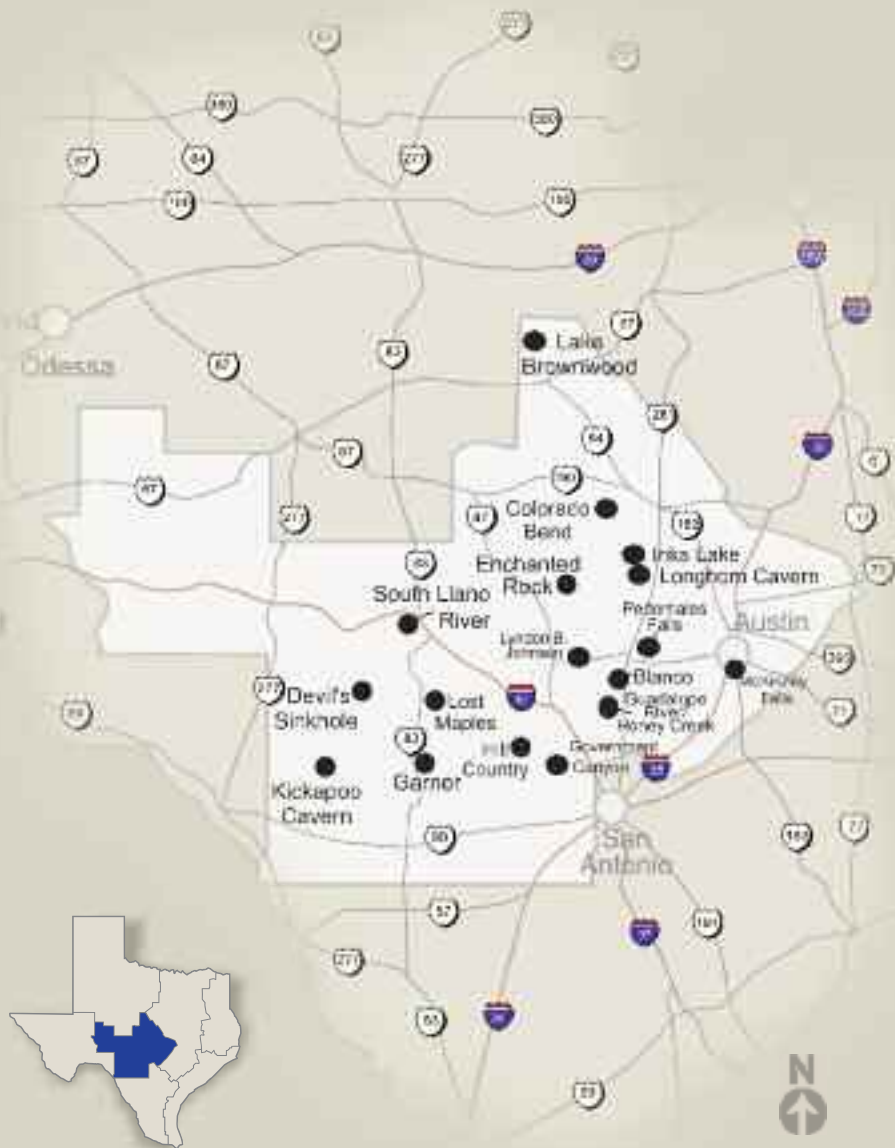


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Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area

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

GPS Latitude N 30 03 33.19 | Longitude W 100 06 35.17



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

GPS Latitude N 30 29 45.45 | Longitude W 98 49 11.53



Climb to the top of this unique pink granite dome that rises 425 feet above the surrounding countryside, 1,825 feet above sea level. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area covers 640 acres, and 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. Enchanted Rock was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1970 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The park is very popular with rockclimbers, and for picnicking, geological study, birdwatching, stargazing, hiking and tent camping, especially on weekends. Occasionally the park fills to capacity and has to be closed, so call before you visit. Mid-week or off-season periods offer smaller crowds, and always try and reserve campsites months in advance.

Garner State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 29 34 54.48 | Longitude W 99 44 30.69



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

GPS Latitude N 29 33 08.31 | Longitude W 98 44 38.25



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

GPS Latitude N 29 51 11.23 | Longitude W 98 30 15.66



In this Hill Country setting, visitors enjoy the spring-fed Guadalupe River above Canyon Lake Dam. It is one of the more scenic stretches of river in Texas, and popular for summertime tubing, with scenic landscapes of high limestone bluffs. Giant bald cypress, pecan, oak and elm trees, along with a wide variety of shrubs line 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.

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Kickapoo Cavern State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 29 36 30.70 | Longitude W 100 28 27.84



Containing nearly 6,400 acres in the southwestern Hill Country, the park is relatively undeveloped — a natural open space where visitors can find solitude—but offers great activities. This newly renovated park has a network of caverns, including one large enough for guided tours. It also boasts 20 limited campsites, great birdwatching and miles of undeveloped trails for hiking and biking, in addition to Stuart Bat Cave where folks can view spectacular Mexican Free-Tail bat flights during evenings of warm weather months. Contact the park in advance to schedule a Wild Cave tour.

Lake Brownwood State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 31 51 25.20 | Longitude W 99 01 42.85



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.

Longhorn Cavern State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 30 41 04.05 | Longitude W 98 21 3.24



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. For the more adventurous, the park offers a “wild” cave tour, an off-the-trail tour to test your physical and mental capabilities. Picnicking and hiking are also options on the surrounding park grounds, and the park offers a full-service deli, snack bar and gift shop.

Lost Maples State Natural Area

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

GPS Latitude N 29 48 27.72 | Longitude W 99 34 14.26



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

GPS Latitude N 30 14 15.82 | Longitude W 98 37 34.75



This popular park is nestled along the banks of the Pedernales River in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. It

honors the 36th president of the United States and the influence he had on rural America. Visitors can view bison, white-tailed deer and Texas longhorn cattle, all of which are pastured within sight along the back roads of the park. The

park offers a number of outdoor activities including fishing in the Pedernales River, birdwatching, nature trails and wildlife photography. 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 legendary for its spring and summer wildflowers, which blanket many of the open fields. At the Visitors Center, a short film chronicling President Johnson on his ranch is shown throughout the day and presidential exhibits are on display. Visit the Texas State Park Store for unique Texas Hill Country gifts and presidential related items.



THE SAUER-BECKMANN LIVING HISTORY FARM, also located at LBJ State Park, this working farm recreates Hill Country 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 using historical methods and tools. For groups of 15 or more wishing to have an hour-long interpretive tour of the living history farm, please call ahead for reservations.

Visitors can obtain a permit to tour the ranch administered by the National Park Service at the LBJ State Park Visitors Center Complex; tour stops include Lyndon B. Johnson's birthplace, the Junction School he attended as a child, the Texas White House, and the place of rest of our 36th president.

South Llano River State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 30 26 43.72 | Longitude W 99 48 14.79



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, bike and go birding on the trail or experience the South Llano River, deemed by the Lower Colorado River Authority to be one the “most pristine water bodies in the state.” Come enjoy and relax along the riverbank and have a picnic, swim, tube, fish and take kayak/canoe trips. Wildlife watchers can sit in one of four observation blinds to see many varieties of birds and also traverse

the park’s trails and into the 2,200-acre wooded hills of the former Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area which is now a part of the park, for even more great places to see wild turkeys, jackrabbits, deer and numerous bird species. This small, peaceful and family-oriented park offers RV and tent camping and interpretive and educational programs year round. Park Headquarters are located in the historic Buck homestead, a restored home site circa the late 1800s.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site

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

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

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

402 East Florence Street, Castroville 78009 ☎ (830) 931-2133

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