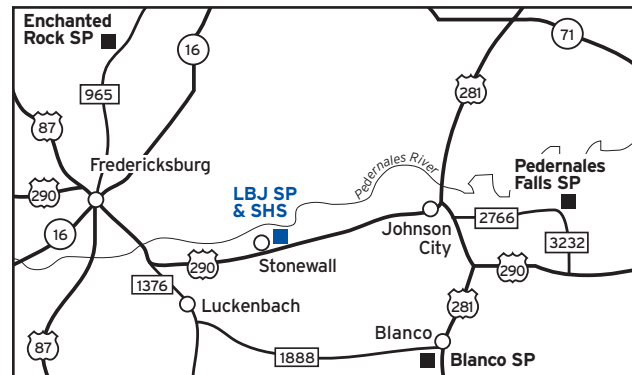


Something for Everyone!

A wide range of activities and opportunities is available to park visitors. Many facilities are accessible to those with physical challenges. Check with the park for detailed information.

- Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm, an operating farm depicting life in the Hill Country at the turn of the century.
- Paseo Del Arroyo Nature Trail.
- Game enclosures with white-tailed deer, longhorn and American bison.
- Outstanding seasonal wildflower fields.
- Shaded day-use picnic areas and playgrounds.
- Tennis courts, baseball field and fishing opportunities along the Pedernales River.
- Visitor Center with exhibits and theater.
- Historic log cabins.
- Day-use group facility rentals that include a dining hall, a large shaded group picnic area and a public swimming pool with a covered pavilion (seasonal-call for pool hours).

LBJ State Park and Historic Site is also the reception point for self-guided tours of the LBJ Ranch located across the Pedernales River.



For day-use facility reservations, call (512) 389-8900.
Farm reservations for groups: (830) 644-2252, ext. 229.



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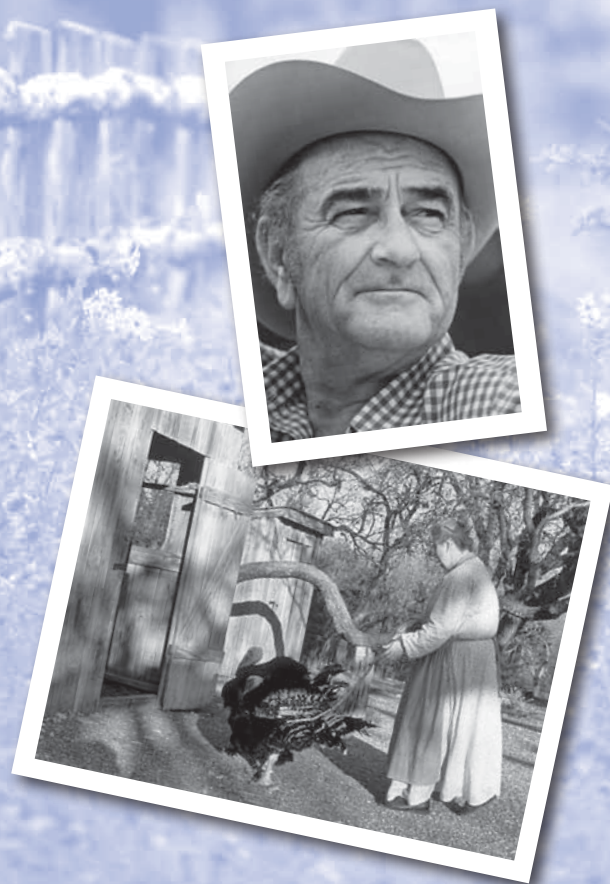
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Lyndon B. Johnson

STATE PARK AND HISTORIC SITE



HILL COUNTRY



A Crossroads for History, Culture and Wildlife

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site honors a Texan who achieved the nation's highest office. To create the unique facility, friends of then President Johnson raised money to purchase property directly across the Pedernales River from the LBJ Ranch. In 1967, this land was accepted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the historical park was born. Since then, it has grown from the original 269-acre facility to approximately 700 acres.

Nestled along the Pedernales River, this park is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country that President Johnson called home. Many cultures contributed to the region's history, notably Native American, Spanish and German. Native Americans roamed the Hill Country, leaving behind abundant artifacts which tell of their nomadic life. The Spanish conquistadores left vestiges of their culture in the place names, speech and traditions of the area, as they did in all of Texas. German immigrants settled here in the early 1800s and their descendants still call this area home; their culture has had a major impact on the development of the region and the park itself. Visitors can explore the history of these immigrants by viewing the 1840s Danz log cabin and the dog-trot style Behrens cabins attached to the Visitor Center. A visit to the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm completes the trip into the park's Texas-German past.

The abundant wildlife of the Hill Country is highlighted by enclosures containing American bison, longhorn cattle and white-tailed deer. These animals have played a part in the park's history and the local wildlife continues to be an important attraction for visitors.

Features

In addition to its historic sites, the park offers a variety of activities. The Visitor Center features exhibits about the LBJ Ranch and presidential years and about the history and wildlife of the Texas Hill Country. An auditorium in the Visitor Center complex accommodates 250 guests for presentations offered at the park. An outdoor amphitheater is also available. The Paseo Del Arroyo (meaning "Creek Walk") Nature Trail winds past wildlife enclosures and exhibits and is famous for its seasonal wildflower fields.

The state park also serves as the starting point for self-guided tours of the LBJ Ranch. Visitors will find that the state park is near several areas of historical interest: the Johnson

birthplace and cemetery, Stonewall churches, the Johnson City unit of the LBJ National Historical Park, the historic city of Fredericksburg, and many local parks reflecting the diverse natural attractions of the area.

Recreational Activities

Shaded day-use picnic areas abound in the park, some with playground areas and covered tables. An olympic-size swimming pool, covered pavilion, and children's wading pool can be enjoyed during the summer. Also available are two tennis courts, a baseball diamond and fishing along the Pedernales River. Rental facilities include a large group picnic site, the pool complex (for after-hours) and a dining hall with full kitchen, restrooms and barbecue facilities.





The Sauer-Beckmann Farm

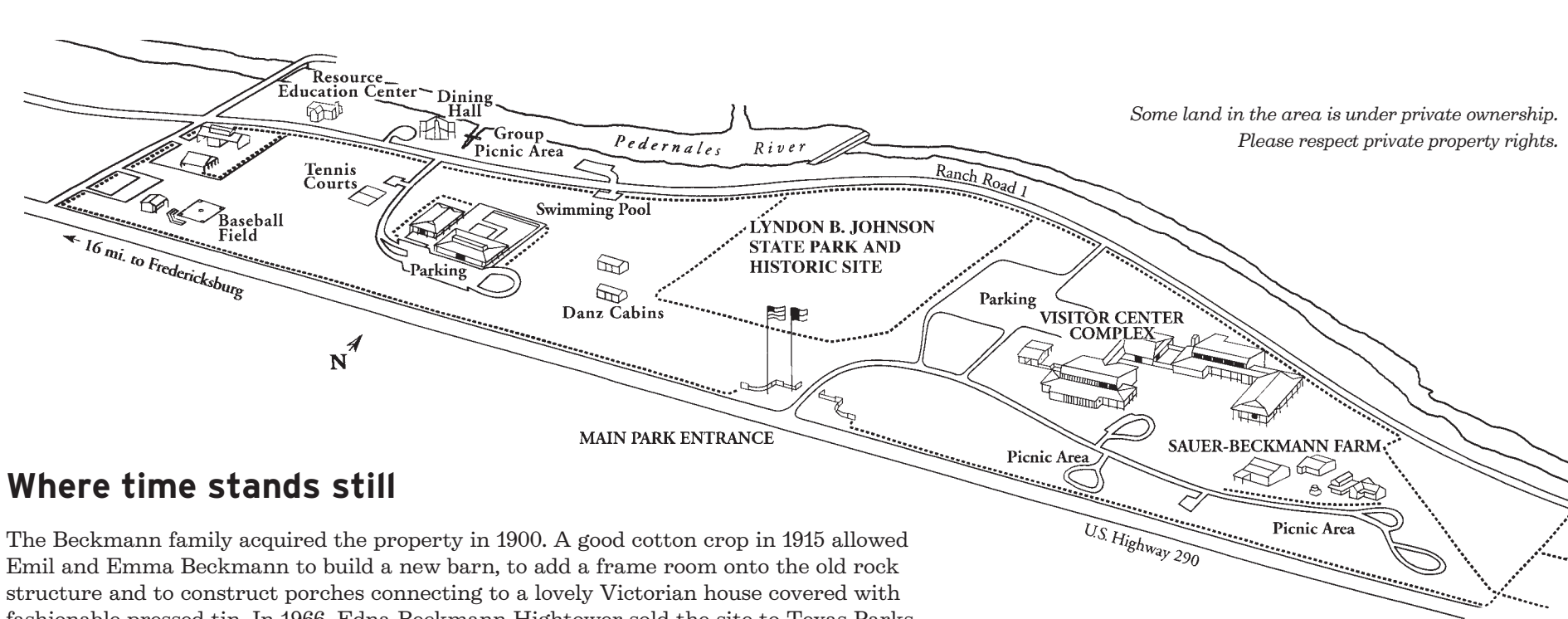
RURAL LIFE, 1900-1918

When visitors can smell lunch cooking on a wood-burning stove, they are close to the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm! Here, costumed interpreters carry out the day-to-day activities of a turn-of-the-century Texas-German farm family.



Some chores are seasonal, such as canning and butchering. Farm animals, however, must be cared for on a daily basis, including activities like feeding, milking, gathering eggs and slopping the hogs. Also, the house is cleaned, meals are cooked, butter is churned and cheese is made. Visitors may see the “family” scrubbing the floors with homemade lye soap, or plowing the garden with a team of horses.

The setting for the present-day living history activities is an authentic Hill Country farm. Johann and Christine Sauer, along with their four children, settled this land in 1869. Their family prospered and grew and, by 1885, several stone buildings were built near the original rock and log cabins. Eventually, the Sauers had 10 children. One of those, Augusta Sauer Lindig, served as midwife at the birth of President Johnson.



Where time stands still

The Beckmann family acquired the property in 1900. A good cotton crop in 1915 allowed Emil and Emma Beckmann to build a new barn, to add a frame room onto the old rock structure and to construct porches connecting to a lovely Victorian house covered with fashionable pressed tin. In 1966, Edna Beckmann Hightower sold the site to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Archeological surveying and restoration work was undertaken and the farm opened to the public in 1975. Since then, time has stood still and the farm remains forever a small piece of Texas as it was at the beginning of the 20th century.

Planning your visit

- Park buildings are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day.
- The Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., every day except Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day. Individuals and families are welcome to visit at their leisure.
- The Nature Trail, grounds and day-use picnic areas are open until dark on a daily basis.
- Plan to visit the Johnson Boyhood Home and the Johnson Settlement, located in nearby Johnson City.
- Self-guided tours of the LBJ Ranch, located across the Pedernales River, begin at the LBJ State Park Visitor Center. Tours daily, except Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day.
- Groups wishing to have a formal tour of the farm should call (830) 644-2252, ext. 229.
- For rates, information and reservations for day-use facilities, call (512) 389-8900, or visit us at www.texasstateparks.org.

