

Bentsen- Rio Grande Valley

STATE PARK



SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley STATE PARK

Serving as the headquarters of the World Birding Center network, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park is known worldwide as a hot spot for birding. With more than 760 acres of rare riparian woodland and native gardens, visitors can glimpse hundreds of bird species as well as other South Texas wildlife, such as bobcats and javelinas. The park also features a tram that transports visitors throughout the park and a visitor's center that includes an interpretive exhibit hall, gift shop, coffee bar and state-of-the-art meeting facilities.



Birdwatching: See more than 325 species of birds, including Rio Grande Valley specialty birds such as the Plain Chachalaca and Green Jay in the park's birding blinds.



Butterfly Watching: Over 250 species have been recorded in and around the park's many native butterfly gardens.



Hawk Tower: Visitors can witness amazing hawk migrations from the two-story observation tower.



Camping: Tent camping only.



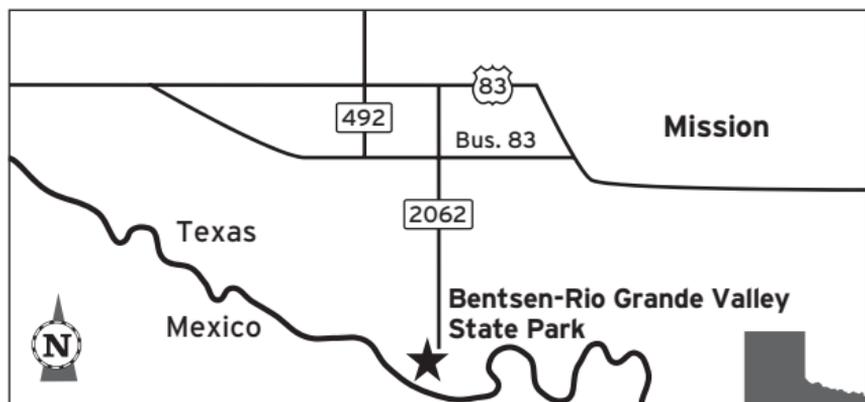
Trails: Two hiking and nature trails wind through the park's woodlands.



Y Café: During your visit, take a break at the café to enjoy lunch, bird-friendly coffee, or a snack.



Texas State Parks Store: Unique gifts, shirts, books, etc.



Located in Hidalgo County. Take U.S. 83 to Mission, continue west, take Bentsen Palm Exit, turn South on Bentsen Palm Drive for 3 miles.



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Rates and reservations, call (512) 389-8900.

For information only, call (800) 792-1112.

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