Points of Interest

1. **Visitor Center and Interpretive Exhibits**
   - 29.9410° -100.9713°
   - Check-in for registration and orientation. View the interpretive exhibits about the Natural Area’s resources.

2. **Newton Pens Picnic Area**
   - 29.9179° -100.9855°
   - A picnic area near historic ranching structures.

3. **Newton Birding Blinds**
   - 29.9173° -100.9862°
   - Two birding blinds are located on the Newton Loop, a great place to see the Natural Area’s feather friends.

4. **12-Mile Loop Trailhead Access Points**
   - Northeast access: 29.9414° -100.9280°
   - Southwest access: 29.9071° -100.9930°
   - Two trailhead access points with adjacent parking areas.

5. **River Gate Access Parking Area**
   - 29.9039° -100.9943°
   - Park here to hike down to Devils River. One-mile hike.

6. **Devils River Oak Tree**
   - 29.8971° -100.9965°
   - This oak tree on the cliff edge provides habitat to our wildlife.

7. **Finegan Springs**
   - 29.9000° -100.9982°
   - Finegan Springs, named for a previous property owner, has an impressive supply of 12,000-22,000 gallons per minute, feeding Devils River.

8. **Windmill**
   - 29.9125° -100.9668°
   - This windmill is reminiscent of the Natural Area’s ranching heritage. A good trail reference point at approximately 2.2 miles from the junction with Devils River road and 3.8 miles from the 12-mile loop trail parking area.
Devils River State Natural Area - Del Norte Unit

Explore a hidden oasis and peaceful retreat.

Three ecoregions collide at Devils River State Natural Area, making it home to the beautiful tropical parula and Devils River minnow. Hike to Devils River to see Finegan Springs, one of many that supplies the river its crystal-clear waters. Enjoy hiking trails, bird-watching and savor the solitude. People have appreciated these resources for thousands of years and we hope you do, too.

**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.

**WEATHER CHANGES QUICKLY.** Check forecasts before you leave and prepare for changes in the weather.

**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.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN.** Public consumption or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited and NO glass is permitted at the river.

**SAVE WILDLIFE HABITAT.** No ground fires or gathering of firewood.

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<td>NEWTON LOOP</td>
<td>0.12 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Cactus wrens serenade as you hike down a native plant pathway. View birds from our two blinds. The Newton family once ranched in this area. You can see the historic ranching structures all around.</td>
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<td>12-MILE LOOP</td>
<td>12.4 mi.</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
<td>Enjoy spectacular landscape views and encounter historic structures left by the Fawcett family who once ranched this land.</td>
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<td>DEVILS RIVER TRAIL</td>
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<td>View the spectacular canyon walls, plant life and wildlife habitat on your hike down to the river.</td>
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<td>FINEGAN SPRINGS TRAIL</td>
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<td>Hike along the river through some water crossings to Finegan Springs. Tread lightly. This area is home to lots of wildlife, and bird-watching is great as you hike along to some larger trees near the end of the trail.</td>
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**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

**Take only memories and pictures.** Disturbing or removing any of the park’s plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

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

**Protect your pets and wildlife.** Keep pets on leashes and clean up and dispose of pet waste.

**Pack it in, pack it out.** We’re a remote park with no garbage service, so pack out all your trash and Leave No Trace.

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**FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.**