## TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



**BIG BEND COUNTRY** 

## Balmorhea State Park

In the desert flatlands of West Texas near the Davis Mountains lies Balmorhea State Park and its popular centerpiece, San Solomon Springs. For thousands of years, this spring provided water for Native Americans and, later, for Spanish explorers and soldiers. Today, the park's deep pool over the spring attracts swimmers and divers. San Solomon Springs Courts, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, offers an unusual and comfortable alternative to camping. The irrigation canals within the park contain some interesting inhabitants – several fish species, of which two are endangered.



**Camping:** campsites with water only or water and electricity and cable TV.



**Motel:** San Solomon Springs Courts offers 18 units (10 with kitchenettes), A/C, heat, cable TV, no phone. Advance reservations recommended.



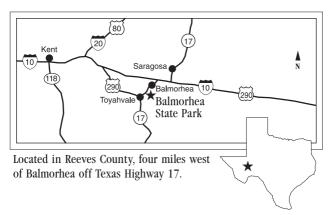
Group Facilities: dining hall (capacity 25-50).

Picnicking: day-use area with playground.

Swimming: pool open year-round. Bathhouse.

**Special Attraction:** a replicated desert wetland (cienega) with an underwater viewing window.

Texas State Parks Store: one-of-a-kind items, gifts, etc.





Rates and reservations, call (512) 389-8900. For information only, call (800) 792-1112. Web site: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us

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