

# NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA STATE PARKS



## 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 14 state parks for you to find. 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](http://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](http://www.geocaching.com) to log your cache.

Once you have found 11 of the 14 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.**

- How long have you been geocaching?  
 New cacher    Less than 1 year    1-5 years    5+ years
- Would you be interested in attending a clinic to learn more about geocaching?    Yes    No
- Did you learn something new about Texas State Parks from the caches?    Yes    No
- Where did you learn about the Texas SP Geocache Challenge?  
 [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)  
 TPWD website  
 Texas State Park  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you been to a Texas State Park in the last two years?    Yes    No  
 If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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
- Would you be interested in volunteering for the Texas SP Geocache Challenge program?    Yes    No

### Demographics (optional)

- How many people are in your group?  
 1-2    3-4    5 or more
- What are the ages in your group?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- What zip code do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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)



## Atlanta State Park

? From where do American white pelicans migrate to Texas in the winter?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Cooper Lake State Park - Doctor's Creek Unit

? How many eggs can a female white crappie lay?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Daingerfield State Park

? What does the scientific name for shortleaf pine, *Pinus taeda*, mean?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Fort Boggy State Park

? How long can a beaver stay under water before coming up for air?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Lake Bob Sandlin State Park

? When do black crappie tend to nest?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Martin Creek Lake State Park

? With the pileated woodpecker being one of the largest in North America, what is its wingspan?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)



## Purtis Creek State Park

? How often did natural fires burn the Post Oak Savannah eco-region, thus reducing the amount of shrubs in the understory?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

## Caddo Lake State Park



? How long has a bald cypress been known to live?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit



? What area is the bois d'arc tree native to in northeast Texas.

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Fairfield Lake State Park



? What was the record for inland red drum caught in Texas at Fairfield Lake?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Fort Parker State Park



? The timber that CCC Camp 3807(c) cleared for Fort Parker's lake bed was used to build fences, clubhouse and boathouse. What other building was built and used by the young men?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Lake Tawakoni State Park



? What is special about the osprey's feet that helps them hold onto fish they catch?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Mission Tejas State Park



? When was the wooden chapel built to commemorate the original Spanish mission?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)

## Tyler State Park



? Who originally used Beauchamp Springs?

**Coordinates:**  
N  
W

(PUNCH)