Guadalupe River State Park
Trails Map

3350 Park Road 31
Spring Branch, TX 78070
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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Playground
- Discovery Center
- Day Use Area
- Dump Station
- Water/Electric Sites
- Tent Camping
- Amphitheater
- Equestrian Trail
- Wildlife Viewing

Barred Owl

NOTES:

Equestrian trails are multi-use.
All other trails are hiking and biking.

Bauer Unit Directions:
Turn right onto Hwy. 46 from Park Road 31. Go 3 miles and turn right on FM 3351. Go approx. 3.5 miles and turn right on Edge Falls Road. Continue for 2.4 miles and turn right on Acker Road. Go 2.2. miles to entrance.

Contour intervals are 20 feet.
Trail lengths are in miles.
Elevation levels are in feet.
No claims are made to the accuracy of the data or its suitability to a particular use.
Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

1 RUST HOUSE
29° 51' 47.87" N 98° 29' 23.56" W
The Rust House is the starting point to Saturday Honey Creek State Natural Area guided walks. Accessible through guided access only.

2 DISCOVERY CENTER
29° 52' 26.15" N 98° 29' 10.63" W
"Take Another Look" to discover hands-on exhibits and objects in this unique nature center.

3 SCENIC OVERLOOK
29° 52' 22.73" N 98° 29' 23.50" W
Enjoy a scenic tree-top view of the Guadalupe River and Bauer Unit from this limestone bluff.

4 GUADALUPE RIVER RAPIDS
29° 52' 15.37" N 98° 28' 56.27" W
Savor the sights and sounds of this picturesque stretch of river under towering cypress trees.

5 SWALLOW CLIFF
29° 52' 31.38" N 98° 29' 03.52" W
This dramatic cliff, home to a nesting colony of Cliff Swallows during the spring and early summer, creates a beautiful backdrop for your river experience.

6 BAUER UNIT
29° 52' 35.45" N 98° 29' 30.36" W
If you are looking for a more remote hiking experience, head to this area's six miles of trails, which includes the historic Bauer House.

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Discover the beauty and wonders of Guadalupe River State Park.

Welcome! Now that you are here, slow down, breathe and take in all that our park offers. Cast a line, take a hike, join an interpretive program, visit the Discovery Center, camp, picnic or just enjoy the beauty of the Guadalupe River. We're happy to have you here.

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 trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS MAY LIVE HERE. Staying on the trail paths makes them easier to see. Do not approach wildlife!

BE CAREFUL IN THE RIVER. Currents can be faster than they appear and river depth is variable; swim at your own risk.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

Don't Pocket the Past. Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.

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

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
OAK SAVANNAH LOOP	.5 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Enjoy a short walk through a restored oak savannah, a landscape that once covered much of this part of Texas.
PAINTED BUNTING TRAIL	2.86 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	Named for the common summer songbird found along the length of this trail, this represents the longest trail within the park.
RIVER OVERLOOK TRAIL	.77 mi.	45 min.	Moderate	This level but rocky trail leads you along the cliff overlooking the river, providing picturesque views of the river and Bauer Unit across the valley.
BARRED OWL TRAIL	.26 mi.	10 min.	Easy	You'll appreciate this short trail that will give you lots of time to enjoy the peace and beauty of the scenic cliff overlook.
CEDAR SAGE RIVER TRAIL	.4 mi.	15 min	Easy	This destination trail will lead you to both the must-see Discovery Center and the beautiful Guadalupe River at trails' end.
DISCOVERY CENTER LOOP	.28 mi.	25 min.	Easy	An easy loop for the family with young children looking for a "walk in the woods" within the capability of our younger visitors.
TURKEY SINK TRAIL	.23 mi.	20 min.	Easy to Moderate	A perfect trail for walking access to the stretch of the Guadalupe River where rapids create a dance of rushing water below towering bald cypress trees.
BAMBERGER TRAIL	1.7 mi.	2 hrs.	Moderate to Challenging	From the parking lot you'll head downhill through a beautiful example of Hill Country forest. From mid-March through May, listen for the song of the Golden-cheeked Warbler.
HOFHEINZ TRAIL	1.14 mi.	45 min.	Moderate	Walk through an Ashe juniper brake and a beautiful, rocky stretch of mixed-deciduous forest, out into a sunlit field.
GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER TRAIL	.89 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate to Challenging	This trail includes a steep downhill section that leads to a spectacular segment of old-growth oaks -- but remember, what goes down must go up!
LITTLE BLUE STEM LOOP	.8 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Formerly an agricultural field, this floodplain trail encircles a significant stand of native prairie grasses, including its namesake.
BALD CYPRESS TRAIL	.6 mi.	30 min.	Easy	This trail provides you with access for a significant length of the Guadalupe River within the park.