bass, with catch-and-release regulations for this species. The 355-surface-acre lake is limited to 50 boats at a time. Canoe and paddleboat rentals are also available at the park store.

RAY ROBERTS LAKE STATE PARK



Set amid a mixed forest and prairie environment, this state park has numerous subunits with access to the 30,000-surface-acre reservoir. In addition to typical state park campsites, the sections include everything from boat ramps to a full-service marina, group pavilions, a lodge with hotel-type rooms, numerous mountain-bike trails, primitive and equestrian camping, and great fishing opportunities.

PARK UNITS OF RAY ROBERTS LAKE SP

ISLE DU BOIS

100 PW 4137, Pilot Point 76258-8944 📞 (940) 686-2148

A full-service park with a six-lane boat ramp. It also has equestrian and walk-in campsites, a swimming beach and a lighted fishing pier. The park store is open from spring break through November.

JOHNSON BRANCH

100 PW 4153, Valley View 76272-7411 📞 (940) 637-2294

A full-service park with a four-lane boat ramp, campsites and accessible trails that are ADA compliant. The park store opens weekends from spring break through November.

JORDAN PARK

F.M. 1192, Pilot Point 76258 📞 (940) 686-0261

Home to Lantana Lodge, a luxurious lodge overlooking the lake. The modern lodge has 30 rooms, a restaurant as well as a conference center that can accommodate up to 100 people. There's also a four-lane boat ramp for lake access.

RAY ROBERTS GREENBELT CORRIDOR

100 PW 4137, Pilot Point 76258-8944 📞 (940) 686-2148

A 20-mile trail system meanders along the heavily wooded banks of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. It is suited to hiking, equestrian trail riding and paddling. Canoe and kayak rentals are available at Greenbelt Canoe Rentals, (817) 228-9496.

SANGER

1399 Marina Circle, Sanger 76226 📞 (940) 458-7343

A full-service marina, Lake Ray Roberts Marina, is located here and features four boat lanes, boat rentals, a fishing barge and courtesy dock.

SEBASTOPOL HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 900, Seguin 78156 ☎ (830) 379-4833



Located in Seguin, a town called the “mother of concrete cities,” this historic home endures as a testament to its structural integrity. In 1847, Dr. John Park, who obtained several patents on concrete use, relocated to Seguin from Georgia, where he is credited for introducing the formula for limecrete. Because of the

natural occurrence and affordability of the materials used in this type of construction, the limecrete structure was quite popular. There were nearly 100 limecrete structures in the Seguin area. Sebastopol House is the best surviving example in the American Southwest. In an 1854 visit, Frederick Law Olmstead, architect of New York City’s Central Park, found it noteworthy that a remote Texas town would be utilizing advanced building techniques less than 20 years after their introduction in eastern states.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE PARK

P.O. Box 125, San Felipe 77473-0125 ☎ (979) 885-3613



This beautiful recreation park occupies the moss-draped pecan bottoms along the Brazos River and the Mexican land granted to Stephen F. Austin, the “Father of Texas,” for the first Anglo colony in Texas. The park contains an 18-hole golf course, in addition to camping and group facilities. Nearby San Felipe SHS is now operated under the management of the Texas Historical Commission.

WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 305, Washington 77880-0305 ☎ (936) 878-2214



While Santa Anna's army besieged the Alamo in March 1836, Texans met in an unfinished building at Washington-on-the-Brazos to declare independence from Mexico. Two weeks later, the delegates adopted a constitution for the Republic of Texas in the middle of the night. Today visitors can enjoy the many exhibits at the Visitor Center and at the Star of the

Republic Museum, which houses a collection of more than 20,000 artifacts, and tour a replica building of where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. Groups can also reserve the Conference Center, group meeting facility and two picnic pavilions. The picturesque park is a favorite spot for picnics.

BARRINGTON LIVING HISTORY FARM was the home of Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas. Handcrafted reproduction log buildings and croplands demonstrate the working of a Brazos Valley farm, circa 1850. Interpreters in period costume work the farm as it was done long ago.

CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

194 Park Road 28, Mexia 76667 ☎ (254) 562-5751

This park is under the operation of the Texas Historical Commission.

EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE

609 South Lamar, Denison 75021 ☎ (903) 465-8908

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SAM BELL MAXEY HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

812 South Church Street, Paris 75460 ☎ (903) 785-5716

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BATTLESHIP TEXAS STATE HISTORIC SITE

3523 Battleground Road, La Porte 77571 📞 (281) 479-2431



Moored at San Jacinto Battleground, Battleship TEXAS was patterned after the H.M.S. DREADNOUGHT and is the only surviving U.S. Navy battleship to have served in both World Wars. When she was commissioned in 1914, the battleship carried the first 14-inch guns in the world and was considered the most advanced military weapon on the planet. During her service, TEXAS was modernized many times with the latest in cutting-edge technology and was the first U.S. battleship to launch an aircraft, mount anti-aircraft batteries and have commercial radar.

GOOSE ISLAND STATE PARK

202 S. Palmetto Street, Rockport 78382 📞 (361) 729-2858



Sighting brown pelicans and rare whooping cranes, and fishing the bountiful waters of Aransas, Copano and St. Charles bays draw visitors to Texas' first coastal state park. Protected from coastal storms, the park is located on the southern tip of the Lamar Peninsula and is dominated by dramatic wind-sculpted trees and is home to "Big Tree," a massive coastal live oak estimated to be more than 1,000 years old and one of the natural wonders of Texas. Goose Island features camping areas overlooking Aransas Bay and beneath the shade of the live oaks.

LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1167, Mathis 78368 📞 (361) 547-2635



Swimming, boating, waterskiing and sailboarding fill summer hours on this large placid lake, while angling for black bass, striped bass, crappie and catfish are year-round pleasures. The CCC built an impressive limestone open-air refectory with arched walls and a tower that affords excellent views over the lake.

LIPANTITLAN STATE HISTORIC SITE

Day use only, c/o Lake Corpus Christi State Park. 📞 (361) 547-2635

LAKE TEXANA STATE PARK

46 Park Road 1, Edna 77957 ☎ (361) 782-5718



Halfway between Houston and Corpus Christi, the park offers complete water recreation activities: fishing, boating, waterskiing, personal watercraft, sailing on the main lake, swimming, and even lighted fishing piers and an ADA-compliant fishing jetty. The park rents canoes, kayaks and hydro-bikes.

A six-mile hike-and-bike trail includes a short one-mile section with a granite gravel surface meeting ADA requirements. Camp at tree-shaded sites and watch the white-tailed deer from your picnic table.

MUSTANG ISLAND STATE PARK

P.O. Box 326, Port Aransas 78373 ☎ (361) 749-5246



Seaside beaches stretch for five miles along the open Gulf of Mexico, inviting a perfect summer-at-the-shore experience. This is truly one of the best places to see coastal marine life, from stingrays to blue herons. Primitive beach camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are rinse showers, bulk water and portable toilets in convenience stations along the beach. Come take in the surf and the sun!

PORT ISABEL LIGHTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

421 East Queen Isabella Blvd., Port Isabel 78578 ☎ (956) 943-2262



This coastal “light” was built in 1852 in response to requests from sea captains for help in navigating around the low-lying Texas coast. Technology changes, the coming of the railroad and the consequent drop in commercial shipping made lighthouses obsolete. At one time there were 16 lighthouses on the Texas coast. Now, only two of the historic

structures are open to the public. A museum, a replica of the lighthouse keeper’s cottage and picnic tables on the grounds sit in the shadow of the 72-foot-high tower, which is operated by the City of Port Isabel.

SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND-MONUMENT STATE HISTORIC SITE

3523 Battleground Road, La Porte 77571 📞 (281) 479-2431



The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site preserves the proud history of the state of Texas and the United States. The battle of San Jacinto, fought here on April 21, 1836, secured independence from Mexico. This site's National Historic Landmark status attests to the battle's importance to state, national and international history.

Visit the battleground, and follow a short trail and boardwalk through a wetland where native prairie grasses, marshes and bottomland forests are being restored to their 1836 appearance to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. Tour the 570-foot-tall San Jacinto Monument, the tallest in the world.

SEA RIM STATE PARK

P.O. Box 356, Sabine Pass 77655 ☎ (409) 971-2559



Out beyond the rest of Texas, at a place where marsh grasses melt into the surf, Sea Rim State Park surprises visitors with a world of experiences. Venture out into the coastal marshes on an airboat tour that brings you face to face with alligators and other marsh wildlife. Spend carefree days splashing in the surf, fishing, bird-watching and beach-combing. Tuck a tent behind a sand dune or out on the open beach, or pull in with an RV and

unwind for a while. **PARK IS CURRENTLY CLOSED BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE AND SUBSEQUENT REPAIRS. LIMITED ACCESS MAY BE RESTORED BY 2010. CHECK THE TPWD WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.**

SHELDON LAKE STATE PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

15315 Beaumont Hwy., Houston 77049 ☎ (281) 456-2800



A wilderness on the edge of Houston, this park in northeast Harris County features a reservoir with fishing, wildlife viewing and canoeing in the nearly 1,000 acres of water levees, wetlands and marshland, as well as an environmental learning center. The new LEED-certified Pond Center demonstrates “Green Architecture” while boasting 100-percent green energy consumption. Free catch-and-release family fishing is permitted on weekends at two stocked ponds near the learning center.

FULTON MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 1859, Fulton 78358 ☎ (361) 729-0386

This park is under the operation of the Texas Historical Commission.

LAKE HOUSTON PARK

Operated by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation. ☎ (713) 845-1000

SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND STATE PARK AND HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 356, Sabine Pass 77655 ☎ (409) 971-2559

This park is under the operation of the Texas Historical Commission.

VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE

1702 N. 13th Street, West Columbia 77486 ☎ (979) 345-4656

This park is under the operation of the Texas Historical Commission.

WALTER UMPHREY STATE PARK

Managed by Jefferson County. ☎ (409) 985-4811

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BENTSEN-RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK

2800 S. Bentsen Palm Drive, Mission 78572 ☎ (956) 585-1107



Serving as headquarters of a unique network of the nine World Birding Center sites in South Texas, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park features more than 325 species of birds and more than 200 species of butterflies on 760 acres of riparian woodland. Witness amazing hawk migrations, and enjoy bird walks and natural history tours at this key migratory stopover. The park features

nature trails, a hawk tower, birding and wildlife-viewing blinds, primitive camping sites, tram tours and numerous opportunities for bird and wildlife photography. Also on site are a visitors' interpretive center, store, coffee bar, nature center and state-of-the-art meeting rooms.

CHOKE CANYON STATE PARK

P.O. Box 2, Calliham 78007 ☎ (361) 786-3868



This park complex includes two separate park units on the shores of the 26,000-surface-acre reservoir, offering access to this wide expanse of water. That, coupled with mild weather, invites boating, waterskiing and fishing year-round. Fishing at Choke Canyon reservoir is regarded as some of the finest in Texas. Largemouth bass, white bass, crappie, blue catfish, channel catfish, flathead catfish, bluegill sunfish, redear sunfish and alligator gar have healthy populations here. An abundance of wildlife abounds to offer visitors the chance to see white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina and even alligators. The park's facilities also include a gymnasium, recreation hall, dining hall and group picnic pavilions.

CALLIHAM PARK UNIT

In addition to campsites and group pavilions, the park has a basketball court, tennis court and baseball diamond. An auditorium with dining hall, dressing rooms and a stage are also available for rent. The park also has nature trails that provide great birding opportunities to view a diverse variety of species.

SOUTH SHORE PARK UNIT (DAY USE ONLY)

This day-use section has a two-lane and a six-lane boat ramp and a lighted fish cleaning table. These are available for use only on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ESTERO LLANO GRANDE STATE PARK

3301 S. International Blvd. (F.M. 1015), Weslaco 📞 (956) 565-3919



Water is the magic ingredient for attracting wildlife in South Texas, and Estero Llano Grande State Park offers something special as the largest wetlands environment in the World Birding Center network. At the geographic center of the Rio Grande Valley, this 200-acre refuge in Weslaco attracts a spectacular array of South Texas wildlife with its varied landscape of shallow lakes, woodlands and thorn forest. Explore the park's many trails, boardwalks, pavilions and observation decks. While you are there, visit the park store, *Humedales Alegres*, which features unique souvenirs as well as wetland, butterfly, bird and other wildlife merchandise.

FALCON STATE PARK

P.O. Box 2, Falcon Heights 78545 ☎ (956) 848-5327



On the shores of Falcon Reservoir, wild olive, wild oregano, hibiscus, mesquite thickets, huisache and prickly pear cactus give refuge to roadrunners, javelina, deer and jackrabbits. While park visitors enjoy the scenic views and abundant wildlife, they can kick back at this peaceful retreat where park hosts organize a variety of activities. Join us during the winter months for great birdwatching and Friday night hot meals at the “rec” hall. There’s

even a seasonal store and restaurant, open November through April. The world-class bass fishing draws anglers from across the U.S. to the 98,960-surface-acre lake. Visitors can also enjoy a butterfly garden.

GOLIAD STATE PARK

108 Park Road 6, Goliad 77963-3206 ☎ (361) 645-3405



More than 250 years ago, Spanish missionaries and soldiers established Mission Espíritu Santo at Goliad on the San Antonio River. Cattle thrived on these rich grasslands, the origin of the great Texas ranching industry. Today, you can swim in a Junior Olympic-sized pool, camp under massive oaks along the river and explore the museum.

Mission Espíritu Santo impresses with aging serenity, rising against a blue sky as an icon of the Spanish Colonial Era. General Ignacio Zaragoza (1829-1862), Mexican general and the hero of Cinco de Mayo, was born in Goliad when it was a sleepy village on Mexico’s northern frontier. The 1836 Battle of Coleto Creek was fought nearby, marking a distressing loss during the Texas Revolution, and is remembered at the nearby Fannin Battleground State Historic Site. The park also features a park store.

LAKE CASA BLANCA INTERNATIONAL STATE PARK

P.O. Box 1844, Laredo 78044 ☎ (956) 725-3826



¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the park in Laredo, a town known as the Gateway to Mexico! Park your RV or pitch your tent and then cook up some hamburgers or cabrito on one of the park's many barbecue pits. Five recreation halls and picnic pavilions invite gatherings for family fiestas with mariachis and piñatas. Fishing in the park's lake is also great for largemouth bass. And, as the bilingual exit sign says, *Regrese Pronto* — Y'all Come Back Soon!

RESACA DE LA PALMA STATE PARK

1000 New Carmen Street, Brownsville 78521 📞 (956) 350-2920



Resaca de la Palma State Park is the newest park in the system, and part of the World Birding Center network. The park is located at the Rio Grande River Delta and features 1,200 acres of subtropical habitat containing wetlands, mature woodland and mesquite savannah, all of which provide one of the most well-preserved ecosystems in South Texas. Whether strolling alongside the resaca or relaxing on the tram, experience the magic of the wild only minutes away from the urban environment of Brownsville. Witness a diversity of tropical birds and the rare opportunity to spot an ocelot. This unusual site provides the ideal setting to enjoy an early-morning bird count, interpretive bird tour or evening bike ride.

THE WORLD BIRDING CENTER



The World Birding Center is a network of unique birding sites in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and along a 120-mile historic road. Drive through subtropical Texas to share the borderlands mix of Texan and Mexican heritage, and take time to look for any of the more than 500 bird species that have been documented in the region. This network of nature sites includes

three state parks: Estero Llano Grande State Park in Weslaco, Resaca de la Palma State Park in Brownsville and the headquarters site, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park in Mission. Visit www.worldbirdingcenter.org for more information.

CASA NAVARRO STATE HISTORIC SITE

228 South Laredo St., San Antonio 78207 📞 (210) 226-4801

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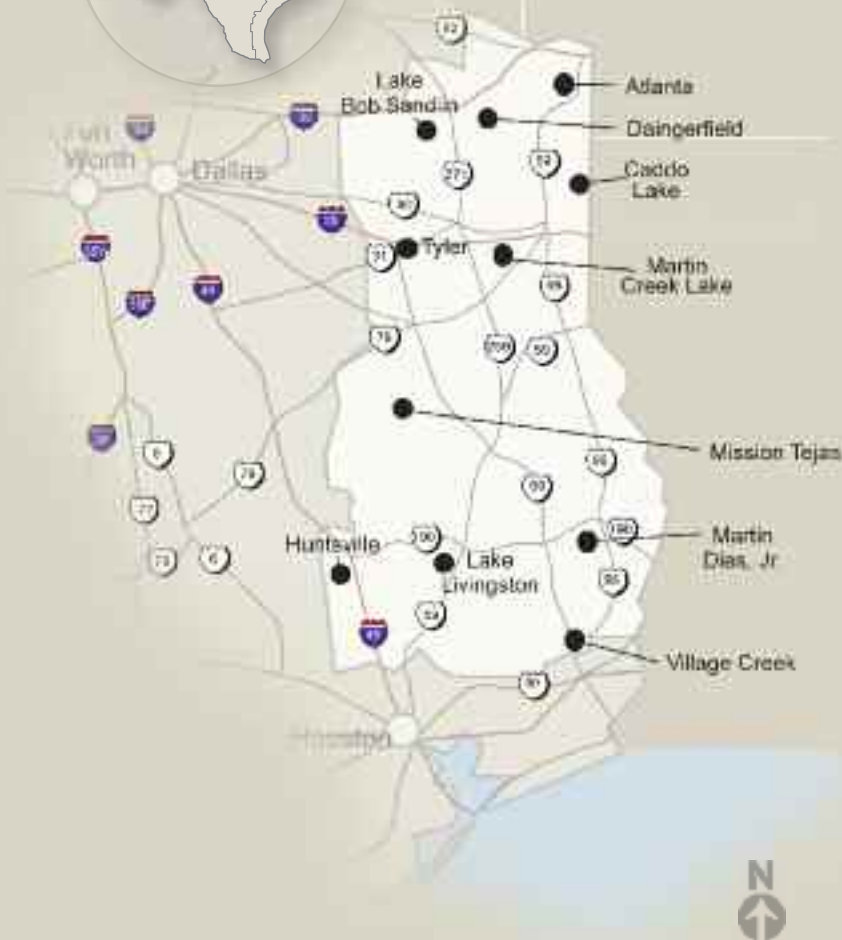


Laredo invites you to rediscover the rich landscape and brush country that make this a South Texas haven for nature enthusiasts. Come and experience the **2010 Pro-Tour of Nature Photography: The Texas Borderlands of Laredo** competition and the **2010 Birding Festival**

www.visitlaredo.com

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Pineywoods Region



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CADDO LAKE STATE PARK

245 Park Road 2, Karnack 75661 ☎ (903) 679-3351



Caddo Lake, the only natural lake in Texas, was created by a mass of trees and flood debris known historically as the Great Raft of the Red River. It obstructed the river channel for more than 100 miles above Shreveport, Louisiana, until 1874, when it was successfully removed to clear the channel for navigation. But the lake slowly drained away, leaving a

swamp. A modern dam maintains the lake, and today, canoeists and boaters can explore the picturesque maze of bayous — thick with ancient bald cypress trees. The park includes some lovely, fully-restored CCC pine-log cabins that make for an authentic “cabin in the woods” experience. Visitors often find GPS coordinates at this densely forested, wetlands park helpful: N 32 degrees 40.720 minutes, W 094 degrees 10.530 minutes.

DAINGERFIELD STATE PARK

455 Park Road 17, Daingerfield 75638 ☎ (903) 645-2921



Stay in recently renovated CCC cabins, or camp beneath towering loblolly pines and dense oaks that edge the clear and calm, 80-acre lake in this picturesque park. Whether it's a sandwich and beverage aboard a rented paddleboat or a picnic spread in the grass on a sunny day, food simply tastes better in this scenic and relaxing setting.

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HUNTSVILLE STATE PARK

P.O. Box 508, Huntsville 77342-0508 ☎ (936) 295-5644



The Civilian Conservation Corps accepted all citizens, a remarkable decision for the times. As a result, African American companies were formed to help develop parks and public lands, and Huntsville State Park was constructed by such a company. The park quickly became a favorite. Located among loblolly and shortleaf pines, the park boasts an extensive trail system, and equestrian stables are conveniently located on-site. The park also has a 210-acre lake, Lake Raven, with canoes for rent, and plentiful animal and bird life, as well as great fishing. A CCC-built group facility is available for rent for weddings, parties and reunions.

MARTIN CREEK LAKE STATE PARK

9515 County Road 2181D, Tatum 75691 ☎ (903) 836-4336



A small island in the lake, reached via a footbridge, has primitive campsites for backpackers wanting a quiet retreat. There are limited campsites available on the island, so be sure to make a reservation. Because the lake water cools a power plant, the water stays warm, making this an excellent channel cat and bass fishery, even during cold-weather

months. Bluegill and redear sunfish are also present in high numbers. The park also has a lighted fishing pier and boat ramps. Stay overnight in this unique Pineywoods park in cabins, cottages or enclosed shelters. Enjoy tent camping, or park your RV for a spell and make yourself at home.

MARTIN DIES, JR. STATE PARK

634 Private Road 5025, Jasper 75951 ☎ (409) 384-5231



Pitch your tent or park your RV on the shores of this reservoir under lofty pine, oak and beech trees in the northern corner of the Big Thicket. The mix of habitats at this biological crossroads brings in arid country critters such as roadrunners, as well as the denizens of swamps — like alligators. Boat ramps and rentals help get you to Lake B.A. Steinhagen, and a lighted fishing pier lets you fish from close to shore.

Channel, blue and flathead catfish are all present in good numbers. Spotted bass can be caught in the nearby Angelina River. Crappie fishing reigns in the spring. There's a beginner-level mountain-biking trail of four miles, and bicycles can be rented. The park's environmental education center is worth a visit, and the well-appointed group hall hosts many family gatherings.

VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK

P.O. Box 85665, Lumberton 77657 ☎ (409) 755-7322



A beautiful overnight facility perfectly suited for families is available for rent at this park. Village Creek State Park reveals a primeval world of backwater sloughs and swamps, carnivorous plants, various mammals and water snakes, colorful birds and hundreds of species of flowering plants. They all thrive in this region known as the Big Thicket, a pine-and-hardwood forest so dense that the early pioneers barely attempted to settle it. This ecological splendor once comprised more than 3 million acres of dense forest and bottomland. A small portion is set aside as a park with eight miles of marked trails, interpretive programs, camping facilities and access to paddling on wide, slow-moving Village Creek.

CADDON MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

1649 State Highway 21 West, Alto 75925 ☎ (936) 858-3218

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GOVERNOR HOGG SHRINE HISTORIC SITE

Operated by the City of Quitman. ☎ (903) 763-2701

STARR FAMILY HOME STATE HISTORIC SITE

407 West Travis Street, Marshall 75670 ☎ (903) 935-3044

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