TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



# MONUMENT HILL AND KREISCHE BREWERY STATE HISTORIC SITES

Picnicking • Hiking • Nature Study

History Studies • Guided Tours • Scenic Views

Museum • Gift Shop • Volunteering

Weddings • Birthday Parties • Family Reunions

Special Events • Christmas Programs

School Groups and Tour Buses Welcome!



Kreische Brewery

Overlook

Be a good park citizen!

Helpful hints to make your visit more enjoyable:

# **Closing Hours**

Please be mindful that the park closes at 5 p.m. and all gates are locked. Entering the park without authorization when it is closed is a violation of state law. This is for the protection of our visitors and our fragile resources. Please help us preserve your park for future generations!

#### Wildflowers and Plants

Please DO NOT pick the wildflowers. Wildflowers and other plants in Texas state parks and historic sites are all protected by state laws. They are here for everyone's enjoyment and education. In most cases, picking wildflowers kills the plant and/or prevents it from coming back the next season. Please help keep your park beautiful and leave the wildflowers alone. Take only photos; they last longer! Also, please do not pull leaves, bark, or moss off the trees. This, too, can be very damaging.

## Before you pop that cold one...

Even though the park used to be the site of "good times on the bluff," public consumption or display of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited and enforced in all Texas state parks and historic sites. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department promotes a family-friendly atmosphere for all to enjoy.

#### Pets

Pets are welcome in Texas state parks and historic sites. All pets must be kept on a leash and under your direct control at all times. This is to help protect your pet, wildlife and other visitors. Noisy, vicious or dangerous pets are not permitted. Pets are not allowed in any state building, including restrooms, historic buildings and park headquarters. Please clean up after your pet. No one likes to "step in it."

## Garbage

Please help us keep your park clean! State law prohibits illegal littering and dumping of trash. Help us by picking up litter and placing it in garbage cans located throughout the park and picnic areas.

## Peace and Quiet

Please remember that Monument Hill is the burial site of our Texas heroes. Help keep the park peaceful so that others can enjoy the serenity. When the park is peaceful, you will be better able to view resident wildlife such as deer, birds, squirrels and small reptiles. Watch out for snakes!

# Responsibility for Children

Kids love the outdoors! We want them to have the best time they possibly can while learning a little about Texas history and nature. Our greatest concern is that their activities are safe. The park sits on a 200-foot bluff (cliff), and we encourage visitors to look out for their safety and that of their children. We also have buildings and structures that are over 150 years old and are irreplaceable. Park regulations allow us to hold parents/guardians legally responsible for the actions of their children, so it pays to keep an eye on kids at all times!

## **Artifacts and Metal Detectors**

Metal detecting and treasure hunting are becoming more and more popular. However, these activities are prohibited in Texas state parks and historic sites. Artifacts, rocks and other geological features are protected by state and federal laws. If you see someone metal detecting in the park or someone who is removing artifacts or stones, please contact the park staff immediately.

Every state park rule and regulation is designed to ensure that your experiences are safe and enjoyable and, at the same time, preserve these precious resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations. The preceding list provides just a few highlights of Texas state park rules and regulations. Don't hesitate to notify the park staff if you know about others who may be infringing on your rights and violating these rules.

You can also help the park by volunteering! Join the Friends of Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites. Ask any staff member how you can help!

## FEES and TOURS

### Entrance fee:

\$2 per person (13 years old and older). Ask about Senior Citizen discounts. The Texas State Parks Pass waives entrance fees for everyone in the same vehicle. The Texas Parklands Passport ("Bluebonnet Pass") waives or discounts entrance fees for individuals only.

### Guided tour fees:

Ask about school group prices. Tour fees are in addition to entrance fees, and all go to support Texas state parks.

Monument Hill, Kreische Brewery and Kreische House Tours: \$2 per adult for each tour, \$1 per student per tour.

Historic and Scenic Tour: \$3.50 per adult, \$1 per child.

#### Guided tours offered:

(Groups of 10 or more may make special reservations for any of the tours.)

Kreische Brewery Tour: October through May, every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. June through September, Saturdays only at 10 a.m. Weather permitting! Tour the remains of one of the first commercial breweries in Texas. \*\*Physically demanding walk. Participants must be in good physical condition to participate. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 3/4-mile hike.

Kreische House Tour: January through November, first and second Sundays from 1:30 until 4 p.m. No house tours offered in December. Tour the 1850s-built home of German immigrant Heinrich Kreische. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/8-mile walk including walking up stairs.

Monument Hill Tour: Listen to the history of the men who fought and died in the Dawson and Mier Expeditions. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/8-mile walk. By reservation only.

<u>Historic and Scenic Tour</u>: Includes the Monument Hill Tour and history of the Kreische family. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/2-mile scenic walk. By reservation only.

# Weddings and other special events:

Inquire with the park staff about having your wedding at the park. The park also rents two tents that may be used in the park for special events and family reunions.

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