



# Mother Neff State Park Trails Map

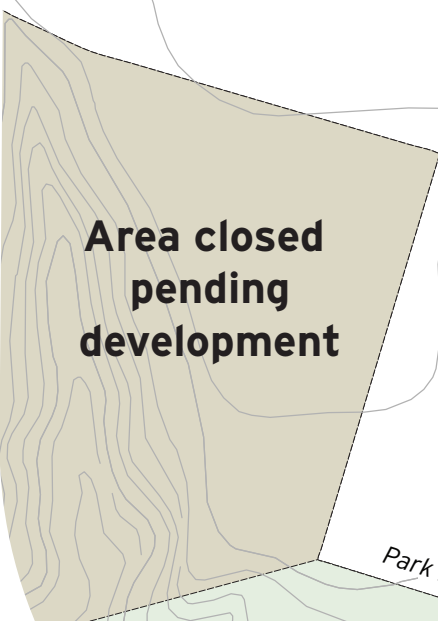
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Painted Bunting

## LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Parking
- Day Use Area
- Full Hook-up Area
- Cabin (with bathroom)
- Hiking-only Trail
- Natural Scenic Area
- Wildlife Viewing
- Interpretive Center
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Playground / Nature Playscape



**Area closed  
pending  
development**

All trails are hiking only.  
The lower portion of the park is closed due to flood damage until further notice.

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

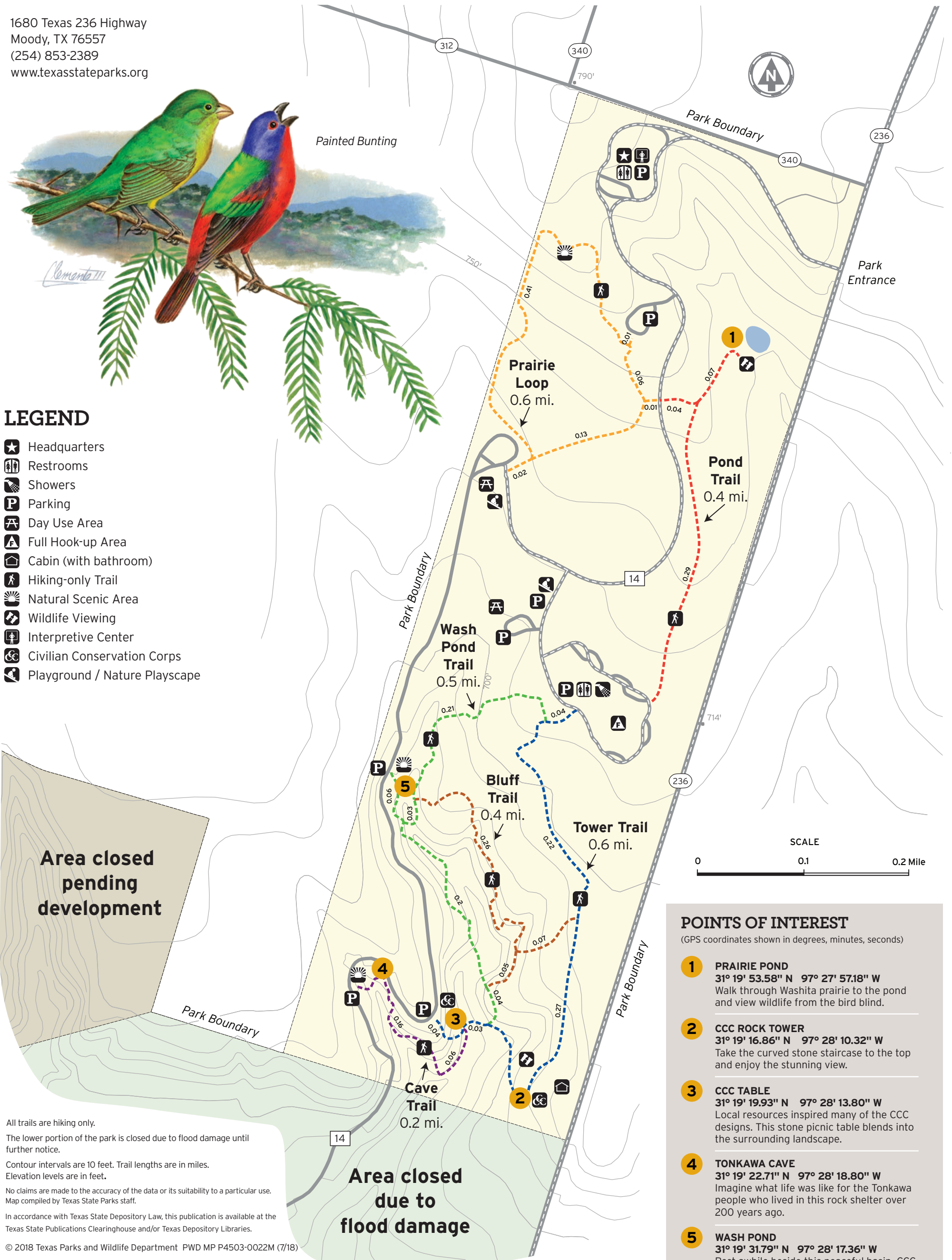
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## POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 PRAIRIE POND**  
31° 19' 53.58" N 97° 27' 57.18" W  
Walk through Washita prairie to the pond and view wildlife from the bird blind.
- 2 CCC ROCK TOWER**  
31° 19' 16.86" N 97° 28' 10.32" W  
Take the curved stone staircase to the top and enjoy the stunning view.
- 3 CCC TABLE**  
31° 19' 19.93" N 97° 28' 13.80" W  
Local resources inspired many of the CCC designs. This stone picnic table blends into the surrounding landscape.
- 4 TONKAWA CAVE**  
31° 19' 22.71" N 97° 28' 18.80" W  
Imagine what life was like for the Tonkawa people who lived in this rock shelter over 200 years ago.
- 5 WASH POND**  
31° 19' 31.79" N 97° 28' 17.36" W  
Rest awhile beside this peaceful basin. CCC workers expanded the natural dam to enlarge the pond.

# Mother Neff State Park



## A natural gathering place in the heart of Central Texas

Welcome to Mother Neff State Park, heart of the Texas state park movement. Climb the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built rock tower and peer over forests of oak and juniper. Walk through Washita prairie grasslands and enjoy the remarkable diversity of plants and wildlife in this small park.

### 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.** Biking is only permitted on park roads. Always wear a helmet and watch for traffic.

**POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE.** You'll see them more easily if you stay on the trails.

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

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



Wildflowers

| TRAIL           | DISTANCE | DIFFICULTY | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------------|----------|------------|---|
| PRAIRIE LOOP    | 0.6 mi.  | Easy       | Enjoy this family-friendly walk as you wander through Washita prairies. These grasslands are undergoing restoration to return native grasses and wildflowers. Look for Texas songbirds and pollinators along this trail.  |
| POND TRAIL      | 0.4 mi.  | Easy       | Take a walk to the prairie pond and spend some time in the wildlife viewing blind. You never know what you may see if you sit awhile.   |
| TOWER TRAIL     | 0.6 mi.  | Moderate   | This trail leads you to the Civilian Conservation Corps rock tower. Climb the spiral stone staircase and enjoy the views from up top! Continue down the trail to a CCC built picnic table and climb the CCC carved stone steps leading you to Park Road 14. Exercise caution when conditions are wet. |
| CAVE TRAIL      | 0.2 mi.  | Moderate   | Travel down this trail to see a rock shelter inhabited by the Tonkawa over 200 years ago.   |
| WASH POND TRAIL | 0.5 mi.  | Moderate   | Visit the wash pond, a natural basin expanded by the CCC. Take a moment to relax near these clear waters and look for wildlife coming to enjoy this spring-fed retreat.   |
| BLUFF TRAIL     | 0.4 mi.  | Moderate   | This trail winds along the limestone bluffs and through forests of oak and Ashe juniper. Listen for the song of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler, which uses strips of bark from the Ashe juniper to make its nest.  |

### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

**Trash your trash.** Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash, including dog poo bags, and Leave No Trace.

**Leave feeding to nature.** Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to cause harm to 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.** Disturbing or removing any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

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

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