

Trails

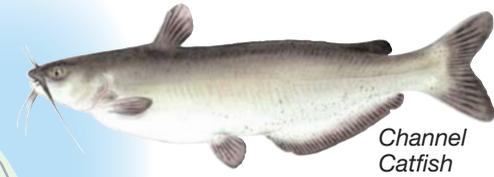
of Lake Texana State Park

STAYING SAFE

- Know your limits. Prepare for sun and heat. Take plenty of water, snacks and a first-aid kit. No water or rest rooms are available on the trails.
- Let others know your plans (anticipated activity and timeframe). Take a cell phone and trail map. If alone, leave details visible from your vehicle.
- Keep pets on leashes to keep them and others safe, while protecting wildlife.
- Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management practices. Check with park headquarters for current conditions and future trail closures.
- Trails may have wet sections, thorny plants, tree roots or low-hanging limbs. These natural conditions may be challenging for strollers, wheelchairs and bicycles.
- Potentially harmful wildlife and plants exist in the park. Stay on trails/mowed areas where you can see possible snakes and poison ivy.
- Helmets are advised when bicycling in the park.
- BEWARE OF ALLIGATORS AND SNAKES. Alligators and venomous snakes are found within the park boundaries.

WATER ACTIVITIES

- Lake Texana has no designated swimming area. Swim at your own risk.
- Do not swim near pier, boat ramp or off bridges.
- Licenses and information regarding fish size and catch limits are available at park headquarters.



Park Emergency Numbers:

- (361) 782-5718 Park Headquarters
- 911

Park Hours:

- Park headquarters hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Late arrivals please register by 9 a.m.
- Gates are locked from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Legend:

- ★ Headquarters
- Rest Rooms
- Biking Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Fishing
- Wildlife Viewing

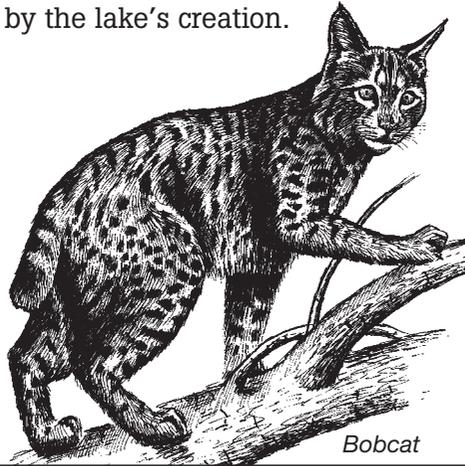
46 Park Road 1
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Old River, New Lake

Its great camping, hiking, fishing and boating draw us to Lake Texana State Park. But this is also a landscape in transition. Life here once centered around the Navidad River. Then the impoundment of Lake Texana created a natural environment that is still undergoing a transformation from river to lake. The rich variety of plants and animals you'll discover here reflect the changes set in motion by the lake's creation.



Indian Grass



Bobcat

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates given in Lat/Long Minute Decimal – NAD 83)

- 1 Nature Center** (28° 57.453" N; 96° 32.547" W)
Come visit the Interpretive Center and see what lurks in the woods. The center offers interpretive programs on weekends and a special birding area in the back.
- 2 Spider Tree and Wildflower Field** (28° 57.364" N; 96° 32.417" W)
Many curving branches grow from an ancient live oak. Look for alligators and waterfowl in the cove behind the adjoining wildflower patch.
- 3 Nature Stop** (28° 57.872" N; 96° 32.568" W)
Located at a footbridge, it offers a place to rest and a wetland area where wildlife can be observed.
- 4 Leaning Tree** (28° 57.843" N; 96° 32.624" W)
This large live oak is often overlooked while walking the trail. Just imagine what the area looked like when it was a seedling.
- 5 Quiet Cove** (28° 57.744" N; 96° 32.967" W)
A quiet spot for viewing wildlife.
- 6 Peaceful Footbridge** (28° 58.091" N; 96° 33.078" W)
A bridge over an inlet to the lake is a place to observe wildlife on the edge of a wetland.

humans have on wildlife. Turning down Alligator Cove Trail toward Trail Head 2 look for Quiet Cove's bench. Take a break and watch for alligators, herons, egrets and hawks. Then finish the hike on the Texana Trail to Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop.

3 Hours: Starting on Bobcat Track at Trail Head 1 by the office, hike through several different ecosystems along the highway and agricultural fields and join Savannah Trail after crossing the second footbridge. Don't miss the remnant of Coastal Prairie along the back of the park. The lake comes into view as the trail turns into the woods again. The hike ends at Trail Head 4 in the multi-purpose camping loop.

Half Day: Wander through all 6 miles of trails the park offers. Enjoy everything from a walk through the woods to a stroll through wildflowers. Watch for migrating birds and listen for the vireos and owls in the brush. On the shoreline, watch egrets, herons and ibises. If you're lucky, an eagle may swoop down and grab a fish.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Alligator Cove Trail		Alligator Cove Trail connects with Bobcat Track and Savannah Trail in the back of the park. It wanders through the woods along an inlet to the lake starting at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop and offers areas for wildlife watching. See if you can find the woodpecker hole in a tall tree just off the trail.
Bobcat Track		The Bobcat Track connects to the Savannah Trail and the Alligator Cove Trail after crossing a foot bridge in the back of the park. It starts at Trail Head 1 behind the office and follows Hwy. 111, where you can find many spring flowers. After crossing a foot bridge, it turns and follows the edge of the park boundary.
Hummingbird Roost Trail		A shortcut from the Nature Stop on the Texana Trail to the Post Oak Trail, it runs through a natural arbor of yaupon. A small area halfway down gets wet from rain and wetland plants (sedge) grow along the trail.
Kid's Trail		This is an unimproved trail that starts at the playground in the multi-purpose area and ends at the Comfort Station. It runs behind the campsites.
Post Oak Trail		This half-mile shortcut starts at Trail Head 4 in the multi-use camping loop and wanders through woodlands until it is crossed by the Savannah Trail.
Savannah Trail		The Savannah Trail runs from Trail Head 4 in the multi-use camping loop along the wooded lake shore. Then it turns west and tracks through the coastal prairie. It intersects with the Post Oak Trail and continues until it connects with the Bobcat Track and the Alligator Cove Trail.
Texana Trail		Lake Texana's first trail, it starts at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop, intersects with the Alligator Cove Trail and turns toward the Nature Stop. After crossing the footbridge it follows the waterway to Trail Head 3 in the multi-use camping loop. Before you reach the footbridge look for the large live oak leaning over the trail.
Wetland Discovery Paddling Trail		Rent a canoe or kayak from the park or bring your own and explore our cove from the water. Observe herons, egrets, ibises and, if you're lucky, spoonbills feeding at the water's edge. Look carefully for the alligators that hunt the waters on this journey. A self-guided tour is available to enhance your enjoyment of shore life.



American Alligator

SUGGESTED HIKES

30 Minutes: Park at Trail Head 3 in the multi-purpose camping loop and walk alongside the water inlet through the woods to the Nature Stop Footbridge, then use Hummingbird Roost Trail under the natural arbor, formed by yaupon, to join the last section of Post Oak Trail and finish up at Trail Head 4 in the multi-purpose camping loop for an easy hike.

1 Hour: Take a walk through the woods on Texana Trail, Lake Texana's original trail. Park at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop and enjoy an easy hike to the Nature Stop Footbridge. Note the large live oak hanging over the trail before reaching the footbridge. Several benches offer rest and excellent views of the water inlet. Finish the hike at Trail Head 3 in the multi-purpose camping loop.

2 Hours: For a longer hike, start at the office and take Bobcat Track to the back of the park. Wildflowers brighten the area, and agricultural fields and grazing pastures expose the impacts