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Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park

2800 S. Bentsen Palm Drive, Mission 78572 ☎ (956) 584-9156

GPS Latitude N 26 11 01.28 | Longitude W 98 22 49.80



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, seasonal bird feeding stations, primitive camp sites, tram tours and numerous opportunities for bird and wildlife photography. Access into the park is on foot, by bike or tram. Visitors can pick up the latest field guides or browse through a wide selection of souvenirs and nature-inspired merchandise at the *Algumas Plumas* gift shop. Stop by the La Familia Nature Center to see the latest nature displays or chat with park naturalists or volunteers about what wildlife is being seen within the park. Visit our website and Facebook page for the latest updates, photos and information.

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 a 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 and 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

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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)

GPS Latitude N 28 28 2.31 | Longitude W 98 14 47.11

This day-use section has a two-lane and a six-lane boat ramp and a lighted fish cleaning table.



Estero Llano Grande State Park

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

GPS | Latitude N 26 07 35.0796 | Longitude W 97 57 23.4648



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. A group camp facility with bunkhouse is also available.

Lake Casa Blanca International State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 27 32 21.84 | Longitude W 99 26 54.81



¡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!

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Resaca de la Palma State Park

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

GPS Latitude N 25 59 13.19 | Longitude W 97 33 50.39



Resaca de la Palma State Park boasts the largest tract of land within the World Birding Center network. It 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 great outdoors only minutes away from the urban environment of Brownsville. Hike to one of four observation decks and witness a diverse array of tropical wildlife inhabiting our resaca wetland. This unique site provides the ideal setting for outdoor recreation such as an early-morning bird count, interpretive plant tours, geocaching, or biking to name a few.

Casa Navarro State Historic Site

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

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



The World Birding Center



The World Birding Center is a network of nine individual birding parks and sites throughout the Lower Rio Grande

Valley, where some 500 different bird species can be observed. The network includes three State

Parks: Estero Llano Grande State Park in Weslaco, Resaca de la Palma State Park in Brownsville, and Bentsen-Rio-Grande-Valley State Park in Mission.

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