



Buescher State Park Trails Map

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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Showers
- Parking
- Playground
- Rec Hall
- Day-use Area
- Group Pavilion
- Screened Shelters
- Cabins (without bathrooms)
- Campsites with Water & Electric
- Campsites with Water
- Primitive Campsites
- Scenic Overlook
- Amphitheater
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing

NOTES:

An entrance permit is required for all visitors to the park. Visit the park headquarters at the main entrance off FM 153.

All trails allow multiuse unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals are 10 feet. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.

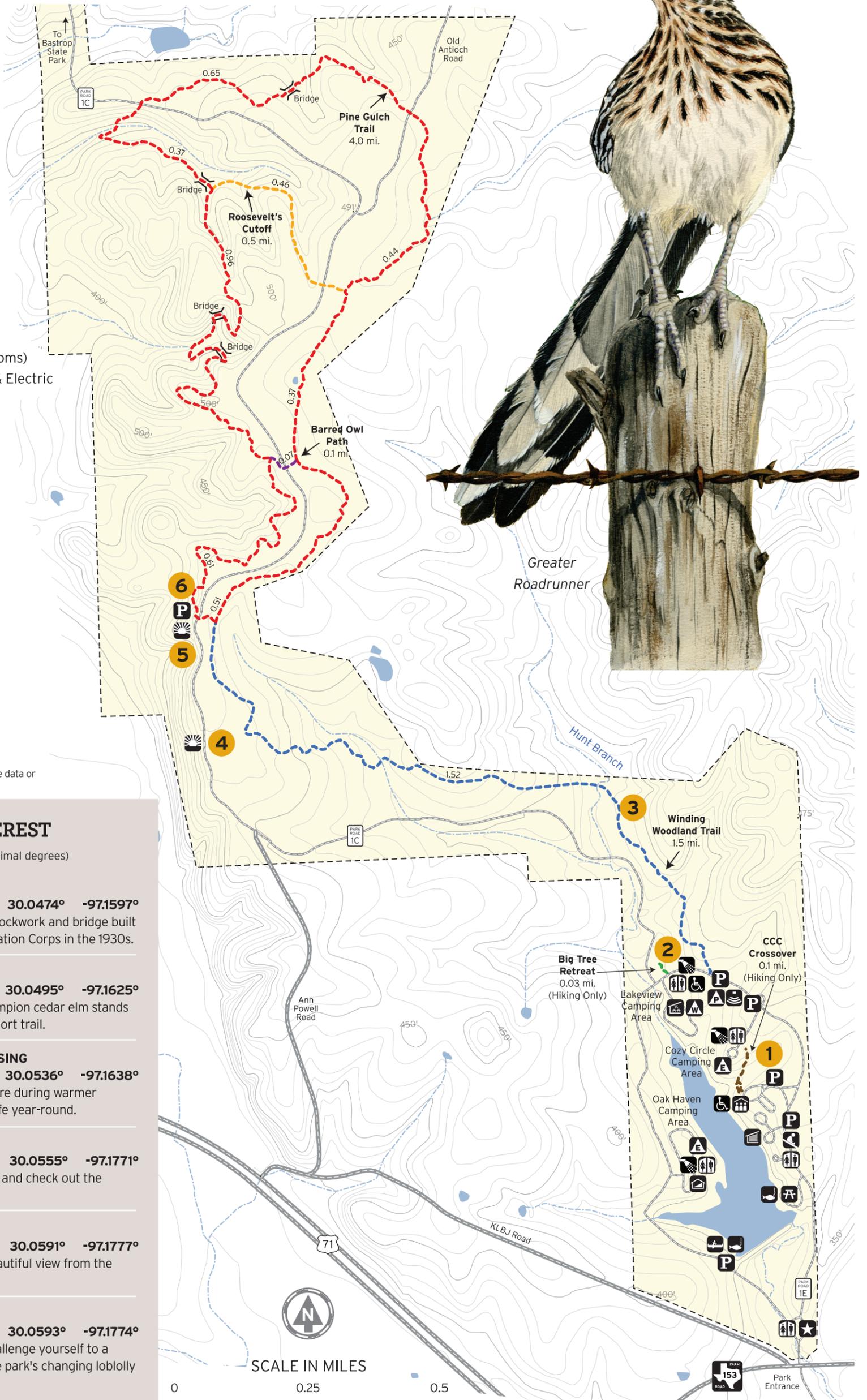
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POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 CCC CROSSOVER** 30.0474° -97.1597°
Look for the beautiful rockwork and bridge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.
- 2 BIG TREE RETREAT** 30.0495° -97.1625°
The state's former champion cedar elm stands tall at the end of this short trail.
- 3 FLOWER VIEW CROSSING** 30.0536° -97.1638°
Look for wildflowers here during warmer months, and spot wildlife year-round.
- 4 SCENIC OVERLOOK** 30.0555° -97.1771°
Pull off of Park Road 1C and check out the beautiful view below.
- 5 SCENIC OVERLOOK** 30.0591° -97.1777°
Relax and enjoy the beautiful view from the Pine Gulch area.
- 6 PINE GULCH** 30.0593° -97.1774°
Smell the pines and challenge yourself to a steep hike in part of the park's changing loblolly pine forest.



Buescher State Park

Enjoy a quiet retreat in these pine-oak woodlands.

Discover the plants and animals that call this park home, and explore miles of winding hike and bike trails. Look closely for the structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps as their legacy still surrounds us today.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart (32 oz.) of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET WHEN BIKING. Check with park HQ to match the ride to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

CHECK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES. Certain trails may be closed during wet conditions or for other resource management work.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE. You'll see them more easily if you stay on trails.

LOOK UP, DOWN, AND ALL AROUND FOR HAZARDS. Beware of falling trees and limbs above you, especially during high winds! Don't stand under dead trees. Watch out for stump holes at your feet.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



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TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
WINDING WOODLAND TRAIL	1.5 mi. (one-way)	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	Meander through the forest, and enjoy the shade of the oak and cedar trees along this trail.
PINE GULCH TRAIL	4.0 mi. (round trip)	2 hrs.	Challenging	Travel the steep hills of Pine Gulch beneath a forest of towering loblolly pines. You'll also see the remnants of 2015's Hidden Pines wildfire.
ROOSEVELT'S CUTOFF	0.5 mi. (one-way)	30 min.	Moderate	Named for the president who created the Civilian Conservation Corps, this trail travels along a shaded creek bed.
BARRED OWL PATH	0.1 mi.	10 min.	Easy	This short jaunt connects two sides of the Pine Gulch Trail. Use it to shorten or lengthen your time on the trails.
CCC CROSSOVER	0.1 mi.	10 min.	Easy	Discover hidden treasures on this short walk! You'll find a historic bridge and impeccable rock walls and staircases built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
BIG TREE RETREAT	0.03 mi.	5 min.	Easy	Take a rest and reflect under the majestic cedar elm tree.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to harm people.

Take only memories and pictures. Please don't disturb or remove any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts.

We need to know about your caches. Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.

Share the trail. Watch for others. Mountain bikers should yield to hikers.

Keep pets on leashes for their safety, and to protect wildlife.