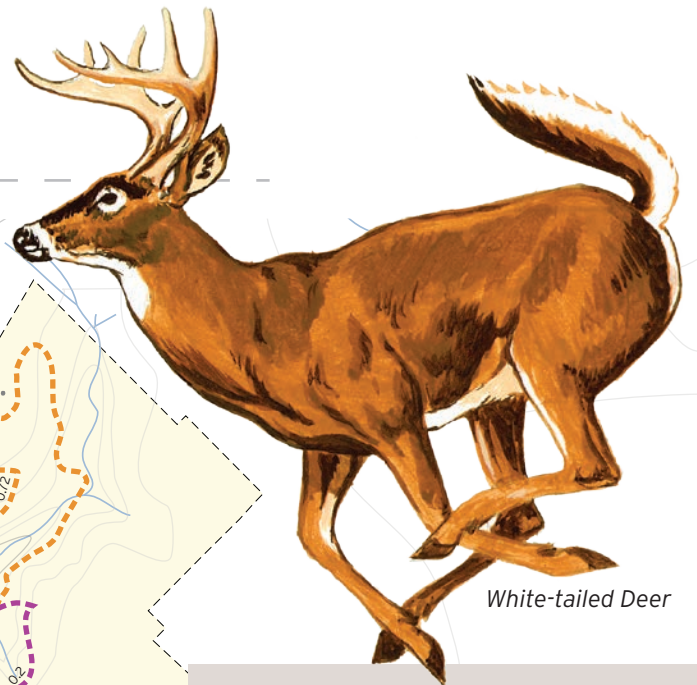
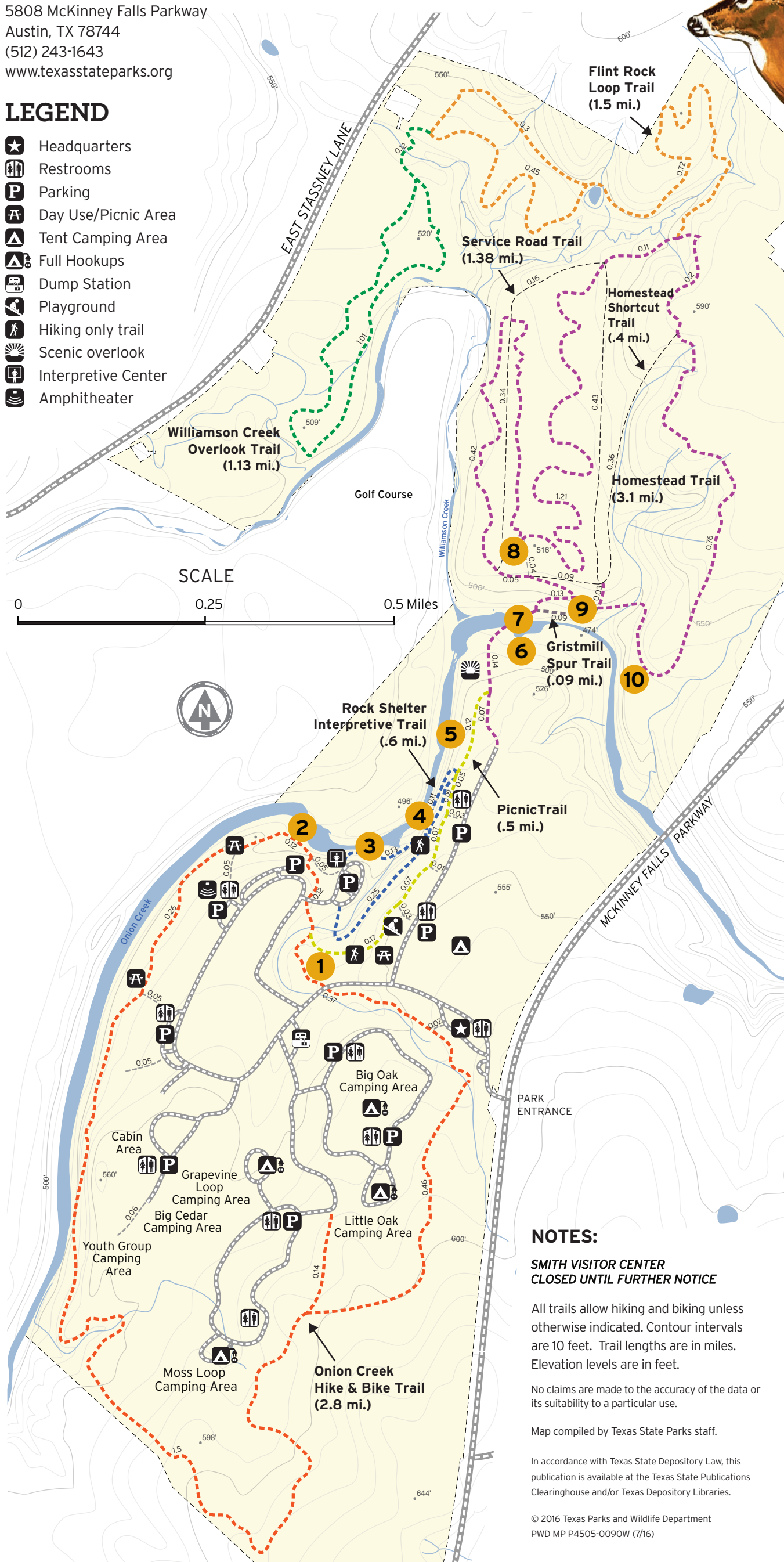


# McKinney Falls State Park Trails Map

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## LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Day Use/Picnic Area
- Tent Camping Area
- Full Hookups
- Dump Station
- Playground
- Hiking only trail
- Scenic overlook
- Interpretive Center
- Amphitheater



White-tailed Deer

## POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 HORSE TRAINER'S CABIN**  
30° 10' 54.8" N 97° 43' 31.1" W  
Remains of the former residence of John Von Hagen, Thomas McKinney's horse trainer.
- 2 UPPER FALLS**  
30° 11' 04.4" N 97° 43' 32.4" W  
Water cascades through natural channels within a massive bed of exposed limestone. Note: Be safe around water!
- 3 OLD BALDY**  
30° 11' 2.80" N 97° 43' 25.47" W  
"Old Baldy," the bald cypress tree (and the 2012 Austin Tree of the Year), stands over 100 feet high and is over 500 years old.
- 4 ROCK SHELTER**  
30° 11' 05.2" N 97° 43' 22.8" W  
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this limestone overhang has provided shelter for over 4,000 years.
- 5 BOULDERING ROCKS**  
30° 11' 11.7" N 97° 43' 20.1" W  
A great place for a type of rock climbing performed without ropes or harnesses. Use only with a bouldering mat and practice safety.
- 6 EL CAMINO REAL**  
30° 11' 16.95" N 97° 43' 15.44" W  
On your way to the Lower Falls, check out the site that was an important crossing along the El Camino Real de los Tejas. It's identified by rock indentations in the limestone.
- 7 LOWER FALLS**  
30° 11' 18.5" N 97° 43' 15.6" W  
Relax to the sounds of Onion Creek as it flows over limestone ledges to the pool below. Note: Be safe around water!
- 8 MCKINNEY HOMESTEAD**  
30° 11' 23.1" N 97° 43' 14.8" W  
The remnants of the homestead built in the 1850s by racehorse breeder Thomas McKinney, one of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 colonists.
- 9 GRISTMILL**  
30° 11' 19.7" N 97° 43' 09.9" W  
Thomas McKinney took advantage of Onion Creek's waterfalls and built one of the area's first flour mills here in 1852.
- 10 SMITH PICNIC TABLE**  
30° 11' 17.1" N 97° 43' 06.0" W  
Have a picnic at the table of the Smith family, who purchased McKinney's land in 1885 and donated over 600 acres to the state of Texas in the 1970s.

## NOTES:

**SMITH VISITOR CENTER  
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

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## Find solitude and beauty in Austin city limits.

Discover wilderness in the city at McKinney Falls State Park. Hike or bike the winding trails through the Hill Country woods or head to Onion Creek to relax near the falls. Watch for wildlife and keep your eyes open for remnants of the past that tell stories of those who've come before us.

### 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 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.

**WEAR A LIFE JACKET.** It is highly suggested that all swimmers wear a life jacket for safety.

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



FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

TRAIL	DIST	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
ROCK SHELTER TRAIL	.6 mi.	15 min	Easy	Enjoy variety along this hiking-only trail! You'll get great views of Onion Creek, walk by the huge bald cypress tree named "Old Baldy," and feel the cooler temperatures of a rock shelter.
ONION CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL	2.8 mi.	1.5 hr.	Easy	This paved trail for hiking and biking parallels Onion Creek, before winding through the forest around the campground areas. Great for seeing wildlife like white-tailed deer and maybe even a coyote.
PICNIC TRAIL	.50 mi.	15 min.	Easy	This short family-friendly trail is hiking only. After picnicking, you can stroll over to check out great views at the lower falls.
HOMESTEAD TRAIL	3.1 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	This hike and bike trail is one of the best places in the park to discover the past. Check out the McKinney Homestead, gristmill and Smith family picnic table. Be careful when crossing Onion Creek at the lower falls!
FLINT ROCK LOOP TRAIL	1.5 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	This rocky terrain leads into a quiet hardwood bottomland where you feel like you're truly away from it all.
WILLIAMSON CREEK OVERLOOK TRAIL	1.13 mi.	45 min.	Moderate	While this trail is only a little more than a mile, note that you have to travel along part of the Homestead Trail and Flint Rock Loop Trail to get here, so pace yourself. The views of Williamson Creek are worth the trek!
SERVICE ROAD TRAIL	1.4 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	Extend your experience of the Homestead Trail area by hiking and biking the Homestead Service Road Trail. Believe it or not, this densely forested area used to be farm land for the McKinney family!

### 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 cause harm to 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.

**Campfires are permitted only in designated rings** due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

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