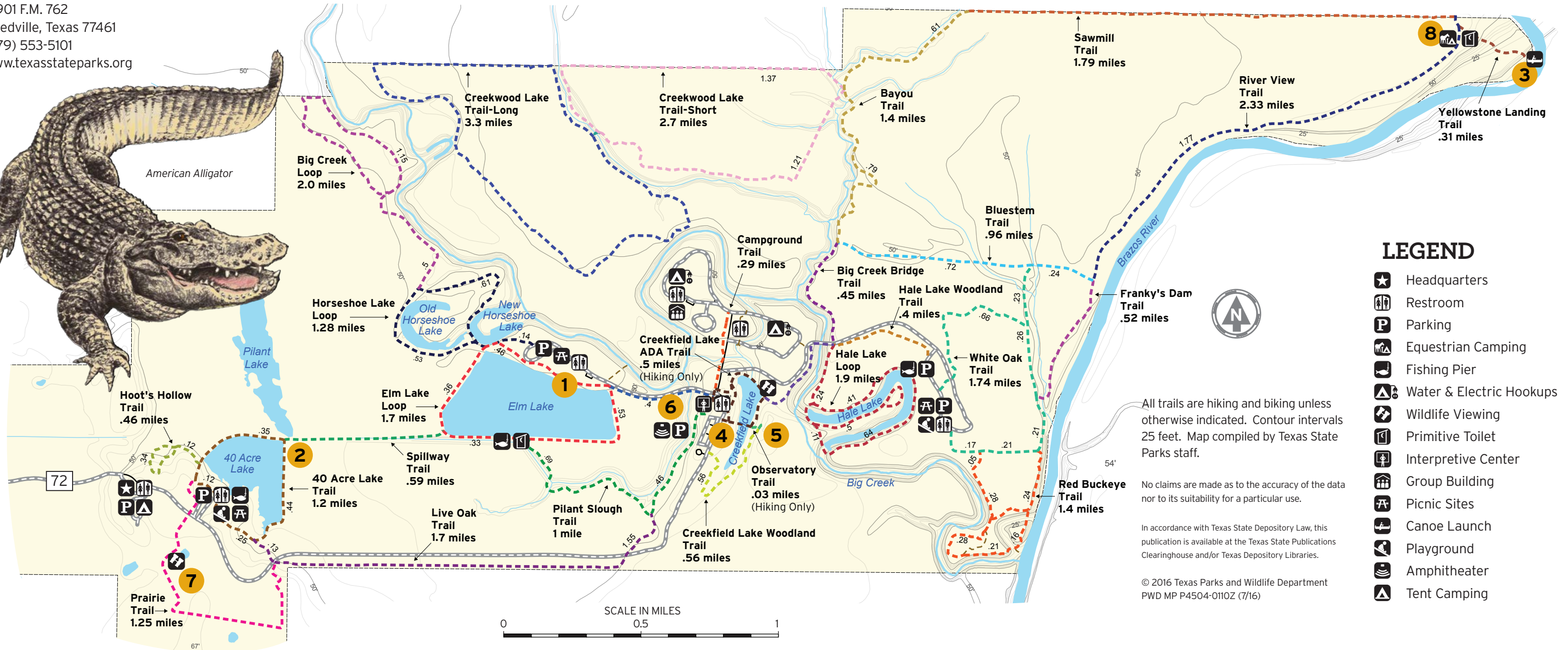
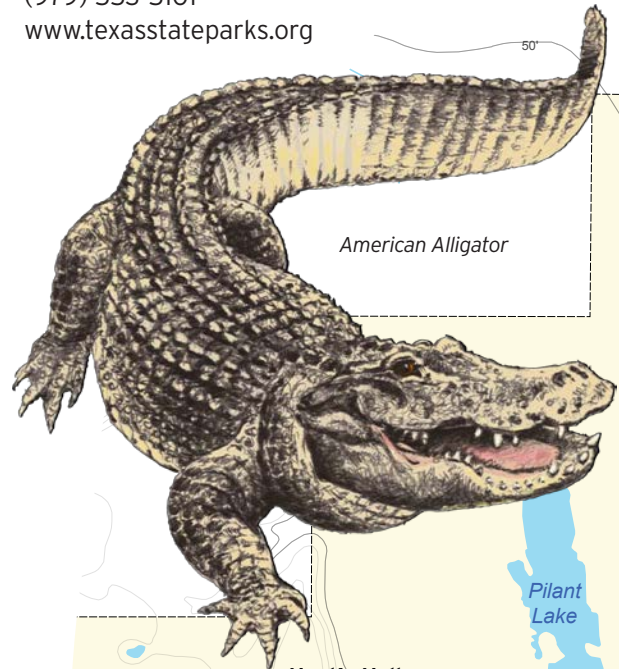


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## LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restroom
- Parking
- Equestrian Camping
- Fishing Pier
- Water & Electric Hookups
- Wildlife Viewing
- Primitive Toilet
- Interpretive Center
- Group Building
- Picnic Sites
- Canoe Launch
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Tent Camping

All trails are hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals 25 feet. Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 ELM LAKE WILDLIFE VIEWING PLATFORM** 29°22'37.23"N 95°36'20.60"W  
This well-equipped deck provides spectacular panoramic views of the many wildlife species that live in Elm Lake.
- 2 OBSERVATION TOWER AT 40 ACRE LAKE** 29°22'25.89"N 95°37'22.49"W  
Ascend this tower for memorable views of the sunsets, sunrises, marshes, lakes and hardwood wetlands that set Brazos Bend apart.

- 3 YELLOWSTONE LANDING** 29°23'44.27"N 95°32'49.76"W  
The steamer "Yellowstone" passed this point many times during the Texas Revolution and Republic era. Today it's a great fishing location and primitive boat launch.
- 4 CREEKFIELD LAKE ADA INTERPRETIVE TRAIL** 29°22'31.71"N 95°35'46.48"W  
A microcosm of the entire park, this paved route includes interpretive sign panels and makes wildlife accessible for all.
- 5 OBSERVATORY** 29°22'30.19"N 95°35'36.87"W  
Journey to the stars at this astronomical observatory operated by the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

- 6 THE CISTERN AT THE NATURE CENTER** 29°22'35.11"N 95°35'48.74"W  
A clue that a house once stood here, this underground water storage and collection tank provided water during the 1800s, before modern utilities existed.
- 7 PRAIRIE PLATFORM ON PRAIRIE TRAIL** 29°22'4.35"N 95°37'45.37"W  
This platform provides excellent views of restored coastal prairie, a remnant of an ecosystem that once covered millions of acres of prehistoric Texas.
- 8 BRUMBELOW BROTHERS HOUSE** 29°23'50.09"N 95°33'7.80"W  
In the mid-20th century, when the park was the hunting ranch of the Hale family, two of their ranch managers lived in this old house.



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## 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.

### 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** no more than six feet in length to keep them safe, while protecting wildlife.
- We need to know about your caches.** Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the 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.** 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. Stay out of the water! Never annoy or attempt to feed!
- POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE.** Staying on the trail paths makes them easier to see.

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 <b>BIG CREEK LOOP</b>	2.0 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	This primitive trail takes visitors on a hike along the creek and to the park's Loop Trail north boundary.
 <b>ELM LAKE LOOP</b>	1.7 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	This very popular route gives you some of the best wildlife viewing anywhere.
 <b>CREEKWOOD LAKE TRAIL - SHORT</b>	2.7 mi.	2 hrs.	Challenging	One of two challenging backcountry trails on the park's northwestern end, the short loop allows you to explore by bike, horseback or on foot.
 <b>CREEKWOOD LAKE TRAIL - LONG</b>	3.3 mi.	2 hrs.	Challenging	The other backcountry trail on the park's northwestern end, the long trail allows you to hike, bike or ride your horse to what remains of Creekwood Lake.
 <b>RED BUCKEYE TRAIL</b>	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.
 <b>PILANT SLOUGH TRAIL</b>	1 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.
 <b>40 ACRE LAKE TRAIL</b>	1.2 mi	1 hr.	Moderate	An excellent way to view the American Alligator, this hike allows you to experience several different aquatic habitats.
 <b>PRAIRIE TRAIL</b>	1.25 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	This short trail takes visitors to an elevated observation platform overlooking a coastal tall grass prairie and boardwalk over a small temporary pond.
 <b>LIVE OAK TRAIL</b>	1.7 mi.	90 min.	Moderate	Be one of the first to hike this new route along the park's southern boundary.
 <b>CREEKFIELD LAKE ADA TRAIL</b>	.5 mi.	90 min.	Easy	This short, accessible trail makes it easy for you to see many different kinds of wildlife and features interpretive signs along the way.