POINTS OF INTEREST

1. **FISHING PIER** 27°32'18.64"N, 99°26'5.64"W
   - Visit the park's fishing pier to catch a wide variety of freshwater species.

2. **EL RANCHITO PAVILION** 27°32'43.48"N, 99°26'27.10"W
   - Bring your family or group out for a beautiful day at this group facility, complete with kitchen and indoor/outdoor dining facility.

3. **OLD MUSEUM** 27°32'4.42"N, 99°26'7.55"W
   - This old building gives you a look at some unique architecture. Look for cactus wrens patrolling the area.

4. **EARTHEN WATER TANK** 27°32'5.60"N, 99°26'3.26"W
   - Once used for holding water to fight fires in the area, this earthen water tank gives you spectacular views of the lake as well as the surrounding community.

5. **SPILLWAY** 27°32'2.26"N, 99°26'49.63"W
   - The spillway offers a very different habitat of flat grassland.

6. **LAKE CASA BLANCA DAM** 27°31'56.64"N, 99°26'42.72"W
   - The Lake Casa Blanca dam was built in 1951 to create a lake for recreational purposes.
Lake Casa Blanca International State Park

**An oasis of fun, relaxation and wildlife.**

Just a quick trip from the busy city life, you can set your own pace at Lake Casa Blanca International State Park. Recharge mentally and physically by enjoying a day fishing or paddling the lake, or by mountain-biking or hiking the trails. Whatever you decide to do, you'll discover wildlife on the land, in the lake and flying above you in the sky.

**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 mountain 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 LIVE HERE.** You can see them more easily if you stay on trails. Do not approach wildlife!

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

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**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

**Trash your trash.** Keep your park looking 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.

**Take only memories and pictures.** Please don't disturb or remove any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts.

**Keep pets on leashes** to keep them safe, while protecting wildlife.

**Use only your muscles.** To protect park resources, no motor vehicles are allowed on the trails.

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**HIKING TRAIL**

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<td>1 mi.</td>
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<td>Take an easy walk or bike ride on top of the Lake Casa Blanca Dam. Go at dusk, settle in and celebrate the emergence of a colony of Mexican free-tailed bats from under the bridge on the Bob Bullock Loop.</td>
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<td>MESQUITE BEND</td>
<td>1.5 mi.</td>
<td>1.5 hrs.</td>
<td>Easy/Moderate</td>
<td>Switchbacks make this trail a great workout and will get you up close to the mesquite trees for which it's named. Look for jackrabbits and white-tailed deer resting in the shade.</td>
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<td>OSPREY HILL LOOP</td>
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<td>Climb this singletrack trail to the top of the earthen water tank to get great views of the surrounding area. Steep hills and loose material make this a moderate singletrack for mountain bikes. Look for osprey flying by with a fresh catch from the lake.</td>
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<td>WHITE-TAIL LOOP</td>
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<td>Walk or ride this loop around the spillway that offers a look at some of the animals like savannah sparrows that prefer grassier habitats. The trees on the perimeter offer hiding places for others, like the javelina.</td>
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