

The Hidden Treasure of South Texas

Resaca de la Palma State Park is situated at the Rio Grande river delta, the southern tip of Texas, only minutes from downtown Brownsville. Named for one of the shallow oxbow ponds once formed by the river, the park's diverse habitats attract many rare migratory birds, as well as local specialties such as the Plain Chachalaca, Altamira Oriole, Green Jay, and Groove-billed Ani. Two endangered amphibians are supported by this biologically significant subtropical wetland. Lush woodlands dominated by Texas Ebony and Anacua trees, considered one of the most threatened plant communities in the United States, border the resaca (oxbow lake) that transects the park. Visitors can explore over 11 miles of nature trails or relax on the tram as it navigates through the well-preserved ecosystem. The park also features a Visitor's Center with a state-of-the-art meeting facility, gift shop, and butterfly gardens.

SUGGESTED HIKES

"Quick, Easy & Educational" 2 hours • 2 miles

Take a short walk down Ebony Trail. Explore plant signage and interpretive panels along the trail leading to a resaca overlook at Deck A. Visit butterfly gardens, then walk the tram loop to the first bridge and back, enjoying the sights and sounds of nature!

"Scenic Stopovers" 3-4 hours • 3 miles

Explore the park's historic resaca from three different observation areas. Hike the tram loop and explore the park's wetlands at the first bridge. Continue following tram loop and next explore the resaca from Kiskadee Trail and Mexican Olive.

"Resaca Roundabout" 3-4 hours • 3.5 miles

Venture into the more remote regions of the park. Hike the paved tram loop to Hunter's Lane then down Yellowthroat Loop. There's a picnic table located on Yellowthroat overlooking the resaca. Several different trailheads, located at the end of Hunter's Lane, are available for additional hiking and biking.

"Eco-Explorer" All day • 11+ miles

There are over 11 miles of trails open to the public, many suitable for a long walk or a bike ride, and most trailheads can be found off the tram loop. Pick and choose your own hike and enjoy!

TRAIL INFORMATION

EBONY TRAIL ♿ .2 miles Easy
The closest trail to the Visitor Center. This trail curves through old growth ebony-anacua woodlands. Observation deck and boardwalk at terminal end with plant signage along the way. Trailhead in back of Visitor's Center. This is an ADA-compliant trail; please do not use bicycles here.

MESQUITE TRAIL 🚲 1 mile Medium
Curving through Tamaulipan thornscrub and revegetated grassland savannah. Trailhead off of tram loop.

NORTH MEXICAN OLIVE TRAIL 🚲 .4 miles Medium
This trail connects Mesquite with Mexican Olive. This is a slightly more rugged trail. Trailhead off of Tram Loop.

MEXICAN OLIVE TRAIL ♿ .3 miles Easy
This is an ADA-compliant trail; please do not use bicycles here. The trail leads to scenic observation Deck C. Trailhead off of Tram Loop.

KISKADEE TRAIL ♿ .03 miles Easy
Sugar hackberry and ebony woodlands line this short trail leading to observation Deck A. Trailhead off of Tram Loop. This is an ADA-compliant trail; please do not use bicycles here.

FLYCATCHER TRAIL 🚲 1 mile Medium
Loops through thornscrub/savannah. Trail head off Tram Loop.

HOG TRAIL 🚲 .2 miles Medium
Take this trail from Flycatcher to access observation Deck D.

COYOTE TRAIL 🚲 .3 miles Medium
Trail with tight curves through ebony and mesquite woodland.

HUNTER'S LANE 🚲 .7 miles Medium
Entrance to southern remote portions of our park. Use this trail to access Screwbean Alley and the loops Quail, White-winged Dove and Yellowthroat trails.

SCREWBEAN ALLEY 🚲 .2 miles Easy
This trail is short, yet rugged. Rest at the bench with scenic view of resaca.

QUAIL LOOP 🚲 1.2 miles Hard

WHITE-WING DOVE LOOP 🚲 .9 miles Hard
Recommended biking loops that venture through grasslands.

YELLOWTHROAT LOOP 🚲 1.2 miles Easy
Recommended wildlife watching trail. Several habitats are represented, providing opportunities to see an array of wildlife.

BOBCAT LANE 🚲 1.2 miles Easy
Recommended biking trail. Bobcat borders the western edge of the park property, running along a levee.

TRAM LOOP 🚲 3.2 miles Easy
Recommended easy trail. Paved loop meanders through 1,200-acre park, crossing two overlooks, with excellent viewing opportunities. Seven trailheads are located on Tram Loop.



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SELF-GUIDED TRAILS

RANGER PROGRAMS

Bird Walk	Butterfly Walk
Nature Hike	Nature Tram Tours
Trail Blazers	Yoga in the Park
School and group field trips	

SPECIAL EVENTS

Archery 101	Night Hike
Jolly Night Hike	Junior Ranger Camp

ENTRANCE FEES

Adult Day Use: \$4 Daily
Child 12 Years and Under: Free

HOURS AND INFO

Park: Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Visitors Center: Open Wednesday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(956) 350-2920
tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/resaca-de-la-palma



Life's better outside.®



World Birding Center – Resaca de la Palma

State Park

Experience South Texas in its natural state – but don't forget your water, hat and sunscreen!

Disfruta del entorno natural. ¡Y no olvides llevar agua, sombrero y bloqueador solar!

