



Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site Trails Map

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LEGEND

- ★ Headquarters
- 🛒 Park Store
- 🏠 Interpretive Center
- 🚻 Restroom
- ♿ Wheelchair Accessible
- 🚿 Showers
- P Parking
- D Day Use
- 🎪 Amphitheater
- ⛑ Campsites with Water & Electricity
- 🚰 Campsites with Water
- 🗑 Dump Station
- 🏠 Private Residence
- 🏚 Ruins
- 🖼 Pictograph
- 🚶 Exhibit Sign
- 🌉 Dam



Pictograph

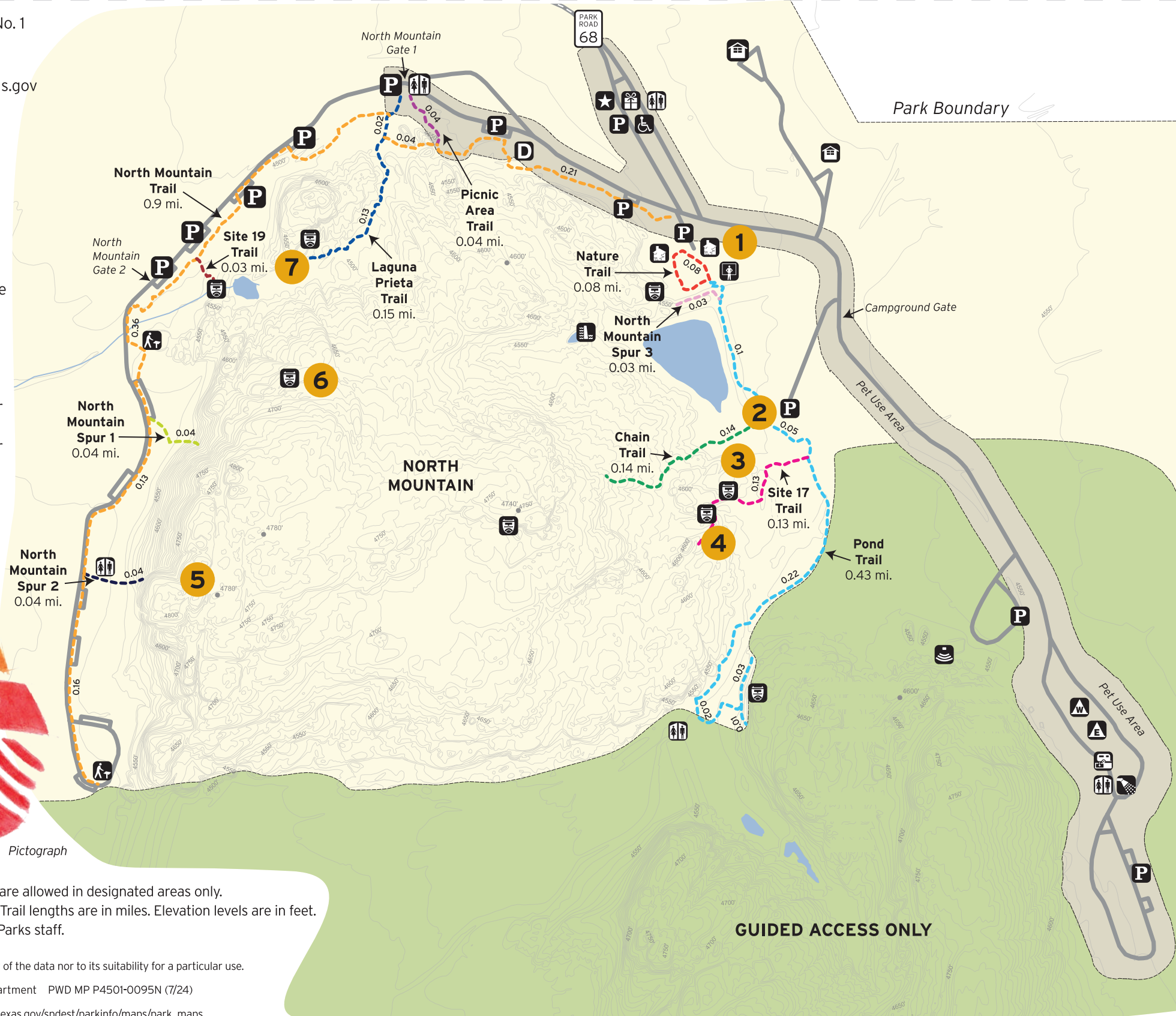
Trails are for hiking only. Pets are allowed in designated areas only.
Contour intervals are 10 feet. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.
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SCALE



POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 INTERPRETIVE CENTER**
31.9248° -106.0416°
Receive site orientation and explore the Escontrias ranch house, which was built in 1898.
- 2 CHAIN TRAILHEAD**
31.9233° -106.0407°
Ascend North Mountain for scenic views of El Paso and the surrounding region.
- 3 LOWER SITE 17**
31.9224° -106.0413°
Take this easy trail to Mescalero Apache pictographs and the historic graffiti that damaged them over time.
- 4 UPPER SITE 17**
31.9223° -106.0414°
Scramble up the rock to see these well-preserved Jornada Mogollon pictographs. Be careful! The rock can be slick.
- 5 NORTH MOUNTAIN SUMMIT**
31.9215° -106.0477°
This is the highest point on North Mountain at 4820'. Pay close attention to your surroundings, watch your footing, and get ready for spectacular scenery.
- 6 CAVE KIVA**
31.9236° -106.0466°
Visit an awe-inspiring rock art site that contains eight Jornada Mogollon masks. A detailed map is available at Headquarters to guide you on your way.
- 7 LAGUNA PRIETA**
31.9249° -106.0462°
Mature trees and a seasonal pond make this an excellent spot for wildlife viewing and bird watching. You may even see a javelina or an owl!



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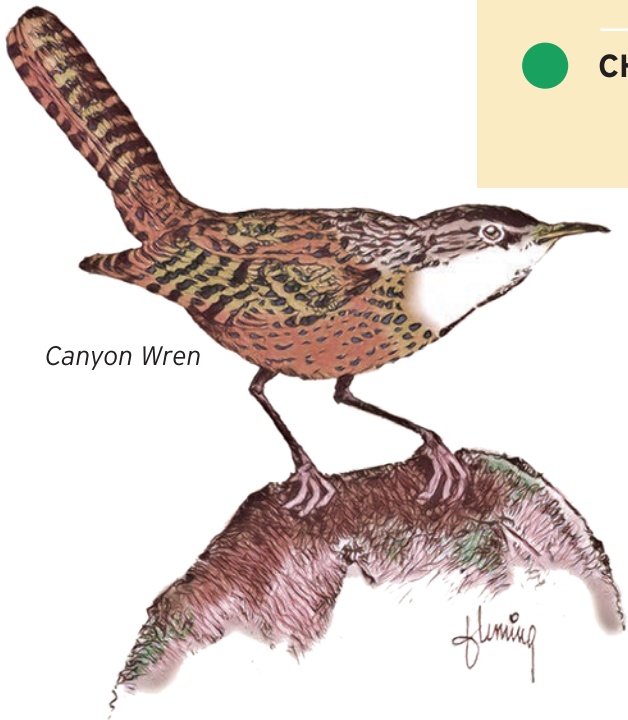
Hike through history amidst our spectacular geologic features.

People have been drawn to these sacred rocks for thousands of years. Rock basins, called huecos, provide water for wildlife ranging from mule deer to fairy shrimp. Pictographs on the granite-like walls tell stories of the past. Help preserve these stories for future generations and maintain a clean environment for wildlife.








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.
- YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONNECT.** It's a good idea to take along a cell phone and GPS unit, but don't count on them.
- PROTECT THE PARK.** Do not touch any pictographs or step in huecos. Protect the park's stories and wildlife.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



Canyon Wren

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 NORTH MOUNTAIN TRAIL	0.9 mi. (one way)	45 min.	Easy	Begin at the Interpretive Center to explore the towering, breathtaking cliffs of North Mountain.
 LAGUNA PRIETA TRAIL	0.15 mi. (one way)	15 min.	Easy	This easy, short walk through a small canyon begins behind the restroom. It features desert willows and a seasonal pond, making it a true oasis in the desert.
 NATURE TRAIL	0.08 mi. (round trip)	10 min.	Easy	Stroll around the Interpretive Center and enjoy the claret cup cactus, mesquite trees, and chamisa along the trail. View Jornada Mogollon and Desert Archaic pictographs on the rock walls nearby.
 POND TRAIL	0.43 mi. (one way)	30 min.	Easy	Start at the Interpretive Center to take a walk through time to see the park's unique geological formations and historic pictographs.
 SITE 17 TRAIL	0.13 mi. (one way)	15 min.	Easy to Moderate	From the Pond Trail, follow this short, easy trail to a well-known Mescalero Apache pictographs site partially covered in historic graffiti.
 SITE 19 TRAIL	0.06 mi. (round trip)	10 min.	Easy	From the North Mountain Trail take this path into a hidden shelter to view prehistoric Jornada Mogollon pictographs. Great for a short, easy stroll.
 CHAIN TRAIL	0.14 mi. (one way)	45 min.	Moderate to Strenuous	Follow the chains to spectacular views on this short, strenuous trail that starts at the Pond Trail and ascends North Mountain.

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 and more likely harm people.
- Don't Pocket the Past.** Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.
- Take only memories and pictures.** Help preserve nature. Leave all plants and animals in the park.
- Keep pets in designated areas and on leashes** for their safety and to protect wildlife.