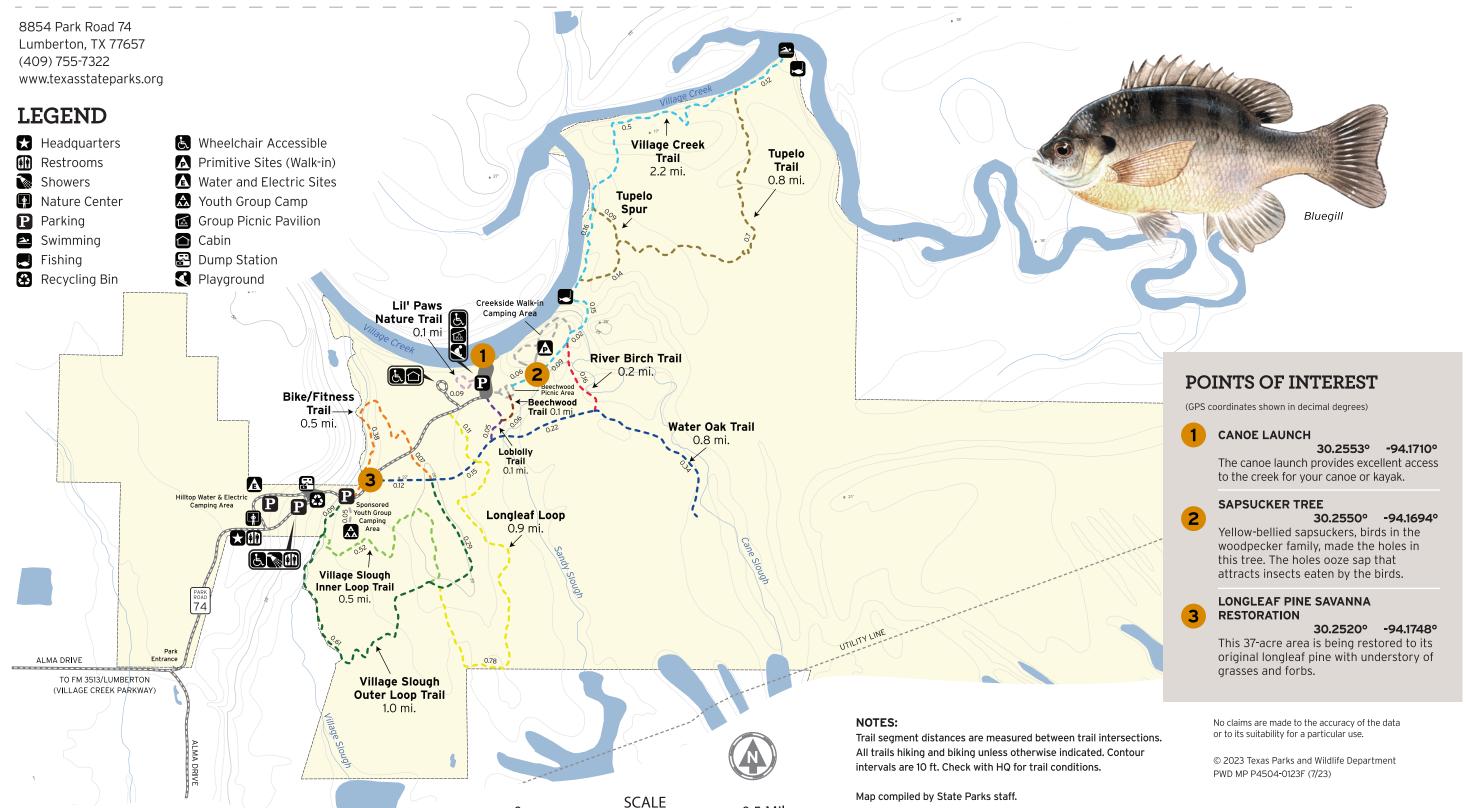


Village Creek State Park Trails Map



0.5 Miles

This publication can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/parkinfo/maps/park_maps

Village Creek State Park

Unrivaled ecological diversity

Trek through Village Creek State Park and encounter life in rare variety. Yucca and prickly pear cactus grow only a short walk from swamps of cypress and tupelo. Wood ducks feed in backwater sloughs as a hooded warbler sings from a nearby tree. From towering longleaf pines to small carnivorous sundews, park life presents a wondrous array of contrasts.

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 loses fluid quickly 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.

CHECK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES. Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management work.

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

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

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

Keep pets on leashes 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.

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



TRAIL	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
BEECHWOOD TRAIL	0.1 mi.	Easy	Travel from the picnic area to the Loblolly and Water Oak trails.
BIKE/FITNESS TRAIL	0.5 mi.	Moderate	Interactive fitness stations are located along the trail for stretching and strength training.
LIL' PAWS NATURE TRAIL	0.1 mi.	Easy	Right off the playground, this short trail is designed with children in mind.
LOBLOLLY TRAIL	0.1 mi.	Easy	Cut through to the Water Oak Trail from the main parking lot.
RIVER BIRCH TRAIL	0.2 mi.	Easy	Use this spur to connect the Village Creek Trail with the Water Oak Trail and see more of the park.
TUPELO TRAIL	1.6 mi. (there and back)	Moderate	Access from the Village Creek Trail. You'll leave the shore of the creek and see the bottomland forest and backwater sloughs.
VILLAGE CREEK TRAIL	2.2 mi.	Challenging	Follow beautiful Village Creek and end up at our famous swimming sandbar for a picnic or a dip in the cool water.
VILLAGE SLOUGH OUTER LOOP TRAIL	1.0 mi.	Moderate	This trail offers a peaceful stroll along Village Slough then curves into sandy lands, featuring longleaf pines and grasses.
WATER OAK TRAIL	1.7 mi. (there and back)	Easy	View everything from prickly pear cactus and yucca in the Pine Savanna to cypress and tupelo in the bottomland swamps, all within two miles.
LONGLEAF LOOP	0.9 mi.	Moderate	New trail that offers up-close view of 37-acre longleaf pine savanna restoration in progress.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.