



Wyler Aerial Tramway State Park

Trails Map



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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Tramway
- Interpretive Center
- Hiking Only Trail
- Primitive Toilet
- Wildlife Viewing
- Gift Shop

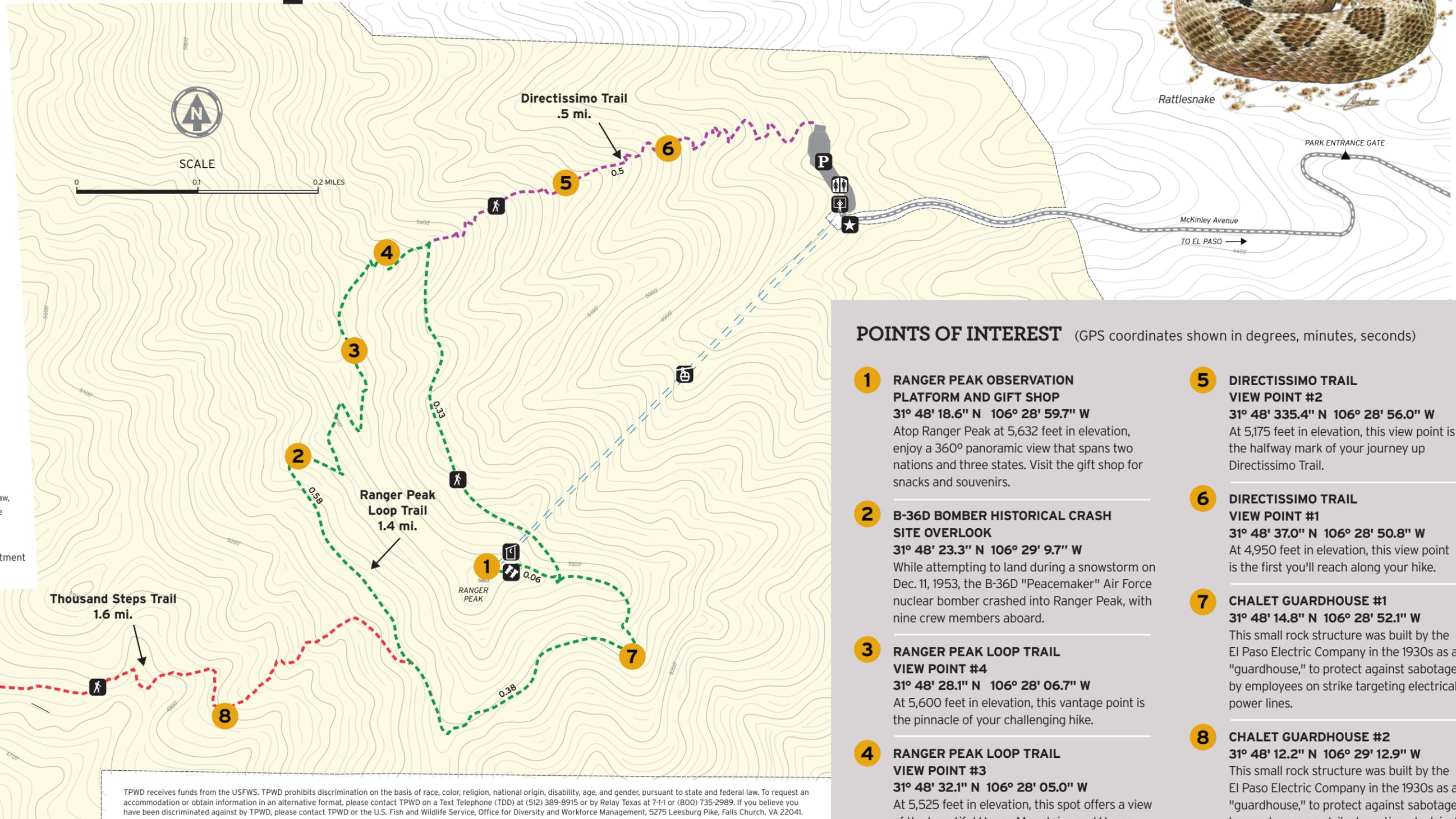
NOTES:

Contour intervals are 10 feet.
Trail lengths are in miles.
Elevation levels are in feet.

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POINTS OF INTEREST (GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 RANGER PEAK OBSERVATION PLATFORM AND GIFT SHOP**
31° 48' 18.6" N 106° 28' 59.7" W
Atop Ranger Peak at 5,632 feet in elevation, enjoy a 360° panoramic view that spans two nations and three states. Visit the gift shop for snacks and souvenirs.
- 2 B-36D BOMBER HISTORICAL CRASH SITE OVERLOOK**
31° 48' 23.3" N 106° 29' 9.7" W
While attempting to land during a snowstorm on Dec. 11, 1953, the B-36D "Peacemaker" Air Force nuclear bomber crashed into Ranger Peak, with nine crew members aboard.
- 3 RANGER PEAK LOOP TRAIL VIEW POINT #4**
31° 48' 28.1" N 106° 28' 06.7" W
At 5,600 feet in elevation, this vantage point is the pinnacle of your challenging hike.
- 4 RANGER PEAK LOOP TRAIL VIEW POINT #3**
31° 48' 32.1" N 106° 28' 05.0" W
At 5,525 feet in elevation, this spot offers a view of the beautiful Hueco Mountains and Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site.
- 5 DIRECTISSIMO TRAIL VIEW POINT #2**
31° 48' 335.4" N 106° 28' 56.0" W
At 5,175 feet in elevation, this view point is the halfway mark of your journey up Directissimo Trail.
- 6 DIRECTISSIMO TRAIL VIEW POINT #1**
31° 48' 37.0" N 106° 28' 50.8" W
At 4,950 feet in elevation, this view point is the first you'll reach along your hike.
- 7 CHALET GUARDHOUSE #1**
31° 48' 14.8" N 106° 28' 52.1" W
This small rock structure was built by the El Paso Electric Company in the 1930s as a "guardhouse," to protect against sabotage by employees on strike targeting electrical power lines.
- 8 CHALET GUARDHOUSE #2**
31° 48' 12.2" N 106° 29' 12.9" W
This small rock structure was built by the El Paso Electric Company in the 1930s as a "guardhouse," to protect against sabotage by employees on strike targeting electrical power lines.

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Challenging yourself has never been more rewarding.

Elevate your sense of adventure with a truly unique experience as you hike the rugged trails to the top of Ranger Peak. Enjoy the Southwest landscape and culture from a bird's-eye view. Then enjoy a gentle ride down with one of our park rangers on the only public aerial tramway in Texas.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

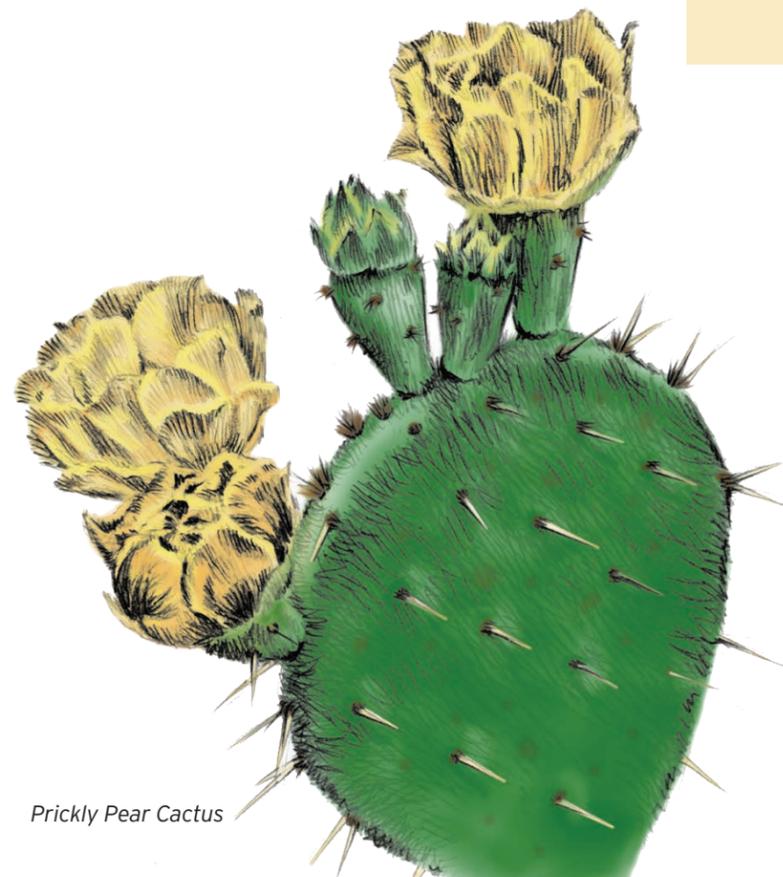
DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

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 unexpected changes in the weather.

HIKING ALONG THE RIDGE IS NOT PERMITTED. Staying on designated trails is the safest way to hike. Off-trail hiking is a violation of state law.

PARK TRAILS ARE PRIMITIVE AND STRENUOUS. Hikers can purchase a one-way ticket for Tramway departures or returns. All Wyler Aerial Tramway State Park hiking trails require a permit and are open during park operating hours only.



Prickly Pear Cactus

TRAIL	DIST	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 DIRECTISSIMO TRAIL	0.5 mi (one-way)	Challenging	A 775-foot elevation gain in half a mile is where your challenge begins. Take a seat and catch your breath on benches along the trail and enjoy views of east El Paso that will take your breath away... again. This trail leads to Ranger Peak Loop Trail.
 RANGER PEAK LOOP TRAIL	1.4 mi (round trip)	Moderate to Challenging	Named after the renowned Texas Rangers, this loop takes you around Ranger Peak and atop the mountain ridge towards the B-36D Bomber Historical Crash Site Overlook. This trail leads to the Ranger Peak Observation Platform.
 THOUSAND STEPS TRAIL	1.6 mi (one-way)	Challenging	During the New Deal Era of President Roosevelt, the Thousand Steps Trail was constructed by the Work Projects Administration in the 1930s. This trail was originally used by the El Paso Electric Company to access the Chalet Guardhouses near Ranger Peak. It is now used by visitors seeking the B-36D Bomber Historical Crash Site memorial. This trail starts either at the Ranger Peak Loop Trail intersection or the Stanton Street Trailhead (not shown on map).

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to cause harm to people.

Pets are not allowed on the Aerial Tramway Gondola, but leashed pets are welcomed on the trail. Service pets are an exception.

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

Check in. Inform park staff once you have completed your hike.