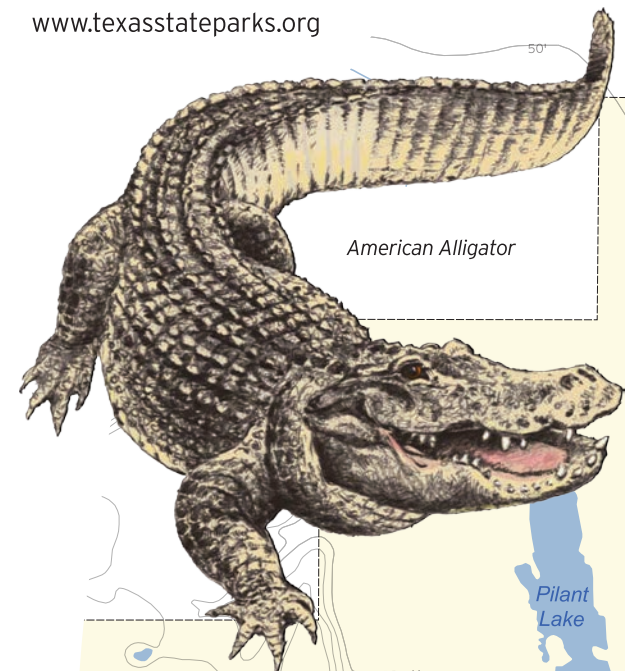


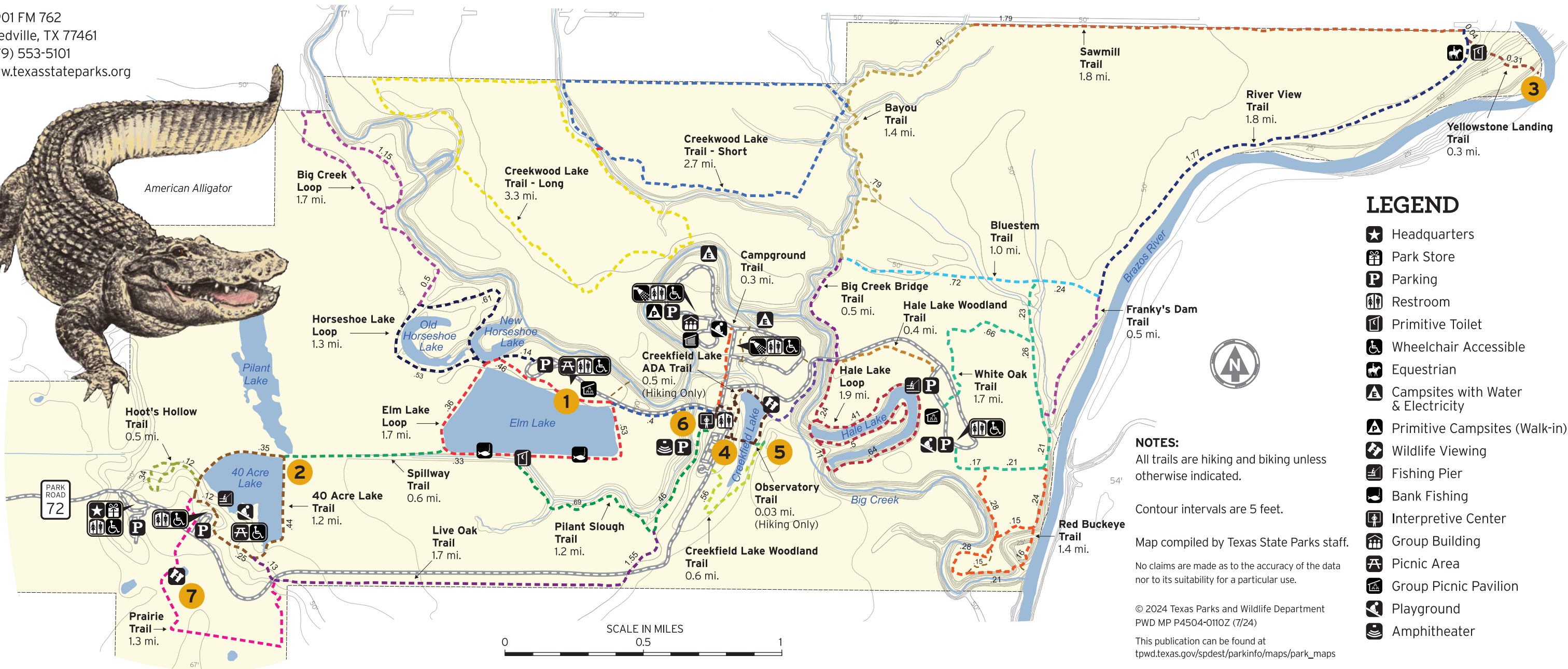


Brazos Bend State Park Trails Map

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American Alligator



LEGEND

- ★ Headquarters
- 🛒 Park Store
- P Parking
- 🚻 Restroom
- 🚽 Primitive Toilet
- ♿ Wheelchair Accessible
- 🐎 Equestrian
- ⛑ Campsites with Water & Electricity
- ⛑ Primitive Campsites (Walk-in)
- 🔍 Wildlife Viewing
- 🎣 Fishing Pier
- 🎣 Bank Fishing
- 🏠 Interpretive Center
- 🏠 Group Building
- 🏠 Picnic Area
- 🏠 Group Picnic Pavilion
- 🎡 Playground
- 🎪 Amphitheater

NOTES:
All trails are hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated.

Contour intervals are 5 feet.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

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| 1 ELM LAKE WILDLIFE VIEWING PLATFORM This well-equipped deck provides spectacular panoramic views of the many wildlife species that live in Elm Lake. 29.3770° -95.6057° | 3 YELLOWSTONE LANDING The steamer "Yellowstone" passed this point many times during the Texas Revolution and Republic era. Today it's a great fishing location. 29.3956° -95.5471° | 6 THE CISTERN AT THE NATURE CENTER A clue that a house once stood here, this underground water storage and collection tank provided water during the 1800s, before modern utilities existed. 29.3764° -95.5968° |
| 2 OBSERVATION TOWER AT 40 ACRE LAKE Ascend this tower for memorable views of the sunsets, sunrises, marshes, lakes and hardwood wetlands that set Brazos Bend apart. 29.3738° -95.6229° | 4 CREEKFIELD LAKE ADA INTERPRETIVE TRAIL A microcosm of the entire park, this paved route includes interpretive sign panels and makes wildlife accessible for all. 29.3754° -95.5962° | 7 PRAIRIE PLATFORM ON PRAIRIE TRAIL This platform provides excellent views of restored coastal prairie, a remnant of an ecosystem that once covered millions of acres of prehistoric Texas. 29.3678° -95.6292° |
| | 5 OBSERVATORY Journey to the stars at this astronomical observatory operated by the Houston Museum of Natural Science. 29.3750° -95.5935° | |

Brazos Bend State Park

Explore the ecological crossroads of Brazos Bend.

We invite you to enjoy, appreciate and learn from the trail system at Brazos Bend State Park. Watch the many kinds of birds that feed in the park’s lush wetlands. Observe the interrelations of nature and listen to sounds of the marsh, prairie and woodlands as they reveal many species of wildlife.

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.

ALLIGATORS LIVE IN THIS PARK. Stay at least 30 feet away from them. Stay out of the water! Never annoy or try to feed an alligator!

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



Black-bellied Whistling Duck

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



| | TRAIL | DISTANCE | TIME | DIFFICULTY | DESCRIPTION |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--|
| | BIG CREEK LOOP | 1.7 mi. | 1 hr. | Moderate | This primitive trail takes visitors on a hike along the creek and to the park’s Loop Trail north boundary. |
| | ELM LAKE LOOP | 1.7 mi. | 1 hr. | Moderate | This very popular route gives you some of the best wildlife viewing anywhere. |
| | RED BUCKEYE TRAIL | 1.4 mi. | 90 min. | Moderate | For visitors looking to get away from the crowds and take a walk in the woods, this trail offers miles of tranquility and wild discovery. |
| | PILANT SLOUGH TRAIL | 1.2 mi. | 1 hr. | Moderate | This trail starts near the amphitheater at the nature center and follows Pilant Slough as it meanders through the bottomland forest. |
| | 40 ACRE LAKE TRAIL | 1.2 mi. | 1 hr. | Moderate | An excellent way to view the American alligator, this hike allows you to experience several different aquatic habitats. |
| | PRAIRIE TRAIL | 1.3 mi. | 1 hr. | Moderate | This short trail takes visitors to an elevated observation platform overlooking a coastal tallgrass prairie and boardwalk over a small temporary pond. |
| | LIVE OAK TRAIL | 1.7 mi. | 90 min. | Moderate | Hike this route along the park’s southern boundary to experience the wetlands ecosystem, a major part of our park. |
| | CREEKFIELD LAKE ADA TRAIL | 0.5 mi. | 90 min. | Easy | This short, accessible trail makes it easy for you to see many different kinds of wildlife and features interpretative signs along the way. |
| | CREEKWOOD LAKE TRAILS | 6.0 mi. | 2.5 hrs. | Challenging | Hike these two backcountry trails for a rigorous trek through the wilderness of Brazos Bend. |

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Trash your trash.** Keep your park looking natural. Pack up all of your trash and Leave No Trace.
- Leave feeding to nature.** Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to harm 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** no more than six feet in length for their safety, and to protect wildlife.
- We need to know about your caches.** Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.