



CAMPING IN TEXAS



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Resources to Help You

- **State Park Spreadsheet**
- **State Park Maps (PDF)**
- **OA Camping Guide**
- **Download on T-Bird website**



Distance from Austin

| Time from Austin | Miles |
|------------------|-------|
| 20 mins | 10.2 |
| 46 mins | 33.0 |
| 55 mins | 38.9 |
| 56 mins | 42.2 |
| 1 hour 3 mins | 50.6 |
| 1 hour 12 mins | 52.6 |
| 1 hour 19 mins | 53.4 |
| 1 hour 22 mins | 64.6 |
| 1 hour 31 mins | 70.2 |
| 1 hour 33 mins | 79.3 |
| 1 hour 42 mins | 94.3 |
| 2 hours 1 min | 96.2 |
| 1 hour 49 mins | 97.0 |
| 2 hours 22 mins | 97.9 |
| 2 hours 26 mins | 123.0 |
| 2 hours 29 mins | 126.0 |
| 2 hours 34 mins | 129.0 |
| 2 hours 33 mins | 130.0 |
| 2 hours 39 mins | 134.0 |
| 2 hours 44 mins | 140.0 |
| 2 hours 35 mins | 143.0 |
| 2 hours 48 mins | 144.0 |
| 3 hours 2 mins | 157.0 |
| 3 hours 5 mins | 157.0 |
| 2 hours 47 mins | 158.0 |
| 2 hours 52 mins | 162.0 |

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**Best for
which
Scouting
program**

◆ Cub Scouts +

◆ Webelos Scouts +

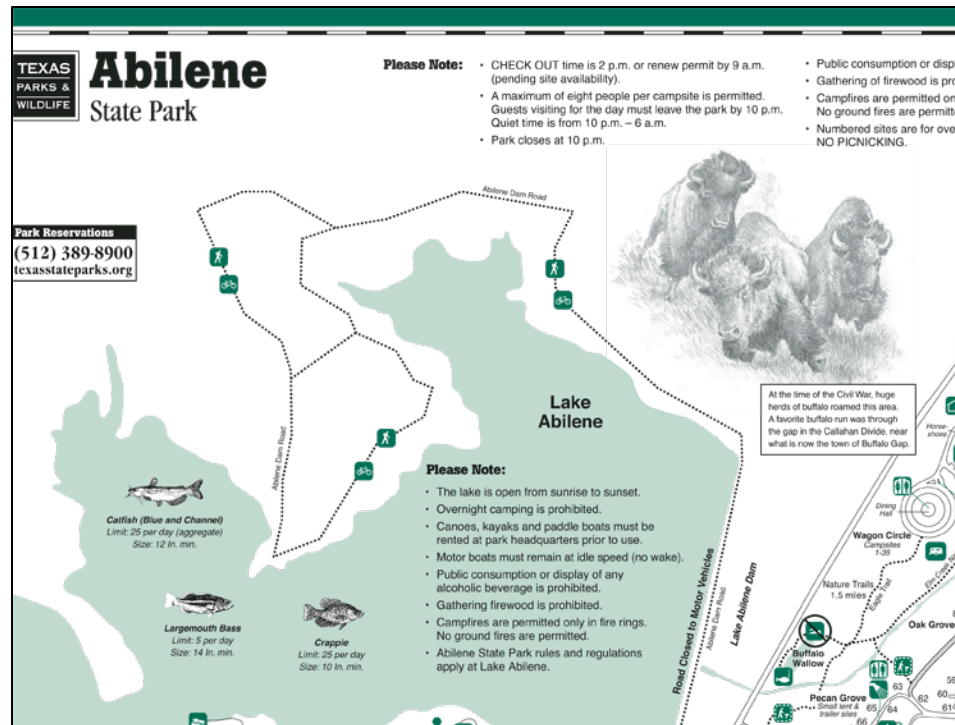
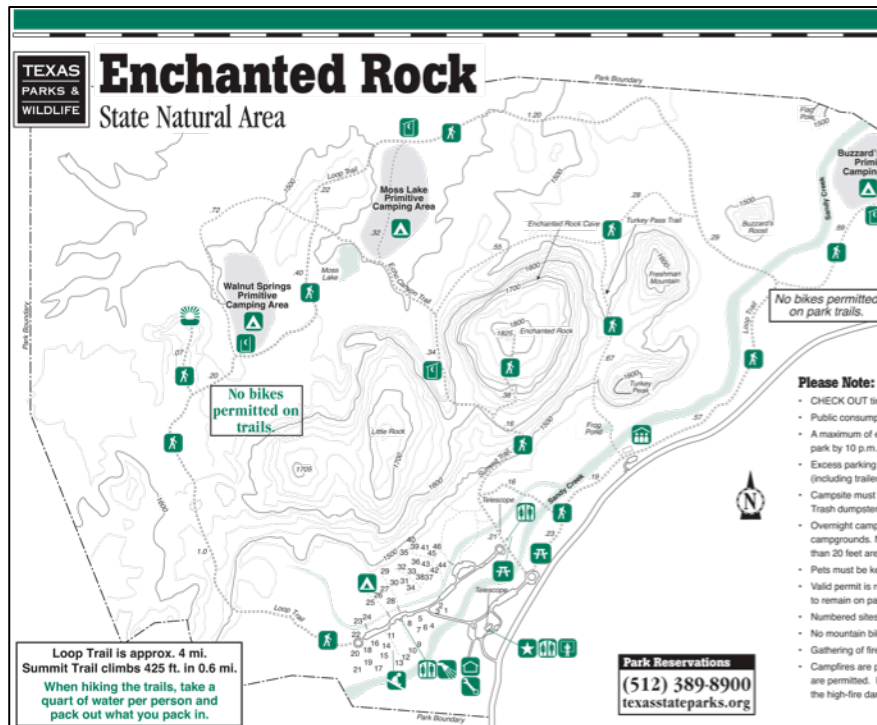
◆ Young Boy Scouts +

◆ Older Scouts, Varsity, Venturing

Wood Badge Project

| | | | | Camping | | Hiking/Climbing | | | Biking | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Tent Campsites | Primitive Campsites | Hiking Trails | Primitive Hiking Trails | Rock Climbing | Biking Trails | Mountain Biking Trails |
| Park Name | City | Time from Austin | Miles | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| McKinney Falls State Park | Austin | 20 mins | 10.2 | | ● | ● | | | ● | |
| Lockhart State Park | Lockhart | 46 mins | 33.0 | | | ● | | | | |
| Bastrop State Park | Bastrop | 55 mins | 38.9 | ● | | ● | ● | | ● | |
| Pedernales Falls State Park | Johnson City | 56 mins | 42.2 | | ● | ● | | | ● | |
| Blanco State Park | Blanco | 1 hour 3 mins | 50.6 | | | ● | | | | |
| Palmetto State Park | Gonzales | 1 hour 12 mins | 52.6 | ● | | ● | | | | |
| Buescher State Park | Smithville | 1 hour 19 mins | 53.4 | ● | | ● | | | ● | ● |
| Inks Lake State Park | Burnet | 1 hour 22 mins | 64.6 | ● | ● | ● | | | | |
| Lake Somerville State Park & Trailway | Ledbetter | 1 hour 31 mins | 70.2 | ● | | ● | ● | | ● | |
| Guadalupe River State Park | Spring Branch | 1 hour 33 mins | 79.3 | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | |
| Government Canyon State Natural Area | San Antonio | 1 hour 42 mins | 94.3 | | | ● | | | ● | |

State Park Maps (PDF)



OA Guide to Camping

- ***CAC BSA Sites***
- ***State Lands***
- ***Hiking***
- ***High Adventure***
- ***Council Maps***
- ***Other Places to Visit***

| Where to Go....BSA Property | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|-------|
| CAMP | LOCATION | CONTACT INFORMATION | # CAMPSITES | ACRES |
| TEXAS | | | | |
| Bear Creek | Hunt, TX | Alamo Area Council 2226 NW Military Dr San Antonio, TX 78213-1894 210-341-8611 www.alamoarea-boyscouts.org/ | 28 | 1,456 |
| Billy Gibbons | Richland Springs, TX | Comanche Trail Council PO Box 1086 Brownwood, TX 76804-1086 915-646-0616 www.texastrailsbsa.org/ | 17 | 100 |
| Buffalo Trail | Toyahvale, TX | Buffalo Trail Council 204 N. Grant Odessa, TX 79741 915-570-7601 www.btcbsa.org/ | 27 | 6,080 |
| Cherokee | Athens, TX | Circle Ten Council 8605 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX 75235-0726 214-351-1010 www.circle10.org/ | 19 | 3,300 |
| Constantin | Graford, TX | Circle Ten Council 8605 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX 75235-0726 214-351-1010 www.circle10.org/ | 11 | 385 |
| Don Harrington | Canyon, TX | Golden Spread Council 401 Tascosa Rd Amarillo, TX 79124-1515 806-358-6500 www.goldenspread.org/ | 12 | 640 |
| El Rancho Cima Cockrell River Camp | San Marcos, TX | Sam Houston Area Council 1911 Bagby Str Houston, TX 77052-2786 713-659-8111 | 14 | 2,700 |



FAVORITE SPOTS



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Enchanted Rock



Enchanted Rock

- **From “Easy” to “Moderate”**
- **Excellent for all 4 Scout programs**
- **Primitive camping + hiking loop**
- **Climbing at multiple locations**
- **Make Venture Crew take full packs to the top ;)**

Enchanted Rock

State Natural Area

Park Boundary

Loop Trail is approx. 4 mi.
Summit Trail climbs 425 ft. in 0.6 mi.

When hiking the trails, take a
quart of water per person and
pack out what you pack in.

No bikes
permitted on
trails.

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on park trails.

WARNING:

Trail, cave and rock conditions are
inherently hazardous; visitors may
encounter slippery surfaces, steep
inclines, vertical drops and other
hazardous conditions.

It is unlawful to disfigure, remove,
excavate or destroy any
paleontological, prehistoric or
historic site or artifact. Violators may
be punished by a fine or confinement
in jail. A scientific permit is required
to gather any type of fossil, rock,
plant or animal.

Please Note:

- CHECK OUT time is 2 p.m. or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending site availability).
- Public consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- A maximum of eight people permitted per campsite. Guests must leave the park by 10 p.m. Quiet time is from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- Excess parking fee is required at campsites with more than two vehicles (including trailers).
- Campsite must be kept clean; all trash must be picked up before you leave. Trash dumpsters are conveniently located on all camping loops.
- Overnight camping is not permitted in any area outside the designated campgrounds. No vehicle camping; no RV's, camper trailers or vehicles longer than 20 feet are permitted to cross bridge.
- Pets must be kept on leash. Please pick up after them.
- Valid permit is required on windshield of each vehicle in park. All vehicles are to remain on pavement.
- Numbered sites for overnight camping only. NO PICNICKING.
- No mountain biking allowed
- Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- Campfires are permitted only in fire rings provided at each site. No ground fires are permitted. Please, use extreme caution with any burning materials during the high-fire danger summer brings.

Park Reservations

(512) 389-8900
texasstateparks.org

Legend:

- Headquarters
- Rest Rooms
- Showers
- Compost Toilet
- Tent Sites
- Residence
- Interpretive Center
- Hiking Trail
- Picnic Area
- Group Pavilion
- Playground
- Maintenance
- Scenic View

16710 Ranch Road 965
Fredericksburg, TX 78624-6554
(830) 685-3636

**Don't
forget
about
the
caves**



Inks Lake State Park



Inks Lake State Park

- **Backpacking, geocaching, bird-watching**
- **Boating, fishing, diving**



Lockhart State Park



Lockhart State Park

- 45 min. away
- Hiking, swimming pool, fishing
- 9 hole golf course
- 75-person Rec Hall



Lockhart State Park



Big Bend NP







Big Bend NP

- **Near Rio Grande**
- **Car and primitive camping, kayaking, animal & insect watching**
- **Possible winter camping (in TX)**
- **Hiking – all levels, day hikes to multi-day trips, various elevations**

Colorado Bend SP



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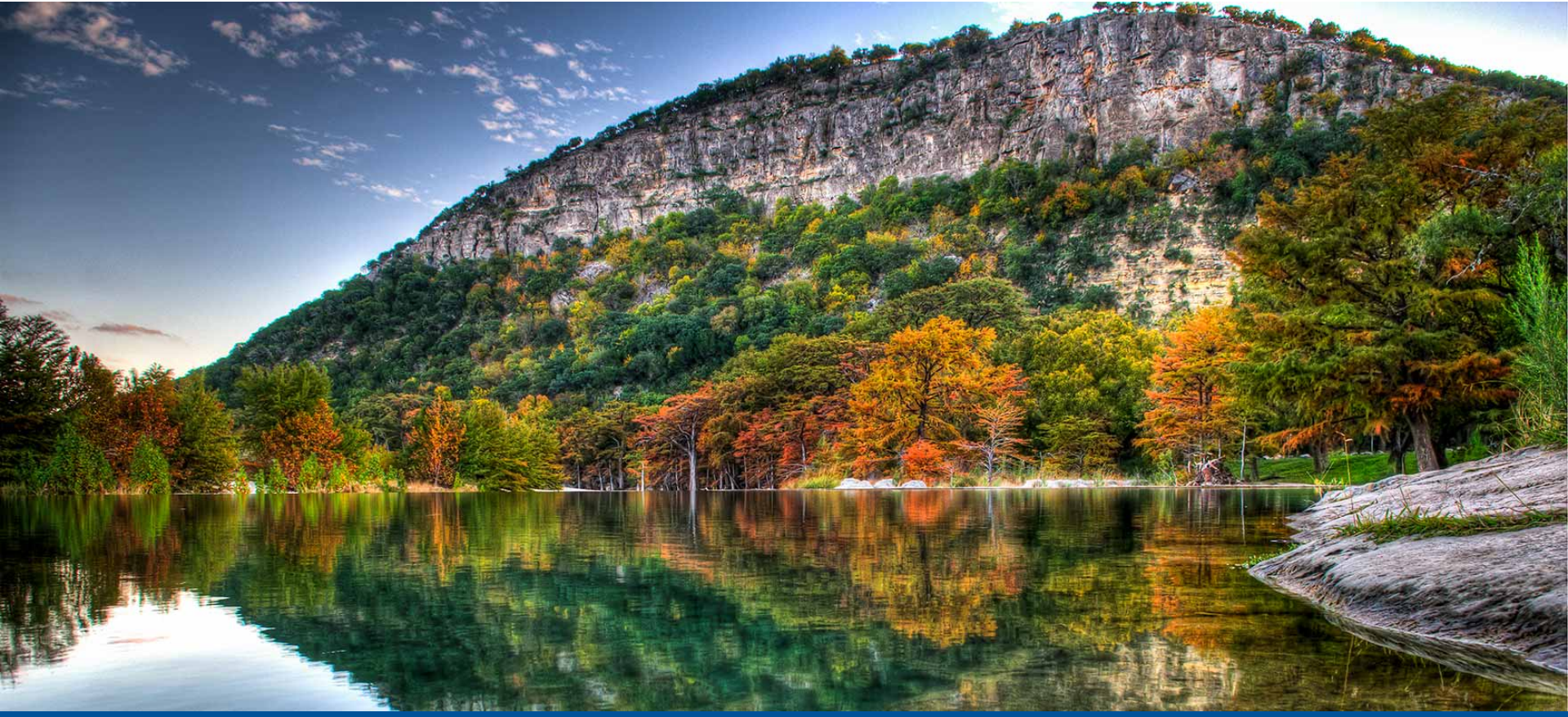


Colorado Bend SP

- **Gorman Falls**
- **Mountain biking,
swimming holes**
- **Cave tours
(w/rappelling)**



Garner State Park



Garner State Park

- **2 hrs SW of Austin**
- **Frio River (3 mi), 11 mi of hiking**
- **Tubing, fishing, canoeing, kayaks**
- **Geocaching**



Pedernales Falls SP



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Pedernales Falls SP

- **Camping**
- **Swimming**
- **Hiking, Birding**
- **Tubing, Wading**
- **Mountain biking**



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McKinney Falls State Park



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McKinney Falls State Park

- **Very, very close (near airport)**
- **Great for Cubs, parents that don't like to drive far**
- **Be CAREFUL of falls/water**







Blanco State Park



Blanco State Park

- 1 hour away – outside Blanco
- Camping, swimming, hiking, nature study, boating & fishing

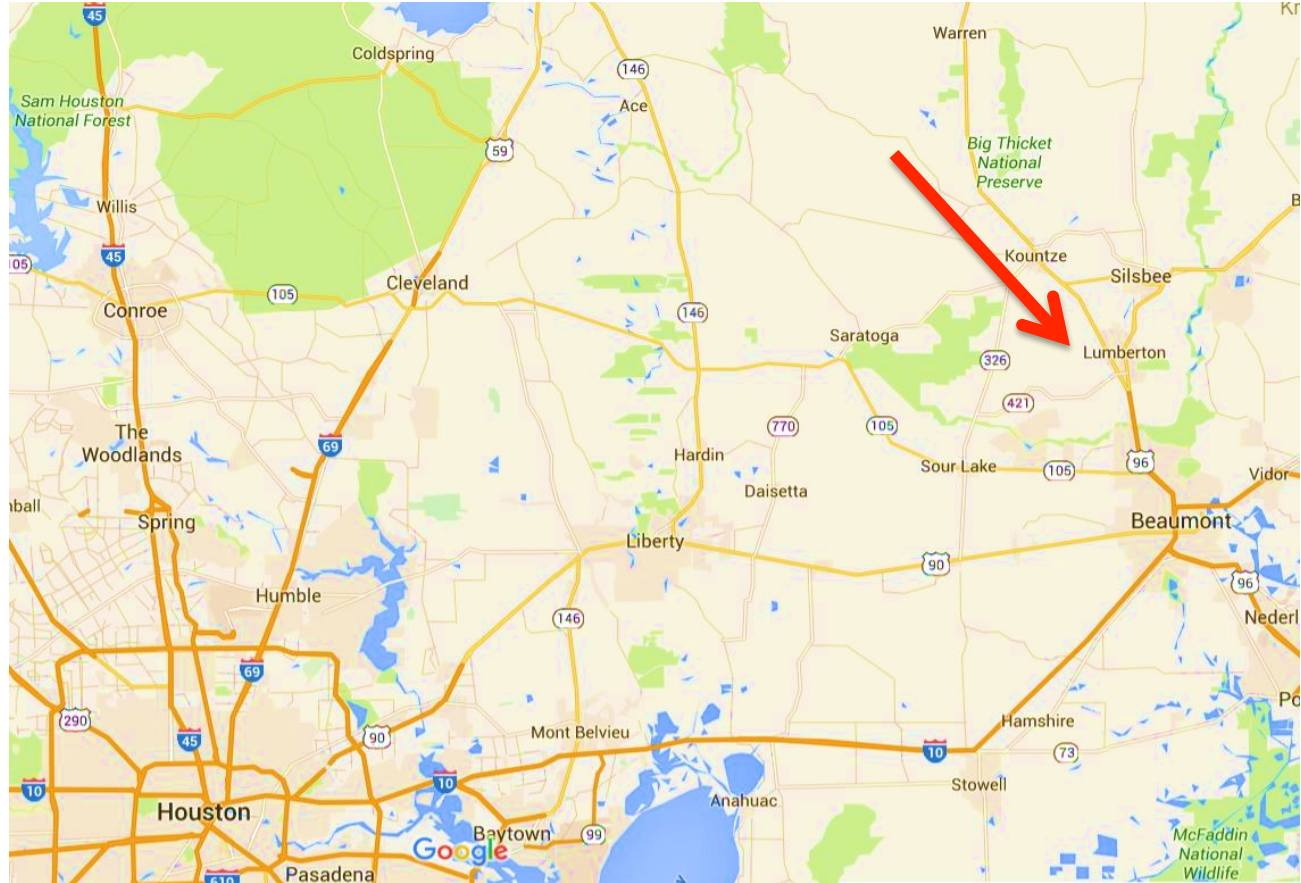


Big Thicket NP

Canoe Trips & Back Country Camping



**Located
about 1
hour
north of
Beaumont**



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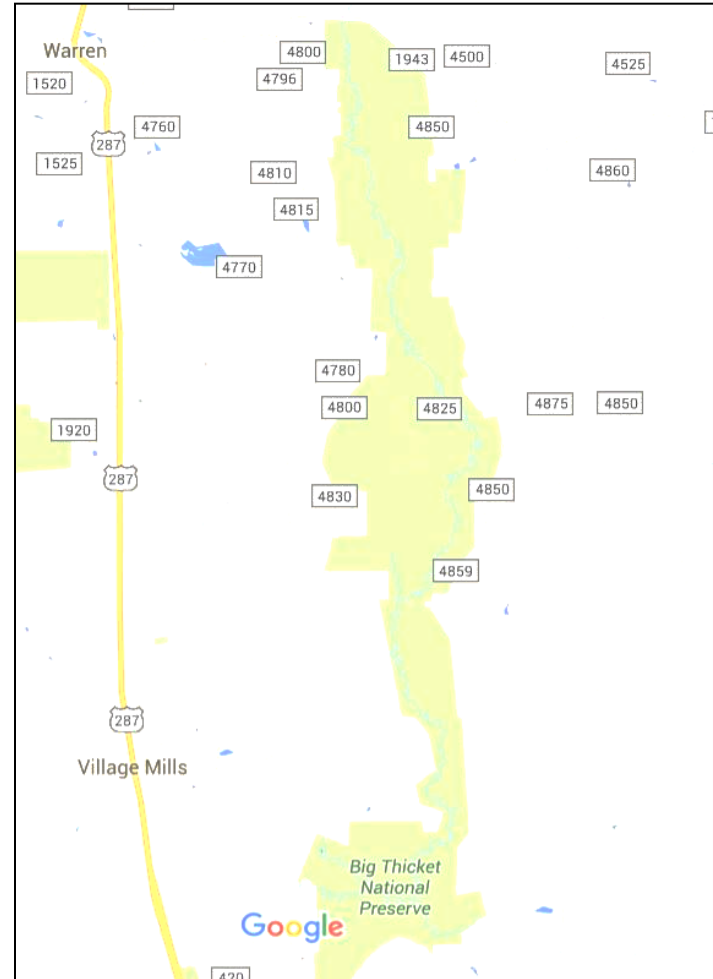
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Rangers offer free guided day trips (*incl. canoes*)

- Call to inquire about scheduling a trip
- Call to inquire about overnight guided trips

Overnight canoe or hiking trips

- Bring your own equipment
- No entrance fee
- Can camp anywhere you choose
- Back country camping only



- **Big Thicket NPS canoe trip brochure**
 - <http://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/upload/Paddling-the-Big-Thicket-5.pdf>
- **Other events hosted by Big Thicket NPS**
 - <http://www.nps.gov/bith/getinvolved/centennial-activities.htm>



Caves

- Longhorn Cavern • Cascade Caverns
- InnerSpace Cavern

