

BIG SKY TEXAS AREA STATE PARKS



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Welcome to the Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge!

Adventure and discovery await you as you find specially placed hidden items that reveal exciting facts and stories about Texas State Parks.

- We have hidden a special geocache in each of 20 state parks for you to find (north and south). This passport page is your proof you found each cache, so keep it dry and clean (we recommend you print this on card stock). Write down each coordinate (waypoint) on this sheet before leaving for the state park. Waypoints can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/geocaching
- You will find a logbook inside each cache. Sign your name, date and message for others to read. Each cache contains unique state park geocards which reveal exciting facts and stories about Texas State Parks - yours to keep! Please limit one card per person. Use the geocard to answer the question listed on this passport. There will also be a special orienteering punch, which you should use to punch the black circle next to the park name. These two elements are your proof of finding the cache.
- There will also be small prizes and trinkets for trade. Be sure to bring something with you and trade for something of equal or lesser value.

That's it! Continue searching for the rest of the caches in the Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge and other caches hidden in your state parks. Go to www.geocaching.com to log your cache.

Once you have found 10 of the 20 caches, send your completed passport to:

Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge - TPWD
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

The first 25 returned passports receive a free commemorative Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge coin (one per household). Other gifts will include large stickers and certificates of completion. In addition, all completed and returned passports will be given the option to purchase trackable, region-specific geocoins. Passports must be legible to claim prizes.

Last Step!

In order to claim your prize, please complete this Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge survey.

1. How long have you been geocaching?
 New cacher Less than 1 year 1-5 years 5+ years
2. Would you be interested in attending a clinic to learn more about geocaching? Yes No
3. Did you learn something new about Texas State Parks from the caches? Yes No
4. Where did you learn about the Texas SP Geocache Challenge?
 www.geocaching.com
 TPWD website
 Texas State Park
 Other (specify) _____
5. Have you been to a Texas State Park in the last two years? Yes No
If yes, how many times? _____
6. Do you own a Texas State Park Pass? Yes No
If yes, was the Texas SP Geocache Challenge program a reason for your purchase? Yes No
7. Would you be interested in volunteering for the Texas SP Geocache Challenge program? Yes No

Demographics (optional)

1. How many people are in your group?
 1-2 3-4 5 or more
2. What are the ages in your group?

3. What zip code do you live in? _____
4. Ethnicity:
 Caucasian (non-Hispanic) African-American
 Hispanic Asian
 Native American/Pacific Islander
 Other _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____



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Practice "Cache in and Trash out." Help us take care of our real treasures, Texas State Parks.

(PUNCH)



Abilene State Park

? What must be near your feeder in order to attract painted buntings?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway

? Prior to the 1870's how many head of bison were estimated in the great southern plains herd?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Lake Arrowhead State Park

? How did prairie dogs earn their name?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Lake Colorado City State Park

? How do armadillos use their claws?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Possum Kingdom State Park

? How many finger-like toes do opossums have?

Coordinates:
N
W

Big Spring State Park



? In which year did the Texas legislature name the horned lizard our state reptile?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Copper Breaks State Park



? What is the State Large Mammal of Texas?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Lake Brownwood State Park



? Name two likely places scissor-tailed flycatchers can be found.

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Palo Duro Canyon State Park



? What is the name of the harder rock that rests on top of the softer soil on a hoodoo?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

San Angelo State Park



? How fast can beavers travel in the water?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

(PUNCH)



Balmorhea State Park

? What type of habitat does the Comanche Springs pupfish completely rely on?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Barton Warnock Visitor Center



? Roadrunners are excellent at hunting what desert animal?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Big Bend Ranch State Park

? What are El Solitario's outer rings called?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Davis Mountains State Park



? For what do Montezuma quail use their claws?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Devils River SNA

? Why is this Texas flower named "snowbells"?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Fort Leaton SHS



? What shape is the nest of a Texas brown tarantula?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Franklin Mountains State Park

? What is a diamondback rattlesnake's rattle made of?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Monahans Sandhills State Park



? What does this lizard use to help bury itself under sand on a hot day?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Seminole Canyon State Park and SHS

? The gray fox is the only canid that can _____
_____?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)

Wyler Aerial Tramway State Park



? How thick is the cable that the Tramway's gondola travels on?

Coordinates:
N
W