

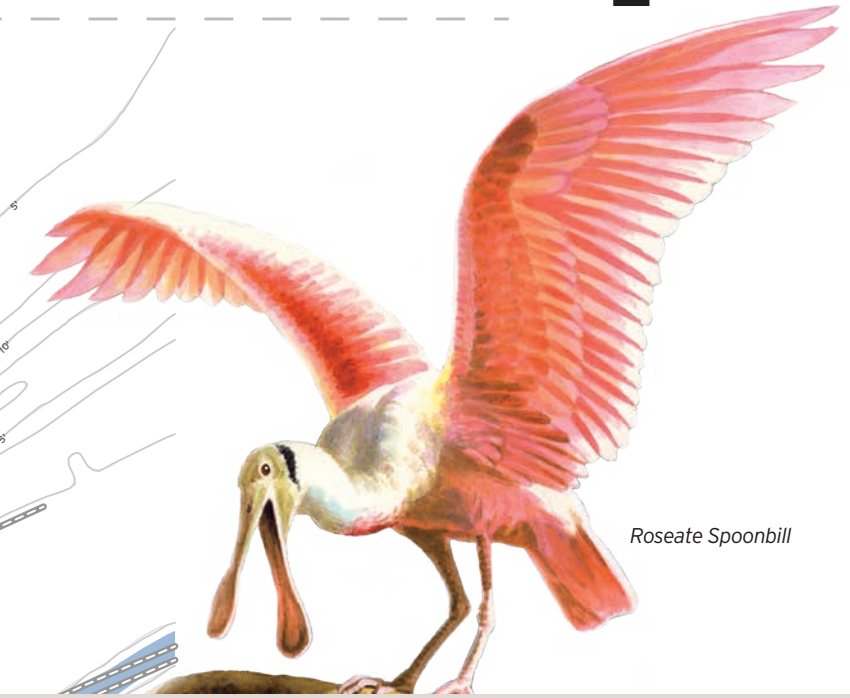
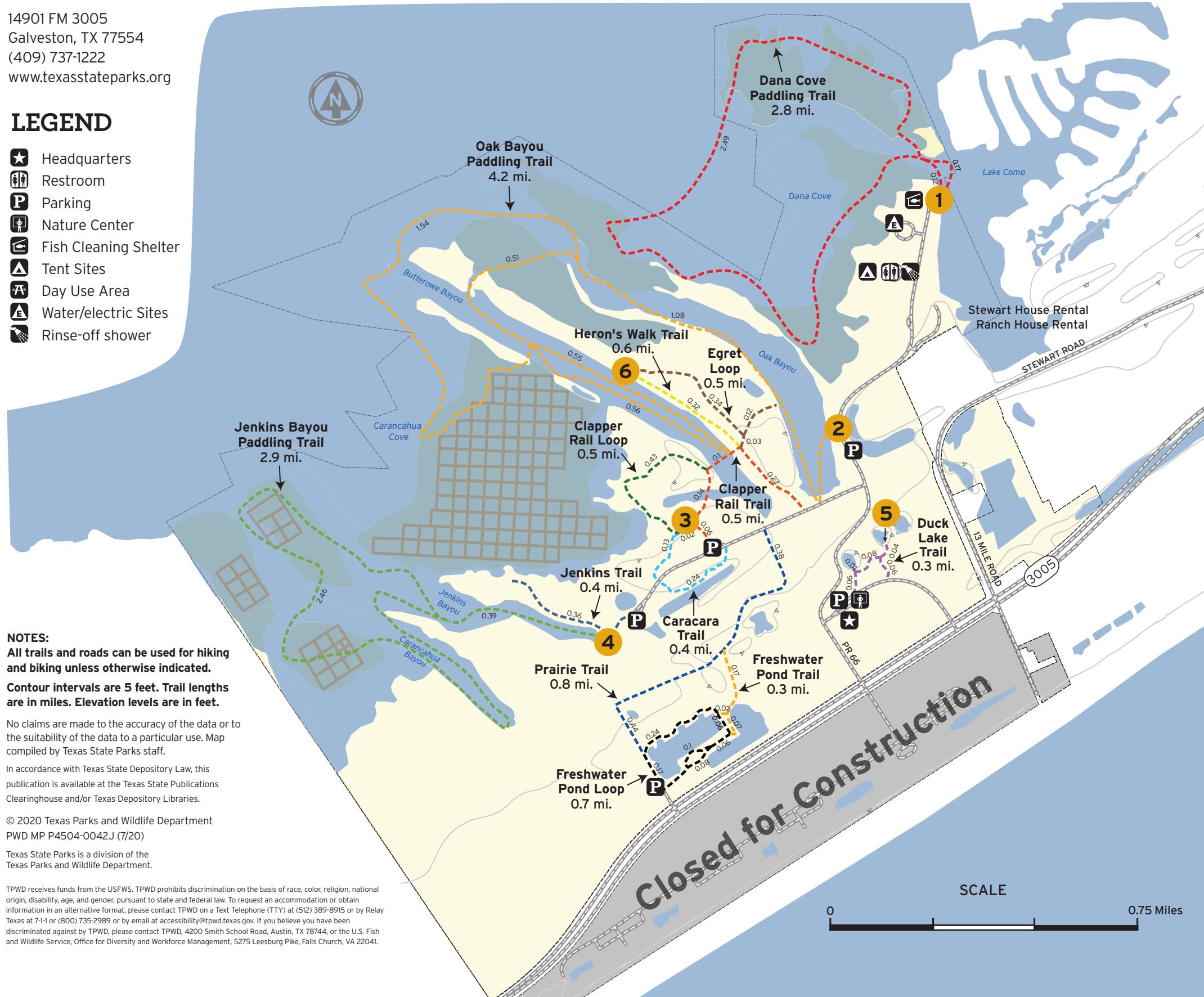


Galveston Island State Park Trails Map

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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restroom
- Parking
- Nature Center
- Fish Cleaning Shelter
- Tent Sites
- Day Use Area
- Water/electric Sites
- Rinse-off shower



Roseate Spoonbill

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 COMO LAKE ACCESS POINT** 29.2132° -94.9532°
The site provides a kayak launch point and access to the park's best route for exploring the bay on foot. It's also a good fishing spot.
- 2 OAK BAYOU ACCESS POINT** 29.2048° -94.9570°
Bring your gear! Here you will find some of the park's best crabbing and fishing. It's also an excellent place to launch your kayak.
- 3 OBSERVATION TOWER** 29.2013° -94.9630°
The tower gives you a fine view of the entire park and beyond. Birders delight in the opportunities it provides to observe water birds. From this vantage point, you can even see barge traffic on the intercoastal canal.
- 4 JENKINS BAYOU ACCESS POINT** 29.1973° -94.9662°
This spot offers another kayak launch point to one of the park's paddling trails. For more information about all of the park's paddling trails see: www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/coastal/galveston
- 5 DUCK LAKE VIEWING AREA** 29.2007° -94.9551°
This site offers great wildlife viewing at a freshwater pond.
- 6 OBSERVATION TOWER** 29.2068° -94.9654°
This observation tower provides excellent views of ongoing marsh restoration projects and West Bay.

NOTES:
All trails and roads can be used for hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated.
Contour intervals are 5 feet. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.

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Many ways to play by the bay.

There's always something to do at Galveston Island State Park. Hike, bike or paddle your way along the trails. Bring your tackle for bayside fishing. And don't forget your binoculars for the great wildlife viewing the park offers throughout the year.

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.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET. The law requires that all children under age 13 wear one with adult supervision while boating.

OBSERVE AND OBEY BEACH WARNING FLAGS. Conditions often change. Be water safe!

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.

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

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.

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

TRAIL	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 JENKINS PADDLING BAYOU TRAIL	2.9 mi. (round trip)	Moderate	For close-up views of many shore and wading birds, it's hard to beat.
 OAK BAYOU PADDLING TRAIL	4.2 mi. (round trip)	Challenging	From secluded bayous to open coves and seagrass beds to wetlands restoration, this trail offers it all.
 DANA COVE PADDLING TRAIL	2.8 mi. (round trip)	Moderate	Paddle across wide expanses of open water where seagrass beds once covered the floor of Galveston Bay.
 CARACARA TRAIL	0.4 mi. (round trip)	Easy	As you follow this trail around the oak motte, keep an eye out for birds, including the Crested Caracara.
 CLAPPER RAIL LOOP	0.5 mi. (round trip)	Easy	Walk this path and see the results of our wetlands restoration work from ground level. Along the way, notice how the slightest rise or fall in the elevation dramatically affects the plants.
 DUCK LAKE TRAIL	0.3 mi. (round trip)	Easy	Convenient, short and loaded with information, this short interpretive trail takes you through another section of our prairie.
 EGRET LOOP	0.5 mi.	Easy	This route offers a good walk for seeing wading birds feeding along the bayous or roosting in trees near where the trail intersects the Clapper Rail Trail.
 FRESHWATER POND LOOP	0.7 mi.	Easy	Let this trail take you all the way around one of our large freshwater ponds, and be sure to keep an eye out for alligators. They like the ponds, too.
 PRAIRIE TRAIL	0.8 mi.	Easy	Hike through a little of what Galveston Island once looked like. The prairies this trail goes through on its way to the large freshwater ponds are about all that is left of what was once the main habitat type on the island.
 HERON'S WALK TRAIL	0.6 mi. (there & back)	Moderate	This trail takes you down the bayous through marshes and salt flats out towards the old observation platform that is now a favorite roost for many wading birds.