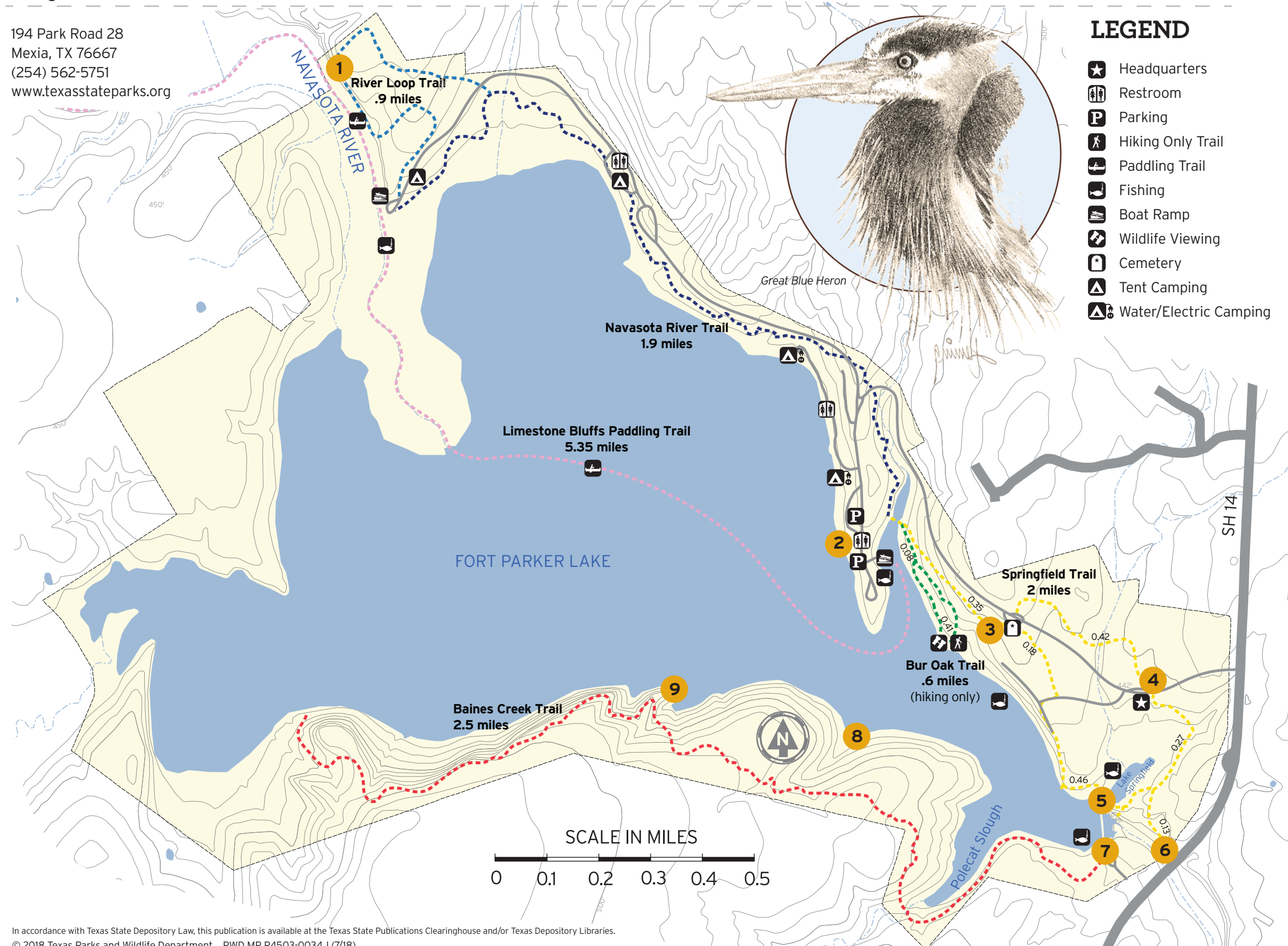




# Fort Parker State Park Trails Map

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## LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restroom
- Parking
- Hiking Only Trail
- Paddling Trail
- Fishing
- Boat Ramp
- Wildlife Viewing
- Cemetery
- Tent Camping
- Water/Electric Camping

## POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 LIMESTONE BLUFFS**  
31° 36' 38.63" N 96° 33' 12.35" W  
Paddle or hike to the picturesque limestone bluffs along the Navasota River.
- 2 RECREATION HALL**  
31° 35' 47.77" N 96° 32' 10.59" W  
Learn about history and nature in this historic CCC building.
- 3 SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY**  
31° 35' 38.77" N 96° 31' 51.73" W  
Learn about the early settlers of Limestone County as you explore this historic cemetery.
- 4 PARK HEADQUARTERS**  
31° 35' 32.20" N 96° 31' 36.00" W  
Check in at the park headquarters, once the infirmary for the CCC Camp.
- 5 LAKE SPRINGFIELD**  
31° 35' 20.73" N 96° 31' 40.55" W  
Relax and go fishing in this small, spring-fed lake.
- 6 NAVASOTA RIVER SPRINGS**  
31° 35' 18.67" N 96° 31' 39.07" W  
Discover the natural springs along the Navasota River.
- 7 FORT PARKER DAM**  
31° 35' 15.47" N 96° 31' 40.72" W  
The CCC built this dam on the Navasota River creating Fort Parker Lake.
- 8 HERON ROOKERY**  
31° 35' 27.86" N 96° 32' 11.28" W  
Look across the lake to see a great blue heron rookery.
- 9 BAINES CREEK TRAIL OVERLOOK**  
31° 35' 33.19" N 96° 32' 33.25" W  
Stop and enjoy this scenic view of Fort Parker Lake.

All trails hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals are 10 feet.

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## Discover nature and Texas history at Fort Parker State Park.

Relax and enjoy the natural beauty of this recreational oasis built by the Civilian Conservation Corps on the Navasota River. Here the oak woodlands begin to blend into the western prairies, creating a rich natural diversity for wildlife watching. Hike the shady trails along the lake, or enjoy kayaking or canoeing on Fort Parker Lake.

### STAYING SAFE

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

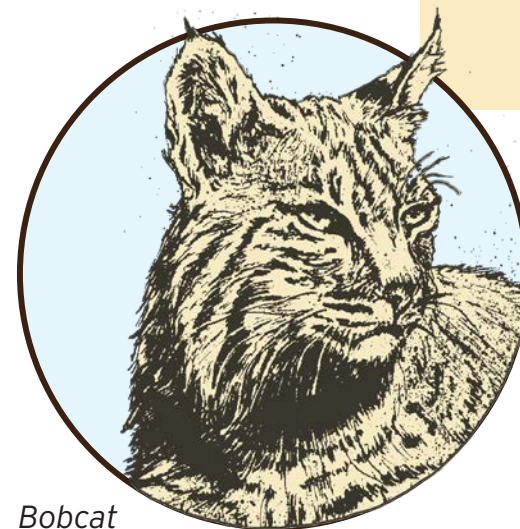
**DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.** Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

**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 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 MAY LIVE HERE.** You'll see them more easily if you stay on trails. Do not approach wildlife!

**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.



Bobcat

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 <b>BUR OAK TRAIL</b>	.63 mi. (loop)	20 min.	Easy	Take this family-friendly nature loop to explore the woodlands along Fort Parker Lake. Stop at the wildlife viewing blind and look across the lake to see a great blue heron rookery. Ask for the Bur Oak Trail guide at the park headquarters.
 <b>SPRINGFIELD TRAIL</b>	2.03 mi. (loop)	45 min.	Easy	Hike through history on this trail that loops through woodlands and prairie glades and the old Springfield town site. Explore the historic cemetery or stop to fish at Lake Springfield. Take the spur trail near the Fort Parker Dam to visit the Navasota River Springs.
 <b>NAVASOTA RIVER TRAIL</b>	1.88 mi. (one-way)	45 min.	Easy	Level and shady, this trail winds along the northern lakeshore, connecting the main campground area with the tent and scout camping areas and the Navasota River. You can access the Limestone Bluffs Paddling Trail from this easily accessible launch area.
 <b>BAINES CREEK TRAIL</b>	2.45 mi. (one-way)	2 hrs.	Moderate	The first half mile of this trail along Polecat Slough is relatively easy; then the trail climbs over the next mile to a scenic overlook that is worth the effort.
 <b>LIMESTONE BLUFFS TRAIL</b>	5.35 mi. (one-way)	2.5 hrs.	Easy	Enjoy a leisurely canoe or kayak trip through the lush habitat along the Navasota River between Fort Parker State Park and the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site. Ask at the park office about renting canoes or kayaks for your trip.

### 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.

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